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1:30 P.M. CDT/2:30 P.M. EDT NEWS UPDATE

INDIANAPOLIS SPEECH (Indianapolis/Reuter) -- President Bush, on his way to the GOP convention in Houston, pledged to turn his attention to U.S. domestic problems in a second term and said he has a plan to "get this country moving again." "We have changed the world and now we will change America because America is the land of the eternal strength," he told a convention of the VFW, whose members gave him an enthusiastic greeting. The President's pledge to restore growth in the U.S. economy was likely a foretaste of what he will be telling Republicans gathered in Houston to renominate Bush. Criticized by Bill Clinton for ignoring mounting domestic problems, Bush said he would lead an effort for a "strong America at home."

(Indianapolis/Mark Brumback, UPI) -- President Bush told the VFW he will preserve the military from excessive cuts, preserve veterans' benefits, work for retraining of veterans and other workers and get the economy moving again. Bush, without naming Bill Clinton, said his own plans for cutting military spending were recommended by military experts, while "one plan offers to cut it four times more than what the experts say is responsible." Without going into details about his domestic plans, he said, "I have a plan to cut government spending to get the economy moving again which is being blocked by Congress.... I have a special plan for our citizens who are caught in the transition of our economy -- like veterans."

(Indianapolis/Harry Rosenthal, AP) -- A fired-up President Bush, heading for the convention that will renominate him, told a veterans group that he will fight against irresponsible defense cuts "as long as I am commander-in-chief." "When it comes to defending our country, my loyalty lies not with the Gallup Poll but with our young people who gallop into danger," Bush told the 93rd annual convention of the VFW. He brought the crowd to its feet by announcing he is nominating the VFW commander-in-chief, Robert Wallace, as an assistant Secretary of Labor for veterans' employment training. Bush said Wallace would be "a Potomac pit bull for veterans rights."

ABORTION DEBATE (Houston/AP) -- Abortion-rights proponents who had hoped to force a floor debate on softening the anti-abortion plank in the party platform gave up the fight as the convention opened. Govs. Weld and McKernan, the two most influential advocates of legalized abortion inside the hall, said they would not press for the debate because they did not have enough support to succeed.

CLINTON CAMPAIGN/MOSBACHER (Little Rock/AP) -- Bill Clinton's campaign called on President Bush to fire Robert Mosbacher for raising the issue of infidelity and womanizing. Clinton's communications director, George Stephanopoulos, noted that Bush said last week that he would fire any member of his staff who injected a candidate's private life, including marital infidelity, into the White House race. Stephanopoulos told a press briefing, "We have to find out if George Bush is really a leader, if we can trust him to tell the truth and trust him to keep his word."

IRAQI AIR ATTACKS/U.S. (Reuter) -- The U.S. and its allies, tightening pressure on Baghdad to comply with U.N. orders, are preparing to ban Iraqi air attacks on Shiite Moslems in southern Iraq, Bush Administration officials, who asked not to be identified, said. They said the plan forbidding Iraqi military flights in the region was being worked out but that a warning could go to Saddam this week that his warplanes could be shot down if they continue attacks on dissident Shiites in violation of U.N. Resolution 688.

IRAQ/U.N. INSPECTIONS (U.N./Reuter) -- A U.N. team that has just completed its inspection of Iraqi weapons facilities found significant new information about Baghdad's ballistic missile programs, a U.N. spokesman said. Tim Trevan said the latest team "found significant additional information concerning the ballistic missiles programs."

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16 AUGUST 1992 [Sunday 7 p.m.]

MEMO FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: J. BUNTON

SUBJECT: VFW ACKS

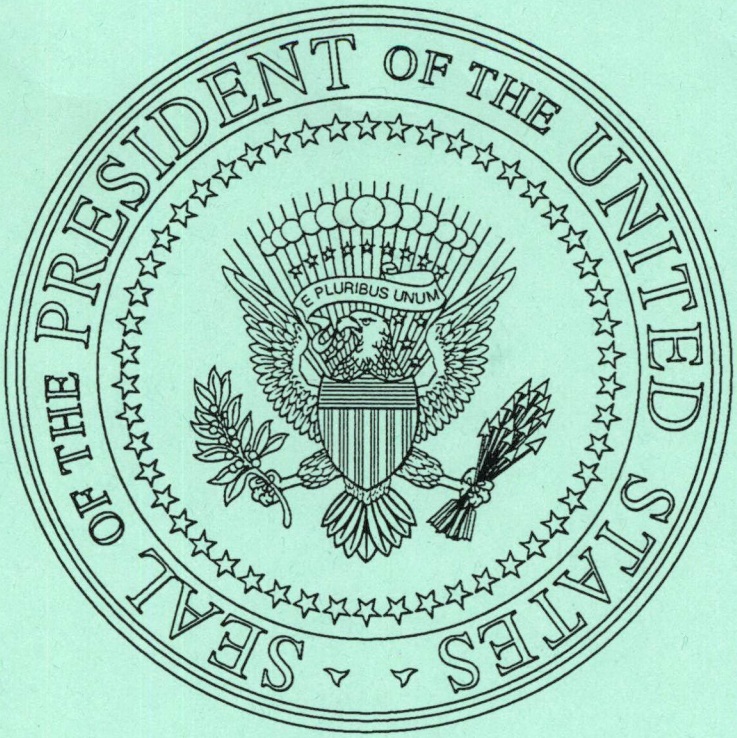
BOB WALLACE WILL INTRO POTUS -- HIS WIFE DIANE
SENATOR AND MRS. DAN COATS
MARY SEARS - PRES. OF THE VFW WOMENS AUXILIARY -- HER HUSBAND SAM

STILL UNCON. ON GOV OR MAYOR OF TOWN AND GENERAL JACK GALVIN [AND WIFE GINNY] - RECENTLY RETIRED SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER [4 STAR GENERAL] POTUS MAY NOT WANT TO ACK.

BILL CALDWELL RAISED CONCERN WITH VA HOSPITAL LANGUAGE -- "NOT THREE, NOT TWO, NOT ONE" THAT WE USED IN THE DAV SPEECH -- WALLACE ADVISED STRIKING A REF TO VA HOSPITALS BECAUSE A VA HOP. IN MARTINEZ CO. CALIFORNIA IS ABOUT TO CLOSE -- ALREADY CLOSING SOME PATIENT SERVICES. WALLLACE FEELS POTUS COULD TAKE A HIT ON THAT FROM THE CA. DELEGATION AT THE CONVENTION.

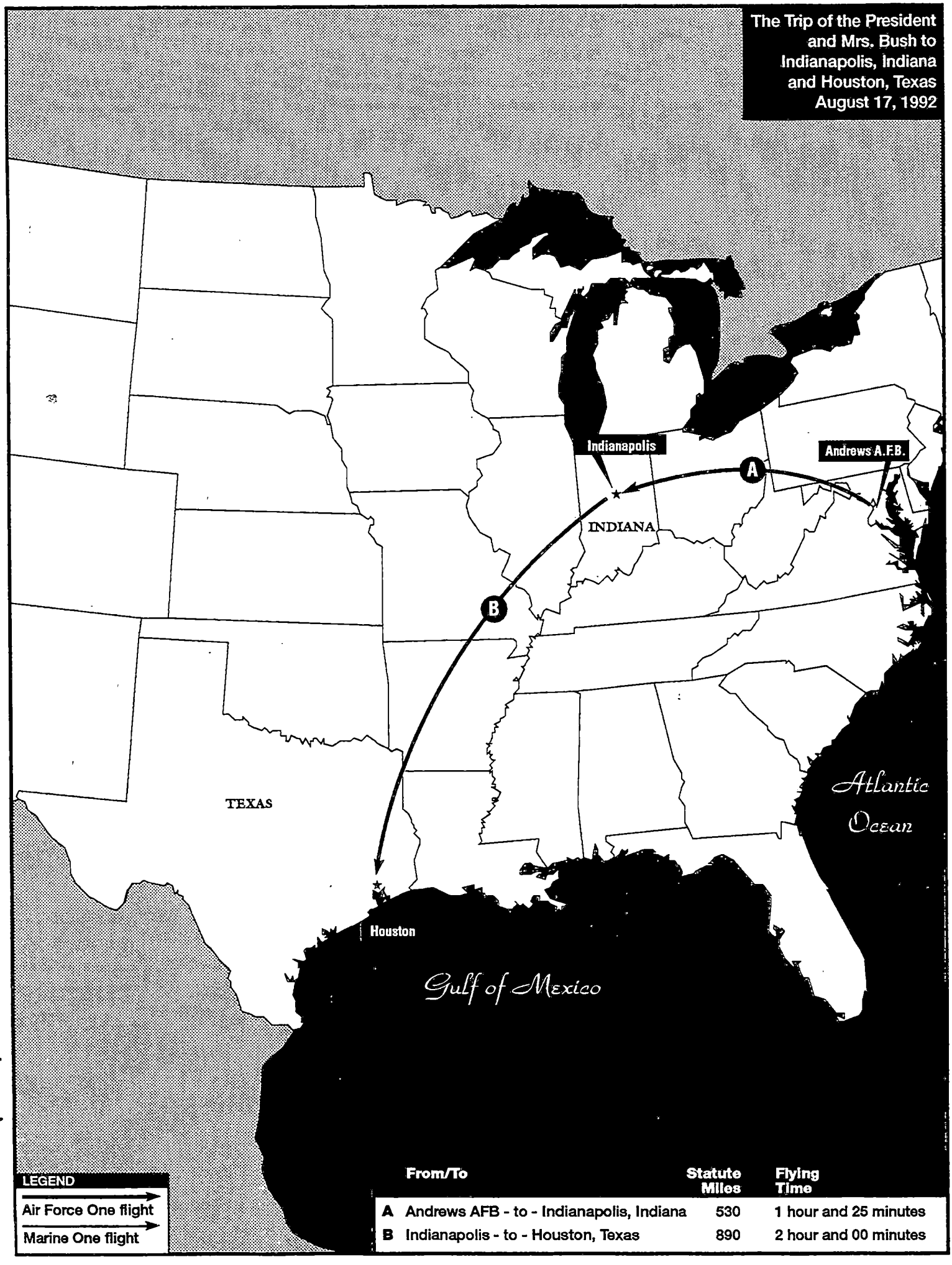
MONDAY - 17
BILL TALKED TO A VA GUY AND HE SAID IT IS NOT A PROBLEM -- WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A BATTLE TO CLOSE MARTINEZ HOSPTITAL. WE WILL STILL HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF VA HOSPITALS. BASED ON CONVO WITH VFW COMMANDER WALLACE THAT THE GRAPH SHOULD BE DELETED. WE SHOULD NOT SAY -- VA HOSP. WON'T BE CLOSED -- THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A SET NUMBER OF HOSPT.

P.1
INTRODUCE "OUR" INCOMING CHIEF AND OUR LADIES AUXILIARY -- SINCE potus IS A VFW LIFE MEMEBER.
P.2
SUBSTITUTE OR ADD CHRIS NOEL FOR/TO ADIAN CONOUER -- SHE WILL BE HONORED AT DISTINGUISHED GUEST TONIGHT // WAS AN ARM FORCES RADIO NETWORK RADIO PERSONAILTIY DURNING VIETNAM WAR -- VFW WILL BE RECOGNIZINER HER TONIGHT FOR HER WORK DURING VIETNAM WAR AS A RADIO TALK PERSONALITY.
P.5
OUR LEADER BOB WALLACE -- INSTEAD OF YOUR LEADER
-- PEOPLE ARE VERY AWARE OF POTUS MEMBERSHIP IN VFW.
P.6
INSTEAD OF INCLUDING SAY -- WHICH WILL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VFW
P.7
3RD GRAPH / 4TH LINE -- INSTEAD OF WE WILL NOT MOVE FORWARD -- SAY MY ADMISTRATION



THE TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 17, 1992


The Trip of the President and Mrs. Bush to Indianapolis, Indiana and Houston, Texas August 17, 1992
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INDIANA
B
TEXAS
Atlantic Ocean
Houston
Gulf of Mexico
LEGEND
Air Force One flight
Marine One flight
From/To
Statute Miles
Flying Time
A Andrews AFB - to - Indianapolis, Indiana 530 1 hour and 25 minutes
B Indianapolis - to - Houston, Texas 890 2 hour and 00 minutes

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Leadership Photo
Address Joint Opening Session of Veterans of Foreign Wars
93rd National Convention
Senator Dan Coats Fundraising Reception
Media Interview with CNN
Media Interview with NBC

DRESS:

Men - Business Suit
Women - Day Dress

CONTACTS:

Presidential Advance Office
Ed Murnane - 202/456-7565

Trip Coordinator
Anne Mincy - 202/456-7565

Indianapolis, Indiana Signal - 317/631-1249
- * 96 36 000

ADVANCE:

Ed Cowling	- LEAD	Hopson Nance	- SITE
Dan McCardell	- PRESS	Doug Rogers	- SITE
James Bartee	- USSS	Jeremy Carroll	- SITE
Russ Cancilla	- MIL. AIDE	Brian Jones	- PRESS
Dale Ellenbarger	- WHCA		
John Keans	- AFI		

WEATHER:

Party Cloudy/mid 70's

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

6:50 am	**Baggage Call.** Please place all unlocked baggage outside Room 89 1/2, O.E.O.B., at this time.
8:45 am	Vans depart West Basement en route Andrews Air Force Base.
8:45 am	Those with own transportation and baggage should arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Distinguished Visitor's Lounge, at this time.
9:05 am	Those with own transportation without baggage should arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Distinguished Visitor's Lounge, at this time.

9:30 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart White House en route Andrews Air Force Base.

MARINE ONE MANIFEST:

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Bush
J. Bush
N. Bush
S. LeBlond
Gen. Scowcroft
B. Farish

Doctor
Mil. Aide
2 USSS

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

9:40 am — THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Andrews Air Force Base and proceed to board Air Force One.

9:50 am (E.D.T.) — THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Andrews Air Force Base en route Indianapolis, Indiana.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 25 Minutes)
(Time Change: Back 1 Hour)
(Interchange: No)
(Food Service: Snacks)

NOTE: En route Indianapolis, Indiana, THE PRESIDENT will participate in a phone media interview with WIBC-AM Radio Indianapolis.

10:15 am (E.S.T.) — THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Indianapolis International Airport, Indianapolis, Indiana and proceed to Motorcade.

Met by:

The Honorable Dan Coats
United States Senator

The Honorable Steven Goldsmith
Mayor, Indianapolis

Mr. Linley Pearson
Indiana GOP Gubernatorial Nominee

Mr. Robert Green
Indiana GOP Lt. Gubernatorial Nominee

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burris (Barbara)
GOP Supporters

Mr. P. E. MacAllister
GOP Supporter

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell French (Francis)
GOP Supporters

Mr. Vern Hux
GOP Supporter

Mr. Ed Brubeck
GOP Supporter

Mr. Fred Fehsenfeld
GOP Volunteer Coordinator

Daily Point of Light Greeters:

Mr. Edward Castor
Volunteer Literacy Advocate and 9th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Elizabeth Sue Carter
Volunteer Tutor and 9th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Nancy Gregori
Vice President, Gennesaret Free Clinic and 336th Daily Point of Light

Mr. Frank Iacona
Volunteer, Gennesaret Free Clinic and 336th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Beverly Bercovitz
Child Care Volunteer, Hadassah's Infant Play Program and 370th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Sandra Horwitz
Child Care Volunteer, Hadassah's Infant Play Program and 370th Daily Point of Light

Mr. Larry Dawson
Big Brother Volunteer and 401st Daily Point of Light

Mr. Ian Schmoll
Brother of Mr. Dawson

Mr. J.R. Rosencrans
Volunteer Motivational Speaker and 531st Daily Point of Light

Mrs. Linda P. Rosencrans
Wife of Mr. Rosencrans

Mr. Ted Engle
Volunteer, Kroger-Daniel Webster School
Partnership and 747th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Phyllis Imell
Principal, Daniel Webster School

Ms. Clara Green
Founder, Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy
Center and 810th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Janet Green
Daughter of Ms. Green

Ms. Mary Rayburn
Volunteer, Community Outreach of Taylor
University and 763rd Daily Point of Light

Ms. Mary Michaelson
Student Volunteer, Community Outreach of
Taylor University and 763rd Daily Point of Light

10:25 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Indianapolis International Airport en route Indiana Convention Center.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Lead	E. Cowling
Spare	B. Farish Doctor
LIMO	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Bush
Follow-Up	
Control	H. Moore Gen. Scowcroft Mil. Aide
Support	M. Fitzwater P. Swift Official Photographer Medic

WHCA	Tim McBride
Camera I	J. Herrick
Camera II	
Staff & Guest Mini Bus	All Guests & Staff
Wire I	
Wire II	
Staff Van I	All Remaining Staff
Guest Van I	All Remaining Guests
Press Mini Bus	M. Busch

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival at Convention Center, Guests Staff will be escorted to Staff Viewing Area.

Guests and Staff should proceed to board Motorcade immediately upon conclusion of THE PRESIDENT'S Remarks for transport to Westin Hotel.

10:40 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Indiana Convention Center and proceed to Exhibit Hall C.

Met by:

Mr. Robert E. Wallace
Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Mr. Larry Rivers
Executive Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Mr. James E. Dora
President, Capitol Improvement Board

Mr. Barney Levengood
Executive Director, Indiana Convention Center

EVENT: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS LEADERSHIP PHOTO

CLOSED PRESS

10:45 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mr. Robert Wallace, arrive Exhibit Hall C and begin participation in Veterans of Foreign Wars Leadership Photo.

10:55 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush conclude participation in Photo, depart Exhibit Hall C, and proceed to Off-Stage Announcement Area, Exhibit Hall B.

10:57 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Off-Stage Announcement Area, Exhibit Hall B, and hold briefly.

EVENT: ADDRESS JOINT OPENING SESSION OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 93RD NATIONAL CONVENTION

OPEN PRESS

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES

OFF-STAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

REMARKS

TELEPROMPTER

10:59 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush are announced onto Stage, proceed to Seats, and are Seated.

11:00 am THE PRESIDENT is introduced for Remarks by Mr. Robert Wallace, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

11:03 am THE PRESIDENT makes Remarks.

11:30 am THE PRESIDENT concludes Remarks and, accompanied by Mrs. Bush, departs Stage and proceeds to Motorcade.

NOTE: Six Police photos will be taken at this time.

11:35 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Indiana Convention Center en route Westin Hotel.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

GUESTS AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival at Westin Hotel, Guests and Staff attending Fundraising Reception will be escorted to Viewing Area in Capitol Ballroom. Staff not attending Reception should proceed to Senior Staff Lounge (Room 432). Remaining Staff Should proceed to Staff Office (Room 1232).

Guests and Staff should board Motorcade for transport to Indianapolis International Airport **no later than 1:40 pm.**

11:40 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Westin Hotel and proceed to Capitol Ballroom.

Met by:

Ms. Joyce Russell
Sales Manager, Westin Hotel Indianapolis

Mr. Mark Boydston
Operations Manager, Westin Hotel Indianapolis

EVENT: SENATOR DAN COATS FUNDRAISING RECEPTION

CLOSED PRESS

INFORMAL REMARKS

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

11:45 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Coats, arrive Capitol Ballroom and begins participation in Reception.

NOTE: Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Coats will be escorted to seats in audience at this time.

11:46 am THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Coats, proceeds to Platform and is Seated.

11:47 am THE PRESIDENT is introduced for Informal Remarks by Senator Coats.

11:48 am THE PRESIDENT makes Informal Remarks.

11:53 am THE PRESIDENT concludes Informal Remarks and begins participation in Question and Answer Session.

12:05 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Question and Answer Session, and with Mrs. Bush, departs Capitol Ballroom and proceeds to Suite.

NOTE: Mrs. Bush assumes separate schedule at this time.

12:10 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Suite for Private Time.

(PRIVATE TIME: 45 MINUTES)

12:55 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Suite and proceeds to Interview Room.

EVENT: MEDIA INTERVIEW WITH CNN

CLOSED PRESS

1:00 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Interview Room and is seated.

1:05 pm THE PRESIDENT begins live interview with Bernard Shaw of CNN.

1:15 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes interview with CNN and remains seated.

EVENT: MEDIA INTERVIEW WITH NBC

CLOSED PRESS

1:20 pm THE PRESIDENT begins taped interview with Tom Brokaw of NBC.

1:30 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes interview with NBC, departs Interview Room and proceeds to Suite.

1:35 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Suite.

NOTE: Mrs. Bush joins THE PRESIDENT at this time

1:45 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Suite and proceed to Motorcade.

1:50 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Westin Hotel en route Indianapolis International Airport.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

2:10 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Indianapolis International Airport and proceed to board Air Force One.

2:15 pm (E.S.T.) THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Indianapolis, Indiana en route Houston, Texas.

(Flying Time: 2 Hours 20 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: Yes)
(Food Service: Lunch)

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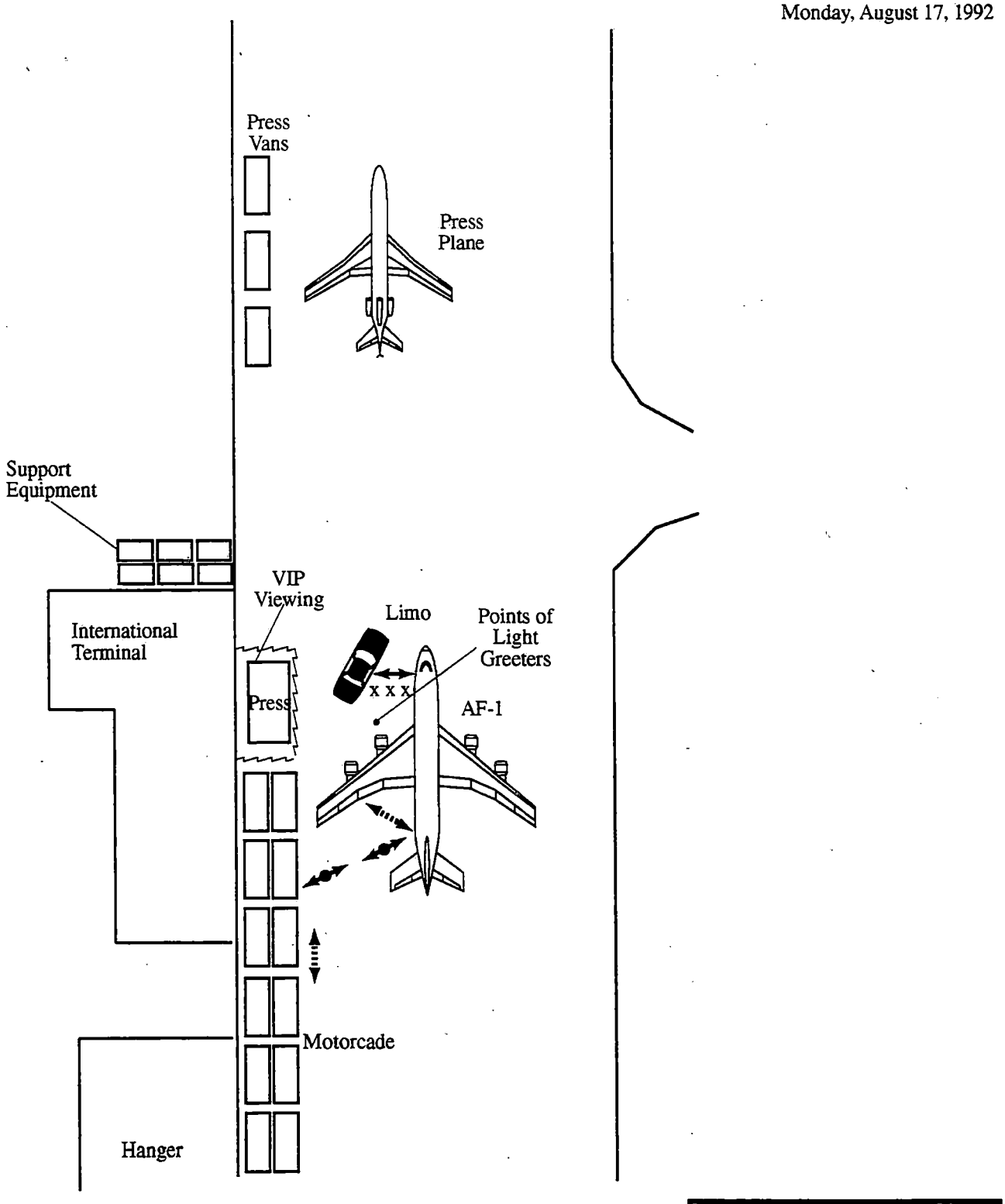
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Indianapolis International Airport
Arrival/Departure Diagram
Monday, August 17, 1992



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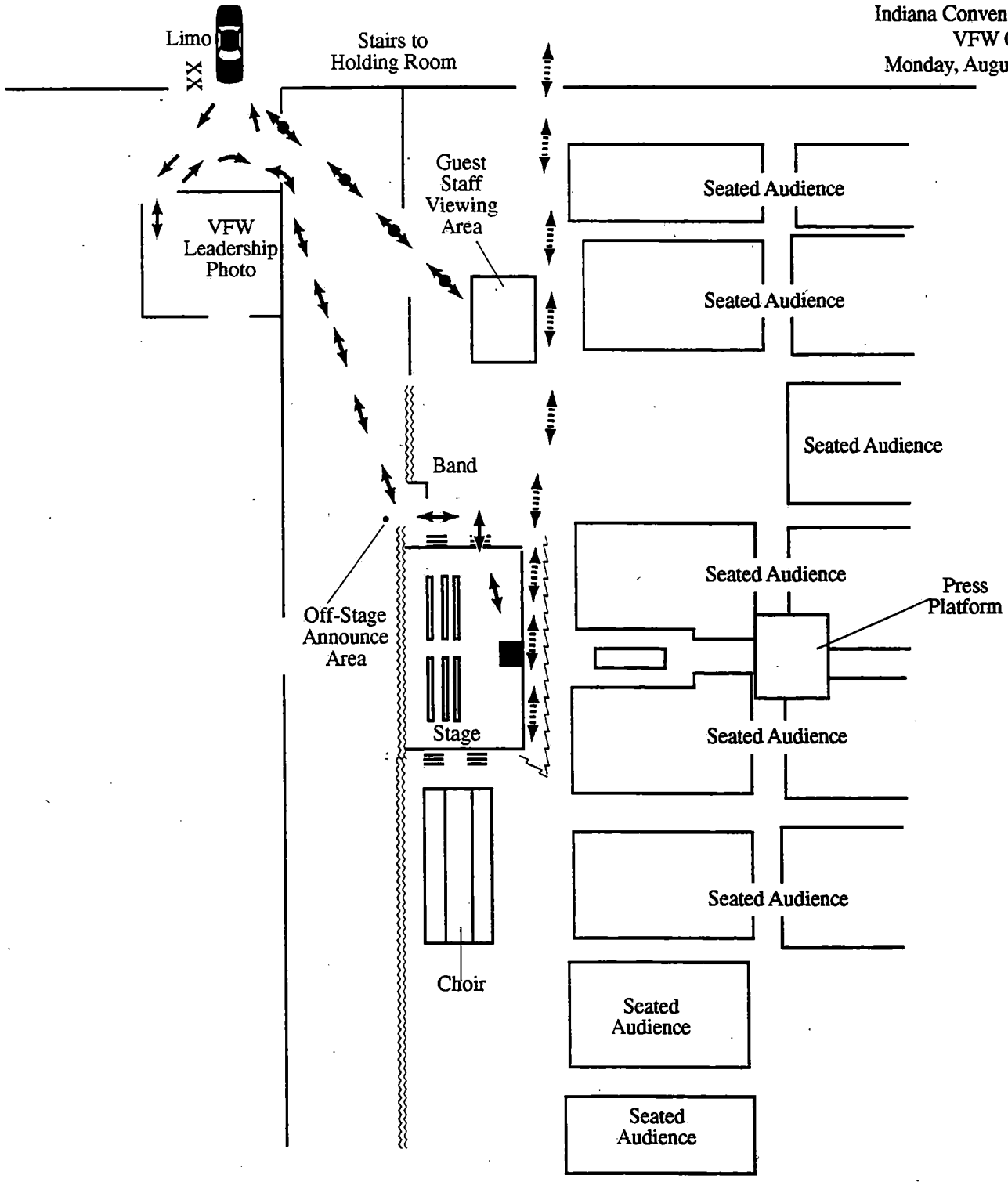
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Indiana Convention Center
VFW Convention
Monday, August 17, 1992



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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Indiana Convention Center
VFW Convention
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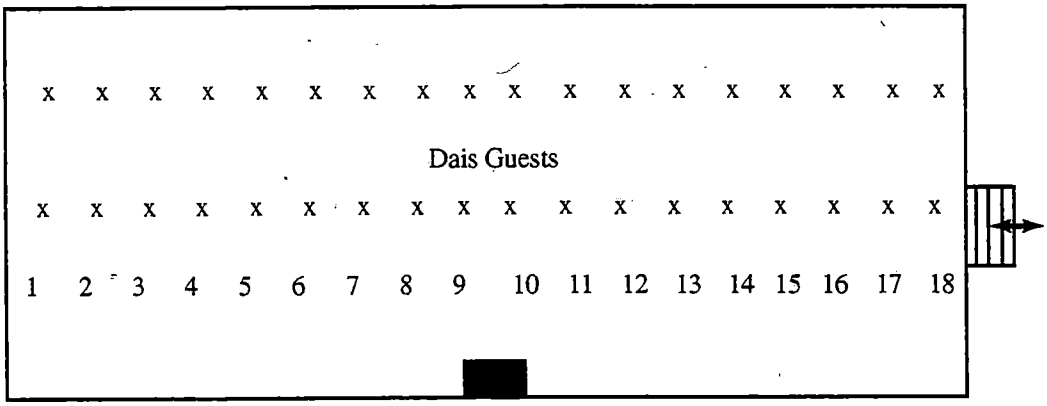
Monday, August 17, 1992

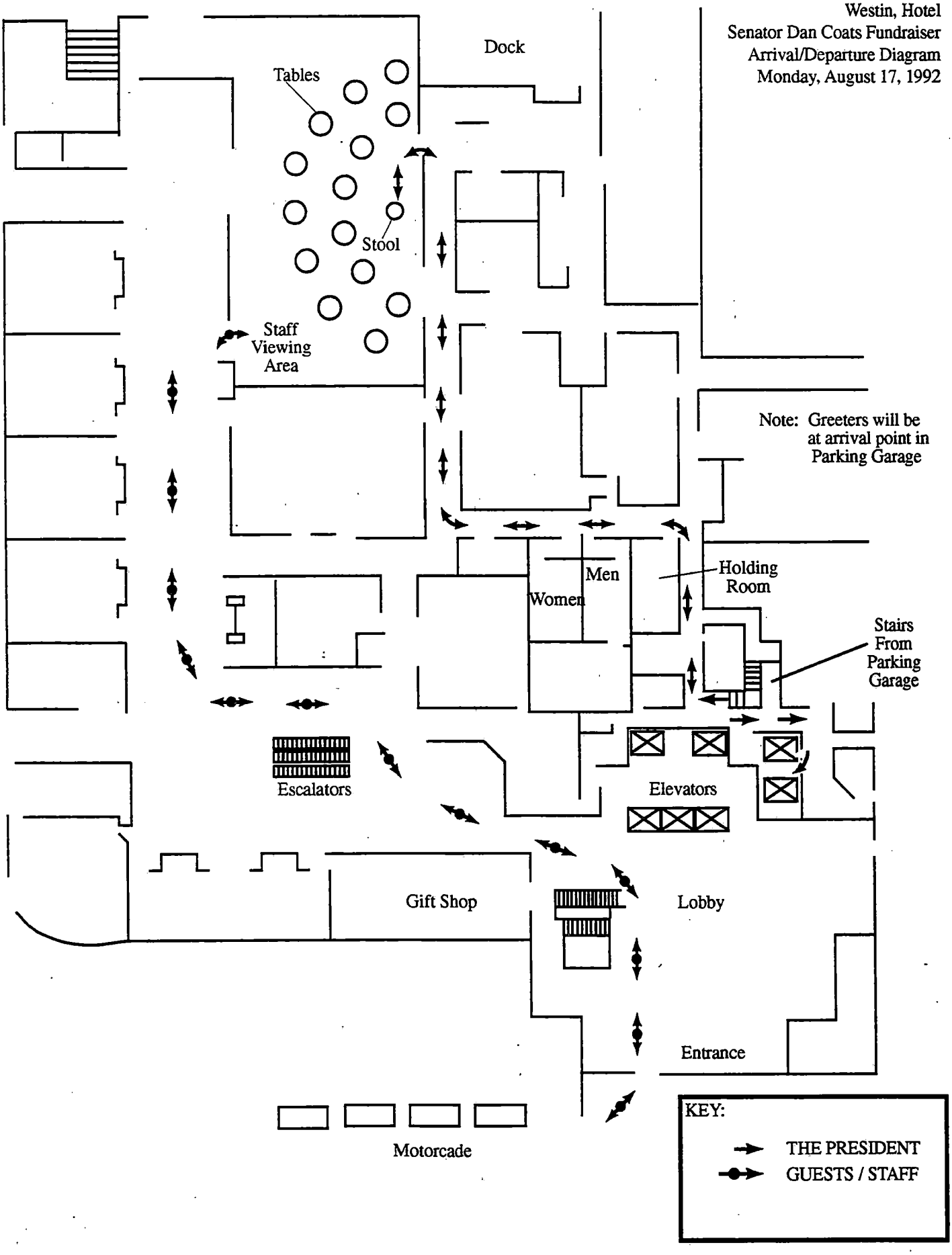


Audience

1. Joel Antes
   National Voice of Democracy Winner
2. Larry Rivers
   Executive Director, VFW
3. Connie Rivers
4. Sam Sears
5. Mary Sears
   National President of the
   Ladies Auxilary to the VFW
6. George Martin
   VFW Award Receipient
7. George Cramer
   Jr. Vice Commander and Chief, VFW
8. JoAnn Carney
9. Jack Carney
   Sr. Vice Commander and Chief, VFW
10. Robert Wallace — INTRO POTUS
    Commander and Chief, VFW
11. THE PRESIDENT
12. Diane Wallace
13. Mrs. Bush
14. Mrs. Coats — Marcia Ann
15. Senator Coats — Dan — Army '66-'68
    224-5623
16. Susan Vander Clite
17. Howard Vander Clite
    VFW Adjuntant General
18. Jim Bowden
    VFW Quartermaster General

KEY:
→ THE PRESIDENT

TAB D
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Westin, Hotel
Senator Dan Coats Fundraiser
Arrival/Departure Diagram
Monday, August 17, 1992



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT: Veterans of Foreign Wars Leadership Photo

TIME: 10:45 am - 10:55 am

DATE: Monday, August 17, 1992

LOCATION: Exhibit Hall C, Indiana Convention Center

ATTENDEES: 20

PRESS: Closed

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Exhibit Hall C and are greeted by Mr. Robert E. Wallace, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Mr. Larry Rivers, Executive Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following the greetings, THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mr. Wallace, proceed to Exhibit Hall C. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Exhibit Hall C and begin participation in Photos with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Leadership. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush remain in place while participants take their places next to THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush (NOTE: Some photos will be taken with spouses). THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush conclude participation in Photos, depart Exhibit Hall C and proceed to the Off-Stage Announcement Area, Exhibit Hall B.

The backdrop is blue drape with U.S. and Presidential flags.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT: Address Joint Opening Session of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 93rd National Convention

TIME: 10:57 am - 11:30 am

DATE: Monday, August 17, 1992

LOCATION: Exhibit Hall B, Indiana Convention Center

ATTENDEES: 7,000

PRESS: Open

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Off-Stage Announcement Area and hold briefly. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush are announced on Stage, proceed to Seats, and are seated. THE PRESIDENT is introduced for Remarks by Mr. Robert E. Wallace, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars. THE PRESIDENT makes Remarks. (NOTE: A teleprompter will be used.) THE PRESIDENT concludes Remarks and, with Mrs. Bush, departs Stage and proceeds to Motorcade. (NOTE: Six Police Photos will be taken at this time). THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Indiana Convention Center en route Westin Hotel.

The Backdrop is a blue drape with letters in Silver and Gold mounted on the drape. The letters read "93rd National Convention - Veterans of Foreign Wars - of the United States." The Press platform is located straight on at 65 feet.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT: Senator Dan Coats Fundraising Reception

TIME: 11:45 am - 12:05 pm

DATE: Monday, August 17, 1992

LOCATION: Capitol Ballroom, Westin Hotel

ATTENDEES: 100

PRESS: Closed

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Westin Hotel and are greeted by Ms. Joyce Russell, Sales Manager, Westin Hotel and Mr. Mark Boydston, Operations Manager, Westin Hotel. Following the greetings, THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by The Honorable and Mrs. Dan Coats (Marsha), U.S. Senator, proceed to the Capitol Ballroom. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Coats, enter the Ballroom and THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Coats proceeds to riser and is seated on Stool. (NOTE: Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Coats will proceed to designated seats in audience at this time.) THE PRESIDENT is introduced for Informal Remarks by Senator Coats. THE PRESIDENT makes Informal Remarks. (NOTE: A hand held Microphone will be used). THE PRESIDENT concludes Informal Remarks and begins participation in Question and Answer Session. THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Question and Answer Session and, with Mrs. Bush, departs Capitol Ballroom and proceeds to Suite.

The Backdrop is a White 5 x 10 Banner with Blue Letters that reads "Friends of Dan Coats Welcome President George Bush."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT: Media Interview with CNN

TIME: 1:05 pm - 1:15 pm

DATE: Monday, August 17, 1992

LOCATION: Governor's Suite, Westin Hotel

ATTENDEES: 5

PRESS: Closed

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT arrives Governor's Suite and begins participation in Live Interview with Mr. Bernard Shaw, CNN Anchorman. (NOTE: Mr. Shaw will be conducting Interview by satellite remote from Houston.) THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Interview with Mr. Shaw and holds briefly.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

AUGUST 17, 1992

EVENT: Media Interview with NBC

TIME: 1:20 pm - 1:30 pm

DATE: Monday, August 17, 1992

LOCATION: Governor's Suite, Westin Hotel

ATTENDEES: 5

PRESS: Closed

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Taped Interview with Mr. Tom Brokaw, NBC Anchorman. (NOTE: Mr. Brokaw will be conducting Interview by satellite remote from Houston.) THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Interview, departs Interview Room and proceeds to Suite.

Hosp in Martinez, Ca -

May want to delete this line

Caldwell in Rm 1015 @ Westin

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Arrive ICC -> 10:40 a.m.
photo opp VFW leadership
[FLOTUS participate]

opening session -> Remark 11 a.m.

want see anything ->

OSA -> Rul/Ls flow

INTRO BOB WALLACE CIC
(LARRY RIVERS GREETER
EXEC - DIR.)

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sen. Coates (def)
Sen. Lugar (?)
Mayor (?)
GOV. (?)
-> Depart for Coates fundraiser

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEVE PROVOST SP

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks to an audience of ~~10~~ 15,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ~~at~~ their 93rd annual convention in the Indianapolis Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 14 minutes/teleprompter), praise veterans for winning the Cold War, pledge your support for Veterans' programs and remind the audience that you are the candidate who served his country. VFW leaders specifically requested that this not be a partisan address. The campaign asked that we stick to Veteran's issues and refrain from discussion of broader foreign policy and domestic themes.

Provost/Bunton

Presidential Remarks: VFW Convention
Indianapolis, IN
Monday, August 17, 1992
11 a.m.

Thank you Bob (Wallace) for that generous introduction.

I also want to salute your incoming chief -- a courageous leader in his own right -- Jack Carney. And the President of your ladies auxiliary -- Mary Sears.

When Bob invited me here -- he said your members wanted to hear from a leader with charisma and popularity -- whose words are revered from coast to coast. Unfortunately, Barbara wanted me to speak instead. //

As you may know, I'm on my way to Houston -- to the Republican National Convention. When I saw the size of this crowd, I thought about giving a dress rehearsal of my Houston speech -- complete with a few partisan, political "observations". But then I got to thinking -- you don't need to hear a political speech -- you've already sacrificed enough for our country. // So instead, I'd like to talk a little bit about where our nation has been, and where we are headed together.

As we gather here today -- the Cold War is over. For more than forty years, our GI Joes and Janes hit the ground and sucked the dust in faraway places like North Africa, Normandy, Pork Chop Hill, and Ia Drang (Ee-Drang) Valley. Back then, we called you "heroes." Today -- we call you "winners." If anyone tells you that imperial communism fell on its own, tell them you helped

punch it in the gut, and sent it tumbling down the back stairs of history. You won the battle for humanity's heart and soul. //

What a group we've put forth, these sons and daughters of Paterson and Peoria. You who wrote "Kilroy was Here" on the walls of German Stalags -- and "Elvis Lives" on Iraqi tanks. You who sang "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree" on the roads outside London, and listened to the Beatles with Adrian Cronauer (Cron-now-er) in Siagon.

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Dan - Nothing here that's original - all drawn from President's July 24 speech - but it has punch for a crowd that will want to hear it — rnc

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FOR: STEVE PROVOST
FROM: LORRIN CRANER, NSC
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Steve P. —

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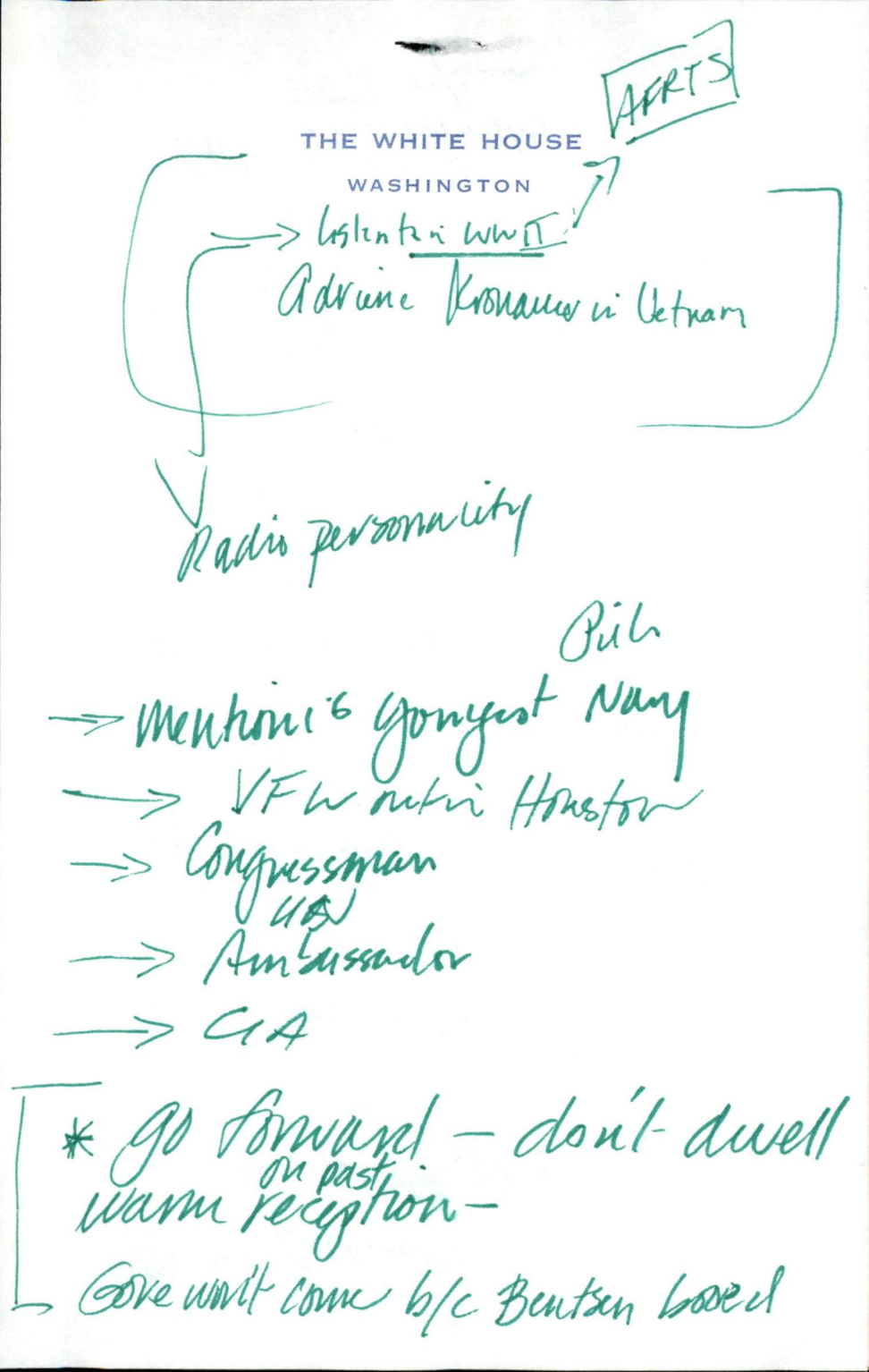

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Presidential Remarks
VFW Convention
Indianapolis, IN

Thank you Bob (Wallace) for that generous introduction. I was so impressed with that introduction, that I've asked Bob to serve beside me in Washington. I'm asking the Senate to confirm Bob as "Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veteran's Employment and Training" -- which is a fancy title that means: "Potomac Pitbull for Veterans Rights."// I also want to salute your incoming chief -- a courageous leader in his own right -- Jack Carney. And the President of your ladies auxiliary -- Mary Sears.

When Bob and Jack invited me -- they said your members wanted to hear from a leader with charisma and popularity -- whose words are revered from coast to coast. Unfortunately, Barbara said she didn't want to talk.// So I have to get up here instead.

As you may know, I'm on my way to Houston -- to the Republican National Convention. (I might bring Joel Antes along with me, and see if he can give me a few speaking tips.) When I saw the size of this crowd this morning, I thought about giving a dress rehearsal of my Houston speech -- complete with political jibes and biting insults. But then I got to thinking -- you've already sacrificed enough for your country.// So I'll spare you

a partisan speech this morning. Instead, I'd like to talk a little bit about where we are going as a nation.

As we gather here today -- the Cold War is over. By the grace of God, we won. For more than forty years our GI Joes and Janes hit the ground and sucked the dust in faraway places like Normandy, Khe San, Pork Chop Hill, and Inchon. Back then, we called you "heroes." Today -- we can call you "winners." If anyone suggests that communism fell on its own, tell them you helped knee it in the back, and kick it down the stairs. You won the battle for humanity's heart and soul.//

What a group we've put forth, these sons and daughters of Patterson and Peoria. The ones who wrote "Kilroy was Here" on the walls of German Stalags -- and scrawled "Elvis Lives" on Iraqui tanks. The ones who sang "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree," on the roads outside London, and rocked out to the Beatles ~~while listening to~~ with Adrian Cronauer in Siagon.

Goerring thought we were candy canes -- we showed him. Kim Il Sung in Korea thought he could take us -- wrong again. Old Sadam thought we'd grown soft over the years, but we kicked a little Baghdad (slight pause) bully.//

And ~~keep in mind,~~ for every one of you on the front-lines -- there were other Americans supporting you at home -- fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, neighbors -- who footed a bill of over $4 trillion dollars so that others may do more than simply yearn to breathe free. Let's not forget the unsung hero of the Cold War: the American taxpayer.//

Why did we do it -- why did we make the sacrifice?

If you ask me -- we shed our blood and spared our dollars because we believe enough in our American ideals to share them. Today America's triumph is reflected everywhere -- in events momentous and mundane. In Germany, a wall has fallen and in Moscow -- citizens troop to the polls. In France, kids don't have to fly anymore to meet Mickey and Goofey, and in ~~Malaysia~~ you can get a special stamp honoring that rock-solid symbol of American virtue -- Fred Flinstone.

If promoting American ideals and ideas sounds unselfish -- well, I guess it is. And if it sounds even a bit arrogant, I say, "tell me whose way of life is better?" And if some say it is corny -- nothing more than pure, patriotism, hey -- I plead guilty. Because in my book -- no one ever got sick from too ~~many~~ much ~~hot dogs and apple pies~~.//

But there is a method to our unselfishness. ~~Old~~ Calvin Coolidge defined patriotism as "standing up for yourself by standing up for your country." We fought so our children don't have to fight. We withstood showers of mortar, so that our kids and grandkids can live in the sunshine of peace.

A couple years ago -- about the time of Desert Storm -- I received a poem from Mrs. P.J. Jackson of Kirbyville, Texas. She proudly described herself as and I quote -- "a vet, the wife of a vet, and the mother of a vet" -- ~~(you can bet that there are no unmade beds in the Jackson household.)~~ P.J.'s poem had a special message for those who would allow desecration of our flag. (As

(NO FLAG BURNING?)

you know, this has always been a special concern of mine. I ~~always~~ liked the approach taken by a Vet in Queens one Memorial Day a couple years back ago. He had wore a t-shirt with a flag on it. The t-shirt read: "let's see you try to burn this one."//)

P.J. Jackson's poem made a similar point, a little more subtlely. (take letter) She wrote: "I pray that they'll see for this peaceful sleep, the credit to Old Glory they owe, a sleep undisturbed from exploding bombs, or having to hide from the foe."

Well, P.J., I wish you could be here with the men and women of the VFW. Because you stood up for Old Glory -- because many of our friends fell for Old Glory -- our children today fear no foe, they can sleep undisturbed from the threat of nuclear missiles -- and dream (the sweet dreams) sweetly of peace.//

So this is the progress we have brought to the world, and for our children. And yet the question is: "what do we do next?"

We can start by remembering something John Kennedy said: "a nation reveals itself not only by the men and women it produces, but by the men and women it remembers." I understand right in here (touch heart), what makes military service so special. Military service is the great leveler. My own Navy squadron included farm boys and city hustlers, athletes and bookworms, preacher's kids and Army brats.

Together we experienced the wonderful excitement of that sport of kings -- potato peeling.// We felt the knots in our stomachs from our first carrier landing, the heaviness in our

hearts from spending our first Hanukkah or Christmas without family, and the horrible, sickening feeling of watching our friends go down in battle -- never to return.

These memories are etched in my mind. No matter that the Cold War is over -- no matter how places like Guadalcanal and Hamburger Hill recede in our consciousness -- our nation can never and must never forget. As long as I am Commander in Chief I make this solemn promise -- we will always stand by those who stood up for our America.//

I am proud of what we have accomplished together to repay our debt to Veterans. Proud of the specialized health care centers we have created, the new outpatient clinics, and the billion dollars more we have invested in Veterans health care every year. But there is still more to do.

We must change our health care system in this nation, and we will. But let me be clear -- we will not change our commitment to the integrity of Veterans health care. If Congress sends me legislation to dismantle the VA system, I will whip out my veto pen and knock down that SCUD missile headed right for your wellbeing.//

If you ask how many VA hospitals I'll close -- I'll tell you: not three, not two, not one.// And if anyone again suggests taxing your benefits, I'll say what I have said many times before -- "keep your hands off the Vets!"

One more thing. From my own experience, I know firsthand what it means to know that America will never abandon its

fighting men, whatever their fate. My family never had to face the agony of a late night phone call or a knock on the door. But to those who do wait for the calls or knocks to bring news of loved ones, let me say: we will never forget you.

I am pleased that the League of Families recently reaffirmed their support for my administration's efforts. But though dramatic progress has been made, all are not accounted for. I will fight to make sure that every American stands with you, until the fate of every POW and MIA is known.//

But just as we must never forget the sacrifices you have made, we must not forget why so many wars have been fought -- because weakness tempts aggression.

Let's not kid ourselves. Although the Soviet Bear is extinct, there are still plenty of wolves in the woods. In the sands of Kuwait our sons and daughters showed that courage is hereditary -- but courage will be of no use, if fighter planes can only be found in museums and our ships are all in mothballs.

I have put forth responsible cuts in national defense, but I will go no further. When it comes to defending our country, my loyalty lies not with the Gallup polls, but with our young people who must gallup in the way of danger. As long as I am President, I will not allow a madman to get his finger on the nuclear trigger.// As long as I am Commander in Chief, I will keep America strong.// (best equipment possible)

This is what it is all about -- a strong America -- but our strength is measured not just by the power of our missiles, but

by the power of our minds. Not just by our ability to win wars, but our children's ability to earn decent wages.

And if you'll excuse one political observation, I am on my way to Houston to accept my party's nomination for President, because I believe that now that we have changed the world, we can change America.

I am not afraid of the new world before us, I believe it offers unprecedented opportunity, if we have a plan of action.

In the war with Iraq, the world marveled at the capabilities of our Patriot Missiles. And yet, by the turn of the century, I want the whole world to marvel at our leadership in supercomputers, and biotechnology, and material sciences -- new industries that will create hundreds of thousands of good jobs for our kids and their kids. I have the plan to keep America working.//

see Olympic shot

In Barcelona this month, I was proud of our athletes' domination on the basketball court and the swimming pool. And yet by the end of this decade, don't you want to see our kids lead the way in trigonometry and biology? I have a plan to make our schools number one.//

We should be flattered to see ideas like personal responsibility and respect for work take hold in Moscow and Potsdam. And yet, I want to see those moral values restored in our own suburbs and cities. I have a plan to restore America's moral fiber.

While our children can rest safer from the threat of nuclear missiles, our victory is for naught if we cannot walk the streets without being preyed upon by crack addicts and pushers. I have a plan to take back the streets of America.

This is why I am running for re-election. Because new battles lie before us -- in our schools, our workplaces, our families, and our streets.

We cannot all serve and sacrifice the way you did. We cannot all be Minutemen, but we can help seize the moment -- and change America to take advantage of the opportunity that is before us.

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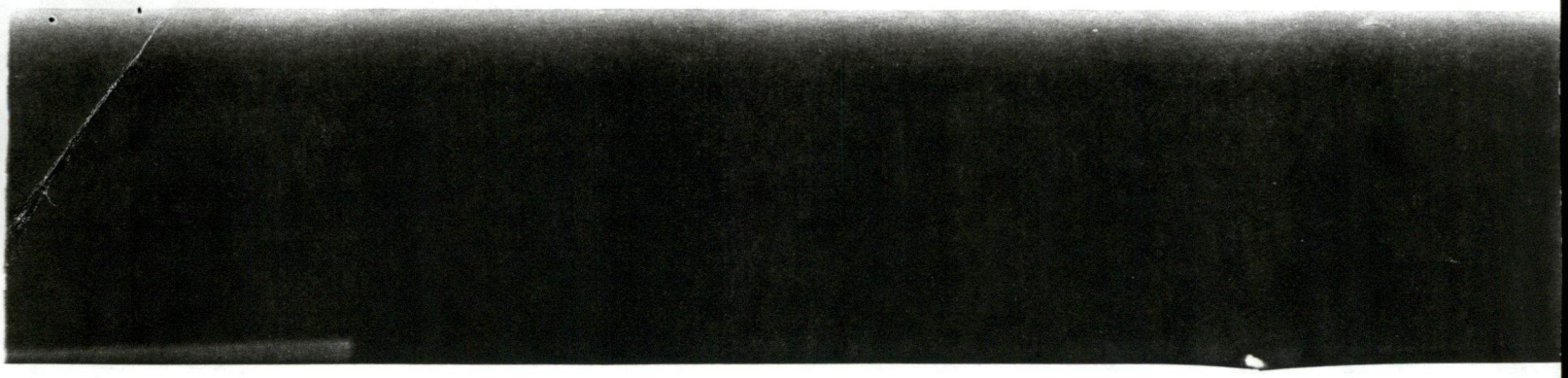

loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.
Harry S. Truman (1884–1972) US statesman. *The Observer*, 'Sayings of the Week', 6 Apr 1958

5 Something must be done.
Duke of Windsor (1894–1972) King of the United Kingdom; abdicated 1936. Said while visiting areas of high unemployment in South Wales during the 1930s. Attrib.

UNFAITHFULNESS

See also adultery

1 Early one morning, just as the sun was rising,
I heard a maid sing in the valley below
'Oh, don't deceive me; Oh, never leave me!
How could you use a poor maiden so?'
Anonymous *Early One Morning*

2 Frankie and Johnny were lovers,
my gawd, how they could love,
Swore to be true to each other, true as the stars above;
He was her man, but he done her wrong.
Anonymous *Frankie and Johnny*

3 It would take a far more concentrated woman than Amanda to be unfaithful every five minutes.
Noël Coward (1899–1973) British dramatist. *Private Lives*

4 But I kissed her little sister,
And forgot my Clementine.
Percy Montrose (19th century) US songwriter. *Clementine*

5 One man's folly is another man's wife.
Helen Rowland (1876–1950) US writer. *A Guide to Men*

6 O, swear not by the moon, th' inconstant moon,
That monthly changes in her circled orb,
Lest that thy love prove likewise variable.
William Shakespeare (1564–1616) English dramatist. *Romeo and Juliet*, II:2

7 His honour rooted in dishonour stood,
And faith unfaithful kept him falsely true.
Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–92) British poet. *Idylls of the King*, 'Lancelot and Elaine'

8 No man worth having is true to his wife, or can be true to his wife, or ever was, or ever will be so.
John Vanbrugh (1664–1726) English architect and dramatist. *The Relapse*, III:2

UNITED STATES

Quotations about the United States

1 The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America . . . It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, for ever more.
John Adams (1735–1826) Second president of the USA. The Continental Congress voted for independence from Britain on 2 July. Letter to his wife, 3 July 1776

2 Superman, disguised as Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper, fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way.
Anonymous Hence the description 'Mild-mannered Clark Kent'. Introduction to radio series

3 Our society distributes itself into Barbarians, Philistines, and Populace; and America is just ourselves, with the Barbarians quite left out, and the Populace nearly.
Matthew Arnold (1822–88) British poet and critic. *Culture and Anarchy*, Preface

4 God bless the USA, so large,
So friendly, and so rich.
W. H. Auden (1907–73) British poet. *On the Circuit*

5 Yankee Doodle came to town
Riding on a pony;
Stuck a feather in his cap
And called it Macaroni.
Edward Bangs (fl. 1775) US songwriter. *Yankee Doodle; or Father's Return to Camp*

6 O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
Katharine Lee Bates (1859–1929) US writer and poet. *America the Beautiful*

7 The United States is the best and fairest and most decent nation on the face of the earth.
George Bush (1924–) US statesman. Speech, May 1988

8 I called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old.
George Canning (1770–1827) British statesman. Speech, 12 Dec 1826

9 This is virgin territory for whorehouses.
Al Capone (1899–1947) Italian-born US gangster. Talking about suburban Chicago. *The Bootleggers* (Kenneth Allsop), Ch. 16

10 You will have heard of our taking of New Amsterdam . . . It did belong to England heretofore, but the Dutch by degrees drove our people out and built a very good town, but we have got the better of it, and 'tis now called New York.
Charles II (1630–85) King of England. Letter, 24 Oct 1664

11 How beautiful it would be for someone who could not read.
G. K. Chesterton (1874–1936) British writer. Referring to the lights on Broadway. Attrib.

12 I hope to see the day when the American flag will float over every square foot of the British North American possessions clear to the North Pole.
James Beauchamp Clark (1850–1921) Speaker of US House of Representatives. Speech, House of Representatives, June 1911

13 America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilization.
Georges Clemenceau (1841–1929) French statesman. Attrib.

14 Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself while looking out for your country.
Calvin Coolidge (1872–1833) US president. Attrib.

15 The business of America is business.
Calvin Coolidge Speech, Washington, 17 Jan 1925

16 Poor Mexico, so far from God and so near to the United States!
Porfirio Díaz (1830–1915) Mexican general and statesman. Attrib.

17 Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in this world must first come to pass in the heart of America.
Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890–1969) US general and statesman. Inaugural address, 1953

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18 America is a country of young men.
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–82) US poet and essayist. *Society and Solitude*, 'Old Age'

19 Long Island represents the American's idea of what God would have done with Nature if he'd had the money.
Peter Fleming (1907–1971) British writer. Letter to his brother Rupert, 29 Sept 1929

20 Our country is the world – our countrymen are all mankind.
William Lloyd Garrison (1805–79) US abolitionist. *The Liberator*, 15 Dec 1837

21 I can never suppose this country so far lost to all ideas of self-importance as to be willing to grant America independence; if that could ever be adopted I shall despair of this country being ever preserved from a state of inferiority and consequently falling into a very low class among the European States.
George III (1738–1820) King of Great Britain and Ireland. Letter to Lord North, 7 Mar 1780

22 . . . New York . . . that unnatural city where every one is an exile, none more so than the American.
Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860–1935) US writer. *The Living of Charlotte Perkins Gilman*

23 The United States is like a gigantic boiler. Once the fire is lighted under it there is no limit to the power it can generate.
Lord Grey (1862–1933) British statesman. *Their Finest Hour* (Winston S. Churchill), Ch. 32

24 Let Americans disdain to be the instruments of European greatness. Let the Thirteen States, bound together in a strict and indissoluble union, concur in erecting one great American system.
Alexander Hamilton (1755–1804) American statesman. *Federalist Papers*, XI

25 America's present need is not heroics but healing, not nostrums but normalcy.
Warren G. Harding (1865–1923) US President. Speech, Boston, May 1920

26 For the Colonies in the Indies, they are yet babes that cannot live without sucking the breasts of their mother-Cities, but such as, I mistake, if when they come of age they do not wean themselves.
James Harrington (1611–77) English political writer. *The Commonwealth of Oceana*

27 Many, if not most, of our Indian wars have had their origin in broken promises and acts of injustice on our part.
Rutherford B. Hayes (1822–93) US president. Message to Congress, 4 Dec 1877

28 Everything about the behavior of American society reveals that it is half judaised and half negrified. How can one expect a state like that to hold together?
Adolf Hitler (1889–1945) German dictator. Attrib.

29 The United States, I believe, are under the impression that they are twenty years in advance of this country; whilst, as a matter of actual verifiable fact, of course, they are just about six hours behind it.
Harold Hobson (1904–) British theater critic and writer. *The Devil in Woodford Wells*, Ch. 8

30 The American system of rugged individualism.
Herbert Clark Hoover (1874–1964) US statesman. Speech, New York, 22 Oct 1928

31 . . . I have no fears for the future of our country. It is bright with hope.
Herbert Clark Hoover Inaugural address, 4 Mar 1929

32 America is not a blanket woven from one thread, one color, one cloth.
Jesse Jackson (1941–) US politician. Speech, Democratic Party Convention, Atlanta, July 1988

33 There is not a single crowned head in Europe whose talents or merits would entitle him to be elected a vestryman by the people of any parish in America.
Thomas Jefferson Written from Paris. Letter to George Washington, 2 May 1788

34 The United States has to move very fast to even stand still.
John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917–63) US statesman. *The Observer*, 'Sayings of the Week', 21 July 1963

35 'Tis the star-spangled banner; O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!
Francis Scott Key (1779–1843) US lawyer. *The Star-Spangled Banner*

36 Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!
Emma Lazarus (1849–87) US poet and philanthropist. Used as an inscription on the Statue of Liberty. *The New Colossus*

37 That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states.
Richard Henry Lee (1732–94) US Revolutionary patriot and Senator. Motion, Continental Congress, Philadelphia, 7 June 1776

38 In other countries, art and literature are left to a lot of shabby bums living in attics and feeding on booze and spaghetti, but in America the successful writer or picture-painter is indistinguishable from any other decent business man.
Sinclair Lewis (1885–1951) US novelist. *Babbitt*, Ch. 14

39 This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.
Abraham Lincoln (1809–65) US statesman. First Inaugural Address, 4 Mar 1861

40 In an English ship, they say, it is poor grub, poor pay, and easy work; in an American ship, good grub, good pay, and hard work. And this is applicable to the working populations of both countries.
Jack London (1876–1916) US novelist. *The People of the Abyss*, Ch. 20

41 First the sweetheart of the nation, then the aunt, woman governs America because America is a land of boys who refuse to grow up.
Salvador de Madariaga y Rogo (1886–1978) Spanish diplomat and writer. *The Perpetual Pessimist* (Sagitarius and George)

42 If there is any country on earth where the course of true love may be expected to run smooth, it is America.
Harriet Martineau (1802–76) British writer. *Society in America*, Vol. III, 'Marriage'

43 When you become used to never being alone you may consider yourself Americanised.
André Maurois (Émile Herzog; 1885–1967) French writer. Attrib.

44 The immense popularity of American movies abroad demonstrates that Europe is the

unfinished negative of which America is the proof.
Mary McCarthy (1912–) US novelist. *On the Contrary*

45 This country needs good farmers, good businessmen, good plumbers.
Richard Milhouse Nixon (1913–) US President. Farewell address, 9 Aug 1974

46 I rejoice that America has resisted. Three millions of people, so dead to all the feelings of liberty, as voluntarily to submit to be slaves, would have been fit instruments to make slaves of the rest.
William Pitt the Elder (1708–78) British statesman. Speech, House of Commons, 14 Jan 1766

47 You cannot conquer America.
William Pitt the Elder Speech, House of Lords, 18 Nov 1777

48 I invoke the genius of the Constitution.
William Pitt the Elder Referring to the American Revolution. Speech, House of Lords, 18 Nov 1777

49 I know only two words of American slang, 'swell' and 'lousy'. I think 'swell' is lousy, but 'lousy' is swell.
J. B. Priestley (1894–1984) British novelist. Interview, US radio

50 The national dish of America is menus.
Robert Robinson (1927–) British writer and broadcaster. BBC TV program, *Robinson's Travels*, Aug 1977

51 I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a new deal for the American people.
Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882–1945) US Democratic president. Speech accepting nomination for presidency, Chicago, 2 July 1932

52 I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.
Franklin D. Roosevelt Second Inaugural Address, 20 Jan 1937

53 The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.
Theodore Roosevelt (1858–1919) US Republican president. Speech, New York, 11 Nov 1902

54 In the Western hemisphere the adherence of the United States to the Monroe Doctrine may force the United States, however reluctantly, in flagrant cases of wrongdoing or impotence, to the exercise of an international police power.
Theodore Roosevelt Message to Congress, 6 Dec 1904

55 America . . . where law and customs alike are based on the dreams of spinsters.
Bertrand Russell (1872–1970) British philosopher. *Marriage and Morals*

56 In America everybody is of the opinion that he has no social superiors, since all men are equal, but he does not admit that he has no social inferiors.
Bertrand Russell *Unpopular Essays*

57 England and America are two countries separated by the same language.
George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950) Irish dramatist and critic. Attrib.

58 New York . . . is not Mecca. It just smells like it.
Neil Simon (1927–) US playwright. *California Suite*

59 In the United States there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is. That is what makes America what it is.
Gertrude Stein (1874–1946) US writer. *The Geographical History of America*

60 I like to walk around Manhattan, catching glimpses of its wild life, the pigeons and cats and girls.
Rex Todhunter Stout (1886–1975) US writer. *Three Witnesses*, 'When a Man Murders'

61 I found there a country with thirty-two religions and only one sauce.
Talleyrand (Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord; 1754–1838) French politician. *Autant en apportent les mots* (Pedrazzini)

62 America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail it knocks over a chair.
Arnold Toynbee (1889–1975) British historian. Broadcast news summary, 14 July 1954

63 By the waters of Babylon we sit down and weep, when we think of thee, O America!
Horace Walpole (1717–97) British writer. On the eve of the American Revolution. Letter to Mason, 12 June 1775

64 Up from the meadows rich with corn,
Clear in the cool September morn,

The clustered spires of Frederick stand
Green-walled by the hills of Maryland.
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–92) US poet. *Barbara Frietchie*

65 There exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward us, the American people.
Wendell Lewis Willkie (1892–1944) US lawyer and businessman. *One World*, Ch. 10

66 I want to take this occasion to say that the United States will never again seek one additional foot of territory by conquest.
Woodrow Wilson (1856–1924) US statesman. Speech, Mobile, 27 Oct 1913.

67 The United States must be neutral in fact as well as in name during these days that are to try men's souls. We must be impartial in thought as well as in action.
Woodrow Wilson Message to the Senate, 19 Aug 1914

68 America cannot be an ostrich with its head in the sand.
Woodrow Wilson Speech, Des Moines, 1 Feb 1916

69 Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. America is the only idealistic nation in the world.
Woodrow Wilson Speech, Sioux Falls, 8 Sept 1919

70 America . . . is the prize amateur nation of the world. Germany is the prize professional nation.
Woodrow Wilson Speech, Aug 1917. *Mr Wilson's War* (John Dos Passos), Pt. III, Ch. 13

71 New York is a small place when it comes to the part of it that wakes up just as the rest is going to bed.
P. G. Wodehouse (1881–1975) British humorous novelist. *My Man Jeeves*, 'The Aunt and the Sluggard'

72 America is God's Crucible, the great Melting-Pot where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming!
Israel Zangwill (1864–1926) British writer. *The Melting Pot*, I

Quotations about Americans

73 Any gum, chum?
Anonymous Children's cry in Britain to US GIs.

74 Good Americans, when they die, go to Paris.
Thomas Gold Appleton (1812–84) US writer. *Autocrat of the Breakfast Table* (O. W. Holmes), Ch. 6

75 A Boston man is the east wind made flesh.
Thomas Gold Appleton Attrib.

76 Americans have a perfect right to exist. But he did often wishing Mr. Rhodes ha enabled them to excerc at Oxford.
Max Beerbohm (1872–1936) *Zuleika Dobson*

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Lord Hailsham (1907–) Brit politician. *The Observer*, 'Saying 1 June 1969

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Patrick Henry (1736–99) US Speech, Continental Congress, 5

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Max Beerbohm (1872–1936) British writer. *Zuleika Dobson*

77 The English are polite by telling lies. The Americans are polite by telling the truth.
Malcolm Bradbury (1932–) British academic and novelist. *Stepping Westward*, Bk. II, Ch. 5

78 There is nothing the matter with Americans except their ideals. The real American is all right; it is the ideal American who is all wrong.
G. K. Chesterton (1874–1936) British writer. *New York Times*, 1 Feb 1931

79 The Americans cannot build aeroplanes. They are very good at refrigerators and razor blades.
Hermann Goering (1893–1946) German leader. Assurance to Hitler. *America* (Alistair Cooke)

80 Scratch an American and you get a Seventh Day Adventist every time.
Lord Hailsham (1907–) British Conservative politician. *The Observer*, 'Sayings of the Week', 1 June 1969

81 I am not a Virginian, but an American.
Patrick Henry (1736–99) US statesman. Speech, Continental Congress, 5 Sept 1774

82 I am willing to love all mankind, *except an American.*
Samuel Johnson (1709–84) British lexicographer. *Life of Johnson* (J. Boswell), Vol. III

83 Americans have plenty of everything and the best of nothing.
John C. Keats (1920–) US writer. *You Might As Well Live*

84 Does that mean that because Americans won't listen to sense, you intend to talk nonsense to them?
John Maynard Keynes (1883–1946) British economist. Said before a monetary conference, 1944 or 1945.

85 No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American people.
H. L. Mencken (1880–1956) US journalist. Attrib.

86 There won't be any revolution in America . . . The people are too clean. They spend all their time changing their shirts and washing themselves. You can't feel fierce and revolutionary in a bathroom.
Eric Linklater (1889–1974) Scottish novelist. *Juan in America*, Pt. V, Ch. 3

87 No one can kill Americans and brag about it. No one.
Ronald Reagan (1911–) US politician and president. *The Observer*, 'Sayings of the Week', 27 Apr 1986

88 An American is either a Jew, or an anti-Semite, unless he is both at the same time.
Jean-Paul Sartre (1905–80) French writer. *Altona*

89 I wish all Americans were as blind as you.
George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950) Irish dramatist and critic. Speaking to Helen Keller. *Bernard Shaw* (H. Pearson)

90 An asylum for the sane would be empty in America.
George Bernard Shaw

91 That strange blend of the commercial traveller, the missionary, and the barbarian conqueror, which was the American abroad.
Olaf Stapledon (1886–1950) British philosopher and science-fiction writer. *Last and First Men*, Ch. 3

92 Americans have been conditioned to respect newness, whatever it costs them.
John Updike (1932–) US novelist. *A Month of Sundays*, Ch. 18

93 American writers want to be not good but great; and so are neither.
Gore Vidal (1925–) US novelist. *Two Sisters*

94 MRS ALLONBY. They say, Lady Hunstanton, that when good Americans die they go to Paris.
LADY HUNSTANTON. Indeed? And when bad Americans die, where do they go to?
LORD ILLINGWORTH. Oh, they go to America.
Oscar Wilde (1854–1900) Irish-born British dramatist. *See* Thomas Gold APPLETON. *A Woman of No Importance*, I

95 Like so many substantial Americans, he had married young and kept on marrying, springing from blonde to blonde like the chamois of the Alps leaping from crag to crag.
P. G. Wodehouse (1881–1975) British humorous novelist. *Wodehouse at Work to the End* (Richard Usborne), Ch. 2

UNITY

1 A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.
Proverb

2 Union is strength.
Proverb

3 United we stand, divided we fall.
Proverb

4 That typically English characteristic for which there is no English name – *esprit de corps.*
Frank Ezra Adcock (1886–1968) British classicist. Presidential address

5 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
Bible: Ecclesiastes 4:12

6 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
Bible: Genesis 11:1

7 When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.
Edmund Burke (1729–97) British politician. *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*

8 All for one, and one for all.
Alexandre Dumas père (1802–70) French novelist and dramatist. *The Three Musketeers*

9 We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.
Benjamin Franklin (1706–90) US scientist and statesman. Remark on signing the Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776

10 Everyone has observed how much more dogs are animated when they hunt in a pack, than when they pursue their game apart. We might, perhaps, be at a loss to explain this phenomenon, if we had not experience of a similar in ourselves.
David Hume (1711–76) Scottish philosopher. *A Treatise of Human Nature*

11 It is true that a house divided against itself is a house that cannot stand. There is a division in the American house now and believing this as I do, I have concluded that I should not permit the Presidency to become involved in the partisan divisions that are developing in this political year. Accordingly, I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the

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Ms. Bunton.

I hope this will aid your progress. I have "overnighted" our convention program and media kit, plus several recent copies of VFW Magazine. Please call me at 816-968-1168 if I can assist you further.

Thx.

Tom Keller – Sen ~~Lugars~~ Coates' office

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△ in Convention Center not – Hoosierdome

△ on 21st public school football jamboree

Colts won first of four exhibition games
only won 1 game last yr.

big news Colts winning progress
Come out strong handily won game last wk
like a new team / comeback
were worst team in NFL

this Sat. play again → it will be more of punch
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Schedule of Speakers and Honorees
93rd National Convention

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. ***Joint Memorial Service — Indiana Convention Center***
Maj. Gen. Donald J. Harlin — Chief of Chaplains, United States Air Force

Monday, August 17

9:35 a.m. ***Joint Opening Session — Indiana Convention Center, Halls A & B***
Greetings — The Honorable Stephen Goldsmith, Mayor, City of Indianapolis
Greetings — The Honorable Evan Bayh, Governor of Indiana
Greetings — Robert W. Spanogle, National Adjutant, The American Legion

9:50 a.m. Introduction of Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Wallace by 93rd National Convention Chairman Arthur J. Fellwock
Remarks — Commander-in-Chief Wallace
Presentation — VFW Gold Medal of Merit and Citation to Mary Sears, National Auxiliary President
Presentation — VFW James E. Van Zandt Citizenship Award, Gold Medal and Citation to George Martin
Presentation — Medal and Eagle to Joel Antes, 1992 National Voice of Democracy Contest Winner
Presentation — VFW Americanism Award, Gold Medal and Citation to The Honorable John McCain, United States Senator, Arizona

11:00 a.m. **Keynote Address** — The Honorable George Bush, President of the United States
Kevin Dobson, actor and recipient of the Ladies Auxiliary's "Serve America Award"
National Outstanding Post Service Officer Award to Powell C. Pogue
Gen. Hsu Li-nung, Chairman, Vocational Assistance Commission of Retired Servicemen, Republic of China, Taipei, Taiwan
Gen. Joon-yeol So, President, Korean Veterans Association

7:00 p.m. ***Distinguished Guests Banquet — Indiana Convention Center, Hall D***
Presentation — Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal of Merit and Citation to Chris Noel
Presentation — VFW Dwight David Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award to Gen. John R. Galvin, USA (Ret.)

Tuesday, August 18

VFW Business Session — Indiana Convention Center, Halls A & B

9:30 a.m. Presentation — VFW News Media Award, Gold Medal and Citation to Joseph L. Galloway, Senior Writer, U.S. News and World Report
10:30 a.m. Dr. James W. Holsinger, Chief Medical Director, Department of Veterans Affairs
11:45 a.m. Presentation — Col. William E. Ryan, American Battle Monuments Commission

Wednesday, August 19

VFW Business Session — Indiana Convention Center, Halls A & B

9:10 a.m. Elinor Donahue, March of Dimes National Spokesperson
9:15 a.m. Diane Carlson Evans, Chair, The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project
9:30 a.m. Presentation — Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal of Merit and Citation to Col. Rex T. Barber, USAF (Ret.)
9:45 a.m. Lt. Col. Oliver North, USMC (Ret.), Freedom Alliance
10:15 a.m. Presentation — VFW J. Edgar Hoover Award, Gold Medal and Citation to Sgt. Robert L. Jones, III
10:30 a.m. Presentation — VFW Granville C. Woodruff Outstanding Firefighter Award, Gold Medal and Citation posthumously to Mr. William F. Martin

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Roudebush from Veterans Insurance Company of Valley Forge

11:00 a.m. Brig. Gen. Thomas Needham, Commander, Joint Task Force — Full Accounting

11:15 a.m. Maude DeVictor, Community Specialist for the Housing Authority Seniors and Handicapped Program Division

Thursday, August 22

VFW Business Session — Indiana Convention Center, Halls A & B

9:30 a.m. Presentation — James C. Gates Distinguished Service Award to Samuel J. Bramblett, Chief LVER

Presentation — Local Office of the Public Employment Service Award to Gary Harrington, Oklahoma State Employment Service

Presentation — Employer of the Year Award to Mitchell Coach Manufacturing, Inc., accepted by Ms. Teresa Shoe, Administrative Assistant

Presentation — Employer of the Year Award to Lockheed Support Systems, Inc., accepted by Mr. Robert E. Tokerud, President

9:40 a.m. Presentation — Distinguished Service Award, Gold Medal and Citation to Past Commander-in-Chief James L. Kimery

Presentation — Distinguished Service Award, Gold Medal and Citation to Charlie Hill

10:00 a.m. Presentation — VFW Armed Forces Award, Gold Medal and Citation to Gen. Alfred M. Gray, USMC

10:30 a.m. Presentation — Certificate of Commendation to Earl Greathouse, Retired Chief of Community Relations, Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command

11:00 a.m. Brig. Gen. Connie Slewitzke, Vice President, Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1992
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INTRODUCTION: JOEL ANTES
1992 NATIONAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

OVER THE PAST FORTY-FIVE YEARS, THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM HAS ENABLED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND OVERSEAS TO THINK, WRITE AND SPEAK OUT ON FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

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THESE VFW SCHOLARSHIPS ENABLE MANY YOUNG AMERICANS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY, THE 1992 FIRST PLACE NATIONAL WINNER IN THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM.

JOEL JUST GRADUATED FROM LAYTON HIGH SCHOOL IN LAYTON, UTAH. HE WAS AN HONOR ROLL STUDENT AND QUALIFIED FOR THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY -- HE LETTERED IN CROSS COUNTRY, ACTED IN SCHOOL PLAYS, PLAYED IN HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND AND HAS RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN PUBLIC SPEAKING. HE PLANS ON ATTENDING UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY AND PURSUING A CAREER AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

HE IS SPONSORED BY VFW POST 8307 AND ITS LADIES AUXILIARY IN LAYTON, UTAH. HERE TO PRESENT HIS AWARD-WINNING SCRIPT ON "MEETING AMERICA'S CHALLENGE" -- THE 1992 FIRST PLACE NATIONAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER AND RECIPIENT OF THE $20,000 T.C. SELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -- JOEL ANTES.

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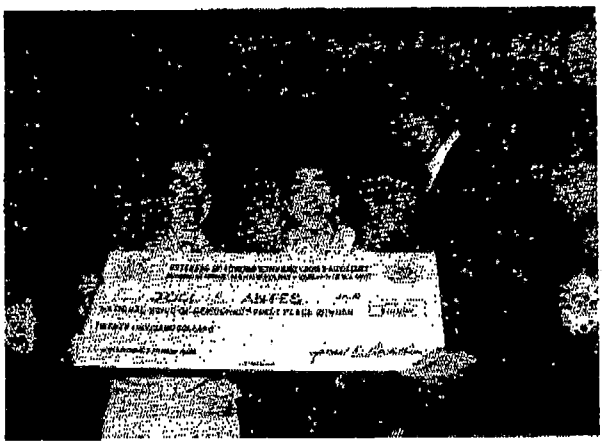


Joel receives his award from Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Wallace and National President Mary Sears.

FIRST PLACE
1992 NATIONAL WINNER
JOEL ANTES
UTAH

Joel Antes, recipient of the $20,000 First Place T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship, is a junior at Layton High School in Layton, Utah, and plans a career as a physical therapist. Joel was sponsored by VFW Post 8307 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

"Meeting America's Challenge"
By Joel Antes

My challenge is just ahead. The strange rows of old world houses flit by to the steady pounding of my feet on the cobblestones. The straggling line of runners turn the last corner and two things loom ahead, the great gate of the stadium and the sweat-soaked number across the back of the one runner between me and the gold medal. As we pass into the shade of the tunnel, a gate opens in my heart, the burden of twenty-six miles falls from me, my muscles leap and I shoot past my staggering opponent and into the blinding sun and deafening roar of 120 thousand spectators. I surge around the track toward the finish line and turn the great bend into the sun. The roar grows deafening. I raise my arms to break the ribbon ...

Splat. A wall of muddy slush covers me, the bright headlights of a car swerve past with a honk and a jeer to disappear into small red tail-lights in the drizzle of the early morning dark. I've been jerked back to the reality of my before school run, the cold dark of my hometown in dingy late winter. But even as I dodge the rotting snowbanks and splash the edges of the black-water slush pools, the vision of Olympic gold begins once again to grow in my mind. My burning determination to meet that distant challenge brings strength to my muscles, and resolve to my heart.

America; too, holds a challenge in its heart. A distant prize, a time when all men can be free at last, a dream of life, liberty and happiness for all. The inalienable rights of men are like rare and distant gold medals to a runner. Only by providing them to all this people will we be "Meeting America's Challenge".

Our nation faces many obstacles, even as a runner must face the morning cold and aching muscles. But obstacles can be overcome on the way to victory with America's challenge to inspire us. Our nation is not perfect, there is alot of flab, soft spots, our lungs are clouded. I will speak directly to four obstacles that stand between America and its challenge.

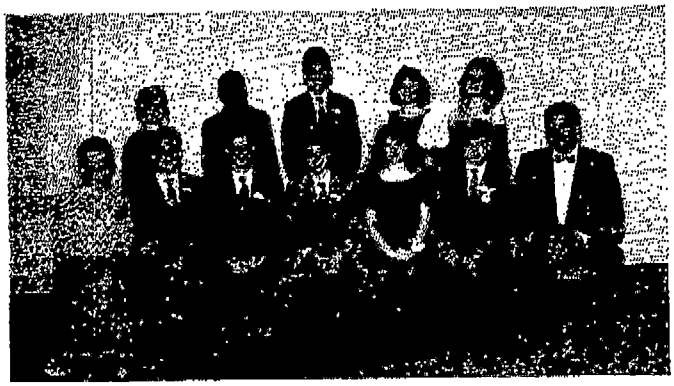
First, crime. It is like a cancer in the tissue of our society. Our national body is addicted to the poison of drugs and the crime and killing they bring. "The Unesco Courier" reports a robbery every fifty-five seconds, an aggravated assault every forty-nine, a murder every twenty-four minutes.

A second obstacle, between America and its challenge, is like poor nutrition to a marathoner. It is poverty. The United States is the world's richest nation, yet over thirty million people live below the poverty level. People in poverty, while many live in an excess that allows us to waste so much.

This waste ties directly to a third weakness. The destruction of our environment. In its study of "Our Dying Planet" Time magazine reveals Americans as wealthy wasters. Six percent of the world's population; we consume fifty percent of the resources used each year. And we squander these treasures. There are thousands of landfills, open sores filling faster than we can cut new ones. Each year, Americans cast aside 220 million tires, 1.6 billion ballpoint pens, 2 billion razors, and 16 billion disposable diapers: 22 and a half billion pounds of waste a year. Filled with trash, we cannot meet the challenge.

Finally, like any athlete, Americans face problems of the mind. Here, our nation's education system fails. The refusal to support education has led not to cutting fat, but the arteries of learning. Student scores and skills crumble in a world where success in education does not mean excellence, it means survival.

In the early morning cold it's no good to lie in the warm covers and make excuses. I refuse to consider the idea I will not win Olympic gold. To meet that challenge I threw myself into the task. America must demand discipline. Flaws must not become excuses. Overcoming them will give us strength. The challenge lies ahead. Our inalienable rights, our government of, by and for the people, our day when all men will be free at last. These dreams of America's founders, these words of Lincoln and of King are more than platitudes, they embody the golden challenge that we must strive to meet. As we dodge the icy puddles and face the cold drizzle in the dark, let's keep our eyes on these golden dreams, on meeting America's challenge.



The top ten national Voice of Democracy winners are: bottom row: National President, Mary Sears; Ryan Ashlock, Kailua, Hawaii, fourth place $5,500 VFW Scholarship; Matthew Escalante, Oxnard, California, second place $15,000 VFW Scholarship: Joel Antes, Layton, Utah first place $20,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship; Andrea Herren, Cordell, Oklahoma, third place $10,000 VFW Scholarship; Matthew Zentner, Japan, (Pacific Areas) fifth place $4,000 VFW Scholarship; Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Wallace: top row: Sarah Duncan, Palmer Lake, Colorado, sixth place $3,000 Minnesota Scholarship; Kofi Graham, Washington, D.C., seventh place $2,000 Daniel Sean Wallace Memorial Scholarship; Phillip Opitz, Summerfield, Florida, eighth place $1,500 Joseph O. Hansen Scholarship; Annette Johnson, Houston, Texas, ninth place $1,500 Department of New Hampshire Jean A. Loud Memorial Scholarship; Elisa Emeritz, Medford, New York, tenth place $1,500 Department of Illinois and its Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship.

Note re VFW:

When the President praises "the finest soldiers, etc." we should add to "soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines -- and the members of our National Guard who served so ably in the Gulf...."

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[Tom Keller] → Hoosierdome

Sen. Lugar's office in Indiana

12 August 1992 // 10:30 am

MEMO TO STEVE

FROM: JB

SUBJECT: VFW

Big news in town is Colts **won** their first of four exhibition games ... everyone is energized -- they are like a new team... this is the year they make their comeback. Last year they had the worst record in NFL [only winning one game.] Colts play exhibition again this Saturday. [will follow that lead] possibly a good joke ...

State fair is in town -- about 20 mins north of convention center. They day POTUS remarks there is a Celebrity Horseshoe Pitching Contest/Tournament at the fair featuring local pols and bands etc.

getting more info...

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Steve

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Mottoes) "Meet the Challenge" is Wallace's motto

INDIANAPOLIS HOSTS GATHERING OF WAR VETERANS

Kansas City, Missouri, July 24, 1992 -- The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will hold its 93rd National Convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 14-21, to formulate policy and plan activities for the forthcoming year.

Some 15,000 delegates will visit Indianapolis representing the VFW's 2.2 million wartime veterans. This is the first VFW national convention in Indianapolis since 1928.

President George Bush is expected to address the convention as well as Democratic party candidate Bill Clinton or his running mate, Sen. Albert Gore, Jr. Among those accepting awards from the VFW are Oliver "Ollie" North, actor Kevin Dobson, the Honorable Senator John McCain of Arizona, Secretary of the Army Michael P. W. Stone and U.S. News and World Report senior writer Joseph L. Galloway.

VFW Award Recipients

Issues of national concern on the VFW's agenda include health care for aging veterans and recent developments concerning the POW/MIA issue in Southeast Asia and the former Soviet Union. VFW Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Wallace, a thrice-wounded Marine veteran of Vietnam, recently completed his second fact-finding trip to Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

"The VFW has had significant impact on federal policy during the past year," said Wallace. "During this election year, our delegates have a unique responsibility to help formulate policy so America's 27 million veterans receive their earned entitlements."

Thirteen hotels will house the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary. Both organizations will have their convention headquarters in the Indianapolis Convention Center. All events will be held in the convention center.

Events begin Sunday, Aug. 16, with a memorial service in halls A & B. The joint opening session begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, with greetings from Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh, Indianapolis Deputy Mayor Caterina Craeger and American Legion National Adjutant Robert Spanogle.

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President George Bush is expected to deliver the keynote address at 11 a.m. Monday will be capped off with the Distinguished Guests Banquet at 7 p.m. in Hall D where several noted Americans will receive VFW awards.

Tuesday, Aug. 18, will be highlighted by an address at 9:30 a.m. by a member of the Clinton/Gore Democratic Party presidential ticket. The remainder of the week will be marked by presentations of various VFW awards to national figures during VFW meetings.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN

Friday, Aug. 21, the final day of the convention, is set aside for installation of VFW national officers for the coming year. John M. "Jack" Carney, of Melbourne, Fla., is expected to assume the VFW's top leadership position as Commander-in-Chief. (A DEMOCRAT)

The VFW press room will open in Room 145 at the Indianapolis Convention Center on Friday, Aug. 14.

The VFW, founded in 1899,is America's oldest major veterans organization. Its 2.2 million members are organized into 10,700 Posts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and four overseas Departments.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Col. North - Address

J. Edgar Hoover award Sgt. Robert Jones
Policeman from Florida

Firefighter Award - Wm. Martin
(posthumous)

— on Weds.

→ Brig. Gen. Thomas Needham
Jt. task force full accounting

Thurs.

employers/employees for their work w/vets.
Lockheed in Ft. Hood, Tx

Fr. -

Armed forces award Gen. Al Gray
29th Commandant Marine Corps

— Many there on vacation - mix bus & pleasure
Community minded people
Recog. community activities

- "Buddy Poppy"
vets day flowers - service programs

Poms - life mem. of Houston Post

ACLs
- Ladies Auxiliary - joint convention
Many years - president

VFW inst. in creation of
- Loyalty Day → May 1st
- Veteran's Adm. creation of vet of foreign affairs
Strong work in
→ G. I. Bill

- local attractions
- don't have lot of free time
that extend to convention 1 day to do that

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Bill

William G. Smith →

Current CIC (Aug. 21)
Robert Wallace (B06)

INCOMING JACK CARNEY

@ Convention (14-21) August
gather to determine and establish resolutions
issues of concern; Vet. legislation
recognize and honor dist. Am. / VFW -

[Recipients know ad word]

→ Dwight Eisenhower Award to Gen. Galvin
VFW citizenship award to George Martin
working w/ youth drug prevention (player for NY Giants)
James Vand grant Citizenship (that am - Monday)
Americanism Award to Sen. John McCain
that Am (Monday)
Joe Ates (sp.) 1992 VOICE of DEMOCRACY WINNER
run by HQ
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MO planned entertainment

→ parade on Tues. eve. through
Conducted by VFW mbrs. in attendence
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mbrs. of VFW and depts of state)
march in order of yrs. membership standing

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resolutions

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Korean veterans

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- Convention program

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TP's]

• FOR NEW SPEECH

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→ Pull 17 Aug. 94 here are the books

→ Children's correspondence

→ ages of President's grandchildren

→ War story - killed / injured who wrote or asked why - WWII, Vietnam or ODS put lives on the line

→ Pull together quotes or tacks of America thru eyes of other people lines

observations about America

Carl G. Foster

USA Harvest Event in Louisville

→ Sun Sept 6

Not Sat Sept 5

(spoke to Carolyn)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DAV Speech

7 Aug. 92

VFW —

(1) Why we fought in the first place

- 60 yr. old guy
Non-Washington
- folksy anecdotal
- pump up America

(1) We won

(2) that means good things

(3) Roll up our sleeves
get to work

Litany of issues out of Wash
Perspective

* exples of peo.

Derwinski – no where in speech 11 Aug. 1992
1:15 pm.

LAM:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Wallace –

Bill having lunch w/ exec. dir (a dyed wool Dem.)

* Clinton has been invited – neither Clinton nor Gore is coming →

No Dem addressed convention since McGovern

Bentsen addressed in 88 – get books for Mentoring Dukakis

Andie – maj. WW II & KOREA

new incom 6 pres. Jack Carney of Fla. a Dem – outging and incoming

No mention of Cooper Holt this time

* → Nom. of Wallace @ Dept. of Labor

Wallace to intro POTUS

Mottoes:

The VFW Mottoe

"Honor the dead by helping the living"

Wallace personal theme

"Meet the Challenge"

* May or may not have Lugar and John McCain

Tone - non-political

Focus - beyond the bio substantive how Dfense helped shaped the world - little of the vision stuff foreign policy shaped the world; and thus domestic poly => the "vision thing"

when Bahrain and taxing vet. their benefits

✓ integrity of Va head/care system

→ Bill line from DAV speech

✓ strong nat'l defense

✓ POW/MIAS - on this issue not gonna forget committed until all come home

[(Pearl Harbor) tone]

(Tom Needham - heading up POW/MIA) at conference

Mon a.m. 7 Aug. 92 @ 5 p.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Call placed by Bill

→ Members / Ladies Aux

→ 20,000 → 25,000 present

→ 10-15K at the speech (Hall size limits)

→ Baltimore, MD Conv. 90'

→ Mid-winter conf. 91'
Wash. after Desert Storm

→ 50% WWII
25 Korean War
25 Vietnam

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→ Metzger idea

→ mood / lay of the land

→ Make kid's life better

① economy

② knowledge

③ values

④

the dream we left behind

- man of missions -

- battleplan -

Robert E. Wallace
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1990-91
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

(201)

Robert (Bob) E. Wallace of Milton, New Jersey, was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the organization's 91st National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

After a successful career in banking, Bob served as deputy commissioner and administrator for veterans affairs in New Jersey. He was appointed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean, filling that position between 1988-90. He is currently on a leave of absence from banking, devoting all his time to the VFW.

Bob was the first Vietnam veteran, as well as the youngest veteran, to command the Department of New Jersey in 1980-81. Prior to that, he was the Commander of the Essex County Council and Post 1851. He has served on a wide variety of state and national VFW committees, including Legislative, Security, and Budget and Finance. Most recently he served on the National Council of Administration.

He served as a lance corporal with the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam from November 1967 to June 1968. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Hue. After spending five weeks in the hospital in Japan and recuperating on Okinawa, he returned to Vietnam. A third wound, incurred around Khe Sanh, resulted in the loss of hearing in his right ear and sent him home. Bob was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in June 1969.

Over the next 7½ years, Bob earned a bachelor of science degree in management from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University while working full-time.

He was appointed to the New Jersey Jobs for Veterans Task Force in 1972. In 1979, Bob was the recipient of the VFW's Young Veteran of the Year award from both the National organization and the Department of New Jersey.

In 1981, he was appointed chairman of the state Veterans Day committee and began serving his first term on the Veterans Service Council. Bob also received an appointment to the New Jersey Jobs Training Coordinating Council. These positions led to his appointment as New Jersey's first deputy commissioner of veterans affairs. During this time he remained active in the VFW, becoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1989.

He and his wife Diane have one daughter. He is a member of VFW Post 1851 in Newark, New Jersey.

-vfw-

9/90 (Rev.)

Potts plan to nom. Robert E Wallace head of VFW to be Asst. Sec. of labor for Vet. employ & train.

Wm. G. Smith dir. public affairs VFW 202-543-2239
Larry Rivers, Exec. Sec. VFW

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Δ A PEP RALLY SPEECH → RED, WHITE, BLUE
NO STRONG THEMES

DON'T THINK TAKEN CARE OF

I AM ONE OF YOU - TOGETHER - WE UNDERSTAND SACRIFICE,
SECURE LIBERTY @ HOME; A LITTLE DRIPPY - MIGHT NEVER
RETURN - BELIEVE IN EA. OTHER

REMINISCE - WHAT DID WAS RIGHT
home in Red, White, Blue, remind them 18 yr olds -
sacrifice was worth @ / secure
- themselves
- those who lost loved ones
- their children today

recent war stories
feel like haven't been listened to

- [no - snide remarks]
- no partisan lines
- no jabs @ Clinton

- 80 endorsed Carter — Reagan men forget that —

88 rcd their PAC endorsement

don't think they are endorsing either Poms or Clinton

(Very supportive in Gulf War) → letter to Poms & encouragement on Gulf War

→ Bob Wallace — nomination — great men; great leaders — want to hear your voice in Wash (your national commander) — Wallace is respected

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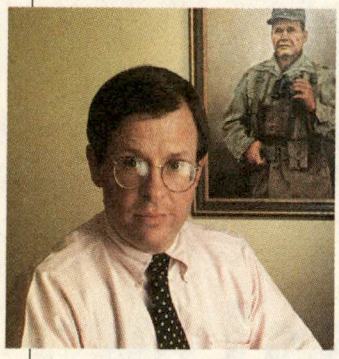

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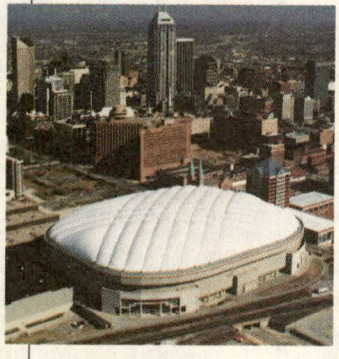

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War in the Boonies: The Vietnam War, 1965-1973 by Richard K. Kolb. Veterans of the nation's longest and most divisive war can hold their heads high. Their service and sacrifice, on par with that of any American war veteran, is finally being acknowledged by the public-at-large. **22**

Fighting the War for America's Children by Al Hemingway. Roy Benavidez, the last serviceman to receive the Medal of Honor from the Vietnam War, overcame all the odds in his battle to survive. Now he is spreading the message of self-confidence and perseverance to the nation's young. **28**

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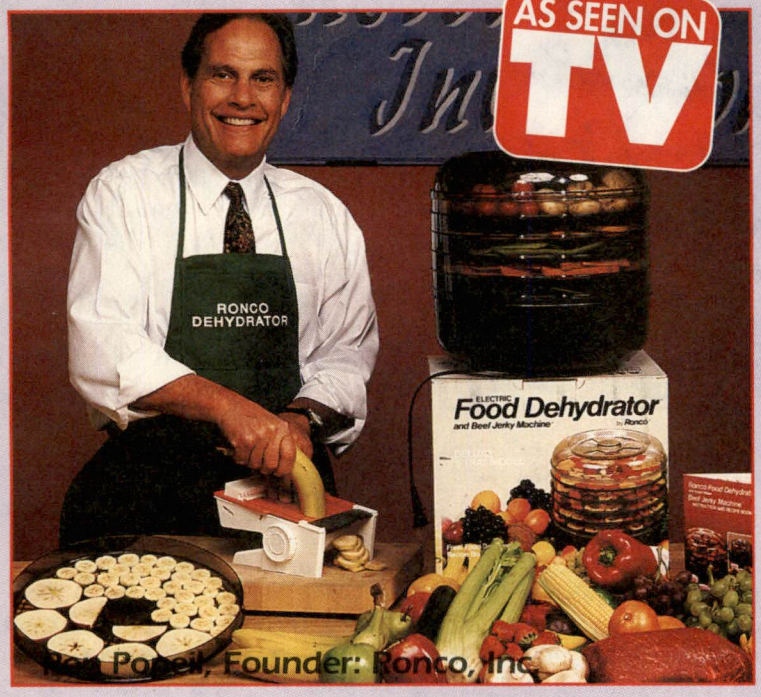

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VFW Scores Victory, But Fight Continues

by Robert E. Wallace
VFW Commander-in-Chief

Pat yourself on the back, Veterans of Foreign Wars. You won a resounding victory in the battle against the Rural Health Care Initiative (RHCI). And everyone from the President on down acknowledges it.

Vice President Dan Quayle, speaking at the Washington Conference, said, "Your views and concerns are listened to by the President." At the same gathering, Sen. Charles Robb (D-Va.) added, "You [the VFW] got results in the Senate, 91 to 3."

The VFW led the charge in the fight and deserves the credit for RHCI's defeat. Because tens of thousands of you wrote, because *VFW Magazine* carried the message, and because countless members mobilized their comrades and Ladies Auxiliaries, this nefarious threat to the VA health care system is dead. It's over, at least for now.

Battle Ahead

But this is no time to rest on our laurels. New threats are in the wings. More dangerous than even the RHCI is language buried in *H.R. 1300* — the "Universal Health Care Act of 1991." Section 4, "Termination of Other Programs," would eliminate CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services) and veterans benefits under Chapter 17 of Title 38, U.S. Code.

This bill, already co-sponsored by 67 representatives, is being closely monitored by the Washington Office. Each and everyone of those who have co-sponsored *H.R. 1300* must be specifically targeted for a letter-writing campaign.

Eligibility reform is another top priority. Access to VA facilities for all needy veterans is a "must." VFW remains relentless in pursuit of this goal.

The battle for an equitable VA budget is a never-ending quest. Under the proposed 1993 budget, there is virtually no money left for improvements. And hidden in it is an initiative to levy a means tested co-payment on service connected vets rated 40% or less for treatment of their non-service connected conditions.



Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Wallace recently met with President George Bush in the White House.

VFW's suggested budget — the Independent Budget submitted jointly with three other veterans groups — serves as a model. Urge your senators and representatives to implement its recommendations.

Other challenges will come in many forms and from various quarters. Some will be open, but others — unfortunately — will be hidden attempts to undermine hard-earned veterans entitlements.

Consequently, the VFW can never afford to let its guard down. As the number of veterans in the general population diminish, and fewer members of Congress are veterans, the support level for veterans causes will drop appreciably.

This means the VFW must mount a two-pronged campaign: one educational, and one political. A greater understanding of the sacrifices and services of the nation's war veterans will have to be imparted to the public, especially our youth.

Posts throughout the land can help educate them by taking programs into schools and colleges. Such an effort is essential to forming the foundations for a better understanding of the critical part played by veterans in the nation's defense, particularly in the last half century.

With that bedrock as a springboard, VFW members can launch a political drive to inform those in positions of community and electoral responsibility of the commitment this nation has long honored to its defenders. But reminding legislators of that commitment is not always easy — and most often it requires personal involvement.

That's where the VFW Action Corps comes into play. An on-call cadre of dedicated volunteers, positioned across the country in every congressional district, will be the key to the VFW's continued success. Politicians respond to pressure — pure and simple. And the Action Corps is the ideal instrument to apply that pressure.

We have seen that the time-tested tactics — letters, phone calls and telegrams — of grass-roots politics works. They work because of commitment on the part of members like yourselves who care enough to volunteer their time. This is known as "people power." So answer the call once again — join the VFW Action Corps and ensure the organization's victories in the future.

Remaining Committed

Our future as veterans is bright as long as we remain ever vigilant. America's political process — the best in the world — is nonetheless fraught with stumbling blocks. At every turn, there is some competing special interest vying for the taxpayer's dollar. Few are as entitled to that dollar as those who have laid their lives on the line for their country.

When political leaders forget their obligations, it is our duty to forcefully remind them. Certainly, the VFW has proven it can be done. When others wavered, we charged full speed ahead to do what was right.

But we also must remember — remember to thank those who have been there when needed. Take the time to write a note of thanks to your senators for defeating rural health care. After all, they will likely be our allies in the next battle. ✪

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Kudos for vet center story

■ I wish to convey, on behalf of the 820 employees of VA's Readjustment Counseling Service Vet Centers nationwide, our appreciation for the cover story in *VFW Magazine*. My appreciation also for the good work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Art S. Blank, Jr., M.D., Director, Readjustment Counseling Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Services & Research Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420

Java Sea remembered

Thank you for "Death of a Fleet in the Java Sea" (February issue). I served aboard the *USS Houston* prior to WWII and had often wondered what really happened to the Asiatic Fleet. Thanks again for an article well-done.

John T. Barron, 4129 Amoroso St., San Diego, Calif. 92111

Black Americans in America's wars

Thank you for all the VFW monthly magazines, but in particular February with the article on "Black Americans and the Nation's Defense." Congratulations for the equality and fairness shown in *VFW Magazine*.

Robert E. Ross, 124 Seaton Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06902

■ Recognizing the contributions of Americans to their country's defense is commendable, but should select groups be singled out for special attention?

In doing so, there is always the danger of some ethnic groups being left out. If special focus is going to be the case, then things need to be balanced out with a month for every group. Otherwise, let's remember we are all Americans first.

J. McDonough, RFD 2 P.O. Box 760, Apt. 106, Winterport, Maine 04496

■ ***Editor's Note:*** Two corrections are in order. Messman Dorie Miller served aboard the *USS West Virginia* at Pearl Harbor, *not* the *Arizona*. Also, the 447th Bomb Group was not an all-black unit. In fact, there were no blacks in that unit.

■ I would like to comment on the so-called Vet Centers reviewed in the February issue. It is an insult to other war vets when politicians single out one group of vets for special treatment.

Until such time that Congress sees fit to admit Korean War and WWII vets, the centers should be called what they are — "Vietnam era centers."

Charles R. Smith, Rt. 17, Box 1902, Winona, Minn. 55987

Santo Domingo service rates medal

■ In reference to "Packing Power in Santo Domingo" (February): Like many other vets I served my country and never asked for anything in return. I felt it was my patriotic duty to do so. Nobody ever thanked us, and a lot of people don't know what happened in the Dominican Republic in 1965. Thank you *VFW Magazine* for remembering.

John J. Kovach, 718 E. 11th St., Ashland, Wis. 54806

■ Veterans of the Dominican Republic rate their own campaign medal above and beyond the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. The death of any American serviceman on foreign soil is important and deserves full recognition. As a member of the 31st Infantry in China in 1931 I received the Yangtze Service Medal and never fired a shot in anger!

Walter E. Collinge, 729 Lincoln Rd., Apt. 15, Stoughton, Wis. 53589

■ Enjoyed the article on Santo Domingo, but you left out the 2nd Marine Air Wing which was stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. It supplied C-130s for the flights to San Isidro Airfield. Also, the Destroyer Force off the island was not mentioned in the article.

Fred Blackwood, 3435 Carmi Lane, Salisbury, N.C. 28144

■ "Packing Power" was educational and had a hard-hitting, emotional impact on me. Throughout my high school history classes I had never heard anything about this neglected operation.

As a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, I experienced parades and many thanks. Yet Dominican Republic vets didn't get a distinctive medal to demonstrate appreciation.

I'd like to congratulate the personnel who served in this forgotten campaign. Thank you *VFW Magazine* for letting me know about another American conflict that many politicians and others want to sweep under the rug. Keep up the good work.

Martin W. Boyle, 1875 Doherty Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80916

Importance of veteran vote

"A Primer on Politics," which appeared in the February Command Post, was interesting and informative. It raised some pertinent questions, too. Namely, what role does the Electoral College play in determining who will be President? I wish someone could explain this to me in simple terms.

Robert Davis, RR3, Box 936-A, Knox, Ind. 46534

Editor's Note: *Electoral College* is defined as "an assembly elected by the voters to perform the formal duty of electing the President and the vice president — the electors of each state, equal in numbers to its members in Congress, are expected to cast their votes for the candidate selected by the popular vote in their state."

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Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace Meets President in Oval Office

In a precedent-setting action, President George Bush invited Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace to the White House on March 9 to discuss veterans issues. Also present were the heads of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

In an effort to open the lines of communication between veterans groups and the Administration, the President listened to concerns about eligibility reform for VA care and funding deficiencies in the system.

Wallace said, "The President seemed very receptive to the proposals presented. The VFW is looking forward to working with the Administration and Congress in achieving these critical goals."



DAV National Commander Cleveland Jordan, VFW Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace and American Legion National Commander Dominic DiFrancesco met with President Bush at the Oval Office in early March to discuss critical veterans issues.

NOW HEAR THIS

Australia invites Vietnam vets back for an R & R

October 2-5, 1992, will be a big weekend for Australia's Vietnam vets. But also for their allies.

Not only will that nation dedicate a memorial to those who served in Vietnam, but a large-scale celebration is planned to boot. This includes a parade, dawn services, concert, barbecue and unit reunions.

Festivities include American vets, too. Chuck Kizis, an American vet who has lived in Australia for 20 years, says, "Australian veterans sincerely hope their former allies return for the commemoration and celebration, especially since the ties between our two countries are so strong."

Dedication of the memorial will take place on the Anzac Parade in Canberra, the beautiful capital of Australia. A visit to the Australian War Memorial alone is worth a trip to "Down Under." Best of all is the Aussies' hospitality, something anyone who took R&R there remembers well.

If the homecoming in October 1987 is any indication, this will be some event.

The parade that year drew 32,000 marchers, including 1,000 Americans. (Some 50,000 Australians served in Vietnam, 500 died there.) For more information, contact:

Chuck Kizis, U.S. Forces Liaison, P.O. Box 361, Revsby, NSW, Australia 2212.

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Events will be held at the Navy Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Navy Museum and Smithsonian Air & Space Museum.

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VFW at Midwest premier of Article 99

Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace presents Ray Liotta, star of *Article 99*, with the Commander's Gold Medal of Merit. The film, depicting a fictional situation in a VA hospital, was shot in the Kansas City area.

GOVERNMENT ISSUE
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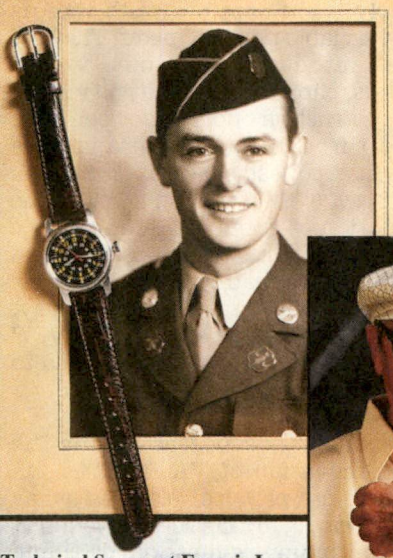

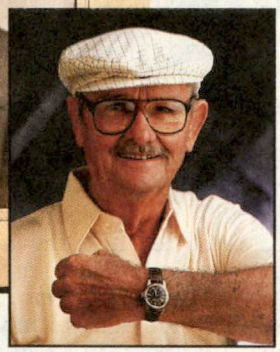

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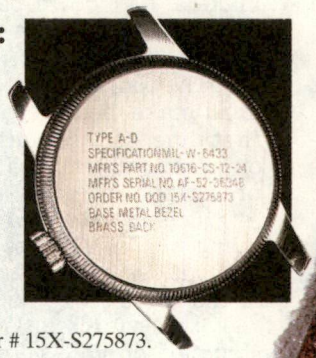



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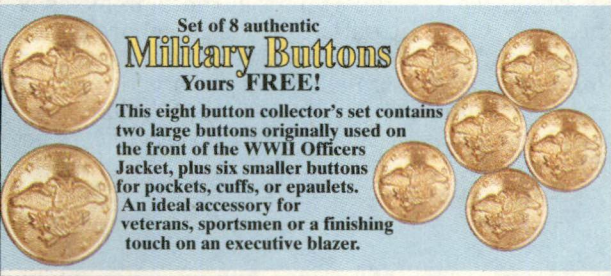

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LEGISLATION



President's FY '93 VA Budget Inadequate

The Administration's proposal to increase overall VA funding next year by about $700 million would be more than offset by inflation and dramatic increases in both costs and demand.

Additionally, this budget contains a number of proposals strongly opposed by the VFW such as requiring veterans to pay more for home loans and GI Bill education benefits.

This would restrict, and even prevent, many veterans from buying their own home or bettering themselves through the pursuit of educational goals.

The funding proposal is clearly the work of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) slashers. The $13.6 billion it would provide for veterans health care (about $1 billion more than in this fiscal year) would be completely consumed by inflation and uncontrollable spending increases.

It would not even allow VA hospitals to provide this year's already diminished level of services.

Ignored is the critical shortage in acute and long-term care resources necessary for VA to meet its obligation to the rapidly aging veteran population as they turn to the veterans health care system in increasing numbers.

VA funding — for programs, construction, maintenance and equipment — is falling far short of keeping pace with those needs.

VFW's view is that VA needs not only to be provided with sufficient funding to contend with current demand, but to also allow it to properly prepare for the future. If this is not done, we believe that VA — particularly the veterans health care system — may be overwhelmed in the not so distant future.

Here is the VFW's assessment of just some of the items and proposals contained in the President's FY '93 VA budget:

Medical Care

• The President's budget would provide about $14.6 billion for this most critical area. VFW's assessment is that $15.5 billion is required to allow VA to just continue operating at a current services level, and $16.4 billion is needed to enable VA to prepare for future health care demands.

Medical and Prosthetic Research

• This area directly affects the most deserving veterans — the severely service-connected disabled. Without VA research, which has been virtually ignored through the years by the private sector, veterans and non-veterans alike would have been relegated to the old and dehumanizing technology of wooden legs and 200 pound wheelchairs.

The President's request of $24.2 million falls over $6.1 billion short of what we feel to be the bare minimum funding level of about $30.3 million.

Construction — Major Projects

• Essential to the VA being able to carry out its mission, particularly in the area of health care, is the maintenance of a viable physical plant. The best doctors and nurses in the world are to no avail if there are no hospitals, clinics, and operating rooms.

The VA major construction budget has been critically underfunded through the years, and once again the President's request of about $382 million for FY '93 falls over $406 million short of the VFW's recommendation of about $789 million.

The majority of VA facilities were constructed in the 1950s and cannot be readily altered or renovated to accommodate modern medical technology. Further, they are deteriorating rapidly. The VFW is adamant that this trend must not be allowed to continue.

Construction — Minor Projects

• This provides the funds necessary for the maintenance and renovation of VA facilities. As would be expected from a physical plant as old as VA's, these costs are rising dramatically. Nonetheless, the President's funding request of $220 million falls about $102 million short of the VFW's recommendation of $322 million.

Additional Problem Areas

Health care is not the only VFW area of concern within the President's budget proposals. Some other problems include:

• Along with failing to request a long-overdue increase in the basic monthly GI education benefit — the current entitlement is worth 40% less than when it was enacted in 1985 — the Administration is now requesting a larger contribution from new participants. This is unfair, unwise and unwarranted.

• With a three-fourth percent increase in the current 1 1/4% fee, all veteran-borrowers must pay to secure a VA guaranteed loan. Veterans who use their home loan entitlement a second time would be assessed a 2.5% fee, and would be required to make a 10% down payment. This would prevent many veterans from using this important earned benefit.

• The budget expands the group of veterans who must make medical co-payments to include, for the first time, service-connected veterans rated at 40% or lower; and makes co-payments for outpatient prescriptions from VA permanent.

• It eliminates travel benefits for all veterans living within 50 miles of a VA health care facility, without regard to the required frequency or cost of the travel.

• It calls for a $45 million cut in funding for construction of state veterans nursing homes.

It is especially important that these problems be brought to the attention of the members of the Senate and House Budget and Appropriations Committees. Speak out. Remember, it is you who can make the difference in preserving VA and veterans health care. It is only you who can truly meet the challenge.

H.R. 1300 Would Abolish the VA Health Care System and CHAMPUS

Rep. Marty Russo of Illinois has introduced H.R. 1300, entitled the "Universal Health Care Act of 1991." This legislation, if enacted, will abolish the VA health care system and terminate the CHAMPUS program. The provision affecting VA is only five lines long and is located on the last two pages of the bill. This bill currently has approximately 67 co-sponsors.

VFW members are strongly urged to contact their representatives in Congress and make them aware that H.R. 1300 dismantles the VA medical care system.

They should be asked to actively support the removal of the provision that would eliminate VA health benefits and terminate CHAMPUS.

James N. Magill
Director of National Legislative Service

SERVICE



Upgrading Military Discharges — Special Boards Decide

For veterans who received punitive discharges — bad conduct and dishonorable — there is an avenue of appeal. Holders of the first type can appeal to Discharge Review Boards (DRBs); the latter must go before a Board for Correction of Military Records (BCMR).

Discharge Review Boards

DRBs review bad conduct discharges on the basis of clemency — essentially an act of leniency. Factors taken into consideration include: nature of the offense, length of time since discharge, record of subsequent community service and employment, general conduct, educational achievement, family relationships and character references.

Note of caution: A discharge must be appealed within 15 years of separation.

Other discharges — general "under honorable conditions," general "under less than honorable conditions" and undesirable — are also reviewed by DRBs. The factors listed above also apply in these cases.

BCMRs rely almost exclusively on written records to review dishonorable discharges for upgrading. Rarely are personal appearances granted. Keep in mind that convictions by court-martial cannot be overturned by BCMRs.

Means of Assistance

VFW Department service officers are the first stop in obtaining assistance in upgrading a discharge. But ultimately the case will be handled by the VFW's National Veterans Service Military Claims Section staff in Washington, D.C.

Most cases are reviewed in the nation's capital. However, some hearings are scheduled in major cities.

If upgrade attempts before DRBs and BCMRs fail, there is one last place of resort — a court of competent jurisdiction. But the VFW cannot provide any help in this area.

Contact the VFW's Military Claims Section if you have any questions.

Frederico Juarbe, Jr.
Director of National Veterans Service

SECURITY



Nuclear Threat Still Present

According to a study by Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, the nuclear threat is increasing rather than diminishing. But the source of the threat is entirely different.

Though the era of classical superpower confrontation is passing, a new danger is emerging from radical Third World regimes such as Libya and North Korea. North Korea is especially troublesome in this regard.

Based on Aspin's assessment, the U.S. should do the following:

- Directly reduce nuclear threats.
- Stem proliferation by enforcing treaties and working closely with the Russians.
- Guard against accidental unauthorized launches of missiles.
- Prevent "loose nukes" from leaving the former Soviet Union.
- Re-think U.S. defenses, including the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).
- Consider other protective measures like air defense, enhanced intelligence and new technology.
- Eliminate many nuclear weapons.
- Reconsider a comprehensive test ban.
- Halt the production of weapons-grade fissile material.
- Withdraw all air-delivered tactical nuclear weapons from Europe.
- Renounce nuclear first-use.
- Forge a link between international politics and non-proliferation.
- Consider using force to preempt a nation from developing nuclear capability. Prime example: Iraq. A consensus must be created in the world for such a drastic step, he believes.

Cold War notions of security will have to be abandoned, concludes Aspin. Only a combination of solutions from both the political right and left in the U.S. will suffice in this new era of deterrence, he says.

Kenneth A. Steadman
Director of National Security and Foreign Affairs

Bataan and Corregidor: Stalling the Japanese Juggernaut

Valiant warriors inspired the nation 50 years ago with their defiant stand in the Philippines.

Within hours of laying waste to Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese fury turned towards the Philippines. American and Filipino forces were already bracing for an invasion by waves of enemy forces converging on the region and could only hope reinforcements would arrive in time.

"We knew something was going to happen because contact with the Japanese fleet had been lost weeks before December 7," reported Cpl. Walter Straka, a tanker with the 194th Tank Battalion. Along with the 192nd, the 194th had been the first armor units sent overseas. They were the primary firepower of the Provisional Tank Force defending the Philippines.

Under the umbrella of the Philippine Defense Force, the two tank battalions joined the 71st Field Artillery, the 26th Cavalry Regt., and the 4th Marine Regt. Their Filipino counterparts came from the lst Philippine Division (regulars), and the 45th and 57th Philippine Scout Regts. All were united with the U.S. 31st Infantry Regt. to form the Philippine Division. Other units included the Far East Air Force and remnants of the Asiatic Fleet, still licking its wounds from the Battle of the Java Sea.



A Marine sergeant on Corregidor explains operation of a Lewis gun to Filipinos in March 1942. DoD photo

The "Beast" Attacks Within minutes of hearing Pearl had been attacked, Japanese bombers rumbled over the Philippines.

"We heard the roar coming, like the deep growl of many powerful beasts — snarling as one. The best of Nippon's pilots must have been in those planes," recalled Army Col. E.B. Miller, commander of the 194th Armor. "They dropped bombs on installations and grounded airplanes, lined up like ducks on a pond."

Those "ducks on a pond" were 35 B-17 bombers and 60 P-40 fighters at Clark and Iba Fields. The attack virtually wiped out all Allied air support.

After pounding the defenders with air and naval firepower, the 150,000-strong 14th Imperial Japanese Army planned to come ashore to eliminate any stragglers. But with three mountain ranges, the 20-by-25 mile Bataan Peninsula would be hard to conquer, at least not as rapidly as the Japanese high command wanted. Still, Lt. Gen. Massahura Homma, the task force commander, promised a quick victory. He would later regret it.

The defenders — affectionately known as the "battling bastards of Bataan" — were unable to cover the entire peninsula as enemy forces came ashore from two sides. Rather than dig in and face certain annihilation, the Allies pulled back in a bounding overwatch — one unit covering as the others retreated — to temporary safety on Bataan.

Homma's Critical Error Allowing the defenders to retreat and take up positions on Mount Rosa would prove costly to the Japanese both in time and lives lost.

From February through March 1942, the Japanese were so badly mauled that they pulled back to regroup and wait for much needed supplies and reinforcements. The Americans and Filipinos knew they were on their own, and could only dig in for a final stand.

For three months the two sides traded shots. Then, with 50,000 fresh troops designated for other actions in the Pacific, the Japanese launched a final attack April 3 on Bataan, punctuated by a barrage of artillery shells.

Within the week Bataan had fallen, and the survivors were force-marched 60 to 90 miles north to Camp O'Donnell.

Stand on the "Rock" Some of the Bataan defenders eluded capture and swam the channel over to Corregidor, an island two miles off Bataan's tip. There the fight continued, as Allied artillery counterpunched every enemy barrage. For 27 days American and Filipino forces held out on the "Rock," enduring constant bombardment.

Among the defenders were U.S. sailors without ships and Army aviators without planes, who picked up arms of fallen soldiers and Marines. Also on the "Rock" was a contingent of nurses and civilians.

Running short of food and potable water, fighting disease and dehydration, and making sure every round of ammo found an enemy target, Corregidor's defenders held out for as long as they could. They knew reinforcements would not rescue them, but felt their resistance would deter the Japanese from striking elsewhere.

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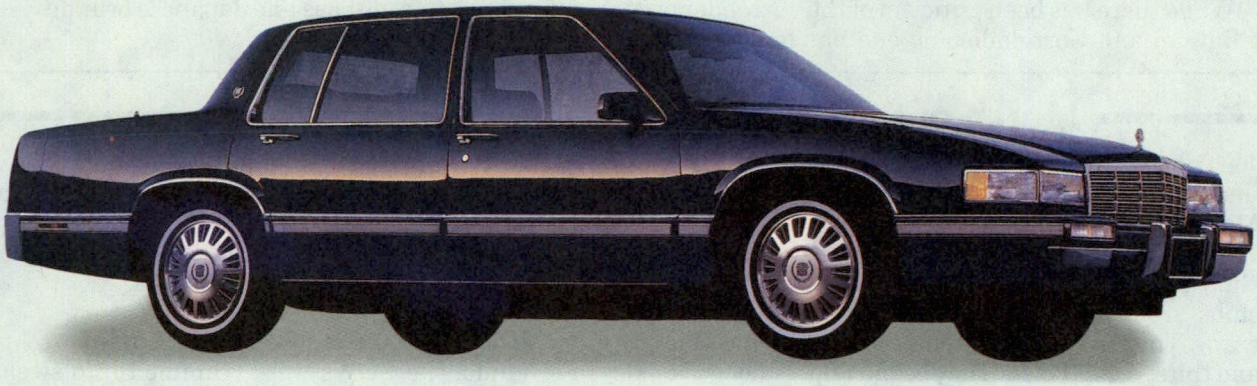

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Guinea and the Solomons — was so badly beaten after the Philippines that its survivors were sent home.)

An intricate system of tunnels and emplacements sheltered the defenders, but when intense artillery fire blanketed the "Rock" and a Japanese amphibious assault overran the Allied defenses on May 5, surrender was ordered and Corregidor fell under Japanese control. U.S. casualties totaled 2,000.

Many Americans and Filipinos defied the surrender order, though, and fled into surrounding jungles. They launched guerrilla attacks on enemy positions until U.S. forces returned to the Philippines in October 1944.

While there has been criticism of the surrender order at Bataan and Corregidor, no one has questioned the resolve of the defenders or the hardships they endured.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who had earlier fled, but vowed to return to the Philippines, recalled the valiant warriors of Bataan and Corregidor: "They died hard, those savage men. The vision of grim, gaunt and ghastly men, unafraid, cannot but evoke that tender, at the next instant, admiring, feeling in the hearts of people who value freedom."

Fifty years later, the sacrifices of the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor are still remembered "in the hearts of people who value freedom."

Of the 78,100 troops on the Bataan Peninsula, only 11,796, or 15%, were American. Some 9,300 GIs reached Camp O'Donnell. An estimated 650 GIs died on the actual "Death March." Moreover, in the first six or seven weeks at O'Donnell, more than 1,600 Americans died from starvation, disease and Japanese brutality. GLB ✪

March of Death

The "battling bastards of Bataan" were subjected to unspeakable horrors during the infamous "Death March" to Camp O'Donnell.

"Some men left the column when they saw water. Guards yelled and began to hit them with rifle butts or clubs," remembers Cornelius Gallegos, a Bataan veteran. "The sun and dust took their toll of the starving and thirst-crazed men. They began falling along the side of the road, as sadistic guards hit and kicked them back into the columns."

Then Pfc. Cletis Overton remembers passing several artesian wells near the roads. "They'd make us sit there looking and listening to those wells for an hour or two. Then they'd move us along without any water."



Some 650 Americans perished on the Bataan "Death March" in April 1942. National Archives

Those prisoners too weak to get back in line were clubbed, bayonetted or shot.

Two days into the trek, nearly 400 men from the 91st Division (Philippine Army) were bound together and slaughtered with samurai swords and bayonets.

Others were cut down for moving too slowly or asking for water. Japanese truck drivers would run down and crush stragglers who couldn't keep up. All were left along the trails.

"When we saw the trucks carrying infantry, we learned to get as far off the road as we could," recalls former Cpl. Bob Wolfersberger. "The Jap troops would carry bamboo sticks and they'd lean out and swat you as they went by. If they didn't have sticks, they had stones or knotted ropes. They'd just swing whatever they had and see if they could hit you."

When Boxcars Became Coffins At San Fernando, the POWs were crammed into sweltering boxcars. With no room to move, many died standing in place.

"Men fainted with no place to fall. Those with dysentery had no control of themselves," remembers then Cpl. Hubert Gater. "As the car swayed, the urine, the sweat and the vomit rolled back and forth."

At Capas they were unloaded and marched to Camp O'Donnell, a former Filipino compound.

"There we were fed a skimpy ration of rice twice a day. To get water you had to stand in line for hours," recalls Gallegos. "Because of filth and their run-down physical condition, the men were dying at the rate of 50 a day."

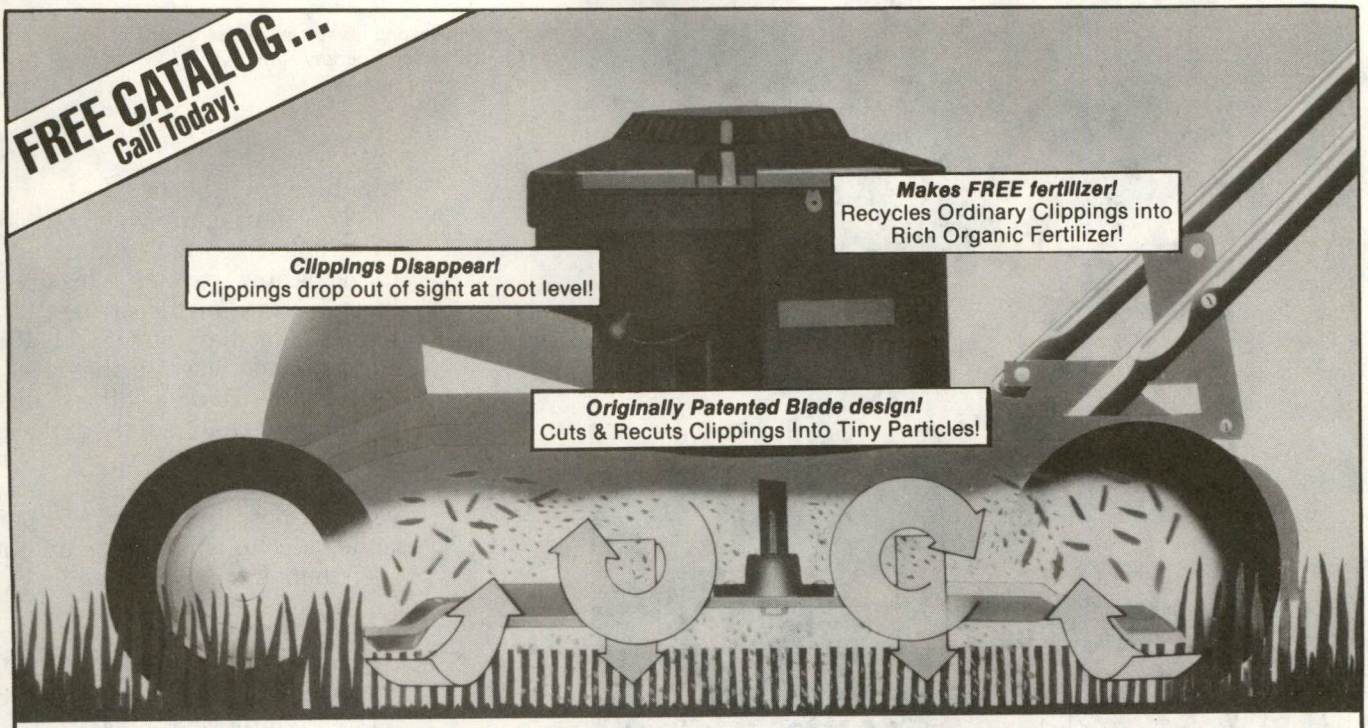
"I remember one Thanksgiving the guard gave me a strawberry with my rice and I thought that was a real treat," recalls Ed Ziarko, a retired Air Force master sergeant and Bataan survivor. "I almost didn't want to eat that strawberry cause I didn't know if I'd ever get another one."

Many believe that because the Japanese had lost face at Bataan and Corregidor they struck back at the defenseless prisoners.

It would be 3½ years before the prisoners were finally liberated.

"We weren't really liberated," recalls Ziarko. "We woke up one morning and all the guards were gone! The prisoners really went wild — took over everything in the camp until the American liberation forces finally showed up."

Less than half of those who had started on the Death March would still be alive four years later when their prison guards, and many of the Japanese commanders — including Gen. Homma — would be tried for war crimes and executed. GLB ✪



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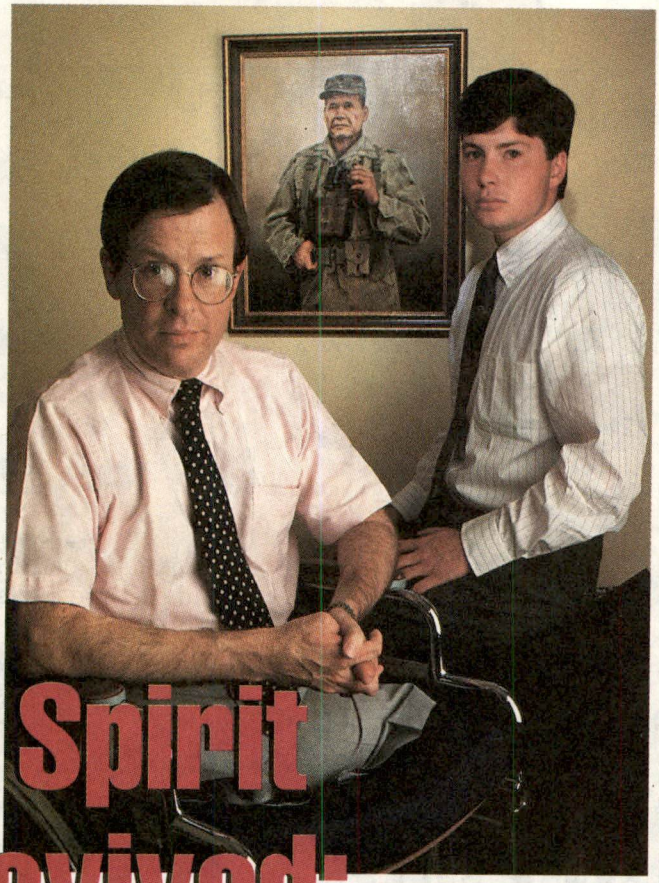


Lewis Puller, Jr. and his son in front of a portrait of "Chesty" Puller. Courtesy *Army Times*

A Spirit Revived: A Vietnam Vet's Triumph Over Adversity

by Paul Martin

Lewis Puller, Jr., author of the powerful* Fortunate Son *and son of the legendary "Chesty" Puller, is living testimony to human courage.

"Both my legs were traumatically amputated, one above the knee and one at the hip. I lost a thumb and little finger on my right hand, on my left hand I lost three and a half fingers, had numerous shrapnel wounds, massive wounds to my buttocks and torso, a dislocated right shoulder, my right arm was burned from the wrist to the elbow. I had a punctured eardrum, my scrotum was cut open, it goes on and on. I was picking shrapnel out of my body for six months after it was over."

That's how Lewis Puller, Jr. describes his war wounds.

It happened under a searing October sun in Vietnam in 1968. Marine Lt. Puller was leading his platoon on a routine patrol through an enemy-infested area of the countryside nicknamed "The Riviera," a string of rice paddies and wooded hills bordering the South China Sea, when he stepped on a booby-trapped howitzer round. It rocketed him high into the air.

"The lieutenant was conscious the whole time and talking but he didn't know that his legs were gone," Navy medic George Ellis wrote in his diary on Oct. 11, 1968. He described how Marines tried to keep Puller from bleeding to death by cupping their hands under his stumps.

Puller went on to endure two years of hospitalization, 15 operations, alcoholism and triumphed over them all.

Tradition of Service

As the son of Gen. Lewis ("Chesty") Puller, Lewis, Jr. grew up in a family whose tradition was serving one's country. He was 10 in 1955 when his father retired with the rank of lieutenant general after serving more than 37 years in the Marine Corps, including more than 26 years on foreign soil and in five wars. No one else, past or present, ever earned five Navy Crosses.

Permanently confined to a wheelchair, Lewis, Jr. resumed family life and graduated from law school in 1974. As national service director at the former Veterans Administration, he administered a nationwide service officers program.

He left that job in 1978 to make an unsuccessful run for Congress. When a doctor who treated him on the battlefield heard of his election bid, he wrote Puller this letter:

"Never had I seen more severe traumatic injuries in a patient who had lived, and I wondered at the time if I was doing the right thing by allowing you to live. Your survival had seemed to me a miracle of dubious value which severely tested the moral imperative of my Hippocratic Oath.

"Your running for the House of Representatives 10 years after our meeting in Vietnam reaffirmed the worth of my service there and is a source of great personal satisfaction to me."

Avoiding Self-Pity

Puller and Linda Ford "Toddy" Todd, then a fourth-grade teacher in

Woodridge, Va., had married in a chapel at Quantico two months before he left for war and five months before he was gravely wounded in Vietnam.

She saw her husband's mangled body at Andrews Air Force Base just three months after he left Virginia for Vietnam. His weight had dropped to 55 pounds. He was so weak he couldn't keep his head from falling onto his shoulder.

With one hip joint completely gone and only six inches left of the other leg, Puller could not adapt to prostheses, no matter how hard he tried. "I wanted to walk so badly," remembers Puller, who ultimately had to resign himself to a wheelchair.

Through it all, his wife allowed him no self-pity. "You don't know what kind of strength you have until you're taxed," she said.

Puller says "There's no way I could have recovered without the help of my wife. She would yank me up every time I would get down or want to crawl into a hole. She was pushing from behind and tugging from the front. She's never allowed me to feel sorry for myself and I think that's been essential."

Coping With Life

How does a man with handicaps that would crush most human beings pick up his life and accomplish far more than many others without these problems? It takes only a brief visit with Lewis Puller, Jr. to quickly sense the depth of courage and resilience running through him.

His spiritual vitality is communicated by his words, but perhaps more by what he is than by what he says. He lives with quiet strength and cheerful optimism.

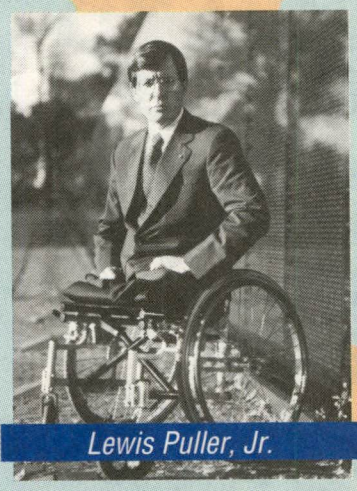
"I believe in a God that directs my life. I don't practice a formal religion. However, it's something that grows and stays with me and changes and gets stronger as I get older. It's not easy to explain. However, I don't go around trying to convert people."

He continued: "I had to get over the experience of the war, over the experience of losing my legs, over coming to grips with things, growing up and realizing what life was like and I had to get over the alcoholism.

"I've come to see that I represent an awful lot of people who have experienced adversity. In a way, the story I have to tell validates all I've been through."

Today, Puller is a senior attorney in the office of the general counsel at the Department of Defense. He and his wife and their two children, Lewis and Margaret, live in Alexandria, Va. Linda was recently elected to the Virginia General Assembly.

Puller's book is remarkably free of self-pity or resentment. Talking with him face to face, you realize he is equally free of those traits. He's likewise forthright about his alcoholism. He slid into alcoholism and sobered up in the fall of 1980.



Lewis Puller, Jr.

"We should be proud of how we handled ourselves in Vietnam. I certainly think the war was misguided, but for what we did over there — my God, it was magnificent."

"People want to say, 'You lost your legs and you became an alcoholic because you lost your legs'," said Puller. "That wasn't the case at all. I tried to show throughout the book that I had an early drinking history and I just stopped drinking when I got sick and tired of being sick and tired. People don't understand that. They want to say 'he became an alcoholic when he lost his legs' and that wasn't true."

Relaxed and open, Puller is a friendly host in his comfortable home. He laughs easily as he talks about the celebrity status he enjoys as a best-selling author.

There's even talk of a TV film to be made of his book. It's changed his life for the better and opened a number of doors. Puller smiles as he admits to a big enough ego that he kind of likes it all.

Pulling Through

What pulled him through his two years of hospitalization? "I've always had a lot of confidence in myself. I never thought I was going to die and always believed that things eventually would get better.

"I also had the love and support of a wonderful wife and family. We had one child six weeks after I got back and then another a year and a half later.

"I had a real core support group, a family when I got back. As well as a mother, father, twin sister, an older sister and my wife's family. That was extremely helpful just to keep the lid on things."

When Chesty Puller saw his son in the hospital he was heartbroken. Lew feels that his father probably kept much of his feelings from him. Many people he saw on his book tour said they had seen the elder Puller soon after his son's return and he was destroyed by the extent of the injuries.

"My father's reputation has always given me something to shoot for," said Puller. "The idea that I thought I could do as well as he did when I was 20 years old wasn't too bad because I naively thought that I could equal his record. I'm 46 now and I'm still getting introduced to people as Chesty Puller's son."

Question of Respect

Puller recalled the men in his unit: "For the most part they were 18, 19, 20 years old. They either had a high school education or were high school dropouts. They were tough, independent, all of them with much more experience than I had when I first got there. That changed pretty quickly.

"I would say they were mostly lower-middle class, not a significant number of ethnic minorities. It pretty well mirrored what was in society, probably 10 to 15% black or

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Hispanic. They were tough and courageous Marines."

He met people with just the opposite background in law school. Some students pitied him and thought he was a sucker for having gone. Others, who after they got to know him, treated him with real respect.

But there's a group he doesn't respect. "I certainly don't have much respect for the draft dodgers who ran to Canada," he said. "Yet I think I have probably mellowed a little bit in my anger toward everybody as I've gotten older.

"Early on I was enraged. That feeling does not extend to people who opposed the war conscientiously, who stayed here and were willing to go into court and say that they thought the war was wrong but were willing to stand up and take the consequences of what they believed.

"Rather it is with people who said, 'It's interfering with my life and I don't see why I should have to go.' That kind of thing really bothered me."

Spiritual Healing

"To a certain extent the Vietnam Veterans Memorial saved my life. I stopped drinking as it was being built. I timed my recovery to the building of the Vietnam Memorial. I connected with the building of it.

"I go down there at least twice a year on Veterans Day and Memorial Day and put a red rose at the base of the Memorial. It's tremendously uplifting for me. I go there when I'm troubled.

"There's a committee now that's putting together a celebration for the 10th anniversary of the building of the memorial and I'm involved in that. There will be significant celebrations all over the country in 1992.

"The catharsis value of the memorial is unbelievable. It's healing to go there and see it, it's a spiritual reaction."

In the Future

"I'd like to go back to Vietnam and travel along the trails I walked when I was a young man just to see the countryside where I spent such a significant part of my life. I would like to go back to the area along China Beach and even into the rice paddies I walked years ago.

"I'd like to return and see the area exactly where I was wounded. I never got into any of the big cities so in that sense I really didn't see much of Vietnam."

When asked if Vietnam vets should take pride in their service, Puller is emphatic: "Damn right. We should be proud of how we handled ourselves. I certainly think the war was misguided, but for what we did over there — my God, it was magnificent."

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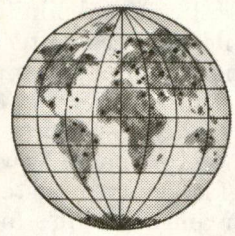

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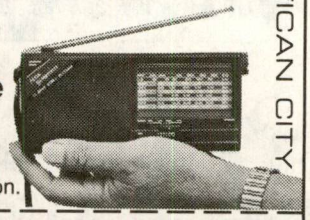

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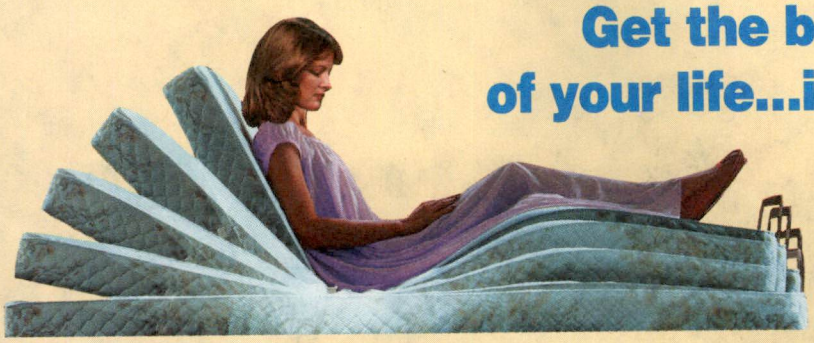



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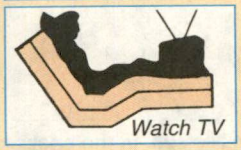

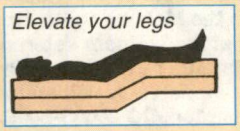

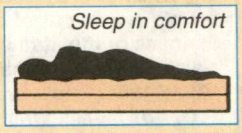

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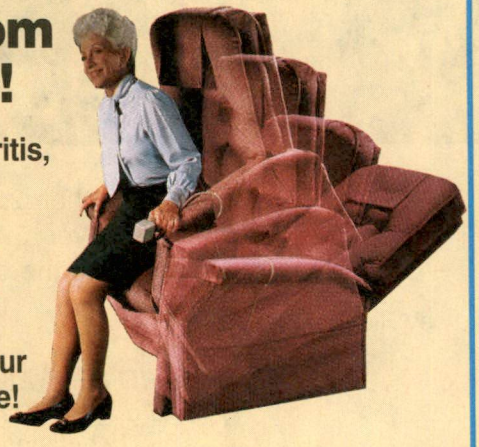

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War in the Boonies: Vietnam, 1965-1973

More than 2.6 million Americans served on the soil of Vietnam over an eight-year period. Their collective sacrifices, at the behest of the nation, are only now beginning to be understood and acknowledged.

by Richard K. Kolb

It will be a war between an elephant and a tiger. If the tiger ever stands still, the elephant will crush him with his mighty tusks. But the tiger will not stand still. He will leap upon the back of the elephant, tearing huge chunks from his side, and then he will leap back into the dark jungle. And slowly the elephant will bleed to death. That will be the war in Indochina.

Ho Chi Minh, North Vietnam's Leader

And so it was. For GIs on the ground, it all began inconspicuously at a place called Binh Thai, nine miles southwest of Da Nang. On April 22, 1965, a Marine patrol from the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion engaged the Viet Cong for the first time.

Forty-four days before, March 8, the first U.S. ground combat unit — 3rd Bn., 9th Marines, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade — had arrived in Vietnam. Members were confident, and even cocky. And why not? They were American fighting men from a country accustomed to winning.

Within four years, the number of GIs in Vietnam peaked at more than a half million. And they came in for high praise. "Having fought in three wars," said Gen. William Westmoreland, U.S. commander from 1964-68, "I am convinced the United States never fielded a more professional force."

Wrote a newspaper correspondent: "I have never been more impressed at any time in my life with the courage and judgment and understanding and dedication and integrity of young men than I have been in this war....They are as good as the Americans of Revolutionary days or any men in all the wars ever fought."

In the Boonies

After the fact, President Lyndon Johnson declared all of Vietnam a combat zone and authorized hostile fire pay in April 1965. The battleground was as diverse as Americans had ever fought over, encompassing three distinct regions in a country stretching the same length as the distance between Pittsburgh and Savannah.

At the southern tip was the Mekong Delta, characterized by rice paddies, nearly impenetrable mangrove swamps and remote forests. In the Central Highlands, mountain jungles and bamboo 15 to 20 feet high covered the steep slopes.

From the demilitarized zone (DMZ), which separated North from South Vietnam, south 750 miles ran the Truong Son (Annamese) Mountains where peaks rose to 8,000 feet. Terrain — dense rain forests, plunging rivers and tortuous ridges — proved brutal for the foot soldier.

Climatic conditions added to the misery. Furnace-like heat, drenching humidity and choking dust engulfed GIs in the summer. In winter, monsoons produced torrential downpours and flash floods. The men who survived in the bush dubbed their tropical stomping ground the "boonies," as had GIs who preceded them in other Asian wars.

Fielding an Expeditionary Army

To sustain the war in Vietnam, the U.S. ultimately sent 2.6 million men to the actual war zone. Despite notions to the contrary, the majority were enlistees in the regular armed forces. The Vietnam-era's highly inequitable draft supplied only 25% of the manpower. However, most of the Army's combat arms were filled by draftees after the war's first year.

As it turned out, only 9.7% of draft-age males actually served in Vietnam. Two-thirds of all men of the so-called "Vietnam generation" avoided active duty; 60% evaded any type of military service.

The burden of serving, and combat in particular, was not shared equally. In Vietnam the ratio of support to combat troops was 5:1. Perhaps 14% of GIs actually fought while another 15% provided close combat support. Others stationed at firebases were regularly exposed to enemy action, too. But at a peak strength, in April 1969, of 543,400 troops, only 80,000 were in the field attempting to engage the enemy.

Consequently, many men in the field resented the lack of shared risk. And a new term — REMF (Rear Echelon Mother F.....) — came into being. "Those REMFs don't even know what Vietnam is all about," said one grunt, echoing the feelings of many. Yet every trigger-puller fully understood the vital role played by those in the rear.

Array of Battle

Each of the armed services contributed a large number of units to the war effort. The largest, as usual, was the Army. It fielded seven full divisions — Americal (23rd), 1st Cavalry, 1st, 4th, 9th and 25th Infantry and the 101st Airborne. At times the Americal's 11th, 196th and 198th Infantry brigades fought separately.

Another five independent combat brigades — 1st Aviation, 1st of the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, 3rd of the 82nd Airborne Division, 173rd Airborne and the 199th Light Infantry — operated separately. So did the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and two squadrons of the 1st Cavalry Regiment. Also, Field Forces I and II each had two artillery groups along with combat advisers.

Supporting these combat units were the 525th Military Intelligence Group, 18th and 20th Engineer brigades, 1st Signal Brigade and the 18th Military Police Brigade. Service was provided by the 1st Logistical Command and the 44th Medical Brigade. Four transportation commands were among the numerous commands. Of course, all divisions also had attached supporting units.

Marines ashore fell under the umbrella command of the III Marine Amphibious Force (MAF). Both Marine divisions — 1st and 3rd — had four infantry regiments and an artillery regiment. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing contained six Marine Air Groups. Also, a Special Landing Force — a rotating reserve battalion with the 7th Fleet — was maintained for amphibious operations.

Naval Forces (Vietnam) operated several task forces — Coastal Surveillance, River Patrol, River Assault and Sealords. The shallow-draft boats constituted the famed "brown-water navy." Also land-based was the 3rd Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees).

Offshore, the "blue-water navy" consisted of the 7th Fleet's Carrier Striking Force on "Yankee Station," about 100 miles out in the Gulf of Tonkin. "Dixie" Station was in the South China Sea. In addition, there was the Naval Gunfire Support unit as well as the Amphibious, Mobile Logistic Support and Vietnam Patrol forces.

As part of the Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard supplied cutters of Squadrons One and Three which patrolled in-



Members of Co. D, 16th Armor, 173 Airborne Brigade, offload from a UH-1D helicopter in August 1966.
Photo by Sp/4 Robert Lafoon

shore and along the coast. Various shore duties were performed by several details and detachments.

Naval aviators braved, over North Vietnam, what according to some accounts was the most intense anti-aircraft fire in the history of air warfare. "There was no way to defeat barrage fire," observed Cmdr. John B. Nichols. "Pilots could dodge and jink to evade aimed fire, but in a



Fighting raged from the tip of the Mekong Delta to the DMZ, especially during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

dive through a sector filled with smoking, crackling flak there was no point."

Land-based air operations were carried out by the 7th Air Force (the 2nd Air Division until superseded in early 1966). Elements of the 13th Air Force based in Thailand and the 834th Air Division were under the 7th. Strategic Air Command (SAC) units on Guam, Okinawa and in Thailand conducted bombing missions. Military Airlift Command (MAC) transported cargo and passengers and evacuated casualties.

At its peak, the 7th AF controlled more than 700 fighter and strike aircraft. These included various wings — tactical fighter, air commando, reconnaissance, airlift, special operations and strategic. Other units such as the 3rd Aero Rescue & Recovery Group performed special functions.

All told, aerial combat downed 193 North Vietnamese aircraft. The U.S. lost 89 planes (61 were Navy), mostly in the war's early years.

Air power's role in Indochina cannot be overstated. "Not only in South Vietnam but also in Laos and Cambodia, American air power, and in particular the U.S. Air Force, prevented the Communists from achieving victory," wrote the editors of *The Vietnam Experience*. "This was as true in 1972 as it had been in 1968 and 1965. Only when that weapon was finally withdrawn did North Vietnam triumph."

In addition to regular units, each service organized special operations outfits. The Army had the 5th Special Forces Group (Green Berets) and Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRPs/Rangers /75th Infantry); Marines had the Force Recon; Navy had the SEALs (SeaAirLand); and the Air Force had its special operations wings.

Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), also fielded an elite, joint unit known as the Studies and Observation Group (SOG). Its 2,000 operatives came from the Green Berets, SEALs, Force Recon and 90th Special Operations Wing.

"Aggressive to the Point of Fanaticism"

All this tremendous armed might was arrayed against a force of about 500,000 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army (NVA) soldiers. For the first few years, the People's Liberation Army, or VC, carried the burden of fighting. But after the 1968 Tet Offensive, the NVA constituted 70% of Communist combat strength in the South.

Communist troops were motivated by a quasi-religious concept called *dau tranh* ("doctrine of struggle"). Anti-Americanism was an essential ingredient in the soldier's indoctrination. "Our comrades felt no pity," said one NVA. "They knew they had to kill as many Americans as possible."

"We had been told to slaughter as many imperialist soldiers as we could since, if the number of American dead mounted, the American people — who dislike this war — would overthrow their government."

On the same token, Hanoi was willing to tolerate casualty rates higher than even acceptable to the Japanese during WWII. North Vietnamese Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap said: "The life and death of a hundred, a thousand, tens of thousands of human beings, even our compatriots, means little."

As a result, the NVA and VC may have been the most determined enemy America ever faced. Communist tenacity in battle earned the admiration of many a GI. Marine Maj. Gen. Lewis W. Walt felt the NVA were "aggressive to the point of fanaticism. They fought bravely and they fought well, and very few surrendered."

Humping the Bush

Combating such a fanatical foe forced GIs to face the enemy on his own terms: that meant on the ground. All of America's modern weaponry aside, at its fundamental, the war in Vietnam was a war of ground pounders. And in the end, that's how its outcome was decided.

Vietnam was, indeed, a grunt's struggle. More than 80% of U.S. combat casualties were suffered by that branch. Nothing typified the war better than the age-old patrol. For the grunt —known as 11 Bravo or "Bush" in Army parlance — that's what the war was all about.

Cpl. John Clancy, a veteran of the 196th Infantry Brigade in I Corps in 1967, capsulized the life of a typical grunt best: "Most patrols were boring. Some led to fights, about three in 10, but they were small ones. Really large fights happened less than 10% of the time. We were always confused, always mixed up, always asking 'Where are we going? What are we doing now?'"

These "walks in the sun," with men laden with up to 70 lbs. of gear, produced acute physical strain, especially when hacking through thick, tangled undergrowth. Elephant grass slashed flesh, heat sapped energy and sun created a never-ending thirst. Then there was jungle rot, cuts, bites and sores, complements of insects and parasites.

Leeches were among the worst. Land species averaged one inch, but green and brown water leeches reached almost a foot, and when engorged with a grunt's blood looked like a bloated cigar.

John Yeager, a sergeant with Co. C, 2nd Bn., 502nd Inf., 101st Airborne Div. in 1966-67, aptly described the feeling

of bloodsuckers. "When they are on you, you can't feel them bite, and you're often so sweaty in the jungle that you can reach inside your shirt and rub your hand across them and never feel them. They're as slimy as you are sweaty."

Exposure to the elements, and filth, were a way of life for "boonie rats." Wet most of the time and chilled to the bone in monsoons, they were left vulnerable to a host of unhealthy conditions. Immersion foot, for example, ate away at the soles of the feet.

Chow time was hardly a cause for celebration, even when hungry. "Charlie rats," better known as C-rations, were gastronomical disasters best known for causing diarrhea. Men in the field sometimes cut holes in their fatigues to allow quick exit. (Rash-producing underwear was rarely worn in the field.)

A smell pervaded the bush. Unwashed bodies, stagnant pools of water, rotting vegetation and the stench of death after a battle produced a nauseating odor.

Home for many grunts and gunners, especially in the war's latter stages, was the Fire Support Base (FSB). It consisted of a battery of six 105mm howitzers atop a tactical feature. Field artillery provided harassing and interdiction fire, reconnaissance by fire and direct support missions for grunts.

Life was bleak, to say the least, on these hills: isolation and loneliness, dust and mud, heat and humidity were routine. There was the monotony of outgoing shells and fear of incoming mortars and rockets. And firebases were dangerously exposed to sapper attacks and full-scale assaults.

Firebase Ripcord, under siege by the 6th NVA Regiment for three weeks in July 1970, was finally abandoned. Its defense cost the 2nd Bn., 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne, 61 KIA and 345 WIA.

In late March 1971, FSB Mary Ann lost 30 KIA and 82 WIA in a sapper attack. (This was the greatest single U.S. combat loss in four years.) Less than two months later, a direct rocket hit on a bunker at FSB Charlie 2 killed 29 Americans and wounded 50 of the 1st Bde., 5th Mechanized Infantry Division.

Adapting to a Unique Combat Situation

Since Vietnam was, simply put, a war of attrition, the enemy body count was paramount. Certainly not unique



U.S. Navy river patrol boat searches a sampan in 1969. The "brown water navy" played an indispensable role in the Mekong Delta. U.S. Navy photo



Marine wounded from the Battle of Hue in February 1968. This classic Vietnam War photo was shot by Sp/4 John Olson.

to this war (it was common in the static stage of the Korean War), it became all-consuming as the only measure of success.

The 9th Infantry Division, for instance, awarded a *Sat Cong* ("Kill Viet Cong") badge to each soldier who proved a VC kill. The problem was that counting bodies was a highly imprecise method of gauging progress. Most casualty figures were estimated, not confirmed. And exaggeration was common practice.

Battlefield tactics were clearly dictated by terrain and politics. Ground tasks were confined to search and destroy missions, clear and secure operations and security. Declaring the enemy home base off limits prevented anything further.

During the first four years of the war, large-scale offensive operations swept the South. Operation Starlite in August 1965 was the first. The biggest included Attleboro (1966), Junction City (1967) and joint ones — such as Resolve To Win and Complete Victory — with the South Vietnamese in 1968.

Junction City boasted the war's only U.S. combat jump. The 173rd Airborne Brigade's 2nd Bn. of the 503rd Infantry (845 men) along with Battery A, 3rd Bn., 319th Artillery, jumped at Katum on Feb. 22, 1967. Only 11 minor jump injuries were sustained.

Classic set piece battles were fought, too. The Battle of the Ia Drang Valley in 1965, lasting 35 days, was, according to Westmoreland, "as fierce as any ever experienced by American troops." The elite 1st Cavalry Division decisively defeated the NVA in this first encounter.

But what made Ia Drang even more important was that it proved the viability of airmobility in war. This was the greatest tactical innovation of the Vietnam War. Air assault, aerial reconnaissance and scouting and helicopter medical evacuation drastically altered modern warfare.

Another environmental adaptation was the concept of riverine warfare. To cope with the watery world of the Mekong Delta, a joint Army-Navy task force known as the Mobile Riverine Force was activated in mid-1967. It combined the 5,000 men of the 9th Division's specially

trained 2nd Brigade with the Navy's Riverine Assault Force (TF 117).

Bloody battles continued during 1967 and 1968 and on into 1969. At Dak To in the Central Highlands, the 173rd Airborne Brigade fought over Hill 875 for five days in November 1967. One defender remembered, "You didn't know where to go, you didn't know where to hide. You slept with corpses. I slept under Joe. He was dead, but he kept me warm."

Tet 1968 saw 80,000 Communist troops take the offensive against 105 cities and towns throughout South Vietnam. A total of 81,000 lives were lost, including 3,895 Americans killed in action and 14,300 civilians. But the VC were finished as an effective fighting force. As one former VC later admitted, "At Tet you Americans killed most of our best people." The Communists lost over 58,000.

Hue, the ancient imperial capital, witnessed 26 days of house-to-house fighting in February 1968. The 1st Marine Division exacted a terrible toll on the enemy, but the Communists butchered 5,000 civilians after occupying the city.

Meanwhile, Khe Sanh, held by 6,000 Marines, was besieged by four NVA divisions for 77 days until relieved through Operation Pegasus in early April.



B-52s on bombing raid over Cambodia in March 1969. Bombing missions were flown from Thailand and as far away as Guam. U.S. Air Force photo

Intense combat occurred long after the Tet Offensive. In what was perhaps the last battle in which the body count determined victory, several battalions of the 101st Airborne Division killed 630 NVA on a hilltop called "Hamburger Hill." The four-assault operation between May 10-20, 1969, created a furor stateside.

Nevertheless, Col. Joseph B. Conmy expressed admiration for his men: "No matter how tough the job is, the American soldier gets the job done. He might hate the hell out of it, but he never quits. On Hamburger Hill, they might have grumbled, but my God, they were there when the chips were down! They eventually went up that hill and took it!" For taking Hill 937 (Dong Ap Bia), the 101st's 3rd Brigade was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Vietnamization: Disengagement

America's part in South Vietnam's ground war reached a turning point in July 1969, when President Richard Nixon withdrew the first combat unit. From this day forth GIs were simply buying time for Saigon's troops to take over their war.

Under the new strategy of a "protective shield of containment," U.S. infantry companies and platoons often went into the field at half strength or less. Changed enemy tactics — that is, relying less on actual contact — made the war even more frustrating.

"A man cannot release any adrenalin against a mine or booby trap," said one officer. "We train him to be a skilled, aggressive infantryman, and then his skills never get to be used. But he still bears the fears and stresses of combat. It can be very debilitating."

As the second decade of the war dawned, the GI was being asked to sacrifice in a cause his own country had forsaken. Yet the vast majority persevered. "The front-line soldiers of the 1970 Army in Vietnam were still tough, young and lean," wrote military historian Shelby Stanton. "Line units were composed of men in excellent fighting trim, who exhibited great courage, resourcefulness and dedication."

In an effort to fortify the South Vietnamese, two major incursions were launched to destroy NVA sanctuaries in Laos and Cambodia in the early '70s. As one GI said, "It was going to make the war that much shorter."

During the first, in Cambodia, U.S. strength peaked at 30,000 in May 1970. The invasion was highly successful in that it netted the biggest arms cache ever captured in the war.

The South Vietnamese move into Laos in 1971, however, was far less successful. During Operation Lam Son 719, American helicopter pilots experienced the most intense fire of the war: 108 helicopters were lost and 618 damaged. But disengagement proceeded apace.

Operation Jefferson Glenn, undertaken by the 101st Airborne Division and concluded Oct. 8, 1971, ended U.S. participation in major ground operations. On Nov. 12, Nixon declared Vietnamization a success and confined American grunts to strictly defensive roles such as patrolling "rocket belts" near cities.

America's ground war stopped near Da Nang, where it all began, on Aug. 11, 1972, when the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, stood down after making the last U.S. patrol three days before.

Four months later a final U.S. bombing campaign over Hanoi persuaded the Communists to sign the Paris Peace Accords on Jan. 27, 1973. By March 29, the last GIs had departed Vietnam.

Paying a Premium Price

America paid a heavy price for its crusade in Vietnam. The deadliest year, because of the Tet Offensive, was 1968 when 14,314 American lives were lost. An all-time weekly high of 543 KIA and 2,547 WIA occurred Feb. 10-17 of that year. The worst single day was Jan. 31, 1968, when 246 GIs died throughout Vietnam.

Nearly 90% of U.S. casualties resulted from company-sized engagements. Combat deaths were caused by small arms (51%), fragments (36%) and mines/booby traps (11%). When it came to wounds, though, fragments were the cause in 65% of the cases in the Army.

But only 19% of hits resulted in death versus 29.3% in WWII. And only 2.6% of those admitted to hospitals died. The lives saved were attributable to 10,000 Army



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Campaign*	Inclusive Dates
Advisory	March 15, 1962 — March 7, 1965
Defense	March 8, 1965 — Dec. 24, 1965
Counteroffensive	Dec. 25, 1965 — June 30, 1966
Counteroffensive, Phase II	July 1, 1966 — May 31, 1967
Counteroffensive, Phase III	June 1, 1967 — Jan. 29, 1968
Tet Counteroffensive	Jan. 30, 1968 — April 1, 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase IV	April 2, 1968 — June 30, 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase V	July 1, 1968 — Nov. 1, 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase VI	Nov. 2, 1968 — Feb. 22, 1969
Tet 69 Counteroffensive	Feb. 23, 1969 — June 8, 1969
Summer-Fall 1969	June 9, 1969 — Oct. 31, 1969
Winter-Spring 1970	Nov. 1, 1969 — April 30, 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive	May 1, 1970 — June 30, 1970
Counteroffensive, Phase VII	July 1, 1970 — June 30, 1971
Consolidation I	July 1, 1971 — Nov. 30, 1971
Consolidation II	Dec. 1, 1971 — March 29, 1972
Cease-Fire	March 30, 1972 — Jan. 28, 1973

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medics as well as Navy corpsmen in the field, courageous "Dust Off" helicopter crews and a dedicated medical corps at in-country facilities.

Ironically, skilled life-saving created one problem: 20% of Vietnam wounded suffered multiple wounds. (In WWII, the rate was 2% and 3% in Korea.) Some 23,214 Vietnam vets returned 100% disabled as a consequence.

Another category of casualty was the prisoner of war. Virtually all were tortured and 114 died while in captivity. Some 650 POWs made it home. At war's end, 2,453 Americans remained unaccounted for.

Ultimately, the South Vietnamese paid the highest price — loss of their country. In the spring of 1973, Saigon controlled 80% of the territory and 90% of the population. "In the final analysis," John Kennedy had said a decade before, "it is their war. They are the ones who have to win or lose it." And so it was, two years later.

But to many veterans, the war was not lost, at least not by GIs. Wrote veteran Robert S. Miller: "I know it bothers a lot of vets when they hear about 'our defeat in Vietnam.' I don't even remember the surrender! We won our battles, nearly all of them, and certainly all the major ones."

Said another veteran: "We won the war, that's what kills us. We fought the North Vietnamese to a standstill and bolstered the South Vietnamese army and government. But we can't persuade anybody of that."

Back in the World

The one-year tour, while not unique to Vietnam (it was used in Korea, 1951-53), guaranteed a serviceman would be back home — one way or another — within 365 days (13 months for Marines). DEROS (Date of Expected Return from Overseas) gave way to "short timer's fever."

"We had a saying in Vietnam," said Medic Scott Gauthier. "As soon as you set foot on Vietnamese soil, you're dead. Mark yourself as dead. And from that point on, all you are doing is fighting for the right to go home again, to live again. That was the incentive we had."

Once aboard the "freedom bird" the trip to "the world" (States) was rapid. The brief ride home allowed no time to sort out the searing experiences of war. Compounding this were oftentimes hostile receptions that greeted GIs.

"None of us will ever forget those incidents," wrote vet B.T. Collins in *Reader's Digest*, "even though we knew they were perpetrated by a relative handful who seemed to delight in reviling their country. What hurt more was the embarrassed silence of the majority, who stood by and let it happen, who turned away without acknowledging the sacrifices we made in a long and terrible war."

Yet when surveyed by the Harris Poll seven years after the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, a full 90% of Vietnam vets said they were proud to have served their country. In April 1990, a Gallup Poll revealed that 87% of the American people held Vietnam vets in high esteem.

Way back in August 1969, on the pages of *VFW Magazine*, Lt. Gen. Frank T. Mildren foresaw this turn of events when he wrote: "The leaders of tomorrow's America will be found in the ranks of the loyal and determined fighting men who return from Vietnam."

His foresight proved highly accurate.

***Next Month**: Tragedy in Lebanon*

Vietnam War Casualties

1964-1973

Military Service	Peak Troop Strength	Combat Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounded in Action**
Army	359,800	30,904	7,274	96,802
Navy*	36,500	1,631	925	4,237
Marines	81,400	13,082	1,754	51,392
Air Force	58,400	1,739	842	931
Total	**536,100**	**47,356**	**10,795**	**153,362**

** Coast Guard included under Navy. Coast Guardsmen peaked at 400 in Vietnam. Five were killed in action and two died from non-hostile causes; 59 were WIA.*

*** Wounds not mortal **exclude** 150,375 GIs not requiring hospital care.*

Those who died as a result of wounds long after the war and in accidents going to and from the war zone (determined later) have been added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, bringing the total to 58,183.



Roy surrounded by his favorite audience. MSgt. Benavidez autographing his book, *The Last Medal of Honor,* and joking with high school students at Diboll, Texas.

Fighting the War for America's Children

by Al Hemingway

Roy Benavidez, the last Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War, is a life member of Post 1081 in Wooster, Ohio and resides in El Campo, Texas. Here's his story: an inspiration to all that the "odds" can be overcome and that individuals can make a difference in the lives of others.

Roy Benavidez is a fighter. Growing up in the Southwest amid poverty taught him to survive at an early age. After his parents died, he lived with his aunt and uncle. He worked a variety of menial jobs: Everything from picking cotton to shining shoes.

Enlisting in the old "brown shoe Army" in 1955, Benavidez qualified for airborne training. Later, when President John F. Kennedy organized the Special Forces branch of the U.S. Army, he attended its school at Fort Bragg, N.C. Upon graduation, he was awarded the coveted Green Beret.

Then, in 1965, he was ordered to Vietnam. After five months in country, he stepped on a land mine. The doctors at Fort Sam Houston told him he would never walk again. However, they didn't know Roy Benavidez.

Overcoming the Pain

Every night the stubborn Green Beret would crawl from his hospital bed and, bracing himself against a wall, he would stand. The pain was unbearable. Tears filled his eyes and streamed down his cheeks as he mustered all the strength in his body just to move his toes. The patients would laugh and make bets with each other to see how long it would take before he fell — it was many times.

Ignoring the intense pain, the negative prognosis given to him by the doctors, and the jeers from his fellow patients, he kept getting up. Nine months later he walked out of the hospital, made three parachute jumps in one day, and was sent back to Vietnam for a second tour.

On May 2, 1968, a Special Forces reconnaissance team was compromised in Cambodia while on a top secret mission. Then SSgt. Benavidez, armed only with a medical bag and a Bowie knife, jumped in a helicopter that was enroute to the team's position.

The team leader, a black NCO named Leroy Wright, had saved Benavidez's life just weeks earlier. In addition, there was top secret information dealing with North Vietnamese Army (NVA) troop dispositions in his possession. If this data fell into enemy hands, the lives of thousands of U.S. troops could be placed in jeopardy.

Upon reaching the area, Benavidez leaped from the chopper, not realizing they were surrounded by 350 enemy soldiers. For six long hours, the Green Berets and their Montagnard companions repulsed savage attacks by the NVA.

When it was over, he had been wounded an incredible 28 times. He was shot on six different occasions, received multiple bayonet slashes to his arms, had his jaw broken when he was clubbed by an NVA soldier wielding an AK-47 rifle, and sustained numerous shrapnel wounds.

Despite all of this, Benavidez took charge when Wright was killed. He radioed in air strikes to keep the enemy at bay, administered first aid to his wounded comrades, and loaded 17 bodies on the medevac helicopter before collapsing from loss of blood. Given up for dead, he was nearly placed in a body bag when he was inadvertently mistaken for an NVA soldier. He miraculously survived his ordeal.

On Feb. 24, 1981, Benavidez was presented the Medal of Honor

(MoH) by President Ronald Reagan. He was the last MoH recipient of the Vietnam War.

This son of a sharecropper was a national hero. However, the Green Beret was about to enter another war. A war against drugs and discrimination.

Making a Difference

Visiting the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., he met someone who was to have a profound impact on his life — Sister Maria Veronica — keeper of the records at the Medal of Honor Grove.

"You should make yourself available sergeant," she told him. "Especially to the kids. You're a role model to them. And God knows they need one in today's world. You, Sergeant Benavidez, you can make a difference."

Returning to his home in El Campo, Texas, Benavidez thought about the nun's statement. He was tormented. He would go to church three or four times a day and pray. "Why did I survive," he would ask, "while others died?"

After much contemplation, he decided to heed the advice of Sister Veronica and reach out to the people in his community, especially the youngsters. Soon, he was traveling across the state of Texas in his 1981 El Camino, clocking over 200,000 miles, talking to church groups, VFW Posts, and schools. His message was simple and straightforward to children and their parents: keep away from drugs and remain in school.

"These kids, our future leaders, are being destroyed by these drug dealing yahoos," Benavidez says emphatically. "I tell them to stay in school and get an education. And that faith, determination, and a positive attitude can carry them a long way.

"I tell them my story. Look at me. I dropped out of school. In those days, Hispanics were discriminated against. I was looked down upon because of my brown skin. I had to sit in the back of the class because I was barefoot. But I came back.

"I got that education and received my diploma and eventually attended college. I discuss my combat experiences in Vietnam. By all rights, I should be dead. Never quit. If I did, I wouldn't be here today."

Benavidez's popularity spread. His speaking engagements rapidly multiplied and he began crisscrossing the country to deliver his message. He has received thousands of letters from thankful parents whose children have returned to school after listening to him lecture.

The soft-spoken ex-Green Beret does not consider himself a professional speaker. However, after a few minutes at the dais, most people would disagree with him.

During a recent speaking tour in Lewisburg, W.Va., he mesmerized the audience at Alderson Junior High School. In a hushed voice, the Texan related the tale of Leroy Wright, the man who saved his life.



Roy Benavidez

"This is a war. What's at stake here are the lives and welfare of our children — America's future leaders. To make it, they have to stay away from drugs and alcohol. They've got to remain in school. It's that simple."

"We were extracted under heavy enemy fire on a McGuire rig, a horseshoe-shaped webbed harness suspended on a winch from the chopper," he explained to the children. "Leroy lowered himself to separate the nylon ropes that were twisting together, causing them to burn. If he didn't, we would have fallen 400 feet to our deaths. Now that's dedication. That's love of fellow man."

Fred Holland, principal of the junior high, was visibly moved by the speech. "I could not believe," he said, "how quiet those kids were. His being here has definitely been a motivating factor for them."

Born in Cuero, Texas, of Mexican-Yaqui heritage, Benavidez emphasizes the role Hispanics have played in the military. "We are very proud people," he declares. "Throughout this country's history we have served with honor and distinction. I want to spread the word about us. I want people to know."

Serving the Community

In recognition of his outstanding services to the community, Benavidez has had many awards and accolades bestowed upon him. A Texas National Guard Armory at El Campo was named in his honor. As was the Roy P. Benavidez Airborne Museum located on the battleship *Texas* anchored near Houston.

He was given an ROTC Honor Saber from Southwest Texas State University; he is the only enlisted man to be presented an Honor Saber and receive a march in review at West Point.

Enrolled as a life member in the Chaplain Kieffer VFW Post 1081 in Wooster, Ohio, he is a frequent speaker at VFW district and state conventions. He was also a national aide-de-camp (Medal of Honor Class) to the VFW's commander-in-chief. Additionally, he is called upon to speak at schools and other organizations supported by different VFW Posts across the country.

Benavidez attended a dozen rallies to address returning servicemen from the Middle East after the Persian Gulf War in 1991. For donating 4,000 copies of his autobiography to the troops, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of the Army.

Paying the Price

But there is a price to pay for the constant traveling and lecturing. The debilitating wounds Benavidez suffered in Vietnam are beginning to catch up. That is why he makes a determined effort to visit as many wounded and disabled veterans as he can. He knows that their sacri-

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fices must never be forgotten.

"Some days it's hard to get out of bed in the morning," he confesses. "I have to walk three or four miles a day or I'll stiffen up. Getting a job is out of the question. I'm 100 percent disabled.

"I had four operations on my arm alone, where I was bayoneted. Most of the tendons are gone. I can't lift heavy objects. I still have two pounds of shrapnel in my body — with two pieces imbedded in my heart. And half of one lung is gone. There is scar tissue all over my body."

In spite of his suffering, he keeps pushing himself.

"This is a war," he says as his eyes grow wide with anger. "What's at stake here are the lives and welfare of our children — America's future leaders. To make it, they have to stay away from drugs and alcohol. They've got to remain in school. It's that simple."

Everywhere he goes, Benavidez has an effect on people. His warm smile and sincere attitude win him many friends. Speaking at various functions, many of which are sponsored by VFW Posts, he reminds everybody that patriotism is the cornerstone of America. It is the creed by which he lives: duty, honor and country.

But it is the children who are the main focus of his anti-drug campaign.

"You know, if I can help one kid, just one, then it's all been worthwhile," the Texan admits. "And as long as I think I'm making a difference, I'll continue to do it. It's almost like a dream."

It's no dream. Roy Perez Benavidez — the last recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Vietnam War — is still fighting. And he's making a difference.

Al Hemingway is a free-lance writer, Marine veteran of Vietnam and contributing editor to *Vietnam Magazine*.

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Veterans Preference Can Help Land a New Job



by Robert D. Ramsey

Today's recession and faltering economy have hit veterans like everyone else — sometimes harder. As bad times have expanded to virtually every corner of the workplace, thousands of veterans (even those with specialized skills in manufacturing, computer science and other fields) have been laid off and are now struggling to find new jobs.

And a whole new wave of veterans, in the largest demobilization since WWII, will be hitting the streets in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War and the Cold War.

If you are one of those who have been forced into unemployment, you may have a job-hunting advantage you don't know about. The Veterans Preference Act of 1944, as amended, can give any veteran a "leg-up" in the fierce competition for new jobs.

Unfortunately, many eligible veterans aren't familiar with the law or don't know how to make it work to their advantage.

Over the next four years, nearly a half million veterans will be faced with a job-hunt. Thousands are already in that position. Veterans Preference is a little-used means to finding that job.

What Is Veterans Preference?

The federal Veterans Preference Act (VPA) was passed to give veterans certain advantages in gaining and retaining employment. Many veterans, like yourself, may have heard about provisions of the law which give veterans, who have been fired from a job, the right to a special hearing and to receive pay pending the outcome.

What too many veterans don't realize, however, is that this same law can help beat the odds in landing a new job after being laid off.

In its simplest terms, the national VPA allows employers to give veterans preferred status when filling jobs by granting them bonus points on hiring tests. This can give you an advantage over non-veteran applicants competing for the same job.

The news is even better in some states which have passed their own form of preference legislation that is more favorable to job-seeking veterans.

As an example, Minnesota's law requires all political subdivisions (e.g. cities, counties, school districts, etc.) to give veterans preference in hiring, except in the case of certain exempt positions such as teachers and private secretaries.

If you are an honorably discharged veteran with 181 consecutive days of active duty, a disabled veteran, the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran or the spouse of a disabled veteran, this law can work for you to get the new job you want.

How It Works

Where employees choose or are required to grant veterans preference in hiring, they must develop some objective test to measure minimum and desired qualifications for each open position. The number of possible points on the test must total 100.

No particular kind of test is mandated. Examples of the types of measures which may be used to award points include experience, training, oral exams, written exams, physical or manual tests or any combination. All test items

should measure KSA's (Knowledge, Skills and Abilities) related to the specific position involved. A minimum passing score must be identified for each test.

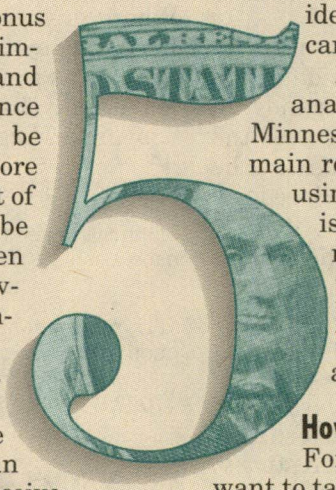
After the test has been given to all applicants and the scores ranked from highest to lowest, any veteran who has achieved a passing score may request additional bonus points — five additional points for most veterans, 10 points for disabled veterans. This could be the margin you need to move ahead of non-veteran applicants seeking the same job.

Employers may use the 100-point test score directly for hiring or for determining finalists to be interviewed. In either case, the bonus point opportunity is too good an advantage for any veteran to pass up.

The whole process usually looks like this:

- Tests are given to all applicants.
- Scores are ranked.
- Preference points are added.
- Highest scorers are hired or identified as finalists for interviewing.

When using the bonus point advantage, it's important to understand that the preference points may only be added to a passing score and that only one set of bonus points can be awarded for each open position, even if several sub-tests are involved.



The points can't be used to boost a failing score over the passing mark. If an applicant does not receive a passing score on any required test or sub-test, he/she doesn't qualify for bonus points.

However, the points must be applied before any finalists are chosen from those applicants who earned a passing score. As Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey has ruled, "Veterans preference points must be awarded prior to the selection of finalists for a particular position."

Even more importantly, when a veteran has the same score (after bonus points have been awarded) as a non-veteran applicant, the veteran must be placed ahead of the non-veteran on the finalists' list.

What Do Employers Think of Veterans Preference?

A few employers don't like the idea of having to give an objective test to determine who to interview or hire. They would rather rely on instinct, intuition and "gut feelings" to select workers. Others view the test-giving and record-keeping as more needless bureaucratic red tape.

Most employers, however, understand the reason behind the law and support giving veterans reasonable preference in hiring during today's tough times when good jobs are in scarce supply.

In most cases, using the 100-point test system has actually helped employers feel certain they have identified and hired the best candidates available.

As Sherri Le, personnel analyst for the League of Minnesota Cities, explains, "The main reason for developing and using selection instruments is to predict future performance. The better and more job-related your selection instrument, the better you will be able to accomplish this goal."

How to Get Bonus Points

For those who need and want to take advantage of veterans preference in hiring, the simple steps below are all it takes to ensure you get the bonus points you're entitled to:

- Check if your state has its own Veterans Preference Act which may require certain employers to grant bonus points.
- Ask prospective employers how they handle the 100-point system.
- After taking the test, the employer should notify you if you passed and advise you of your right as a veteran to request preference points. (If the employer rejects an individual eligible for preference points, the applicant should be notified in writing of the reason for rejection).
- When notified of passing the test, request in writing that you be awarded the appropriate bonus points.
- Be prepared to show evidence of honorable discharge or entitlement to disability compensation (usually a legible photocopy of your DD214 form will suffice).
- If denied any of your rights under the VPA, you should immediately ask the state director of veterans affairs for an order directing the hiring agency to give appropriate relief.

Many veterans, currently out of work, could probably be employed today if they knew about and followed this simple process.

That's all there is to it. Many veterans, currently out of work, could probably be employed today if they knew about and followed this simple process.

VPA won't guarantee you a new job. But it can give you the head start you need and have earned to get an edge on your competitors. Unfortunately, many veterans feel embarrassed and reticent about asking for the advantage the law provides.

The law was passed to give recognition to those who have sacrificed time, earnings and job opportunities to serve their country. Veterans Preference can be a valuable tool in rebuilding your career when unemployment strikes. Make the most of it. You deserve it!

Dr. Robert D. Ramsey, a personnel director with a public sector employer, has had considerable experience in working with veterans.

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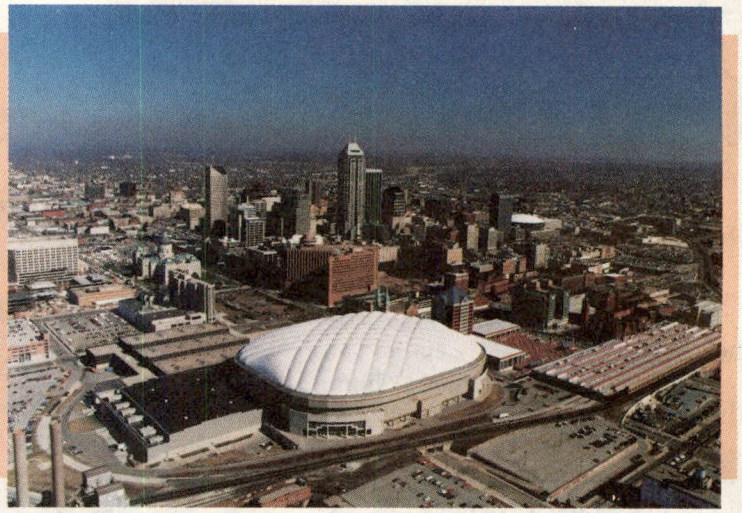

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by Christine French Clark

INDIANAPOLIS '92

Whatever your specific reason for coming, the essence of what drew you here is the *energy* of Indianapolis!

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Newer venues for the arts include the unusual Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art with its museum store selling authentic Indian crafts and fine art. Recently, the National Art Museum of Sport relocated in that city and is a popular attraction.

To get a feel for the city's new look, drop by Union Station which houses 41 restaurants, night clubs and 75 specialty shops. Sites of historic significance abound too, such as the Indiana War Memorial and Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

The energy inherent in all facets of Indianapolis is electrifying. Good reasons for being here are legion. Whatever your reason for coming, we hope you enjoy your stay. And when you bid us good-bye, we hope you'll leave rejuvenated, ready to return ...again and again.

Christine Clark is a free-lance writer. This is an abridged version of her article that appeared in the fall/winter 1991 issue of *This is Indianapolis.*

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Annual Military Parade

Wednesday, August 19, 1992
National Ritualistic Contest

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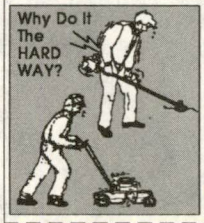

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Writing is Good Medicine: Ask a Hospitalized Vet

by Bernadette Hoyt

Launched in 1946, the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project provides a much-needed emotional release for thousands of disabled veterans.

American men and women in foreign wars are consumed with a common longing: to return to their home soil and get on with their lives. Thankfully, many do.

But there are some who face yet another long and tedious battle. These are veterans headed for specialized treatment in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers. They are disabled veterans that grateful Americans pledge not to forget.

Restoring Self-Esteem

Since WWII, many Americans have kept that pledge. Among them are those involved in a unique program to help combat-weary veterans move beyond the pain of their injuries and confinement with the simple concept that writing is good medicine. Volunteers began what is now known as the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project (HVWP).

Their program has been applauded by presidents, renowned journalists and medical professionals. More important, it is praised by the participants themselves, the veterans-turned-writers.

John F. Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage* while a hospitalized veteran and testified that "writing can speed convalescence amazingly."

Korean veteran Everett Burns could not cope with his grave medical problems until he was convinced to try to put his personal experiences in writing at the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center in Bonham, Texas. When his story was published, Burns said, "It restored my self-esteem...and helped me through the worst time of my life."

Joseph Posik, a quadriplegic, beat the odds by punching letter by letter on the typewriter with his mouthstick. This talented veteran at the Bronx VA Medical Center saw his laborious efforts result in national awards. He gives credit to the volunteers for "being there" to encourage him.

A parent of a troubled veteran shared his bittersweet memories. "My son was a mental patient at the VA hospital in Denver," he wrote. "On one of his better days, he wrote a poem which somehow was printed in your magazine.

"That poem was the one thing he did his whole life he was proud of and which gave him great joy. He kept that magazine with him wherever he went, and I ultimately buried it with him."

Founding in Chicago

It was wounded veterans such as these that a group of women journalists from Chicago visited in 1946. They came to understand the many stories locked in the memories of soldiers and sailors — stories that were tender, tough, humorous and painful.

As journalists, these women knew the catharsis of writing. Could they persuade veterans to use the same channel for emotional healing?

Ignited by a warm-hearted journalist, Elizabeth Fontaine, the women took their idea to the VA medical department and then to the ultimate testing ground — the veterans themselves. They began to encourage wounded veterans who had never dreamed of writing.

Pages of notebooks began to fill up. Slowly but surely, evidence mounted that writing was alleviating chronic pain, bitter memories, depression and boredom.

Eventually, medical centers began to recognize the recreational and therapeutic values of writing to balance impairments.

In 1952 the organization that is now called Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI) decided to publish the patients' work in a magazine. Under the impetus of Margaret Sally Keach, the WICI Kansas City chapter began publishing *Veterans Voices*. Published three times a year, it is the only publication in the world devoted exclusively to writings of hospitalized veterans.

In 1987, HVWP received the Administrator's Award, the highest award given by the VA. By 1990, 51 VA medical centers in 28 states had active writing programs conducted by volunteers or staff, according to HVWP National VA Liaison Sally Sue Hughes.

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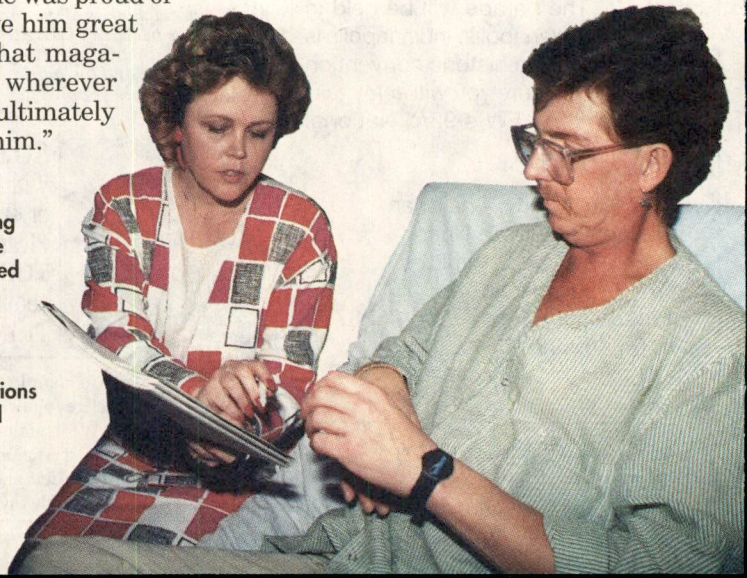

Robin Iiams, writing coordinator for the Kansas City VA Med Center talks with John Kirk, hospitalized veteran, about submitting illustrations to the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project.

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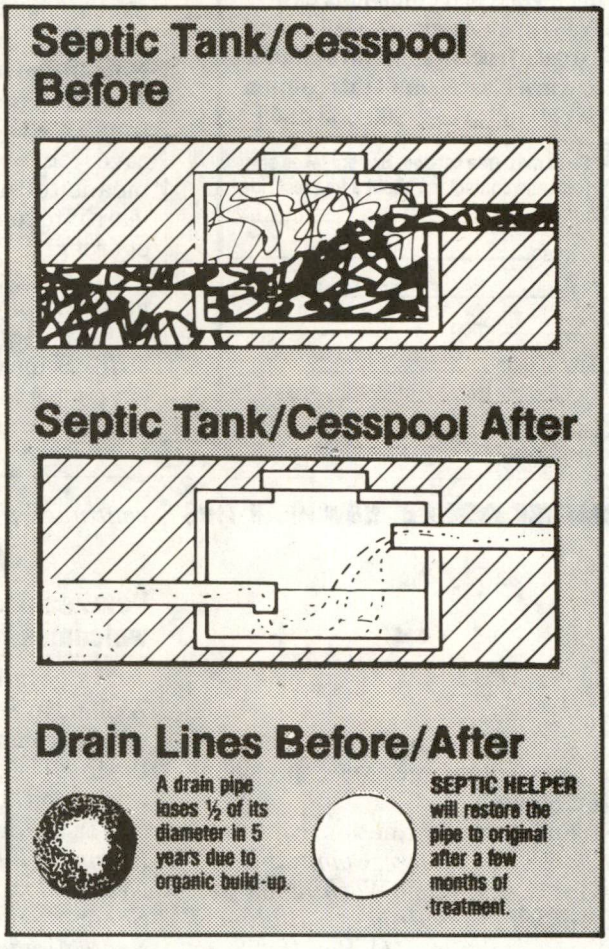

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Giving New Meaning

VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski recently wrote of the writing project: "Physicians in the VA health care system tell me that one of the most difficult challenges they've faced over the years has been dealing with the psychological impact of illness . . . and that there are no standardized approaches to the mental healing some patients need. That's why therapies like HVWP are so important . . . they give new meaning to many lives."

Today, the Chicago women's pledge "not to forget the veterans" is sustained by a fresh generation of women journalists and supporters. This ensures that injured veterans from new theaters of war might discover the catharsis of writing; a means to turn their confusion and fears into confidence and a semblance of order.

"There is a lot of support for veterans now," says Tina Hacker, who has edited poetry for *Veterans Voices* since 1976. "Some wars are less popular. But our support is the same for veterans of all wars. And that's why there's a special pride in what we do."

Margaret Clark, who has edited *Veterans Voices* since 1974, stays with the program because "the hospitalized veterans who have discovered the magic of seeing their writing in print and the men and women who have made this project possible are an inspiration to me."

Staff people like Robin Iiams, a Kansas City writing aide for HVWP, views the program from the veterans perspective. "The guys who were involved in the wars suppress so much," she said in a newspaper interview.

"But if they can get things down on paper, they see their feelings in a different perspective, and that experience becomes part of the healing process. It's satisfying to be a part of that."

Bernadette Hoyt is a Kansas City-based freelance writer.

If you would like to support or become involved with HVWP, contact *Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, Inc., 5920 Nall, Room 117, Mission, Kansas 66202, 913-432-1214.*

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50th MIDWAY

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New Zealand welcomes WWII vets

The government and people of New Zealand are staging a gala 50th anniversary commemoration in honor of the first U.S. troops to land in that country on June 12, 1942.

For the details, contact: *Maggie Kerrigan, Public Affairs Manager, New Zealand Tourism Office, 501 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Monica, Calif. 90401, (800) 388-5494.*

Attention New Zealand veterans

If you spent time in New Zealand between 1942 and 1945, we would like to hear from you. This includes former members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Marine divisions and the Army's 25th and 43rd divisions. Also, the U.S. Navy and its 12 Seabee battalions that were there. Send letters to: *Editor, ATTN: New Zealand, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111.*

Vietnam vets needed for education program

The Center for Social Studies Education is seeking veterans to participate in its teacher/veterans partnership program.

The program is designed to promote more and better teaching of the Vietnam War. It is especially interested in volunteers to fill its nationwide veterans speakers bureaus.

For more information about the program, contact: *Jerry Starr, Center for Social Studies Education, 3857 Willow Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15234, (412) 341-1967, FAX 412-341-6533.*

Blinded vet survey continues

As a result of the February issue call for visually impaired members, we have so far received 100 names. In order to properly ascertain the feasibility of having *VFW Magazine* placed on cassette, we must have a precise count. Keep in mind that we are talking about cassettes, not larger print, for legally blind members.

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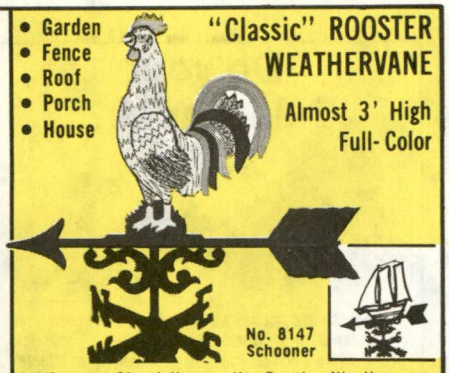

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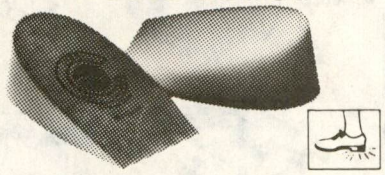

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Past Chief Gentry Dies

VFW members were saddened by the death, Feb. 10, of Past Commander-in-Chief Byron B. Gentry, 78, at his home in Paso Robles, Calif. He died from heart failure.

Services for Mr. Gentry, who served as Commander-in-Chief in 1962-63, were held at Plymouth Congregational Church. Arrangements were made by Kuehl-Nicolay Paso Robles Funeral Chapel. He was buried in Paso Robles District Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; two daughters, Kathleen and Sharon; and one grandson.

Mr. Gentry, born in Coulee City, Wash., graduated from the University of Southern California in 1936. He played football there, including two Rose Bowl games. He played professional football with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1937 to 1940, and was on the United Press All-American Professional Football Team in 1938.

He graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 1942, with a J.D. degree. Admitted to the California Bar Association in 1947, he became deputy city attorney for the city of Los Angeles in 1948. He was assistant city prosecutor for Pasadena (1948-50) and prosecuting attorney there from 1950-78.



Past Commander-in-Chief Byron B. Gentry

During WWII, he served as a combat intelligence officer with the Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, and was attached to the 3rd and 9th U.S. Armies. Enlisting as a private in 1942, he rose to the rank of captain by 1944. He earned six battle stars for two years of service in the European Theater.

After the war, he joined Post 1053 in Pasadena, Calif. Rising quickly through the requisite offices, he was named Department Commander of the Year in 1957.

With his election as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1960, Mr. Gentry began moving up in the chairs until reaching Commander-in-Chief in 1962 at the 63rd National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

A professional lecturer and speech writer, his credits included "Voices of the Airways" (poetry) and "The Way the Ball Bounces" (prose). But his most popular work was "G.I. Joe," written while Commander-in-Chief.

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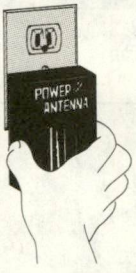

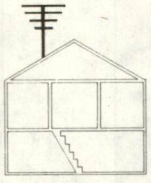
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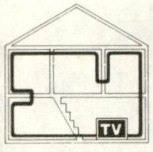

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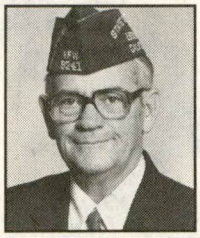

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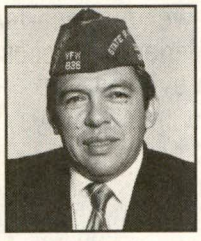

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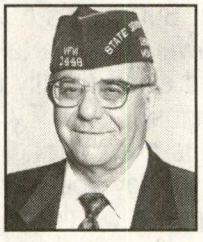

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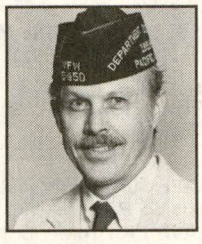

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Post 9191
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DIV. 3
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Texas
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DIV. 15
Post 3605
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Alabama
Gordon D. Bennett (6)

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Post 8154
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George B. Reed (2)

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Post 8170
Connecticut
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DIV. 2
California 4
Robert Fontenot, Sr. (6)

DIV. 3
California 17
Hubert J. Flanery

DIV. 4
Nebraska 10
Daniel K. Longe (3)

DIV. 5
Maryland 1
Kenneth O. Waugh (5)

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Maryland 7
William Haines (5)

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California 25
Otis R. Menasco (4)

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Texas 9
John R. Wates (3)

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Maryland 17
Thomas Kulczak (6)

DIV. 10
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William T. Brandon (6)

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Fred O. Egeler (4)

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Colorado 14
Terry Broughton (6)

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Robert J. Myers

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Ohio
Carl E. Collins (6)

DIV. 3
San Francisco
California
Michael L. Smith (6)

DIV. 4
Ionia
Michigan
James L. Hock (2)

Order of Parade

Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through February 29, 1992.

NATIONAL AVERAGE — **95.66%**

1	PUERTO RICO/VIRGIN ISLES	106.250
2	Europe	104.088
3	Maryland	101.218
4	Pacific Areas	101.186
5	Maine	100.405
6	Nebraska	98.890
7	California	98.857
8	Nevada	98.685
9	Indiana	97.791
10	Kansas	97.504
11	Arizona	97.427
12	Washington	97.394
13	Delaware	97.371
14	Michigan	97.305
15	North Dakota	96.818
16	New Jersey	96.503
17	Missouri	96.467
18	Montana	96.406
19	Wisconsin	96.316
20	Ohio	96.303
21	New Mexico	96.294
22	Vermont	96.285
23	Minnesota	96.282
24	Colorado	96.027
25	South Dakota	95.838
26	Kentucky	95.520
27	Oregon	95.286
28	New York	95.239
29	Rhode Island	95.233
30	Connecticut	95.215
31	Florida	95.211
32	West Virginia	95.041
33	Louisiana	94.981
34	Massachusetts	94.933
35	Pennsylvania	94.792
36	Virginia	94.780



37	Alaska	94.771
38	Hawaii	94.607
39	North Carolina	94.569
40	Wyoming	94.556
41	Illinois	94.513
42	Iowa	94.188
43	Texas	93.943
44	Georgia	93.639
45	New Hampshire	93.486
46	Idaho	93.294
47	Arkansas	93.065
48	Tennessee	92.993
49	South Carolina	91.407
50	Panama Canal	91.154
51	Oklahoma	91.129
52	Alabama	91.069
53	Utah	90.580
54	District of Columbia	89.353
55	Mississippi	88.226

Post of 1,000 Members or More

Recorded as of February 27, 1992

Place	Post No.	Location	1991-92 Membership
1	1114	Evansville, IN	4330
2	6506	Rosedale, MD	2911
3	5555	Richfield, MN	2694
4	3579	Park Ridge, IL	2650
5	628	Sioux Falls, SD	2626
6	1146	St Clair Shores, MI	2561
7	131	Lincoln, NE	2328
8	1273	Rapid City, SD	2172
9	1064	Huntington, WV	2146
10	1308	Alton, IL	2091
11	2503	Omaha, NE	2077
12	9186	San Antonio, TX	2044
13	1296	Bloomington, MN	2042
14	1736	Alexandria, LA	2019
15	360	Mishawaka, IN	1970
16	641	Columbia, SC	1965
17	401	Albuquerque, NM	1888
18	49	Mobile, AL	1878
19	47	Uniontown, PA	1875
20	969	Tacoma, WA	1831
21	972	Terre Haute, IN	1820
22	1079	Elyria, OH	1801
23	3382	Kingsport, TN	1797
24	1275	Lima, OH	1794
25	2290	Manville, NJ	1781
26	9223	Arlington, CA	1773
27	549	Tucson, AZ	1772
28	6796	Dallas, TX	1768
29	9191	Killeen, TX	1760
30	379	Yakima, WA	1740
31	3982	Santa Clara, CA	1717
32	1326	Bismarck, ND	1711
33	249	Butler, PA	1696
34	6694	Dundalk, MD	1688
35	6251	Cheektowaga, NY	1670
36	283	Kingston, PA	1661
37	1599	Chambersburg, PA	1652
38	2940	W Seneca, NY	1621
39	9083	Parkville, MD	1616
40	10209	Spring Hill, FL	1612
41	2529	Sandusky, OH	1606
42	367	Joliet, IL	1593
43	8919	El Paso, TX	1592
44	696	Owensboro, KY	1583
45	112	Wichita, KS	1569
46	7330	Oakville, CT	1564
47	2100	Everett, WA	1556
48	9619	Morningside, MD	1534
49	1989	Indiana, PA	1531
49	2754	West View, PA	1531
51	8541	San Antonio, TX	1527
52	4809	Norfolk, VA	1508
53	1475	Amarillo, TX	1506
54	832	S Portland, ME	1502
55	6640	Metairie, LA	1499
56	10097	Fort Myers Beach, FL	1487
57	2704	South Omaha, NE	1485
58	5263	Fort Sill, OK	1482
59	891	Asheville, NC	1475
60	2111	Chula Vista, CA	1474
61	1650	Topeka, KS	1471
62	6975	Bristol, VA	1461
63	1432	Salina, KS	1460
64	1810	Brentwood, PA	1458
65	788	Cedar Rapids, IA	1426
66	10017	Ashland, KY	1422
67	6874	Lemon Grove, CA	1420
68	9972	Sierra Vista, AZ	1412
69	3790	Logansport, IN	1403
70	2947	Fremont, OH	1395
71	4087	Davison, MI	1387
72	428	Saint Cloud, MN	1352
73	9400	Sunnyslope, AZ	1348
73	2280	Bellevue, NE	1348
75	3777	Festus, MO	1347
76	733	Mason City, IA	1345
77	305	Eau Claire, WI	1343
78	4876	Altus, OK	1337
79	15005	Sacramento, CA	1333
80	573	Clarksburg, WV	1328
81	5632	Saint Louis Park, MN	1326
82	2057	Rocky Mount, NC	1321
83	3851	Carmi, IL	1320
84	3838	Cape Girardeau, MO	1313
85	4051	Colorado Springs, CO	1310
85	4075	Frankfort, KY	1310
87	53	Jamestown, NY	1309
88	1621	Janesville, WI	1307
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90	2702	Huntsville, AL	1293
91	1639	Willmar, MN	1289
92	295	South Saint Paul, MN	1287
93	7175	Millington, TN	1280
94	5225	West Memphis, AR	1271
95	1115	Hillsville, VA	1268
96	23	Lebanon, PA	1264
96	447	Albert Lea, MN	1264
98	4647	North Highlands, CA	1246
99	1857	Oklahoma City, OK	1245
100	1693	New Albany, IN	1243
101	1	Denver, CO	1241
102	1720	Grand Rapids, MN	1235
103	1990	Greeneville, TN	1225
104	137	Duluth, MN	1224
105	1590	Daytona Beach, FL	1215
106	5065	Sheridan, MI	1209
107	1003	Jefferson City, MO	1208
108	1212	Parkersburg, WV	1206
109	6704	Mechanicsburg, PA	1204
110	1216	Austin, MN	1203
111	3935	Port Hueneme, CA	1198
112	3074	Lexington, NC	1193
113	56	Leavenworth, KS	1188
114	5394	Compton, CA	1181
115	4699	Sayreville, NJ	1179
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133	1848	Jackson, TN	1141
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136	5206	Hendersonville, NC	1134
136	6240	Russell, KS	1134
138	7452	Montgomery, IL	1131
139	4057	Tupelo, MS	1130
140	194	Salisbury, MD	1125
141	7686	Alamogordo, NM	1119
142	9927	Kettering, OH	1117
143	8334	Millard, NE	1110
144	2342	Fort Lee, NJ	1109
145	3892	Harker Heights, TX	1106
146	762	Fargo, ND	1102
147	7119	Indianapolis, IN	1098
148	3383	Akron, OH	1089
149	4903	Tucson, AZ	1087
150	1863	Solon, OH	1086
150	92	New Kensington, PA	1086
152	7674	Fort Walton Beach, FL	1081
152	1970	Nashville, TN	1081
154	2346	Saugus, MA	1076
155	782	Burlington, VT	1074
155	7069	Clarks Summit, PA	1074
157	9460	Stratford, CT	1070
158	5108	Marietta, OH	1068
159	943	Ashtabula, OH	1067
160	6587	Spring Lake Park, MN	1066
161	2506	Hanover, PA	1065
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163	8795	Adamstown, PA	1064
164	10167	Holiday, FL	1062
165	2012	Abilene, TX	1061
166	8093	De Bary, FL	1059
167	4372	Odessa, TX	1055
168	3246	Mountain Home, AR	1051
169	392	Virginia Beach, VA	1046
170	1271	Central Falls, RI	1043
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173	2562	Silver Spring, MD	1035
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175	467	Westminster, MD	1032
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182	8510	Hibbing, MN	1022
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190	6859	Portland, ME	1007
192	668	Birmingham, AL	1004
193	2716	Weirton, WV	1002
194	155	Johnstown, PA	1000
194	3553	Chester, IL	1000
194	5220	Oak Lawn, IL	1000

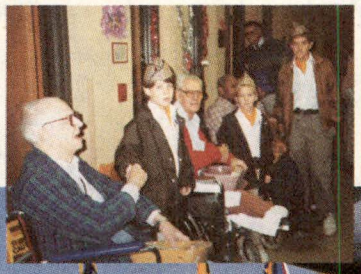
Programs Benefit Entire Community

VFW programs offer a wide variety of activities to interest every member, and involve the entire community. Both youngsters and the young-at-heart can be touched by the VFW's diverse spectrum of programs.



When a two-year-old girl fell into the Atascocita, Tex., public swimming pool, eight-year-old Matthew Gordon quickly jumped in to save her. The lifeguard, Larry Shannon, was right behind and administered CPR until paramedics arrived.

For their quick-thinking efforts, the two young men were recently presented the VFW Life Saving Certificate by **Post 9971** Senior Vice Commander Cameron Siders.





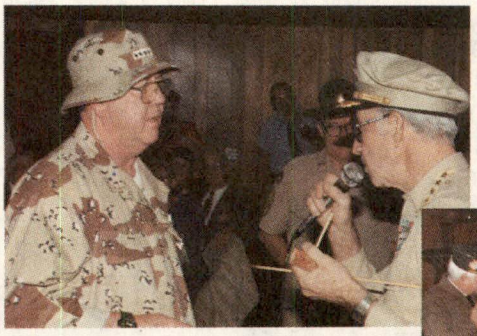
It's rare when today's youngsters take time from a busy schedule to spend a day with senior citizens. But the young men of **Sons of the VFW Unit 046** in Rosedale, Maryland, are frequent visitors to area veterans homes, raising money to buy gifts and snacks for the veterans. In addition, they travel throughout the region to march in parades, participate in patriotic ceremonies, and, of course, drop in on any veterans wherever they go.

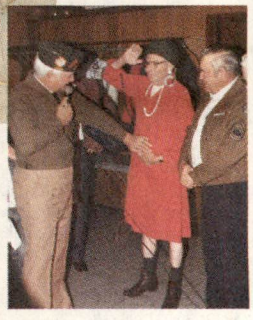


Twice a year members of **Post 1087** in Great Falls, Mont., hold a Lite-a-Bike rodeo for area students. The program includes safe riding demonstrations, and crime prevention tips by "McGruff the Crime Dog."



Maybe in his younger days he was built like Tarzan, but today George Evans, VAVS volunteer and member of **Post 2290** in Manville, N.J., maintains his masculine build in simpler ways! Actually, Tarzan was providing some laughs to residents at nearby Menlo Park Nursing Home and patients from Lyons VA Medical Center during an "off station party." The regular get-togethers, which include entertainment, games, and refreshments, let community veterans know they haven't been forgotten.





It's got to be a pretty important VFW function to get two four-star generals, above photo, to visit. When the **Department of Kansas** had its Mid-Winter Council of Administration meeting, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf (who looked an awful lot like Larry Campbell of **Post 6240** in Russell) and Gen. Douglas MacArthur (who bore a strong resemblance to Duke Neil, also of **Post 6240**) ran the troops through their paces.

In his better days the strong-fisted Gen. Patton (Roger Mighell, above right photo) never had to deal with Max Klinger dressed in drag (portrayed quite charmingly by David Ehrlich), but the bulldog, along with his WWI doughboy Gerald Mangold (from **Post 7521**), had Klinger quickly mustered out.

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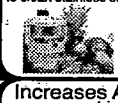

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GENERAL ORDERS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

1991-92 Series **General Orders No. 7**

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE: Member: John F. Leonard, Post 639, Malden, Mass.

2. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete and return the forms to Department and National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post officers.

3. Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Council at the same time the annual election of Post officers is held. Posts are entitled to two (2) delegates two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof; and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election.

Delegates and alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular Post meeting held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

4. Section 317 of the Manual of Procedure provides that elective County Council officers shall be nominated, elected and installed at the first meeting after April 30. Said officers will not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. County Council officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 316 of the National By-Laws.

5. Pursuant to Section 405 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 414 of the National By-Laws.

6. The sale of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the sale of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the sale of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.

7. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Form P-113, Trustees Report of Audit, must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st.

8. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws which provides that each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of $6.00. Advance registration for the 93rd National Convention in the amount of $6.00 for each delegate should be mailed, with each delegate's name and address to: Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

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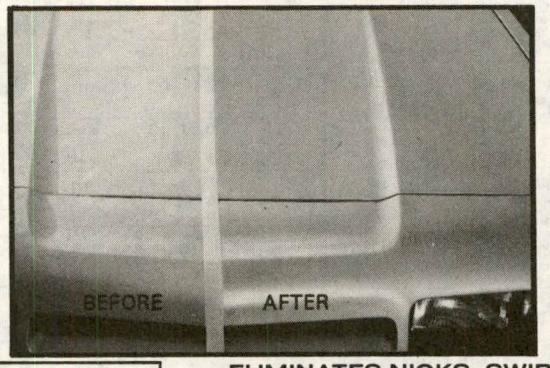

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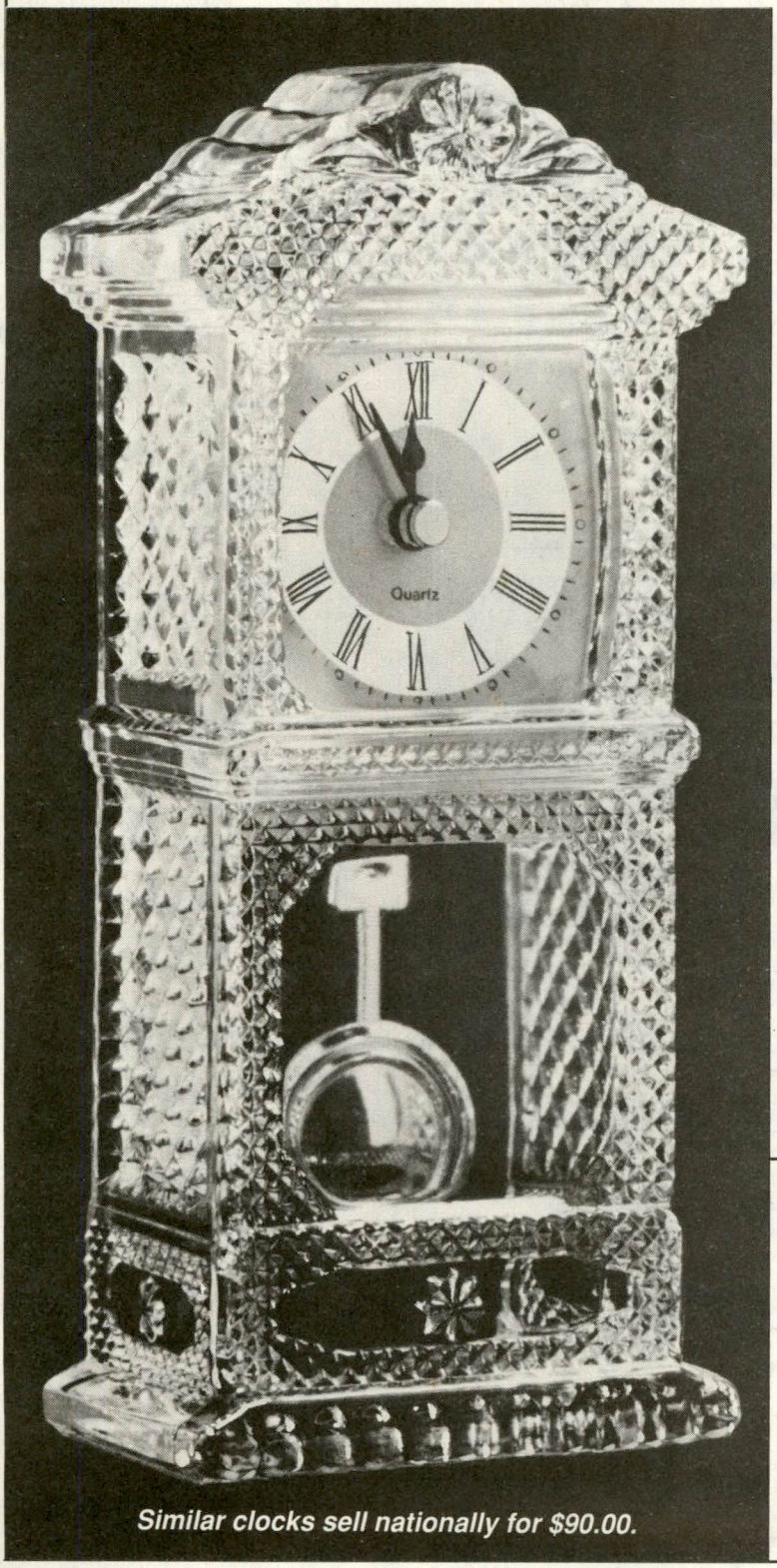

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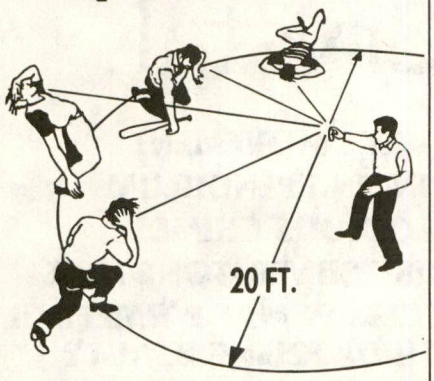

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9. The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Champion Ritual Team Competition will be held again this year on Wednesday, August 19, in Room 203, Indianapolis Convention Center. Any team interested should contact Contest Chairman, J. Robert Brady, 319 Tadmar Road, Ross Township, Perrysville, Pennsylvania 15237-1821. Awards of trophies and $500-$300-$200 will be awarded this year to the three best teams.

10. Certificate of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Post: 8152 and 6148 consolidated as Post 8152, Orlando, Fla.

11. The official location of the following Post is as follows: Post 9083 from Baltimore, Md. to Parkville, Md.

12. The CORRECT location of the following Post is as follows: Post 1890 located at Daingerfield, Texas, not Rocky Branch, Texas.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS: Post No. 2576 - Carterville, Ill.; 2581 - Goreville, Ill.; 2606 - Grayville, Ill.; 3472 - Bulverde, Texas; 3501 - Troup, Texas; - Sugarland, Texas; 6973 - Elkhart Lake, Wis.; 7055 - Visalia, Calif.; 7063 - Hortonville, Wis.; 7281 - Onalaska, Wash.; 7703 - Beaumont, Texas; 7799 - Agoura Hills, Calif.; 7818 - Lumberton, N.C.; 9035 - Maineville, Ohio; 10500 - Lexington, Ky.; 10512 - Oak Grove, Ky.; 10618 - Eddyville, Ky.; 11346 - Amherst, Wis.

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FA, Btry B (North Camp Hood, TX) (summer 1944) — Seeking anyone who observed my PT training accident leap frogging over each other, coming down on boulders on a side hill (feet, leg and back injuries) — Douglas Amsbaugh, 326 St Francis St, Rapid City SD 57701.

27th Inf, Co G (1939-41) — Need information that I was in company on Dec 7, 1941 in order to receive Pearl Harbor Medal Harry Drumheller, POB 7801, Pine Bluff AR 71611-7801.

1st Cav Div, 7th Cav Rgt, Co E (Korea, 1950-51) — Seeking anyone to verify my injury and claim when machine gun ammo box blew up while we were taking the unnumbered ridge sometime in 1951 — Clayton Jr Hoskins, HCR 3, Box 845-P8, Satsuma FL 32189-9746.

1st Cav Div, 7th Rgt, Co L (stationed in Japan, Jan 14, 1954-Dec 28, 1956) — Seeking someone to verify my having a nervous condition (which I thought was heart trouble), esp Fred Monday or Bobby Jenkins; also need name of Army doctor I went to and told him about what I thought was heart problem - James Hall, 389 Twp Rd 791, Sullivan OH 44880.

12th Inf Div, Co D (Fort Ord CA, June 20-Sept 15, 1950) — Seeking witnesses to verify my beating from corporal in front of my company for taking short cut through barbed wire fence, then over not giving up my rifle — Jefferson Dawson, 4615 NE Mallory Ave, Portland OR 97211.

5th Marines (USS Cleveland 55) — Seeking anyone to verify when I got hurt during one of battles, esp shipmate Bacon — Lester Compeau, 4216 Cocoanut Terr, Bradenton FL 34210.

46th Inf, 1st Pltn, Co B (1959-61) — Seeking anyone to verify my back injury, esp 1st Lt Robert Winters, PFCs Gary Hepler, Don Sandstrom, Carl Hood, James Pipkin, and SP4 Henry Barbee — William Vernon Hanshaw, 930 Lee Rd 344, Lot 9, Salem AL 36874.

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3d TMRS (Korea, Feb-June, 1951) — Seeking anyone who served with me and knew of my injuries in jeep accident — Carl Martin, 127 Havanna, 6C, Waycross GA 31501.

4th Div, 145th, Co C (Crossed Bayonets, Fort Bragg NC) — Seeking anyone to verify hearing problems from firing artillery guns — Louis Messina, 1 Bernard Ave, Haledon NJ 07508.

6127th ATG, Det 7, APO 970 (Korean War, Dec 1952) — Seeking anyone who remembers me having bad frost bitten hands and feet on last air strip in combat zone before we had to destroy all equipment and evacuate due to enemy pushing us back, esp medic from 1st Cav Div who helped me — Charles Shelton, 5568 Parkville St, Columbus OH 43229.

7405th Support Sqdn (Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 1957-61) — Seeking anyone to verify claim, esp Lt Col Luther Murphy — Bennie Macrander, POB 21, Vevay IN 47043.

USS Trippe DD403 & USS Eaurts DE5 — Seeking anyone who remembers being around or working with John Kallina to verify asbestos-related claim for his widow — Bob Branton, 2202 Jackson St, POB 365, Barnwell SC 29812.

3d MAG Brig (near DaNang, Sept 6, 1969) and/or 5th/7th Comm Bn, 1st Mar Div — Seeking anyone who remembers 3rd MAG Brig was overrun by enemy forces or anyone who knows I was there (nickname: 'Shep the Head') — Rob Shepard, POB 919, Palmer AK 99645.

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Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing — Apr 25 — SAAAB Wing, POB 1764, Costa Mesa CA 92628.

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USS PC619 — Apr 29-May 2, Charleston SC — Ray Goin, 1 Concord Pl, Morris Plains NJ 07950.

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9th AF, 112th Liaison Sqdn — May 1-4, Colorado Springs CO — WW McClellan, 6944 Black Pine Pl, Albuquerque NM 87109.

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Chambley Air Base (France) — May 22-25, Atlanta GA — Charles Timms, POB 6892, Marietta GA 30065.

Operations Mule Train, Sawbuck and Ranch Hand (Southeast Asia, 1961-63) — May 14-16, Fayetteville NC — Charles West, 429 Edinburgh Dr, Fayetteville NC

ARMY

4th Inf Div — May 21-23, Cherry Hill NJ — Roy Burlew, 4202 Woodland Ave, Brookhaven PA 19015.

9th Armd Div, 52d Army Inf Bn (WWII) — May 29-June 1, Minneapolis MN — Vern Reaugh, 222A Island Cove Ct, Hampton VA 23669.

X Corps Arty, HQ Btry — May, Indianapolis IN — Everett Berry, Rt 2, Russell KS 67665.

30th Inf Div, 120th Inf, Co B — May, New York — Frank Campana, 26 E Central Ave, Bergenfield NJ 07621.

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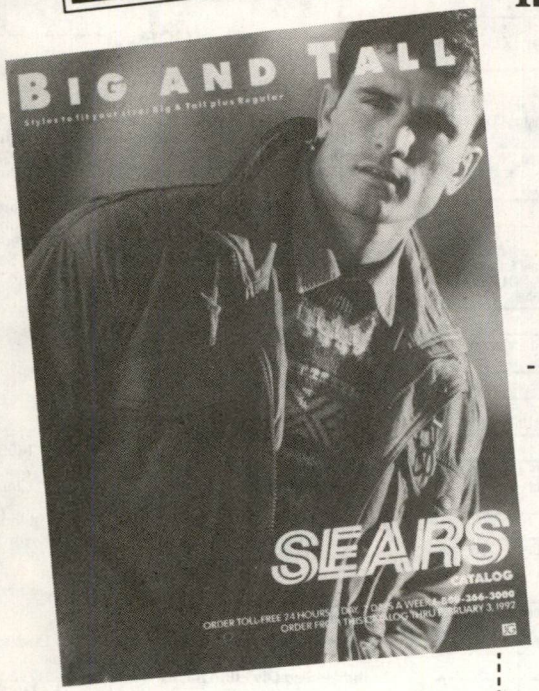

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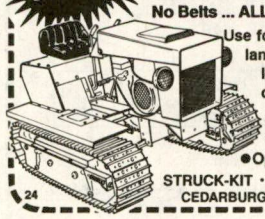

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NAS (Lincoln NE) — June 13, Lincoln NE — Clarence Nelson, 4200 Cornhusker, Lot 9, Lincoln NE 68504.

Vietnam Vets of America Chapter 285 (Northwest Indiana) — June 12-14, Crown Point IN — Marylyn Brown, VVA, Northwest Indiana Chapter 285, POB 10429, Merrillville IN 46411-0429.

ARMY

2d Chem Mortar Bn (WWII) — June 11-13, Decatur AL — Neal Holland, 1416 Danville Rd SW, Decatur AL 35601.

2d Indianhead Div, 38th Inf, Co K — June 17-21, Lacrosse WI — Dick Smith, 3286 CR 29, Burgoon OH 43407.

5th Div, 10th Inf, Co A — June 12-13, Clarksville IN — JT George, 1104 Bach Ave, DuQuesne PA 15110.

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40th Inf, 223d Rgt, Co M (Korea) — June 26-28, Mound Valley KS — Albert Thompson, R1, Box 110, Mound Valley KS 67354.

45th Div, 179th Inf, Co C — June 5-6, Topeka KS — AV Martin, R1, Box 159, Carbondale KS 66414.
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516th Sig Corps (Australia, 1951-55) — June 12-14, Omaha NE Richard Kasbee, R1, Cambridge Springs PA 60403.
556th Bomb Sqdn (M) — June, San Diego CA — Paul Priday, 7755 Marriott Rd, Plain City OH 43064.
563d AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — June 12-14, Savannah GA — Rudolph Gorlitz, 4 Plum Ct, Homosassa FL 32646.
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596th SAW Bn, Co A — June 17-21, Seattle WA — Earle Roberts, 10309 13th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98177.
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728th Railway Operating Bn (WWII) — June 18-20, Toledo OH — Fred Stucy, 307 S Webster, Indianapolis IN 46219.
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748th Engr Base Equip Co — June, St Louis MO — Giles Davis, Rt 6, Box 202, Jasper AL 35501.
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Presidential Flight — June, Ft Rucker AL — Bobby Quearry, 202 Coral Way, Enterprise AL 36330.
Rangers (all US Army Rangers) — June 17-20, Fort Benning GA, Pat Carpenter, HQ, 75th Ranger Rgt, Fort Benning GA 31905.
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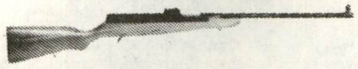

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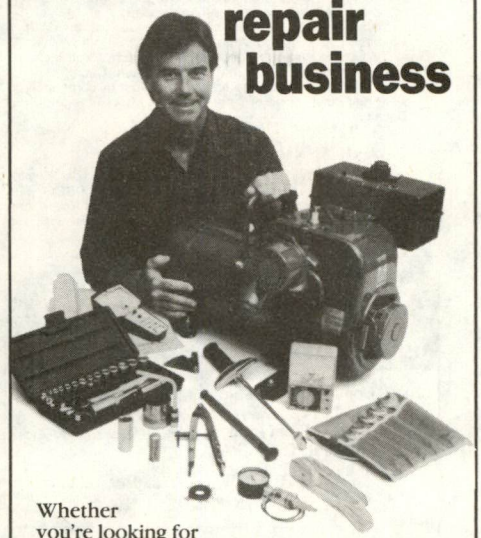

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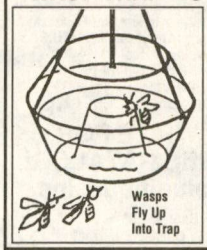

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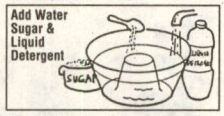

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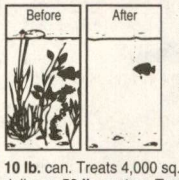

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USS Salute AM294 (AM Minesweeper) — June 5-8, Memphis TN — James Johnston, 2705 Underwood Ave, Ainsworth IA 52201.
USS Shangri-La CV/CVA/CVS38 — June 28-July 3, Falmouth MA — Tom Hill, POB 68386, Virginia Beach VA 23455.
USS Stevenson DD645 — June 29-July 5, Toronto, Canada — Frank Kmiec, 66 Chadwick St, North Andover MA 01845.
USS Strictland DE333 — June 11-13, Cumberland MD — Hugh Leo Carroll, 725 Bedford St, Cumberland MD 21502.
USS Sturtevant DE/DER239 — June 25-27, Nashville TN — Robert E Lee Jr, 3203 Lakewood Ave, Columbia SC 29201.
USS Allen M Sumner DD692 — June, Tidewater VA — Joe Gall, 56 Amsterdam St, Tonawanda NY 14150.
USS Tanner AGS15 — June 25-28, Kansas City MO — Donald Morse, 3495 E Dansville Rd, Dansville MI 48819.
USS Tide AM125 — June 5-7, Corning NY — Bill Shelley, 42 Greenwood St, Canisteo NY 14823.
USS Titania AKA13 — June 12-14, Middle Amana IA — Cliff Trumpold, Middle Amana IA 52307.
USS Vicksburg CL86 — June, Colorado Springs CO — Pete Dosen, POB 491, Aguilar CO 81020.
USS Vinton AKA83 — June, Hickory NC — Rick Coffey, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
USS Wadleigh DD689 — June, Albany NY — Chuck McCauley, 23 Huckleberry Ln, Albany NY 12205.
USS Charles R Ware DD865 — June 18-21, Portsmouth VA — Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
USS Whitehurst DE634 — June 25-27, Knoxville TN — Roy Graham, Rte 12, Box 258, Morgantown WV 26505.
USS Winged Arrow AP170 — June 19-20, Salt Lake City UT — Raymond Meyer, 206 NE Elm St, Greenfield IA 50849.
USS Yorktown CVS10 (Engineering) — June 26-28, San Diego CA E Wayne Tietgen, 1431 8th St No, Jacksonville Beach FL 32250.
USS Yorktown CV5 — June 4-7, Solvang CA — Lauren Walter, 1235 Dove Meadow Rd, Solvang CA 93463.
VP/VPB53 (WWII) — June 4-6, Memphis TN — Charles Smith, 321 Greenwood Dr, Paris TN 38242.
VB/VPB144 (WWII) (Bomb Sqdn) — June, San Diego CA — Lynn Hawkins, 24 Admiralty Ct, Coronado CA 92118.
VR21 — June 4-6, Las Vegas NV — RJ Demick, 6232 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas NV 89107.
YMS81 (Minesweeper, WWII) — June 26-28, Oklahoma City OK — Louis Alberta, 3225 So Goff Ave, Oklahoma City OK 73119.

July

AIR FORCE

7th AF, 494th Bomb Gp (H), Sqdns & Support Units, Anguar-PAC (WWII) — July 7-14, Newton MA — Rusty Restuccia, 100 Willard St, Quincy MA 02160.
7th Air Div (SAC), 3910th Bomb Gp & 4th AAA (England, RAF Stations, Wyton, Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Upper Heyford) (Permanent Party, 1950-53) — July 17-22, Nashville TN — Bill Parkhurst, POB 2881, Tulsa OK 74101.
8th AF, 100th Bomb Gp (H) — July 1-8, Norwich & Thorpe Abbotts, England — Fred Daiger, 115 N Indian River Dr, #124, Cocoa FL 32922.
13th AF, 29th Air Svc Gp & all attached outfits (1942-48) — July 13-17, Louisville KY — Frank Pace, 315 W 15th St, Dover OH 44622.
15th Tact Recon Sqdn — July 29-Aug 2, Milwaukee WI — Merlyn Lenz, 1411 W 8th St, Appleton WI 54914.
36th Avn Depot Sqdn (36th Munitions Maint Sqdn) — July, Salina KS — Larry Tague, 833 E Prospect, Salina KS 67401.
36th/53d/364th Ftrs, 305th/583d/540th/543d Bomb Sqdns (1942- 44) — July 17-18, Ainsworth NE — Lance Schipporeit, Ainsworth Airport Authority, POB 165, Ainsworth NE 69210.
45th Bomb Sqdn (Smoky Hill/Schilling AFB, 1953-60) — July 31-Aug 2, Salina KS — Lyle Gauby, 1111 Dover Dr, Salina KS 67401.
51st FIW (Korea, Japan, Okinawa, 1948-58) — July, Colorado Springs CO — Herb Goldstein, POB 801, Colorado Springs CO 80901.

63d/71st Ftr Wings — July 25-26, Newcastle IN — JC Giles, 805 Adams Dr, Shelbyville TN 37160.
388th Bomb Gp — July 1-9, Return to England — Tamarac Travel, 5100 W Commercial Blvd, Tamarac FL 33319-2897.
Ainsworth Airport Authority (36th/53d/364th Ftr Sqdns, 305th/383d/540th/543d Bomb Sqdns) — July 17-18. Ainsworth NE Lance Schipporeit, Ainsworth Municipal Airport, POB 165, Ainsworth NE 69210-0165.
Tachikawa (Tachi) Baseball Teams, 1954-56 — July 24-26, Newfane NY — Hollan Pickard, 300 Lakeview Dr, Hampstead NC 28443.

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Korean War Veterans — July 24-28, Reno NV — Harry Wallace, POB 12205, Baltimore MD 21281.

ARMY

1st MP Co (1948-51) — July 31-Aug 2, Owensboro KY — Harold McCarty, 4320 W Melrose St, Chicago IL 60641.
2d Inf Div, 23d Inf Rgt — July 9-11, Hampton VA — John Huffman, 300 Grafton District Rd, Yorktown VA 23692.
2nd Indianhead Div — July 15-18, Albuquerque NM — Henry Calder, 1511 Matagorda Dr, Dallas TX 75232.
3d Chem Mortar Bn — July, El Paso TX — Quentin Unger, 6016 Torrey Pines Dr, Ocala FL 32672.
3d Inf (the Old Guard) — July 24-27, Washington DC — Mark Smith, 613 E Washington Blvd, Apt 2, Pasadena CA 91104.
4th Inf Div, 1st Armd Cav Rgt, 2d Sqdn, 'C' Troop — July 15- 19, Emporia KS — Dennis Scott, 911 N Oakland St, St Johns MI 48879.
4th ESB, 289th Sig Co — July, Tionesta PA — John Stoneburg, 1900 Lanewood Ln, Plymouth MN 55447.
4th Inf (Ivy) Div — July 6-12, New Orleans LA — Ralph Lingert, 161 Vista Hermosa Circle, Sarasota FL 34242.
4th Inf Div, 40th Tank Bn, all companies — July 24-25, Gilbertville KY — Edgar Parker, RR1, Box 93, Sandoual IL 62882.
6th Inf Rgt Assn — July 4, Jefferson Barracks MO — Paul Smiljanich, 4069 Green Park Rd, St Louis MO 63125.
8th Armd Div Assn — July 2-5, St Louis MO — Alexander Woehrle, POB 134, Delmar NY 12054.
9th Div, 47th Inf, 4th Bn, Co C — July 10-11, Las Vegas NV - John Bauler, 5302 W Ballast St, Santa Ana CA 92704.
9th Inf Rgt (Manchu Assn) — July 15-18, Albuquerque NM — Ray Tarabusi, 19 Waterford Dr, Englewood FL 34223.
9th Stu Bn, 91st Co, Infantry OCS Class 42-67 (Ft Benning GA, graduation date July 21, 1967) — July, Ft Benning/Columbus GA — Vincent Fulginiti, 1900 Central Ave, North Wildwood NJ 08260.
12th FA Obsn Bn — July 24-26, West Liberty IA — Joseph Banasiak, 6547 Nebraska Ave, Hammond IN 46323.
24th Inf Rgt Assn, 159th FA, 77th Engr Co, 512th MP Co — July, Columbia SC — Taylor Moore III, POB 3428, Columbia SC 29203.
27th Inf Rgt (Wolfhounds) — July, Omaha NE — Wolfhound Reunion, 4104 So 42nd St, Omaha NE 68107-1096.
28th Div, 112th Inf, Co A — July 24-25, Corry PA — Frank DeLury, RDH2, Box 340, Corry PA 16407.
29th Div, 116th Inf, Co M — July, Emporia VA — WD Rowell, 625 Tillar Ave, Emporia VA 23847.
31st Dixie Div, 155th Inf, Co E — July 26, Cleveland MS — LL Yarborough, POB 324, Merigold MS 38759.
33d Div, 129th Inf, Co M — July 12, Rock Falls IL — Harold Null, Rte 3, 20970 Luther Rd, Sterling IL 61081.
Class 33, Inf OCS (July 1942) — July 10-11, Lincoln NE — Ruben Becker, POB 81543, Lincoln NE 68501-1543.
34th Armor, 2d Bn (Vietnam, 1966-70) — July, San Antonio TX & West Point NY — Pat Forster, 31861 Calle Winona, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675.
35th Div, 137th Rgt, Co H — July 18-19, Ottawa KS — H Brohammer, Rt 1, Box 123, Baldwin KS 66006.
36th Div, 142d Inf, Co B — July 31-Aug 1, Hurricane WVa — Dewey Mann, 2105 21st St, Nitro WVa 25143.
37th Div, 3582d QM (Trk) & 112th QM, Co B — July 8-11, Bedford PA — Archie Blank, 1429 Bristal Pike, Morrisville PA 19067.
38th Div, 152d Inf, 1st Bn — July, New Albany IN — Alan Stephens, 2842 Wahoo Dr, New Albany IN 47150-4027.
42d Inf Rainbow Div — July 8-11, Milwaukee WI — Don Samolinski, 3729 Carl St, Wausau WI 54401.
45th Div, 179th Inf Rgt, Co G (Korean War) — July 22-24, Madison WI — Kip Derge, 1206 Douglas Ave, Watertown WI 53094.
45th Inf Div, 180th RCT, Co L (Korea, 1951-52) — July 2-4, Calhoun GA — Edward Stuart, Box 406, Farmersville TX 75442.
50th Engrs, Co A — July 16-18, Grand Junction CO — Loyd Carlson, 1155 Grand Ave, Grand Junction CO 81501.
52d Engr Combat Bn (WWII) — July 11, Anderson IL — George Bayley, 875 N 60 W, Anderson IN 46011.
71st Cml Mort Bn & 479th AAA (AW) Bn — July 16-18, Charlotte NC — Arthur Sparks, 118 Alberta St, Martin TN 38237.
79th Inf Div, 314th Inf Assn & 79th Recon Trp (WWII) — July 24-26, Dayton OH — Richard Rairdon, 5975 Rd 23 North, Lewiston OH 43333.
88th Chem Mortar Bn — July 11-12, Nashville TN — Fred White, 529 No Goodpasture, Livingston TN 38570.

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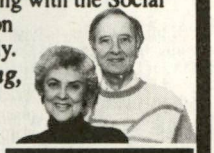

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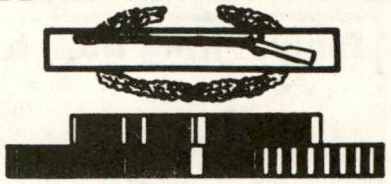

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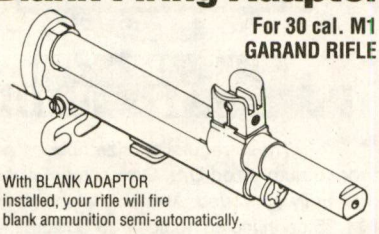

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96th Inf Div Assn (WWII) — July 23-25, Louisville KY — David Rafferty, 333 Robin Rd, Elizabethtown KY 42701.
96th QM Bkry — July, Willmar MN — Carroll Jacobson, 1101 Grace Ave SW, Willmar MN 56201.
100th Hwy Trans Svc (Philippines) — July 16-19, Oshkosh WI - Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
105th Sta Hosp (WWII) — July 10-12, Richmond IN — Owen Weiser, 4930 Rambo La, Toledo OH 43623.
107th Engr Comb Rgt & Bn, 522d Eng Co, 254th Eng Bomb Bn — July 31-Aug 2, Baraga MI — Ed Vickstrom, 900 Palms Ave, Ishpeming MI 49849.
125th AAA Gun Bn — July 24-26, Columbus OH — Clarence Vollmer, 940 Plum Ridge Rd, Columbus OH 43213.
143d AAA Gun Bn (WWII) — July, Lancaster OH — Harry Lane, 7291 Alspach Rd, Lancaster OH 43130.
164th Inf, Co F (WWII & Korea) — July 18-19, Carrington ND - John Paulson, 80 - 2nd Ave N, Carrington ND 58421.
165th AAA Gun Bn, Btry D (WWII) — July, Kissimmee FL — William Lamb, 3250 Ham Brown Rd, Kissimmee FL 34746.
190th FA Gp Assn (190th/200th FA Bns) (WWII) — July, Danville PA — West Duttinger, POB 111, Sunbury PA 17801.
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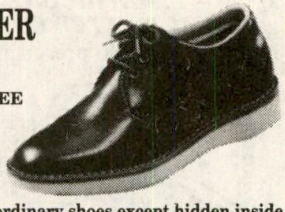

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216th AAA Gun Bn (WWII) — July 9-12, Springfield MO — Harry Wetz, Rt 4, Box 1372, Eufaula OK 74432.
246th Sig Oper Co (WWII) — July 30-Aug 1, Augusta GA — Johnnie Huggins Jr, 30031 SW 169th Ave, Homestead FL 33030.
258th FA Bn — July 31-Aug 1, Sioux Falls SD — Stanley Cross, 117 So Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls SD 57105.
274th AFA Bn — July, Elhart IN — Austin Bowlby, 54656 Holiday Dr, Elkhart IN 46514.
295th QM Salvage Repair Co — July 23-26, Dunkirk NY — William Schlichter, 206 Main St, Dunkirk NY 14048.
395th AAA (AW) Bn — July 23-26, Richmond VA — William Ford, 606 Hay St, Apt C, Pittsburgh PA 15221.
398th Eng, All Cos (WWII, ETO) — July 31-Aug 2, Klamath Falls, OR — Woodrow Edgar, 4981 Summers Ln, Klamath Falls OR 97603.
410th AAA Bn, Btry A & 364th MP Co (WWII) — July 11-12, Rockwood PA — Jay Houpt, RD1, Box 41, Rockwood PA 15557.
410th AAA Gun Bn, Btry D (WWII) — July, Rockton PA — John Conway, POB 56, Rockton PA 15856.
413d/523d Army Ord — July 10-12, Lancaster PA — Ralph Pickering, 06521 St, Rt 364, New Bremen OH 45869.
439th Sig Bn, Hvy Const HQ, Cos A & B — July 9-12, Hilton Head Island SC — Lester Bell, 6 Pineland Rd, Hilton Head Island SC 29926.
443d AAA Assn — July, Hazleton PA — Felix Viola, 524 E Diamond Ave, Hazleton PA 18201.
466th AAA Bn — July 11 — William Yopp, 6 Sackett Point Rd, North Haven CT 06473.
470th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — July 10-12, Johnstown PA — John Molton, RD1, Box 70, South Fork PA 15956.
472d FA Par-Glider Bn — July 22-26, Pittsburgh PA — Julian Panek, 3334 Demmler St, McKeesport PA 15131.
497th Port Bn, 250th Port Co — July 24-26, Mena AR — SD Cureton, POB 7, Vandervoort AR 71972.
505th Ord Co (HM) Tk — July, Little Rock AR — Emil Lorince, 1110 W 22nd St, Stuttgart AR 72160.
506th/507th QM Bn (Philippines) — July 16-19, Oshkosh WI — Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
527th Engr Lt Pon Co — July, Fort Dodge IA — Marion Munsinger, 402 9th Ave, Eldora IA 50627.
591st Engr Boat Rgt — July 8-12, Kerrville TX — Everett Mills, Box 71, Sublette KS 67877.
593d/594th/595th Ambulance Cos (WWII) — July 24-26, LaCrosse WI — Oliver Rustad, 408 Orchard View Dr, LaCrescent MN 55947.
638th TD Bn — July 25-26, Indianapolis IN — Howard Brumbaugh, 10109 Carrollton, Indianapolis IN 46280.
702d TD Bn, Co C — July 29-Aug 1, Palm Springs CA — John Arnoldusse, 6038 Bagley Ave, Palms CA 92277.
620th QM Ldry (Battle of the Bulge, 1944-45) — July 17-19, Knoxville TN — Charlie Mills, 405 W Glenwood St, Knoxville TN 37917.
741st Tank Bn — July 18-19, Louisville-Fort Knox KY — Kenneth Powell, 707 West Second St, Pittsburg KS 66762.
749th Railroad Operating Bn (WWII) — July 30-Aug 1, Louisville KY — Donald Gothard, 4173 Dixie Ct, Columbus OH 43228.
764th Ry Shop Bn — July, Bucyrus OH — Louis Golia, 629 Sara Ln, Verona PA 15147.
821st Comb Engrs, Co A — July, Streator IL — Dan Schlecht, POB 413, Woodruff WI 54568-0413.
1061st Engrs, PC&R (WWII) — July 10-11, Pigeon Forge TN — Jack Fickey, 543 River Rd, Loudon TN 37774.
1127/1400 MP (Aviation) — July, Dayton OH — Frank Farina, 18 Oriole Pl, Clementon NJ 08021.
1289th Comb Engrs — July 10-12, Peoria IL — Fred McCullough, Rt 5, Hickory Pt Rd, Metamora IL 61548.
1620th MP — July 10-12, Tomah WI — Oliver Drew, 1308 Stoughton Ave, Tomah WI 54660.
1906th Engr Avn Bn, H&S, Cos A/B/C/D — July 19-25, Des Moines IA — Don Hill, 308 W Baseline, Lafayette CO 80026.
3184th Sig Ser Bn (ETO) — July 17-19, Chester WVa — GC Carr, 12599 Coach Ln, South Lyon MI 48178-9138.
4611th/4612th Trk Cos (Philippines) — July 16-19, Oshkosh WI Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
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Sioux Army Depot Gold & Silver — July 24-26, Sidney NE — Mrs Lois O'Hare, POB 674, Sidney NE 69162.
Yokohama Engr Depot 8056 AU (Sagami, Japan) — July, Lawrenceville PA — Walter Williamd, RD2, Box 154, Lawrenceville PA 16929.

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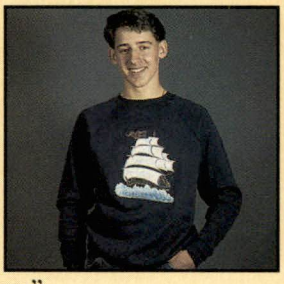

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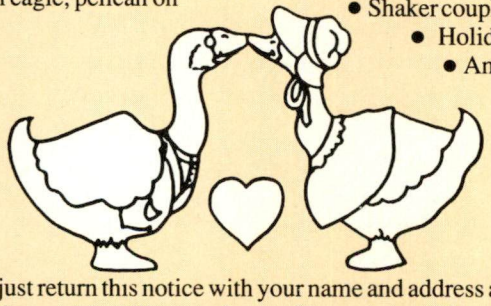

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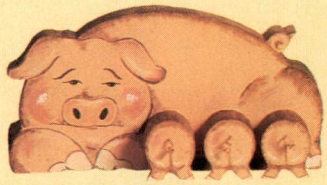

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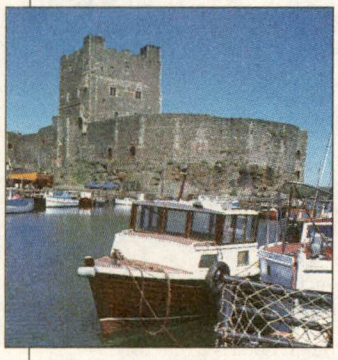

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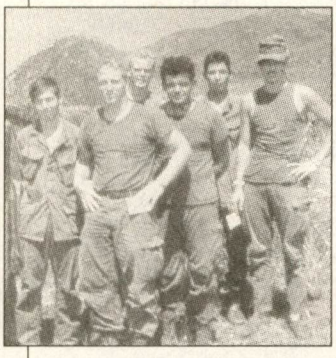

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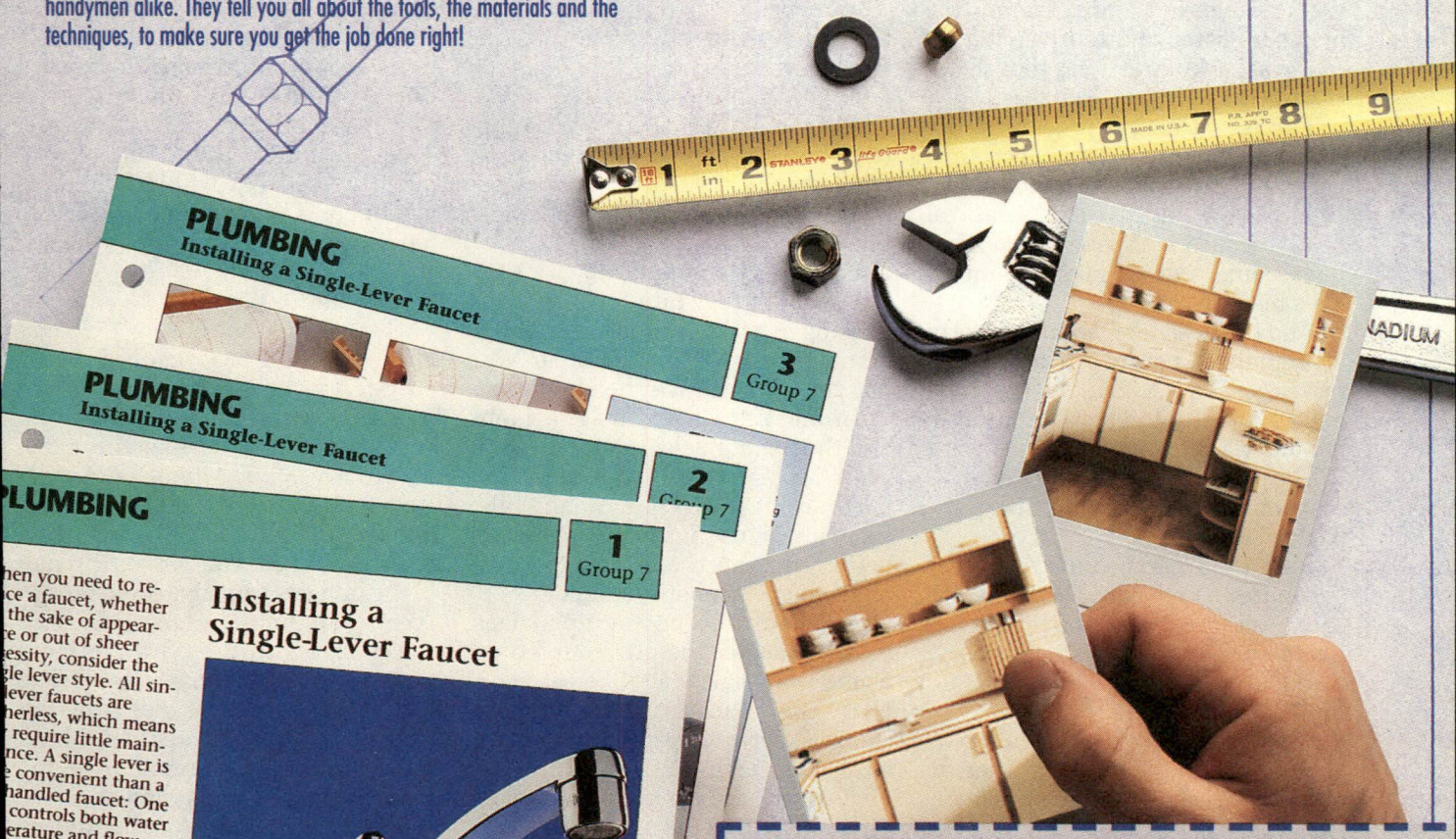

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Remaining the Advocate of Veterans Rights

by Robert E. Wallace
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This has been a hectic yet eventful year. The VFW won some major battles and continued to grow for the 37th consecutive year.

A strong and respected membership is essential, but never more so than in an election year. To make VFW resolutions a reality, members must exert influence at the ballot box. Remember this in November.

My appearance before the joint hearing of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs committees in March carried weight only because of the organization's size. Committee members listened attentively to our concerns, acknowledging the VFW's clout because it was exercised.

Persistent action preserved the VA health care system. Secretary Edward Derwinski's so-called Rural Health Care Initiative died a natural death because you spoke out and said it was simply wrong not to maintain VA's historic role.

And the need for eligibility reform was a natural outgrowth of this controversy. The VA should seek to expand eligibility to veterans in need, not find ways to restrict it. This point will be pressed until VA and Congress responds to the people they are pledged to serve.

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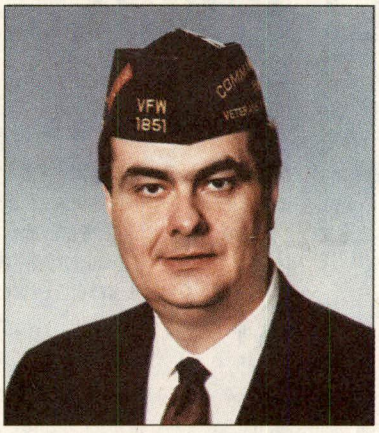
America's economy will have to absorb nearly 500,000 armed forces veterans over the next few years. Only robust economic growth can ensure they will have a job. Meanwhile, the VFW can help ease the transition. Posts across the country that can offer employment assistance are a good starting point for job-seekers. Now is the time to mobilize the organization's vast network.



Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Wallace

Other than a job itself, the VFW's employment director in the Washington Office can provide information on employment rights, civil service positions and Veterans Preference.

Fight for Full Accounting

Resolving the fate of Americans missing in action and taken prisoner of war during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War heads our list.

In meetings with the President and the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, I stressed the importance of this issue. Meanwhile, there are signs that some progress is being made in the area of government-to-government contact.

All along, we have emphasized that the fate of the unaccounted for from every war should be resolved. Early this year, a joint U.S.-Russia commission was formed to investigate Americans missing in 1945. Meanwhile, the ice has been broken in establishing a dialogue with North Korea where 8,000 U.S. MIAs were lost.

But the biggest breakthroughs have occurred in Indochina. In July 1991, I visited Southeast Asia for the first time. Meetings with U.S. officials charged with the search, as well as Communist leaders, opened the door to further talks.

This past May I returned to Vietnam and also visited Cambodia and Laos. Stops also included Hawaii where discussions with U.S. Joint Task Force-Full Accounting personnel resulted in timely briefings and an update on their field efforts.

Task force teams are located in these countries, excavating crash sites, interviewing former Vietnamese leaders, researching archives and following up on live-sighting reports.

Quite clearly, the Bush Administration is moving toward normalization of relations with Hanoi. But the VFW has always demanded concrete results — which the regime there has yet to produce — before any more concessions are made to the Communists.

My feeling is that Hanoi is now moving in the right direction, simply because it is determined to secure a lifting of the trade embargo, diplomatic recognition and ultimately, some form of economic aid. Consequently, the VFW will remain ever-vigilant of U.S. government efforts to move too fast.

Credit Where It Is Due

Everything that has been accomplished over the past year lies at your doorstep — hard working members in every part of the nation who ensure the organization's success daily.

Wherever and whenever I traveled, I encountered nothing but an upbeat attitude about the VFW and its future. That pride shines through in the projects you have completed in every community in America.

Delegates to the 93rd National Convention in Indianapolis will elect new leaders of a high caliber who will again lead the organization. Moreover, the VFW will remain the top advocate for veterans rights.

I thank each of you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you as your Commander-in-Chief. And I thank you for the many courtesies extended to Diane and me.

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The annual meeting of the corporation will be held at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., on Oct. 24, 1992 at 9 a.m.

Three trustees — one each from the 6th District (Ky., Miss., La., and Mo.), 10th District (Ark., Texas, Okla. and N.M.) and the 8th District (Ill. and Ind.) — of the Home will be elected.

Mail ballots must be received at the Home no later than 10 a.m. on Oct. 16, per Article I, Section 4, Voting.

VFW National Home, 3573 Waverly Rd. S., Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827. (517) 663-1521.

Guadalcanal monuments a reality

Two monuments will honor Allied sacrifices on Guadalcanal in the Solomons. The American-Allied Guadalcanal Memorial will commemorate American, Australian and New Zealand servicemen. The Allied-American-Solomon Islands Monument centers on Jacob Vouza, a native scout who won the Silver Star. For more information, contact: *Solomon Islands War Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 56189, Harwood Heights, Ill. 60656-0189.*

Cold War casualties revealed

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's recent visit to the U.S. has stirred up some interesting historical facts.

According to ABC News, 39 U.S. planes were shot down over the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Of the 364 crew members: 187 were rescued or released; 42 died; and 135 were listed as "not recovered, fate unknown." The July 2 news report cited the preliminary results of a Joint Chiefs of Staff study.

Essential reference manual now available

The National Veterans Legal Services Project (NVLSP), located in Washington, D.C., has produced a two-volume *Veterans Benefits Manual: An Advocate's Guide to Representing Veterans and Their Dependents.* NVLSP advises that it is available in many public libraries.

WWII commemorative stamp ideas

If you would like to suggest that a WWII theme, such as Bataan and Corregidor, be recognized by the Postmaster General, send your ideas to: *Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, C/0 USPS, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, Room 5800, Washington, D.C. 20260-6352.*

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U.S. vets eligible for RSL membership

If you are interested in joining the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL), contact: *Neil Churches, Washington, D.C. RSL Sub-Branch, Australia House, 1601 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2273.*

VFW continues support of Korean veterans memorial

VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary recently donated $12,500 for "I am A Flag" posters and booklets that were distributed at the June 14 groundbreaking ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. Final design approval for the memorial is expected by next June. VFW is a top donor to the memorial fund with over $607,000 to date.

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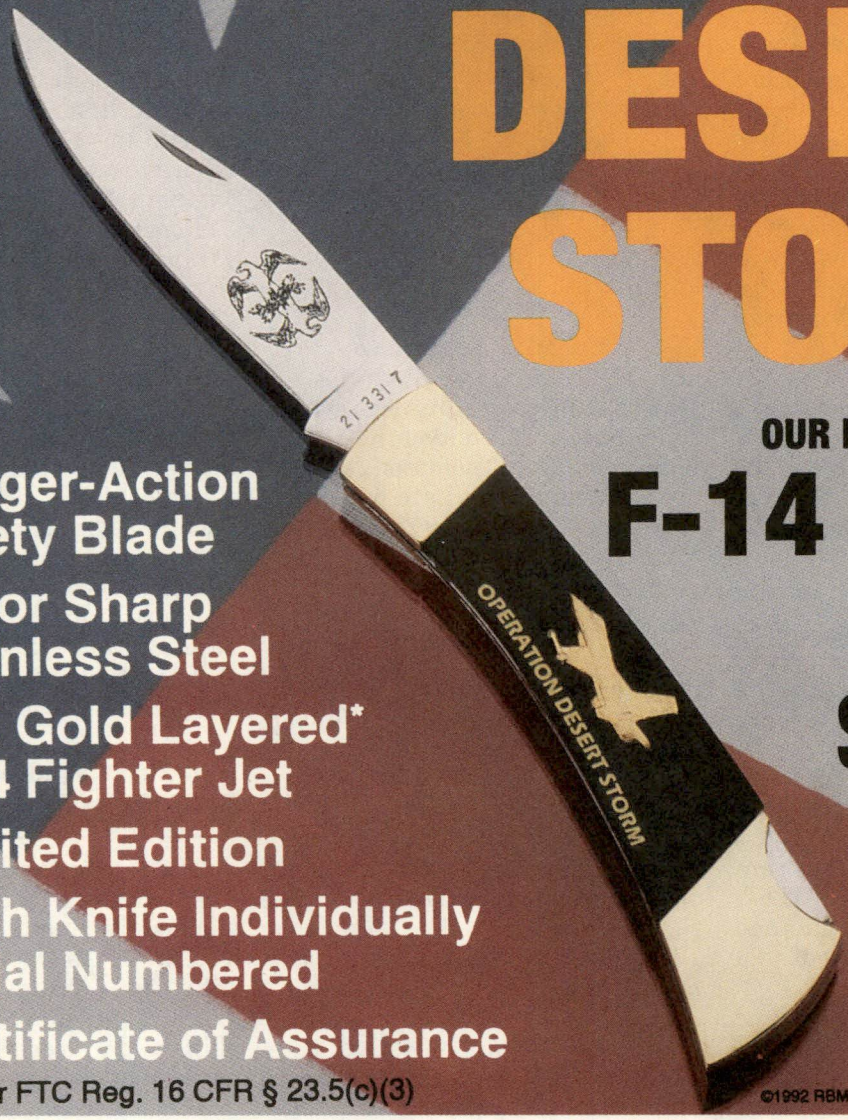

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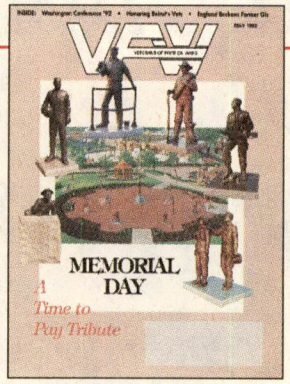

■ Thanks for the cover of the May issue. Area veterans organizations and the city of Blue Ash, Ohio, should be commended for their outstanding memorial. It's obvious that a great deal of thought and pride went into this moving tribute to those who served. I salute the citizens of this small community and say well-done.

Tom Davis, 127 Laura Drive, San Angelo, Texas 76905

■ Corrections are in order to the May cover information. It was VFW Post **3744** that participated in the memorial dedication. Also, the concept, design and erection of the $1 million memorial was entirely courtesy of the City of Blue Ash which contributed from city funds. City Manager Marvin Thompson deserves special credit for his hard work.

Ramon L. Wilking, 8556 Blue Ash Road, Rossmoyne, Ohio 45236

Veterans of Lebanon Remembered

■ Thanks for the article on the "forgotten warriors" ("Presence Meant Combat in Beirut," May issue). Marines were sitting ducks with their hands tied behind their backs in Beirut. Nevertheless, we did our jobs darn well. Grenada and Panama are always mentioned, but never Lebanon. As a nation, we cannot afford to forget the "peace-makers" sent to a land not ready for peace.

Doug Patrick, 2611 N. 4th St., Blue Springs, Mo. 64014

■ My ship, the *USS John Kennedy* (CV- 67), served time off Lebanon between Jan. 4 and July 4, 1982, yet vets of this ship are not eligible for the Navy Expeditionary Medal which took effect Aug 20. We deserve recognition, too.

Daniel M. Connolly, N & MCRC Amityville, 600 Albany Ave., Amityville, N.Y. 11701

■ Thank you for paying tribute to my son who served aboard the *USS Independence* on Bagel Station. And thanks for an excellent magazine — I read it cover to cover every month — as well as for stirring up some memories.

Betty Guarino, 360 Kent Road, Cornwall Bridge, Conn. 06754

■ The *USS New Jersey* (BB-62), while in Vietnam, fired 5,866 rounds of 16" projectiles and over 14,000 5" rounds, far exceeding the number fired off Lebanon in 1984.

In addition to destroying the Syrian command post, the ship obliterated miles of concrete reinforced conduits that provided permament electrical power to Syrian mobile missile batteries.

James Soper, 324 Georgetown Drive, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32018

■ Naval Mobile Battalion 1 — Seabees — first deployed to Lebanon from Rota, Spain, in November 1983. In February 1984, 42 Seabees returned. Detachment 01C operated under combat conditions for a significant percentage of the time. In fact, one Seabee equipment operator was wounded and two Marines killed by a rocket propelled grenade while clearing fields of fire.

Harmond Littlefield, 7 Englewood Drive, Raymond, N.H. 03077-1340

■ Remember that Navy amphibious units, or "Gators," spent almost all of their deployment right off Green Beach directly supporting the Marines. For instance, the *USS El Paso* (LKA-117), part of Amphibious Squadron 8, was there the morning BLT headquarters was bombed, and rendered invaluable assistance.

Vince Murphy, 4636 Knox, Lincoln, Neb. 68504

American History in Jeopardy

Thank you very much for the "Sad State of American History" (June issue). Much, much more needs to be done in this area, particularly with regard to teaching the history of the Vietnam War.

Robert Arko, 404 Animas St., Trinidad, Colo. 81082

■ I read with interest the "Sad State of American History." As a history teacher for 13 years, I believe it all goes back to the individual teacher. The best teachers rely on many sources other than textbooks. Example: I use *VFW Magazine* frequently. Civic-minded groups like the VFW should insist that local school boards hire competent teachers and pressure state governments to ensure accurate textbooks.

Gary Gill, 101 Holstun Drive, Thomaston, Ga. 30286

Homeless Vets Article Catalyst to Action

Thank you for the excellent national coverage on the Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans ("An Open Door to a New Life," June issue). Author Susan Willard evidenced superb writing skills and a deep sensitivity to the cause of homeless veterans.

People from all around the nation are responding with requests for help in setting up similar shelters in their own communities. It makes me proud to be a Life Member of the VFW. All veterans concerned owe the VFW a debt of gratitude. Thanks for caring.

Raymond M. Kelley, Jr., Executive Director, CMSHV, 69 Grove St., Worcester, Mass. 01605

For the Record

I believe the incident Mr. Wolford (May Mail Call) was referring to was the downing of a VQ-1 Martin P4M-1Q Mercator. It disappeared Aug. 22, 1956, while on a night patrol out of Iwakuni, Japan, after reporting an attack by aircraft 32 miles off China. No survivors (the crew was well under 33) were ever found.

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LEGISLATIVE

VFW Tells Democratic Platform Committee to Strengthen VA System

As the 1992 election draws closer, it is important that candidates be informed of the various issues affecting veterans. This, of course, applies to presidential candidates as well.

The VFW requested and has received invitations to testify at hearings held by the Democratic and Republican Platform Committees. Following is the VFW's testimony at the Democratic Platform Committee hearing held in Cleveland, Ohio. Similar testimony will be delivered before the Republican Platform Committee hearing to be held in Washington, D.C.

In recent years, hard-earned veterans entitlements have come under attack by individuals and groups who often wrap themselves in the banner of fiscal restraint. This dollars-over-duty mentality is a rather new but troubling development. This mind-set is unacceptable to the VFW and we are adamant that this nation honor its commitment to its military veterans.

Veterans programs and entitlements are not free. They are purchased by the blood and sacrifice of those veterans and their families who benefit from them and represent a part of the ongoing cost of war.

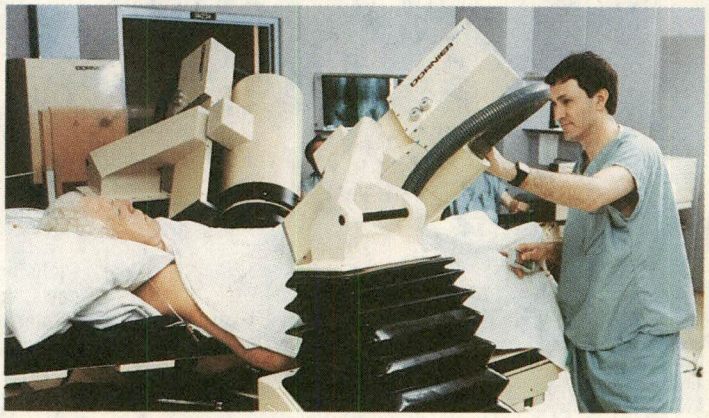
With the help of friends in Congress, we have been able to turn back many of these attacks, but certainly not all of them. Veterans have been hurt over the past 12 years by repeated decremental VA budgets. VA has reached the point where it can no longer do more with less.

VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery is clearly at a crossroads in terms of fulfilling its mission of providing quality health care to America's veterans. As the average age of America's veterans rises and as health care costs continue to escalate, demand for VA health care services will, in our opinion, increase dramatically.

We do not believe that present VA facilities and others being planned or renovated will accommodate the anticipated demand for services over the next 15 years, much less well into the 21st century.

Preserving A Historic Mission

Recently, proposals have surfaced that would allow non-veterans to be treated in VA medical centers. One such proposal was the Administration's Rural Health Care Initiative.



Maintaining the mandated mission of the VA health care system is a top VFW priority.

Needless to say, this idea was met with a solid and insurmountable wall of VFW and veteran opposition.

It is our strongly held conviction that opening the VA health care system to non-veterans should never be entertained until the VA provides access to all eligible veterans. We further assert that the current convoluted system of criteria governing veteran eligibility for VA health care must be reformed and clarified before any attempt is made at redefining the VA's mission. VFW believes all honorably discharged veterans should have a mandated, legal entitlement to a full continuum of VA health care.

In brief, we define a full continuum of care as consistent with that recommended by the Commission on the Future Structure on Veterans Health Care. This ranges from preventive through outpatient and inpatient to long-term care and extending to nursing home care.

VA should serve as "case manager" for the full range of ancillary services such as "meals on wheels," hospice care and hospital-based home care before assuming any additional burdens. The VA health care system must be improved, fully funded and opened up to all veterans — the health care provider of choice for all vets.

National Health Care

We also strongly believe that the VA should be a separate but integral part of any future national health care plan. The VFW is adamantly opposed to any proposal that alters VA's mission.

We do not oppose a national health care plan or system. In fact, we believe all Americans deserve and should be provided access to proper health care. However, our VA health care system should serve as a contributing ally to any national health system, and not become its victim.

Through the care it provides to this nation's veterans, its affiliation with teaching hospitals and universities, its ground-breaking research in such areas as prosthetics, cardiology, burns and caring for traumatic injuries, the VA health care system is an essential and irreplaceable national health care asset. Its destruction would constitute a grave loss to all citizens — veterans and non-veterans alike.

James N. Magill
Director of National
Legislative Services

SERVICE

Eligibility Reform as the Rallying Cry

VFW members have a battle ahead — one that is crucial to the survival of the health care system charged with the welfare of 27 million veterans. Eligibility reform is likely to be **the** veterans issue of the 1990s.

Discretionary care at VA medical facilities is virtually a thing of the past. The root cause is lack of money. Veterans are being turned away as a result with no other options for care.

Inpatient versus outpatient regulations are confusing at best, and can be tragic at worst. Logic seems to have been thrown out the door.

VFW has long advocated a full continuum of care — including preventive and long-term treatment. But under today's circumstances, this often is impossible for many veterans.

Only Solution: Political Action

Keep in mind that this is an election year. Veterans, and especially VA patients who have suffered the consequences of the present system, have an opportunity to demonstrate their displeasure.

Pressure can be brought to bear if veterans unite and speak collectively. VFW members at the grass-roots level should organize in their respective congressional districts. Contact candidates directly. Find out where they stand on the issue of VA eligibility reform and act accordingly.

If the VA health care system is to survive intact, then it must be made to embrace some fundamental changes. The department has to live up to its historic mission of providing care for veterans first. Now is the time.

Only with the assistance of members in the field will this happen. VFW just recently demonstrated its clout. A renewed effort is called for to achieve a similar victory with regard to eligibility reform — make it your rallying cry.

Frederico Juarbe, Jr.
Director of National
Veterans Service

SECURITY

Threat in Korea Remains Real

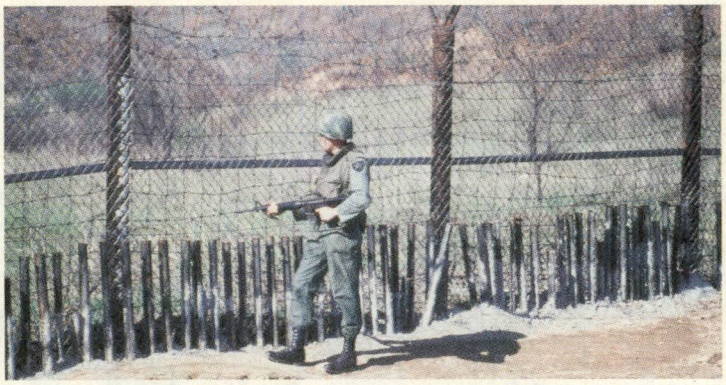
Northeast Asia could be the next cockpit of conflict, according to Gen. Robert W. RisCassi, commander of the U.N. Command, who recently testified before the House Armed Services Committee.

RisCassi believes the U.S. military presence on the peninsula is vital to maintaining stability in this volatile region. Tensions are kept on the edge by several factors:

Nuclear Proliferation. A nuclear weapons development program is now under way at Yongbyon, North Korea. The North has refused to sign the International Atomic Agency accord which calls for inspections. Plutonium is likely being stockpiled for processing.

Arms Buildup. Expansion of the North's offensive capability has been profound, including the following steps:

- Enlargement of its special operations forces to 80,000 men.
- Repositioning of ground forces (65%) to within 62 miles of the DMZ.
- Increase of artillery equalling a 2.3:1 advantage over the South.
- Creation of a force of over 4,000 infantry-fighting vehicles.
- Addition of 1,000 tanks, making the total armored force 3,500 tanks.
- Modernization of the Navy which consists of 670 vessels.
- Maintenance of 1,400 aircraft, including 748 jet fighters.



U.S. ground troops serve a vital and symbolic role in South Korea. They patrolled the DMZ from 1953 through 1991. Photo courtesy Barry Gayer

North Korea is the most militarized state per capita on Earth, with the fifth largest army, sixth largest air force, sixth largest submarine force, tenth largest tank force, fourth largest artillery force and third largest special operations force.

As an effective counterbalance, the U.S. must remain forward-deployed in South Korea, according to RisCassi. This means leaving the 2nd Infantry Division there. U.S. intelligence-gathering capabilities also are important. Joint training is another essential factor.

South Korean self-sufficiency and an increase in Seoul's defense spending are the keys to closing the gap between the North and South's military imbalance, believes the commander.

Kenneth A. Steadman
Director of National Security
and Foreign Affairs

Guadalcanal — Then and Now

by David Knibb

America's first WWII land offensive pitted 60,000 GIs against 36,000 Japanese, and turned the tide of the Pacific war.

On Aug. 7, 1942, 10,000 Marines from the 1st Division landed on Guadalcanal's grey sands. The next day, after frightened Japanese fled, Leathernecks seized their objective — a nearly complete airstrip hacked out of tall grass along Guadalcanal's north coast.

With scarcely a shot fired, the first U.S. land offensive of World War II was launched. Before it ended, the fight over that airstrip would kill more than 1,500 Americans and 24,000 Japanese in a struggle that stopped Japan's advance into the South Pacific.

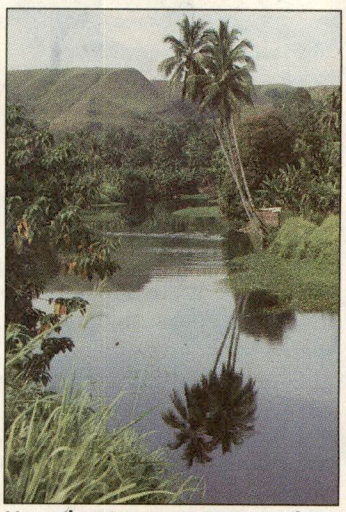
Fifty years later, Henderson Field is still the Solomon Islands' main airport. Jets descend over dark jungle in the island's center, bank over Iron Bottom Sound, and approach above mangroves along the Ilu River. Visitors clear immigration in a wood-frame terminal near where another wood building bore a GI sign: "Tokyo Ice Plant, Under New Management."

The Marines' calm reception was short-lived. On the day they took Henderson Field, Zeros escorted bombers down the Slot to harass landings on Red Beach. That night Japanese destroyers and cruisers slipped into the strait and torpedoed six Allied ships. The seesaw air and sea struggle had begun. By its end, Iron Bottom Sound would claim 46 ships and 13,000 lives. The deadly land battle was about to start.

Visitors today leave Henderson Field on a paved highway — the only one in the Solomon Islands. To the right, it bends around the end of the runway, crosses the Ilu River, now called Alligator Creek, and heads east through coconut plantations.

On D-Day plus 11, Japan's first reinforcements secretly landed east of the air field — 915 troops commanded by Col. Kiyono Ichiki. They slipped through the coconut groves to the mouth of Ilu River, hoping to surprise U.S. defenders.

But the Americans were tipped off by a native named Jacob Vouza, who the Japanese had interrogated to no avail, beaten, bayoneted, and left for dead. When they charged across the Ilu River, Marines returned a blistering fire. Then five American tanks crossed the stream and mowed down survivors. The Ichiki offensive was crushed. Two others would follow.



Mataniko River near Honiara where a fierce battle was fought in 1942. Photo by David Knibb

Heading west from Henderson Field, the highway now passes between the old control tower (built by Seabees) and Pagoda Hill, the former Japanese headquarters that now sprouts a grove of rain trees. The control tower stands like a rusting steel skeleton. Pill boxes hide in the tall grass at its base.

Fred Beilfus, Jr., 3rd Defense Battalion, from Stanwood, Wash., recalls the bombing raids. "They would come out of the sun within five minutes of noon every day. It was like a milk run. They didn't deviate at all." John Stevenson, 1st Marine Division, from Everett, Wash., says, "They didn't do much damage. They made some holes, but those were filled right away."

Beilfus credits accurate artillery and U.S. fighters for downing many of the Japanese. "I don't see how those little Wildcats flew," he says. "They had wings like a bumblebee, but they did the job." Code-named Cactus, Guadalcanal was a precarious base for the patchwork Cactus Air Force that

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Members of the 2nd Marines with a Japanese prisoner on Guadalcanal in August 1942. National Archives

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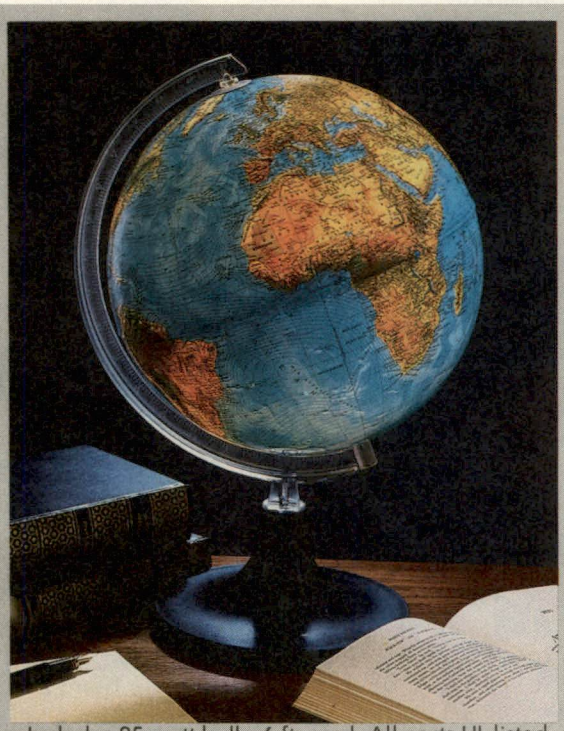

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struck back at Japanese ships steaming down the Slot.

Both of Japan's land offensives came from the mountains, where a grassy ridge drops within half a mile of the runway. The September and October battles of Bloody Ridge produced the most frightful combat on Guadalcanal.

U.S. Marine and Army units under Col. "Red Mike" Edson fought off night attacks and banzai charges that almost pushed them back. Beilfus, positioned at the base of the ridge, remembers Japanese breaking through to his position. "We got a look at them," he says. The desperate fight produced "a terrible noise." But the GIs held, and the tide began to turn in the Pacific.

Bloody Ridge was not the last battle. Nearly every hill from there to Honiara provoked a fight. One by one the GIs took Mt. Austen, now called Grassy Knoll, Gifu Hill, Skyline, Sea Horse and Galloping Horse Ridges.



Remains of a Chance Vought F4U Corsair in the jungles of the Solomons. Photo by David Knibb

Ken Sarff of Corvallis, Ore., was with the Army's 25th Infantry Division towards the end. "Most of the action was down in the jungle between those bare ridge tops," he recalls. "We didn't face any banzai charges like the Marines had earlier." On Christmas Day Americans captured Hill 27 near what is now Honiara. It was one of the last battles.

After that, Sarff recalls, "It was a game of tag. The Japs were trying to slow us down so they could reach Cape Esperance and get out of there."

As the rainy season arrived, navies clashed two more times. The U.S. lost the carrier *Hornet,* but Japanese reinforcements failed. The last starving, malaria-ridden Japanese left Guadalcanal on Feb. 3, 1943.

The island remained a base until the war moved beyond range. Then Americans also left, abandoning a new harbor at Point Cruz with its quonset huts, fuel tanks and ammo dumps. Locals transformed it into the town of Honiara. British rulers returning after the war found islanders impatient with colonialism. Inspired by GIs, especially black Americans who looked like them, they demanded self-rule.

Honiara today is the capital of an independent Solomon Islands. It sprawls along the waterfront, climbs nearby hills, and spreads up the Mataniko Valley. Squatters from outer islands crowd its edges. On a gravel bar at the mouth of the Mataniko, children play where Japanese tanks were shelled.

When the fighting ended, Guadalcanal was strewn with burned tanks, beached ships and rusting equipment. But the worst relics were tons of stored or unexploded ordnance.

Chris Fora, now an island police officer, worked in bomb disposal after the war. At first he kept no records on how much they destroyed. "We just blasted it to get rid of it." By 1989 local officials estimated 110,000 bombs and shells had been eliminated. But Fora guesses 30% of it is still out there, hidden in stockpiles at Hells Point or rusting in the tall grass.

Villagers still ignore warnings and try to saw shells open to use the explosives for fishing. "I know at least four people who were killed," says Fora. "Many more lost arms and legs. Most recent was a man trying to cut open a 60mm mortar shell on Tulagi last year. He was killed instantly."

Today's visitor leaves the airport in a Toyota, crosses Lungga River on a bridge built by Kumigai Gumi, passes a malaria center funded by Japan, and probably stays in a hotel owned by Kitano.

A businessman recalls, "Our parents remember how the Japanese stole food from their gardens and burned their houses. The Americans were different. They were very friendly. We were glad to help them as scouts and stretcher bearers." But now he and others accept Japanese aid and commerce.

Solomon Islanders are puzzled why Americans seemed to forget them. As one old-timer argued, "Americans died for Solomon Islands. They should take over from the British."

When Seabees came in 1986 to help rebuild after a cyclone, they were welcomed like returning heroes. One local man told a reporter, "Before my father died he said to me: 'Remember the Americans. They came to die for us.'" The reception was enthusiastic. A Seabee remarked, "When you go down the street in uniform, waving to the kids, it's like a parade. I feel like I'm running for mayor."

Ann Blackburn, a local travel agent, thinks the 50th anniversary will "remind local people of something they have tended to forget." Jack Barley, tourist official, agrees. "Younger people don't realize what happened here. We have had peace in Solomon Islands so long that people think war is something that happens in the Persian Gulf."

A breeze rustles the tall grass on Bloody Ridge. A dog barks off towards the mountains. Otherwise, it is still. Two kids from a thatched house come running up the hill to grin and stare. My guide shows me an old foxhole. "How do veterans react when they come back here?" I ask Pio Laumate.

"Some are happy. They are glad to have a chance to be here again" he says. Then he shakes his head and adds: "Others just cry."

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U.S. Casualties at Guadalcanal

	Killed	Wounded
1st Marine Division	774	1,962
Americal Division	334	850
2nd Marine Division	268	932
25th Infantry Division	216	439
Totals	**1,592**	**4,183**
U.S. Navy[1]	**4,900**	

Source: The Second World War. The West Point Military History Series, p. 279.

[1] *Guadalcanal by Richard B. Frank, p.614.*

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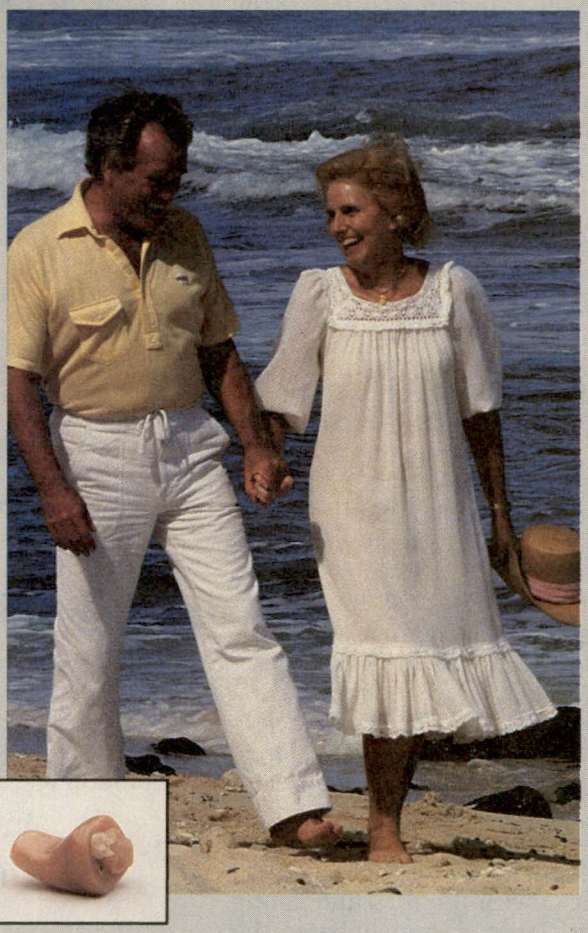

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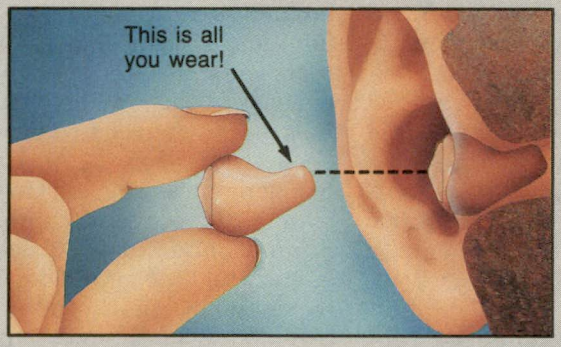

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Honoring Lives, Touching Hearts

America's best-kept secret, No Greater Love is an organization dedicated to the founding principles of the VFW.

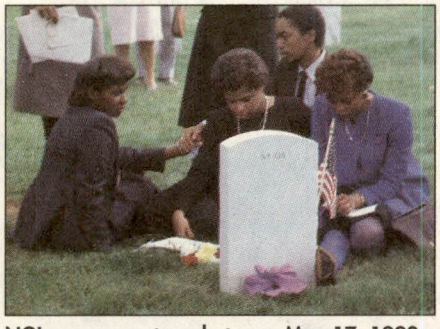
BY SUSAN F. WILLARD

Photos courtesy No Greater Love

It was a simple piece of black cloth, a scarf made from black pajamas worn by the Viet Cong. Carmella LaSpada received the scarf from a young soldier in 1967 when she was with a USO tour visiting a Southeast Asian hospital. After winning a battle against the VC, the soldier and his comrades made the scarves to wear around their necks. They nicknamed themselves the "Black Scarf" battalion.

Tearfully, the soldier told LaSpada that he had seen nearly 40 of his friends die during that confrontation. He asked LaSpada to take the scarf and promise that she would do something so his buddies and their families would never be forgotten. LaSpada had no idea that the gift — and her promise — would change her life forever.

Back home, LaSpada returned to her job on the staff of then Vice President Hubert Humphrey. She also returned to her volunteer work at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Bethesda Naval Hospital. As the war escalated, LaSpada saw more soldiers filling the hospitals — many of them amputees. They told her about their friends who were POWs and MIAs with families and young children. LaSpada remembered the black scarf and her promise.



NGL ceremony, top photo, on May 17, 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery on the fifth anniversary of the *USS Stark* tragedy. Family of a Marine, above photo, killed in Beirut visits his grave at Arlington following the NGL dedication of the Cedar of Lebanon.

With the 1971 holiday season approaching, LaSpada thought of all those children who had had a parent killed, or listed as missing or captured in Vietnam. In two weeks — and with little money — she and several friends collected and sent almost 4,000 gifts to those children and their families.

The project was the birth of the Washington, D.C.-based group No Greater Love (NGL), founded by LaSpada to remember those who died serving our country and to care for their families. The organization was appropriately named after the Bible verse, "No greater love has a man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13).

Living Memories

LaSpada firmly believes in Herman Wouk's quotation, "The beginning of the end of war lies in remembrance." To that end, NGL has conducted hundreds of memorial ceremonies over the last 21 years. These annual events honor those who served and died in various wars and conflicts, as well as those who died from acts of terrorism. Ceremonies include servicemen and women, families, political figures and NGL representatives who speak and place wreaths at the various NGL memorials in Arlington National Cemetery.

At the February 1992 ceremony honoring those who died in the Persian Gulf, Kuwaiti Ambassador Shaikh Saud Nasir Al-Sabah eloquently told the more than 200 family members gathered that the ceremony was the most emotional moment of his 11 years as ambassador to the United States. "May God grant us the patience and endurance to face these most difficult times," he said.

Following each ceremony, NGL sponsors a luncheon or reception for the families of those honored. These

get-togethers, according to LaSpada, offer the families a unique experience. "Grieving is an individual thing," she explains, "but NGL gives these families a chance to be with others who understand and care. So many good things come out of each event."

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One woman told LaSpada that she felt "so alone until today" after a recent NGL World War II memorial ceremony. "That is our most significant contribution," LaSpada continues. "Helping the families and children to cope by letting them know that they are not alone."

Chrissy Higgins recently became involved with NGL. Her father, Marine Col. William Richard Higgins, was taken hostage in Lebanon in 1988 and then killed in 1989. "I spoke at a No Greater Love ceremony in May honoring the hostages," she says. "It was so comforting to be part of a group united by a special bond. They provided me with a different kind of support system because we had all been through a similar experience. I want to continue my involvement with No Greater Love, maybe working with their programs for kids."

Focus On Children

NGL focuses much of its time on events for children. "We want to help them understand the tragedies that have taken away their parents," LaSpada states. "It's also important to help ease the hurt around special occasions like holidays and birthdays."

Each year, NGL sends every child a personalized birthday card and holiday gifts, including a calendar designed by a member of the National Cartoonists Society and autographed by celebrities. Annual NGL holiday parties for the children are held in a number of cities and attended by sports and entertainment personalities. LaSpada stresses the importance of NGL activities for the self-esteem of the children, as well: "We don't want them to be bitter — children are our future."

One year, according to LaSpada, bracelets inscribed with the words "Hug Me" were sent to the children as holiday gifts. "A woman approached me at an NGL luncheon," recalls LaSpada, "and told me that her little girl wore the bracelet every day because it was like a hug from her Daddy."

LaSpada tells another story of a friend who met and talked with an Air Force cadet next to him on an airline flight. "The cadet's father had been killed in Vietnam," LaSpada explains. "When they started talking about No Greater Love, the cadet's eyes lit up and he said that he'd never forget how we always remembered him at Christmas and on his birthday."

Other NGL programs let the children know that they — and the memories of their parents — are not forgotten. The Pledge of Peace program was started in 1985, according to Tom Stone, NGL volunteer and director of special projects. "It is a non-denominational opportunity for children to make a commitment to fostering peace," says Stone, a Silver Star recipient who served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division from 1969 to 1971.

Children from more than 100 countries around the world have signed the Pledge, which is also recited by children at all NGL ceremonies. A laser videodisc containing the Pledge and children's signatures was sent aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger and recovered from the ocean following the disaster. It is currently part of an exhibit at the Capitol Children's Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Hero Flag Program, started by NGL in 1973, honored children and their parents who served in Vietnam. Each child at least 10 years old was sent a "Hero Flag Certificate" and an American flag during the holidays. The flag was then flown over the U.S. Capitol on the birthday of the child's parent.

And last, NGL conducted its "Brave Heart Bib" program to help ease the pain of a parent's absence. Certificates and desert camouflage bibs with the inscriptions "My Daddy is a Brave Heart" or "My Mommy is a Brave Heart" were sent by NGL to children with parents serving in the Persian Gulf.





A Korean War vet, top photo, places a yellow chrysanthemum on the NGL meditation bench. NGL head Carmella LaSpada, above photo, brings a child to meet NGL President Ted Williams.

Best-Kept Secret

LaSpada calls NGL "America's best-kept secret" because it helps so many people yet is so little-known. In spite of the number of humanitarian programs it conducts, this non-profit, non-political organization operates on a shoe-string budget with a small, dedicated staff that is primarily volunteers. Although it receives some donations for its programs, NGL is constantly in need of funds for its work.

Marine Cpl. James Chandonnet Knipple was killed in Beirut in 1983. His father, John Knipple, knows the impact of NGL first-hand and the importance of its continued existence. "Through No Greater Love, lives are extended in memory," he states. "My family and others who have been sheltered under the cloak of love from this organization want everyone to know how desperately necessary it is for it to continue."

Several groups, according to LaSpada, have helped NGL on an ongoing basis. "We could not have gone on," she stresses, "without four unions — the Iron Workers, the Painters and Allied Trades, the Sheet Metal Workers and the Fire Fighters. They have provided us with our office space and WATS line at no charge. We are also very thankful to the AFL-CIO Executive Council and the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association."

Mark Monroe, treasurer on NGL's board of directors, is also a member of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades. "The four unions have a complete commitment to No Greater Love," explains Monroe. "In addition to providing them with full administrative support, we also try to have a presence at the ceremonies and programs. Anyone who has been involved with the kids' programs can see how No Greater Love helps to build self-pride in these children — it gives them the drive to go on with their lives."

LaSpada believes through NGL's work "we are giving back a little of what has made this country so great. We are showing that people care for each other and that we are all Americans." She emphasizes: "All veterans can be assured that we are helping the families of their friends who died while serving our country." LaSpada has clearly not forgotten the black scarf and her promise to that young soldier.

For more information on No Greater Love, call *(202) 783-4665*, or write: *1750 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.*

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1992 Annual Ceremonies and Events

Date	Those Honored	Location
January 28	The Space Shuttle Challenger Crew	Arlington National Cemetery
February 28	Those Who Died in the Persian Gulf War	Arlington National Cemetery
April 25	Americans Who Died in the Iran Hostage Rescue Mission	Arlington National Cemetery
May 17	Americans Who Died in the USS Stark Incident	Arlington National Cemetery
Sunday before Memorial Day	Those Who Died in War or by Acts of Terrorism	Arlington National Cemetery
Memorial Day	Annual Pre-Game Salute to The Defenders of Freedom at the Philadelphia Phillies Baseball Game	Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia
May 30	Those Who Died as Hostages in Lebanon	Arlington National Cemetery
July 27	Those Who Died in the Korean War	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL Memorial Bench)
September 2	Those Who Died in World War II	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL Memorial Tree & Stone)
September 15 International Day of Peace	NGL Pledge of Peace Day, sponsored in cooperation with the United Nations	Celebrated in schools throughout the country and DOD schools overseas
September 18 POW/MIA Day	POWs and MIAs	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL Memorial Tree & Stone)
	Annual POW/MIA Day Children's Flag-Raising Ceremony	Held at schools throughout the country and DOD schools overseas
October 7	Journalists Who Died While Covering Wars or Conflicts	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL Memorial Tree & Stone)
October 23	Victims of Terrorism (International Commemoration)	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL National Tree & Stone)
October 25	Americans Who Died on Grenada	Arlington National Cemetery
November 10	Those Who Died in the Vietnam War	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL National Tree & Stone)
November 11	Those Who Died in World War I	Arlington National Cemetery (at the NGL National Tree & Stone)
December 2	11th Annual Holiday Party for NGL Children with the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, and the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles	Philadelphia Airport Hilton Hotel, Philadelphia
December 3	21st Annual Holiday Party for NGL Children with the Washington Redskins	Sheraton Reston Hotel, Reston, Va.
December 12	Americans Who Died in the Gander Air Disaster (Newfoundland)	Arlington National Cemetery
December 20	Americans Who Died in the Invasion of Panama	Arlington National Cemetery
December 21	Those Who Died as Victims of the Terrorist Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 (Candlelight Ceremony)	Washington, D.C.

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But mirrors don't lie to anyone and I actually watched myself turn into the kind of person we've all laughed about. A chubby, wrinkled, sagging parody of what had once been the real me. I'd once been an attractive person, everyone agreed. But no more.

The urge to eat or else diet away my troubles probably didn't help matters at all. I just gained it all back.

I now began to feel tired and listless, and as though I was continually coming down with ailments. Soon I developed allergy-type symptoms with aches and pains like I had never known before. I started *looking* and *feeling* older than I really was…and my digestion seemed to have shut down completely. Anguished that I might have caught something life-threatening, I consulted my doctor. He checked me over and called me into his office.

"I hardly know where to begin", were his first words to me. "I'm afraid that you have been starving your body's cells down through the years, in between meals of empty, useless calories which are unable to rebuild the damage which deprivation has done to your body. Your liver suffers some damage, your cholesterol level is alarming, your digestion is far from functioning properly, and you are severely anemic".

I left the nearby drugstore some $204 poorer and even more frightened. But I was determined to follow what my doctor and the pharmacist had prescribed, so I set about taking all the medications and hoping to see a change for the better.

Well, things certainly changed. But plainly not for the better. What had been my digestive nightmare…the chronic *constipation*…soon became a cramping and constant diarrhea from the high-powered iron tablets I was taking. My aches and pains did seem to improve from the steroids, but now my face and hands became swollen. My weight rose 5 pounds.

I developed a new skin condition resulting from the high dosages of antibiotics I was on, which seemed to flare up each time I went out into the sun. And the pain-killers left me constantly hung-over and feeling dull and slow.

Plainly I was in trouble. So I began spending much of my time in libraries, determined to find the causes of how such a loss of health could strike any healthy person. The answers were astounding. *Diet* became a word which took on a whole new meaning to me as I read. My research now documented the life-saving role which indoles, minerals, aminos, carbohydrates, proteins, and vitamins play in restoring radiant health, vital strength, and youthful appearance.

As I began to find exactly the right eating habits for me, I happened to run across Dr. Jensen's article in Health World Magazine about a remarkable substance. It was a story about the green algae *Chlorella*, a one-celled sea plant which has survived on earth unchanged for a million years.

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Ironically, when I first began taking the *Chlorella*, I was putting in so many research hours each day that at first I didn't notice what was happening to my body. But in about three weeks or so, big things seemed to have occurred.

Suddenly I noticed that at the end of a hard day's work I was as fresh as when I started. My digestive problems soon ceased to be a worry, and I was feeling stronger and pain-free. My complexion improved, my allergies even stopped bothering me, and I felt so good.

The anti-oxidants, it seems, were scavenging the free radical carriers of disease from my veins and arteries. Perhaps the most amazing and wonderful thing was that, without any effort, I'd lost 15 pounds in only one month.

Day after day, I learned of even more successful case histories of how *Chlorella* measurably helped with heart problems, destroyed cancer cells, normalized blood disorders, promoted needed weight loss, lessened arthritis, and detoxified body poisons. It can amazingly increase energy flow, promote healing and has dozens of strong benefits dealing with allergies, hepatitis, anemia, menstrual irregularities, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, digestive problems, headaches, pancreas, memory loss, diabetic ulcers, and the list goes on.

Early on, my research disclosed that *Chlorella* is a food substance, and is not a drug at all.

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You can order *Chlorella* direct from WorldLife or other source, and try it yourself. That's plainly up to you because I'm no doctor. They guarantee 100% satisfaction with a 30-day return policy, and larger-sized orders are very economical.

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Search Improved, But Much Yet to Be Done, Says Chief

by Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace

Based on his fact-finding trip to Southeast Asia in May, Chief Wallace believes the U.S. government as well as the Communist regimes are moving in the right direction. Here's his report.

Resolving the fate of U.S. servicemen listed as prisoners or missing in action has been a VFW priority for many years, and an issue surrounded by controversy. To resolve, once and for all, this emotional issue, I traveled to Vietnam in July 1991, met with President George Bush, spoke with Defense and State Department officials and testified before the Senate.

All these efforts were capped off with my May trip to the U.S. Pacific Command Headquarters in Hawaii, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia. Unlike my first visit to Indochina, I found matters much improved with regard to search efforts. The entire effort has been reorganized from top to bottom.

In Washington, newly appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs Alan Ptak is now responsible for the Vietnam War as well as the Korean War and the Cold War era.

JTF in the Field

Joint Task Force–Full Accounting (JTF–FA), headquartered in Hawaii and commanded by Vietnam veteran Maj. Gen. Thomas Needham, has field detachments operating in each of the Southeast Asian countries. VFW was the first national organization to visit these field operatives.

Officers from Detachment One, based in Bangkok, Thailand, proved knowledgeable and open to answering all questions.

This was not necessarily always the case in the countries in which I traveled. Restrictions were placed on our movements.

Laos

Laos, where more than 500 Americans were lost, is often inaccessible due to weather and terrain. Also, the communist Pathet Lao government has sometimes postponed scheduled field investigations and delayed others without good reasons.



Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace meets with Le Van Bang, chief of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry's North American Department.

Lao Foreign Ministry officials, however, assured me they will cooperate with the JTF detachment based in Vientienne. Teams will investigate all live sighting reports, they said. But access to records was impossible because few were kept, I was told.

Vietnam

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Cam, his deputies and officers of the Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons appeared more eager to cooperate this year than last.

Le Van Bang, chief of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry's North American Department, said one American had voluntarily remained behind after Operation Homecoming in 1973 (he returned home in the late '70s), but that no others were imprisoned or living freely there.

Bang also admitted 20-30 sets of American remains had been stored in the mid-'80s in a Hanoi warehouse, but were subsequently turned over to U.S. officials. No other remains are being stored by the Vietnamese government, he claimed.

Field operations are now concentrated on resolving the 135 discrepancy cases (cases in which the U.S. had some evidence the individual involved was alive at capture) and conducting short-notice live sighting investigations. To date, no live sighting reports have been confirmed (21 had been investigated through May).

Within the next 10 months, search and recovery teams will be put into the field to conduct five joint operations covering all 135 discrepancy cases as well as short-notice live sightings. In addition, the Hanoi JTF detachment, augmented by other experts from Bangkok and Hanoi, plan to interview Vietnamese officers who commanded POW camps and operated the Ho Chi Minh Trail system.

Hanoi is anxious to put the POW and MIA issue behind it for one reason: as long as the regime there remains an international pariah it will never be able to compete economically with other Asian nations.

Cambodia

In Cambodia, United Nations forces have imposed a truce and the caretaker government there has pledged to support search efforts. A JTF detachment based in Phnom Penh hopes to account for all 82 U.S. MIAs within one year.

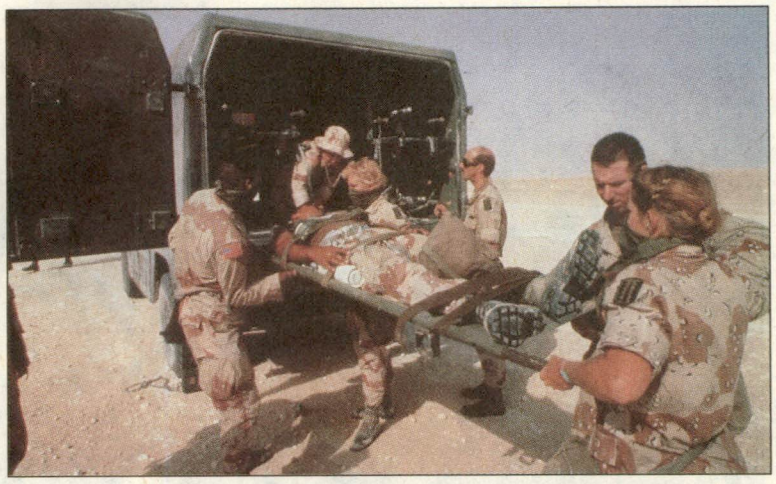
Keys to Resolution

While the U.S. effort has undoubtedly changed remarkably over the past year, so also have the efforts put forth by the regional countries. Changes are most pronounced in Vietnam and Cambodia; less so in Laos.

Rapid and uninhibited investigation of live sighting reports and full access to wartime records and former enemy personnel are the keys to resolving the fate of Americans lost in Indochina.

Until that day, this issue will remain the VFW's highest national priority. ✪

Is Potentially Life-Saving Medical Research Threatened?



Above, medical research is essential in order to cope with the wounds of modern warfare. Below left, animal rights protesters and activists at their March For Animals in Washington, D.C. in June 1990. Photos courtesy of National Rifle Association



If radical activists have their way, research at the Pentagon's 58 military research laboratories that could save future GIs' lives will be eliminated.

by Galen Geer

Animal rights advocates are a force to be reckoned with — no doubt about it. And while they may have some valid points, their foray into stopping military medical research should be of concern to all veterans.

"Supported by a budget that in 1989 exceeded $68 million, activists from more than 31 major groups have damaged more than 90 research labs nationwide, setting back advances in heart disease, neurosurgery and transplants, to name a few," reported *Airman Magazine*.

A recent example of how effectively they can stop research is the protest against retired Army Col. Michael Carey, M.D., a neurosurgeon at Louisiana State University, who served in both Vietnam and the Persian Gulf wars.

In his research, Dr. Carey was studying cats that had been anesthetized and then shot in the head with a pellet in an attempt to duplicate the head wounds suffered by soldiers in combat. Army spokesmen said his research was vital and valuable, but that wasn't enough to save the program.

Animal rights activists argued that Carey's research was redundant, antiquated and cruel. In 1988 they began subjecting him to hate mail, threatening phone calls and protest demonstrations.

Before you knew it, the General Accounting Office (GAO) had conducted an investigation into Carey's research, resulting in suspension of Army funding.

Members of the scientific community criticized the GAO for downplaying positive comments from a GAO-appointed expert panel in a subsequent report that recommended decisions regarding funding of Carey's research be based on Army's research needs. Nevertheless, Carey's head wound research was canceled.

According to M. Roy Schwarz, M.D., senior vice president of the American Medical Association, a very disturbing fact was overlooked or ignored — the chances of surviving a combat head wound have not been significantly improved since WWII. Carey's research, Schwarz said, was the only work being carried out in this area.

Attack on Bone Research

In California, a group calling itself In Defense of Animals (IDA) launched a campaign to discredit and stop bone research involving greyhound dogs. The research was being conducted by the Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR) at the Presidio in San Francisco.

The Letterman confrontation was a coordinated campaign of letter-writing, public protest and political activism. Siding with IDA was a local congresswoman as well as Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), a group that op-

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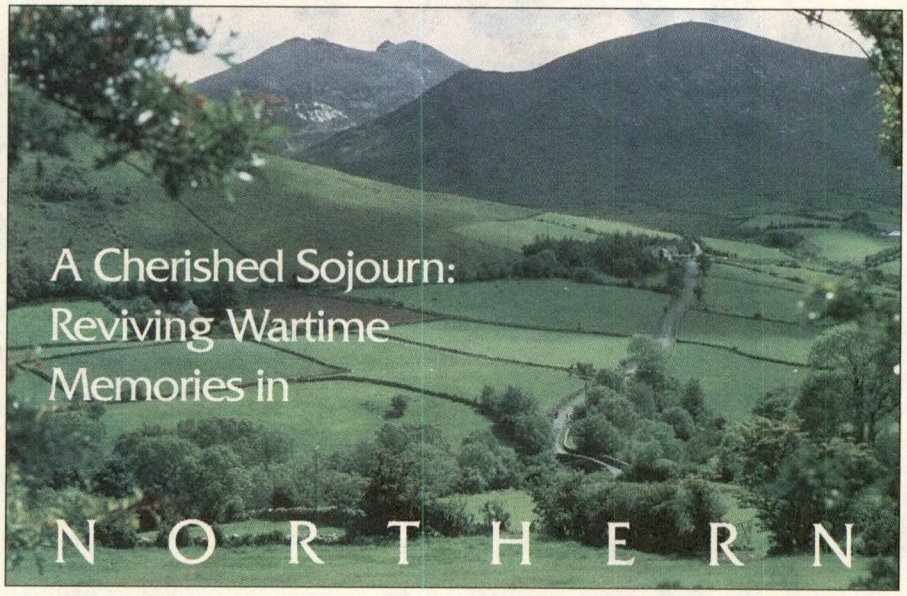


A Cherished Sojourn: Reviving Wartime Memories in NORTHERN IRELAND

Fifty years ago the bonds between America and Ulster were strengthened by World War II. Today, an ideal opportunity exists to revive personal experiences in the relationships established there.

by Richard K. Kolb

It's Europe's best-kept secret — Northern Ireland. Also known as Ulster — the six counties in the northeast part of the Emerald Isle still linked to the United Kingdom — this beautiful land is far too often bypassed by U.S. travelers.

But all this is about to change. The Yanks are going back. Over the next few years, WWII vets are expected to revisit a land and people they dearly loved. Indeed, for the 300,000 GIs who served in Northern Ireland between 1942-45, their duty station was an oasis of tranquility in a world of turmoil.

Speaking of tranquility: the answer to your question is yes — it is perfectly safe to travel throughout Ulster. Despite what the news media would lead you to believe, the province is an ideal vacation destination. So let's move on to what there is to see and do there.

A Grand Welcome Back

There's no doubt about it, American servicemen and the people of Ulster got along fabulously during WWII. That's confirmed by both former GIs and anyone of WWII age you talk to there today. For returning veterans, Ulster has much to offer in terms of friendly people, beautiful scenery, ancestral connections to America and a fascinating heritage.



Northern Ireland's countryside, top photo, remains as picturesque as it did 50 years ago. Courtesy Northern Ireland Tourist Board
U.S. troops, above, arriving in Belfast in January 1942. National Archives

Ian Henderson, chief executive of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB), is especially keen on promoting America's contribution to his country in WWII: "The 50th anniversary of WWII provides a most appropriate time to underscore the ties between our two nations. The Board will do everything in its power to make returning Americans feel welcome once again."

To demonstrate its sincerity, the NITB is bringing Milburn H. Henke, considered the first GI to arrive in Ulster, and his wife, to the province in September for a grand reception.

A surprisingly large number of GIs saw duty in Ulster, some preparing for invasions to come and others training for the air war over Europe. And still more waged the war for control of the strategic and frigid North Atlantic. The U.S. Naval Operating Base at Londonderry, at one time, hosted nearly 150 U.S. ships and 20,000 sailors.

Some 20,000 airmen under the U.S. 8th Air Force Composite Command, headquartered at Craigavon, operated from a dozen different airfields, including Langford Lodge, Toome and Greencastle.

About 38,000 soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division (Omagh), 1st Armored Division (Castlewellan) and V Corps (Lurgan) trained in the countryside for the North Africa invasion. Later, 120,000 more GIs came for the Normandy landings. XV Corps included the 2nd (Armagh), 5th (Newcastle) and 8th (Omagh) Infantry divisions as well as the 82nd Airborne Division at Cookstown.

Though most soldiers and sailors were gone by mid-1944, some U.S. airmen remained until the war's end.

Jumping Off on a Guided Tour

Tangible reminders of the U.S. military stay in Northern Ireland today are few and far between. Nonetheless, there is certainly enough left to send you down memory lane. And as anyone who was stationed in the

province knows, it was the hospitality of the people that made it all so memorable. Between the friendliness of the present population, the natural beauty, wealth of connections to America and the WWII-related sites to be explored, a trip there will always be treasured.

Belfast, Ulster's largest city and capital, is a natural starting point. It was directly affected by the war. In April and May 1941, the city was *blitzed* by the *Luftwaffe.* Deaths totaled 1,100, and 40,000 people were left homeless. But the sturdy folk of Belfast picked up the pieces and got on with the war effort.

Downtown Belfast contains a small monument in Donegall Square dedicated to the American armed forces' contribution to the provinces' defense. Also in the city, inside St. Anne's Cathedral, is a plaque in memory of GIs.

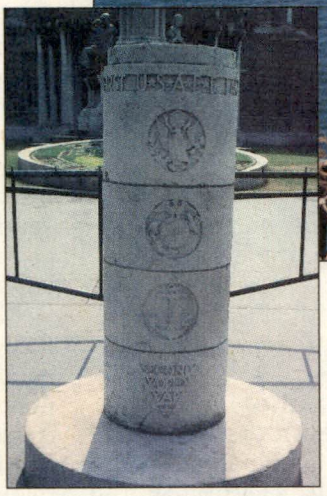
On the city's outskirts at Lisnabreeny still stands the original gate to the cemetery that once contained the bodies of 142 Americans killed in training mishaps and accidental plane crashes. As is customary, the remains were returned home in 1948 or buried in Cambridge American Cemetery, England.

A short distance from Belfast is Langford Lodge Wartime Center (Station 597) near the village of Crumlin. On Aug. 15, the Station's 50th anniversary will be commemorated. By early 1944, this repair depot hosted thousands of Lockheed Overseas Corp. employees and personnel of the 3rd Base Air Depot.

Newly built, the Center has several galleries holding historical photos. Gallery C focuses on U.S. troops stationed in Northern Ireland, complete with an audio-visual showing of the 1942 film, "A Letter from Ulster." As Public Relations Officer Trudy Watson says, "The Center is designed to tell the story of wartime society as well as the fighting."

A veteran herself, she remembers the Americans well. "I wined and dined and danced with GIs up here," she said. "Because of my own fond memories, I want the Center to capture the humor and recall the essence of what life was like then."





A monument to U.S. troops, left, is located in the center of Belfast. Carrickfergus, above, played an important part in U.S. military history during the Revolution and WWII.
Photos courtesy Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Leaving Belfast, head north to Carrickfergus, a town of special importance for two reasons. Sunnyland Camp was the birthplace of the U.S. Army's 1st Ranger Battalion in June 1942. An exhibit in honor of the Rangers will be placed in the Carrickfergus Heritage Center. Fifty Rangers, in fact, participated in the British-Canadian raid on Dieppe, France in August 1942. Three were killed in action — they were the first U.S. troops killed in Europe in ground combat.

Interestingly enough, Carrickfergus, in a sense, also has a spiritual link with the VFW. For it was in Belfast Lough, off the castle, that America's first *overseas,* casualty-producing battle occurred. On April 24, 1778, the *Ranger,* commanded by John Paul Jones, defeated the British *Drake* in a one-hour naval duel. Jones' crew of 135 lost three killed and five wounded in action. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Jones' death, a statue was dedicated, next to the castle, on July 18. A plaque describes the engagement. In addition, the town council sponsored a special exhibition portraying his role during the Revolution.

Battle of the Atlantic

When the U.S. Navy returned to Northern Ireland's coasts 164 years later, it was to battle the dreaded German U-Boats ravaging Allied merchant shipping in the North Atlantic.

The U.S. Naval Operating Base, commissioned in February 1942, at Londonderry, played a vital part in the convoy escort campaign. It served as a main supply depot in the British Isles until July 1944 and as a major naval radio station in the European theater for the entire war.

Townspeople immediately took to the sailors. According to local historian Harry Bryson, owners at Dalton's and Electric bars had a habit

of accepting watches as a deposit until the next payday. Unfortunately, by the time the war ended, the tavern keepers still retained many of the timepieces.

German subs and the ocean's icy waters took a deadly toll. All told, 2,456 American sailors were killed in action in the Atlantic Ocean. At the cost of 16 U.S. vessels, the Atlantic Fleet destroyed 115 U-Boats. A plaque and U.S. flag in St. Columb's Cathedral remembers those sacrifices.



Trudy Watson at the Langford Lodge Wartime Center in Crumlin. She fondly recalls dining and dancing with GIs during WWII.

Derry Museum, opened Aug. 1, has a special wing telling the story of the American Navy in the North Atlantic war.

Plans also are afoot to have Navy ships visit the port this summer. Member of Parliament John Hume said, "I also asked that those American veterans who served in Derry over the years be invited to accompany the Navy on their visit here. If the visit becomes reality it should be a very emotional reunion for many people."

Though the U.S. didn't close its communications base there until September 1977, the former facility is now off limits. The site is occupied by the British army.

While in the area, pay a visit to Ballyarnet Field where a cottage exhibition center commemorates the 1932 transatlantic flight of Amelia Earhart.

From Londonderry, head south to Castle Archdale Country Park. A superb nature preserve, the park's visitor center has a display on the British flying boat war against the U-Boats. Sinking of the German *Bismarck* is covered in detail. What is not mentioned, however, is that Ensign Leonard B. (Tuck) Smith, USN, actually spotted the battleship.

Smith was one of 17 U.S. naval aviators flying PBYs in three Royal Air Force squadrons in early 1941. As a pilot "adviser" aboard Lend-Lease Catalina "Z" of 209 Squadron, he reportedly was the first to spot the ship that May 26. But his deed was censored because of America's official neutrality. On the 50th anniversary of the event last May, Smith returned to Castle Archdale.

Nearby Ely Lodge, across Lough Erne from the park, was the stomping ground of U.S. Army engineers who were billeted on the palatial estate there. Officers were headquartered in the home, and enlisted men's Nissen huts stretched the length of the road leading to the house.

Patton and Eisenhower Make Their Debut

Army troops, in fact, found themselves in virtually every nook and cranny of Ulster. The 8th Division was stationed around Omagh and Enniskillen; the 2nd Infantry Division called Armagh and Newry home.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower inspected the 8th Division on the playing fields of Portora Royal School in Enniskillen. And on the Mall in Armagh, Gen. George S. Patton made one of his immortal motivational talks, declaring that the only fit treatment for a German was disembowelment with a bayonet.

Moving to Ulster's southeast coast, around Kilkeel, there are many traces of the former Greencastle Aerodrome, base for the U.S. 5th Combat Crew Replacement Center (Station 237). Extensive fences made of chopped concrete from abandoned airstrips adorn the countryside. Part of a control tower, too, is visible as are pieces of runway.

On the edge of town lies Mourne Park, once home to the 5th Division's 40th Field Artillery. Estate grounds conceal remnants of concrete structures. And the Kilmory Arms Hotel in Kilkeel, with its vintage bar, served drinks to many an American in the 1940s.

Hugh Griffin, hotel owner, is more than anxious to accommodate WWII veterans. "We can easily arrange local tours of the area surrounding Cranfield," he said. "A great idea would be to reunite the townspeople with returning ex-servicemen. If I knew well in advance when some were coming, it would be my pleasure to help put together such a reunion."

Proceeding north to complete the circular tour, pay a visit to Lurgan, located southwest of Belfast.

Headquarters for V Corps, and later IX Corps, Brownlow House remains much the same as it was 50 years ago. Its basement rooms served as jails for unruly GIs, and several left their marks on the walls.

Like many of Ulster's estates, Brownlow has a long and illustrious history of interest in itself. The view from what was Gen. Eisenhower's room is splendid. In August 1945, Eisenhower paid tribute in Belfast to the province's role in liberating Europe:

"Without Northern Ireland I do



Ulster, or Northern Ireland, is about the size of Connecticut.



The Brownlow House in Lurgan served as headquarters for V Corps during WWII.

not see how the American forces could have been concentrated to begin the invasion...The sojourn of our forces in Northern Ireland will remain a cherished memory in the hearts of many Americans."

Renewing Friendships

King George VI replied in kind: "On Ulster soil the first contingents of American troops landed, and your welcome and hospitality have done much to strengthen our bonds of friendship with the United States."

Grasp this golden opportunity to renew those personal bonds established a half century ago. Relive your youth — share the experience with your family, too. The people of Northern Ireland are ready and willing to open their doors as well as their hearts to you, just as they did in years past. ✪

The American Connection

What do Andrew Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant, Woodrow Wilson, Cyrus McCormack, Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, Daniel Boone, John Paul Getty and John Glenn have in common? Answer — their ancestors all came from Ulster. They are among thousands of famous Americans who are descended from Ulster families.

Prior to the Revolution, 250,000 people (mostly Presbyterians) emigrated from Ulster to the colonies. They pioneered the frontiers, planted Presbyterianism in America and produced no less than 11 U.S. presidents. Seven Ulstermen played a crucial role in creating the Declaration of Independence. Some 25 Revolutionary War generals had Northern Irish roots. And according to some estimates, half the colonial army was made up of soldiers of Scotch-Irish descent.

Scotch-Irish contributions to American society are all out of proportion to their numbers. They excelled in the fields of military leadership, religion, education, publishing, literature, business, invention and space exploration.

This fascinating story is told at the Ulster-American Folk Park in Omagh. It is a must stop for every visitor. Also, four U.S. presidential ancestral homes have been preserved.

To commemorate the connection between America and the Emerald Isle, a massive Irish Homecoming Festival is being held in September. For Northern Ireland that means a genealogical conference on the Scotch-Irish held in Belfast to trace ancestors, "Clan Rallies," the Belfast Folk Festival, World Coarse Angling Championships in Fermanagh and seminars on wars fought on Irish soil. The festival formally closes in Londonderry on Sept. 30.

Information Sources

Getting There: British Airways has non-stop flights daily to London from 17 major U.S. cities. It is an 8-hour flight from Chicago to London, for instance. The BA shuttle flight to Belfast is one hour. For more information, call toll-free: *1-800-AIRWAYS*.

Tourism materials can be obtained from: Sheelagh Wylie, Public Relations Officer, *Northern Ireland Tourist Board,* 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 500, New York, N.Y. 10001- 4509. (212) 686-6250. Be sure to ask for *From Here To The White House, American Connection — Ancestral Homes to Visit* and the *Ulster-American Heritage Trail.*

Royal British Legion Awaits You

The Royal British Legion (RBL) in Ulster counts 82 branches, 34 of which have clubs. Approximately 70% of its 15,000 members are WWII vets.

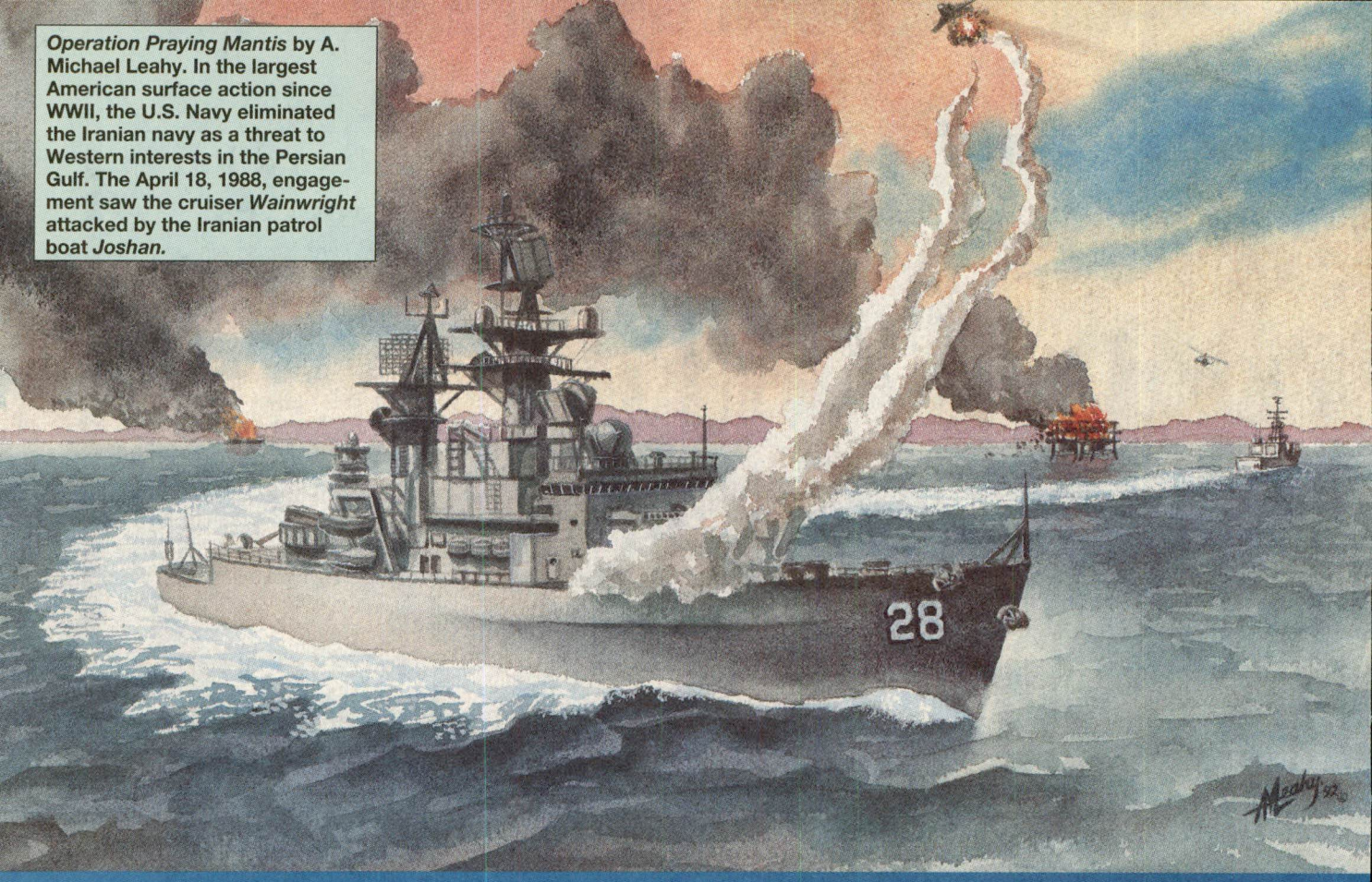
Ulstermen and Americans have fought side-by-side for generations: From the trenches of France during WWI to the frozen hills of Korea and the steamy jungles of Southeast Asia.

GIs who served in Italy and Sicily no doubt remember the 38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade. The 1st Bn. of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 8th (Belfast) Anti-Aircraft Regiment helped defeat the Japanese in Burma.

During the Korean War, the 1st Bn. of the Royal Ulster Rifles fought in Seoul and along the Imjin River. And while Americans were combatting communism in Vietnam, members of that same regiment fought a border war in Borneo during the 1960s.

Indeed, the ties are strong. So naturally, the RBL is more than happy to extend the hand of friendship. "Besides hosting individual vets at our branches, we would certainly assist any U.S. division associations wishing to erect fitting markers here in Ulster," says RBL Area Organizer Paul McCaig.

To obtain addresses and phone numbers of the local branches, contact: *Area Organizer, Northern Ireland Area, Royal British Legion, War Memorial Building, 9/13 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2EU.*



Operation Praying Mantis **by A. Michael Leahy. In the largest American surface action since WWII, the U.S. Navy eliminated the Iranian navy as a threat to Western interests in the Persian Gulf. The April 18, 1988, engagement saw the cruiser *Wainwright* attacked by the Iranian patrol boat *Joshan*.**

Guerrilla Warfare at Sea

During the Iran-Iraq War, the U.S. Navy escorted reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in 1987-88 in the Persian Gulf to ensure freedom of the seas.

by Richard K. Kolb

It was a somber scene. One replayed commonly in the 1980s. Casualties arrived through Dover Air Force Base Mortuary from another peacekeeping mission abroad. This time, however, dead Americans were being shipped home from the Persian Gulf. At a moving memorial service for the 37 crewmen of the *USS Stark* at Mayport Naval Station in Florida on May 22, 1987, then President Ronald Reagan outlined the reasons why Americans were once again placed in harm's way.

"Were a hostile power to dominate this strategic region and its resources," he said, "it would become a choke point for freedom — that of our allies and our own." Prompted by superpower politics, Reagan had agreed the previous March to provide naval protection to 11 Kuwaiti Oil Company supertankers to be reflagged under U.S. colors.

Indeed, this highly contested cockpit — 600 miles in length — was a "simmering cauldron of international rivalry." Particularly important was the Strait of Hormuz, a 35-mile wide channel at the Gulf's mouth.

Guarding the Gulf during the "era of violent peace" was frustrating for the sailors involved. "The U.S. Navy's role in the Gulf, often compared to that of the Marines in Lebanon, had all the stresses, strains and risks of war, without the relief of being able to initiate action," wrote Stephen Howarth in his book, *To Shining Sea: A History of the U.S. Navy.*

Task Force Middle East On Call

The U.S. Navy had been operating out of Manama, Bahrain since 1948. But from a nominal presence of five ships, the U.S. flotilla was expanded to a peak of 27 ships and 16,800 personnel assigned to the Joint Middle East Task Force in early 1988. American warships sailed the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the North Arabian Sea. Carrier battle groups rotated duty in the Arabian Sea.

Among the highly specialized naval units deployed were explosive ordnance disposal detachments, a team of specially trained bottle-nosed dolphins and special warfare outfits. Platoons from five SEAL Teams, and 23 detachments from a half dozen Special Boat Units served during the convoy operations. Several Contingency Ma-

rine Air-Ground Task Forces also saw duty in the Gulf.

Navy carrier units formed the backbone of air support. But the Air Force provided E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes which routinely flew 24-hour surveillance patrols. Strategic Air Command sent KC-10 and KC-135 tankers.

The Army played a role, too. The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, dubbed the "Night Stalkers," contributed four MH-6 light attack helicopters early on. In 1988, 15 modernized Kiowas, under the Army Helicopter Improvement Program (AHIP), were secretly rushed to the Gulf and operated by Task Force 118.

Task Force 160, also known as the "wings of the Delta Force," lived up to its motto: "Death Waits in the Dark." Armed with 7.62mm machine guns and 2.75 rockets, the "Little Birds" proved lethal, especially at night.

Oceangoing Guerrillas

Facing this formidable armada was the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a maverick force within the regular Iranian navy. Called the *Pasdaran*, they manned 50 high-speed, heavily armed, small attack boats. The crafts were equipped with low-mounted machine guns and Soviet-made rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Iran's formal navy consisted of 34 vessels, including three destroyers and four frigates. Other weapons augmented Tehran's arsenal. Mines — "weapons that wait" — were contributed courtesy of North Korea. Red China donated 20 Silkworm missiles, 1,100-pound warheads with a reach of 57 miles.





After the *USS Stark* was hit by an Iraqi missile on May 17, 1987, in the Persian Gulf, "ordinary men became extraordinary heroes." Ten crewmen were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism. U.S. Navy photo by PHC C. Hinkle and PH2 J. Jones. *Stark* Memorial photo by JD2 Tracy Zent, Mayport NS.

U.S. ability to deal with seaborne threats was hampered by peacetime "rules of engagement." Nonetheless, the Navy successfully contended with the "guerrilla warfare at sea," as Marine Gen. George B. Crist, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Central Command, dubbed it.

Remember the Stark

America's naval presence in the Gulf increased beginning in February 1987. During the next five months, some 30 American vessels saw service there. The frigate *Stark* was on radar picket duty 80 miles northeast of Bahrain when it was attacked on May 17 by an Iraqi Mirage jet armed with Exocet missiles.

One of the missiles was fatally accurate. "I remember watching the passageway move to the right a couple of feet, right out from under me" when it struck, said Lt. William A. Conklin, damage control assistant. Most who died, did so in their bunks — burned or suffocated. The crew's quarters became an inferno, reaching 400 degrees.

Courage, however, was common. "In some spectacular cases, ordinary men became extraordinary heroes, carrying out uncommon acts of valor," wrote David F. White in his account of the tragedy. Electronics Technician Wayne R. Weaver, despite mortal wounds, pulled six to 12 men to safety before he died from shrapnel wounds and burns. His body was found clutching the body of another man he was attempting to rescue.

Harrowing experiences were the order of the day. Seven men were thrown into the sea. Surrounded by sharks, they survived 10 hours before rescuers arrived. The incredible struggle to save the *Stark* lasted more than 20 hours. In the end, 10 crewmen were decorated for heroism. Of the 221 crew members, 37 were killed and 21 wounded. The Iraqi pilot responsible for the attack went unpunished.

Operation Earnest Will

Two months later, on July 21, escort of the tanker convoys, code-named *Operation Earnest Will*, began. On the first run the supertanker *Bridgeton* struck a mine — the only merchant ship to be damaged while under U.S. protection during the entire operation.

Sea duty in the Gulf was especially strenuous because of the waterway's unique "psychic grind." Sailors performed up to 16 straight hours of patrol and maintenance. Temperatures soared to 120 degrees, and unpredictable winds blew desert sands over the water into everything aboard ship.

Tensions escalated in the fall of 1987, and the first shoot-out with the Iranians occurred Sept. 21. Two MH-6 gunships based aboard the *USS Jarrett* attacked the *Iran Ajr* at night while it was laying mines. At dawn, SEALs from Task Unit Tango boarded the craft and discovered three dead Iranians. Twenty-six Iranians found floating on rafts were taken prisoner.

On Oct. 8, three MH-6s from the *USS Raleigh* quickly took out three Iranian vessels (one was sunk) after be-

ing fired upon. At least six Iranians were subsequently captured, two of whom died of wounds.

Then on Oct. 19, in response to a missile attack on a tanker three days before, four U.S. destroyers fired 1,065 rounds during an 85-minute bombardment of the Iranian oil platform *Rashadat*. An adjoining platform, also evacuated, was blown up by SEALs.

Operation Praying Mantis

These drubbings kept the Iranians at bay for the next five months. But on April 14, 1988, the *USS Samuel Roberts* hit an Iranian mine, almost cutting the ship in two and wounding 10 men.

In retaliation, four days later, *Operation Praying Mantis* was launched. As it turned out, the ensuing engagement was the U.S. Navy's largest surface action since WWII. Fought over 400 miles of the Gulf, it lasted nine hours. It was also the first battle at sea in which the Navy both evaded and fired several guided missiles.



Iranians, captured from the mine-layer *Iran Ajr* on Sept. 22, 1987, aboard the *USS Guadalcanal*. U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Henry Cleveland.

Three surface action groups were tasked with destroying Iran's *Sirri* and *Sassan* oil platforms, 100 miles apart, in the lower Gulf. In both cases, the occupants were warned and had time to evacuate. Marines from the *Trenton* and an ordnance detachment blew up *Sassan* with explosives after it was shelled. Meanwhile, three U.S. ships destroyed the *Nasr* platform off Sirri Island.

The Iranians still attacked U.S. ships. After the *Wainwright* was fired upon, the cruiser as well as the *USS Simpson* scored direct hits with SM-1 missiles on the patrol boat *Joshan* — 15 aboard died and 29 were wounded. When Iranian speedboats fired on helicopters from the *Simpson*, Navy A-6 jets sank one and disabled another.

Frigates also entered the fray. The Iranian frigate *Shahand* was sunk by Navy aviators and the *USS Strauss* in the first coordinated Harpoon missile attack ever. When the Iranian *Sabalan* fired on the *USS Jack Williams*, A-6s damaged the enemy vessel. Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci called off the strike before the frigate could be sunk, though.

The only U.S. casualties during the day were two pilots of a Marine AH-IT Sea Cobra, from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 stationed aboard the *Wainwright*, lost at sea. Their last transmission reported Iranian radar had locked on, but when the wreckage was recovered May 15 it showed no sign of battle damage.

Iran had four ships sunk and four crippled, along with losing at least 44 crewmen. In addition, two platforms used as military bases were destroyed. The Ayatollah had effectively lost his navy in a single day.

No Friends in the Gulf

A few months later, on July 3, Iran struck again. This time the target was a helicopter from the guided missile frigate *Vincennes*. Within 30 minutes, the *Vincennes* and its escort, the *USS Montgomery*, engaged seven Iranian speedboats. In a battle that lasted 17 minutes, the *Vincennes* fired 72 rounds. But the only event that made news was the accidental downing of Iran Air's Flight 655.

"All told, five of the attacking Iranian boats were sunk," wrote *Montgomery* crewman Michael C. Agresti. "Using electronic counter-measures, the *USS Vincennes* was credited with disabling three Iranian F-4 Phantoms during the engagement as well. Yet sailors who deserved special recognition for service in the Gulf failed to receive it."

For the record: the airliner was shot down at a range of 9 miles, but only after it failed to respond to seven requests to identify itself. The 357-man crew of the *Vincennes* returned to a heroes' welcome in San Diego in October 1988. When questioned about the mishap, Capt. Will C. Rogers III quoted an apt Arab proverb: "A man in the desert meets no friends."

Apparently, the last American action in the Gulf took place July 12 when U.S. helicopters fired on two Iranian gunboats. On Aug. 20, 1988, a cease-fire ended the eight-year long Iran-Iraq War.

U.S. convoys were suspended in December 1988. By then, 270 merchant ships had been safely escorted in 136 convoys. Finally, on April 30, 1989, the U.S. flag was removed from the last six Kuwaiti-owned tankers. When Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, five U.S. warships and the flagship *LaSalle* were inside the Persian Gulf.

Defending freedom of transit in the Gulf cost 53 American lives. Besides the 37 men of the *Stark*, another 16 died accidentally, mostly in seven helicopter crashes. (Some accounts list the two Marine pilots lost during *Operation Praying Mantis* as killed in action.) A total of 31 sailors were wounded.

For service in the Gulf, the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal went to those there between Feb. 1 and July 23, 1987. Crew members from more than 100 ships earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Gulf duty from July 24, 1987 to Aug.1, 1990.

A dozen ships' crews and members of six special units became eligible for the Combat Action Ribbon for participation in four separate actions. "Imminent danger pay" worth $110 per month was paid to forces in the Gulf until April 1, 1989.

America's role in the "Tanker War" occurred only a few years ago, yet it is already largely forgotten — overshadowed by the much better-known *Operation Desert Storm*. The only permanent reminder of that involvement is the memorial to the men of the *Stark* at Mayport Naval Station, Fla.

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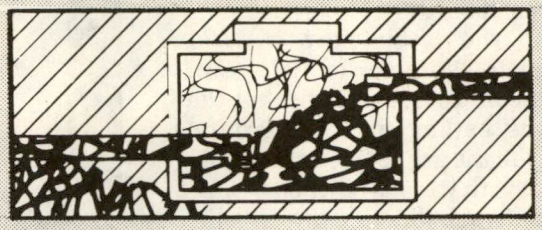

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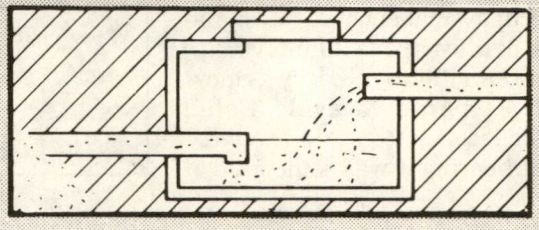

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The Last Patrol

Twenty years ago this month, a little known but historic event occurred in Vietnam. A Vietnam vet describes the emotions surrounding the last U.S. patrol of the war.

by Hugh M. Stovall, Jr.

On Aug. 5, 1972, 92 members of Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry of the recently deactivated 196th Light Infantry Brigade (LIB) performed a historic last mission. Reconstituted as Task Force (TF) Gimlet, they were combat-assaulted by helicopter into the Antenna Valley 10 miles southwest of Da Nang on what was to become the last U.S. infantry combat patrol of the Vietnam War.

To the infantrymen or "grunts," the patrol appeared no different from any other that had been carried out since they acquired the Da Nang area of operations (AO) in April 1971. The men of TF Gimlet did not know they would be closing the curtain on American ground combat involvement, first opened by U.S. Marines at Da Nang in March 1965.

From the latter part of 1971 through the summer of 1972, constant media coverage indicated the war was ending for U.S. ground troops. On the grunt level, such news was met with various reactions, ranging from total indifference to disbelief and cynicism.

This was commonly known as the "11 Bush Blues" (11B was the military occupational specialty designation for light weapons infantrymen.) As former rifleman Larry "Short Round" Varner of Vacaville, Calif., said, "Jesus . . . It got as though I thought hearing it was some kind of cruel joke."

Task Force Gimlet Formed

In early 1972, remaining U.S. infantry units were standing down and going home. When the 196th LIB stood down on June 15, TF Gimlet was formed from the approximately 400 men of the 3rd Bn., 21st Infantry. They were handpicked by officers, led by battalion commander Ltc. Rocco Negris, for their exceptional skills as infantrymen, as well as their unblemished personnel records.

The 3/21 had become a sort of holding unit for many men who had belonged to recently inactivated infantry outfits. Members of the 1st Air Cavalry Division at Long Binh and Bien Hoa, the Americal Division in Chu Lai and the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Evans near Phu Bai were reassigned to 3/21 either because they didn't have enough time "in-country" to leave Vietnam when their units stood down, or had extended their tours.

Varner says, "Yeah, I remember when the 1/20th of the Americal stood down, I only had three months in-country. When I saw that my next unit was 3/21, I wanted to go, but I didn't want to go, know what I mean? That was farther north than I wanted to travel."

To further illustrate this come-one-come-all process, former SP/4 Bill Doyle, now a CWO2 helicopter pilot stationed at Ft. Drum, N.Y., says, "When I first came in-country I was with the 101st. During that time my platoon was sent to Da Nang to relieve a platoon of 3/21, which had been sent to Chu Lai to relieve some other unit in the Americal that was standing down.

"From the 101st I was sent to the 2/17th Air Cavalry and when that unit stood down, then I was sent to Delta Company of 3/21. Ironically, I was assigned to the very platoon I had been sent to relieve a few months before."

Wild Rumors Abound

Life in the last combat infantry unit in Vietnam was difficult during the spring and summer of 1972 with the abundance of rumors flying. "When I first heard that we were all possibly getting 'short' as a unit, my first reaction was surprise, but considering we'd been hearing that since the beginning of 1972, I didn't really go for it and figured we'd all, or at least I, would be reassigned to another unit, possibly one of the remaining air cav units," remembers John Bruce of Justice, Ill., then a radio operator.

Grunts in Vietnam believed the most likely time to "get hit" was during the first three months in-country while learning the ropes, or the last three months when one became "short" and thoughts of DEROS (date expected to return from overseas) became all-consuming.

Unofficial SOP in some units allowed "short timers" to finish up their tours in relatively secure areas working safer jobs such as a mail clerk or driver. Otherwise, they were usually given the *option* of walking point or slack man positions on the squad or platoon level.

What happens when an entire task force becomes short simultaneously? Who walks point? Who doesn't? Who doesn't want to be the last man hit on the last patrol of the war? Everybody.

AFVN Radio did not help matters with its optimistic reports of the Paris Peace Talks and the progress, or lack of same, as conducted by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Le Doc Tho.

Rumors, innuendoes and opinions from USARV, MACV headquarters, to the slums of "Dogpatch" outside of 3/21 Battalion HQ in Da Nang only added to the anxiety of the grunts.

Doyle recalls, "I was up on the ridge line at Charlie Ridge when *mommasan* and her girls came up to ply their wares. During the course of my conversation with her, she told me matter-of-factly, 'Very soon GI go home. Very, very soon.' Since the in-

formation out of the 'ville' had been accurate as-often-as-not, for some reason, I believed her. Wishful thinking perhaps..." As it turned out, "very, very shortly," *mommasan* had been dead right.

Final Bush Walk

Finally, a few days prior to the patrol, the men of TF Gimlet were assembled at their base camp headquarters located on Hill 510 to prepare for the field. Despite months of endless speculation, optimism prevailed — maybe this was the last patrol after all.

The mission entailed sweeping through the Antenna Valley to make contact with enemy forces that had been setting up 122mm rocket tubes which targeted Da Nang and to block VC and NVA forces in the area.



Members of Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, Task Force Gimlet, make the final U.S. infantry stand down in Vietnam at Da Nang on Aug. 11, 1972. Photo courtesy CWO2 William Doyle

Former SP/4 Richard W. Miller of Kermit, Texas, says of the last flight out to the field: "Our last combat assault out to the bush was damn near like the first time for me. The feeling in my gut, the sweat, and the fear. I remember thinking that I've heard the standing down BS before and even if this was our last patrol, everybody knew you could die on the last as quick as you could on the first."

This feeling was underscored by the fact that while this patrol was, as patrols went, by-and-large uneventful, two men in the "Killer" platoon were wounded and had to be MEDEVAC'ed as a result of triggering booby-traps on the second day out. SP/4 James McVicar, 20, had the dubious distinction of being the last American grunt wounded in action in Vietnam.

Perhaps it was a blessing that it wasn't known for certain this was the last patrol. Too much caution can get you killed just as sure as carelessness. As Doyle said, "Coming out of our night-laager and onto that day's patrol, I was on point when I noticed a wet mound of dirt on an otherwise dry path.

"I called up the platoon sergeant and we concluded it was another booby-trap...We left it alone and continued our march by cutting a completely new path through the bush."

After a couple of days in the field, it became increasingly apparent: This mission was different. Unlike missions of the past where the bush would be humped from dawn-to-dusk, it was obvious that specific destinations had to be reached within a set time.

It was as if it had been prearranged to link-up earlier with other platoons in the area. On the patrol's fourth day, members were told, "We're linking up and heading to the landing zone (LZ) to go in." This seemed odd. A four-day patrol? As was the saying in Vietnam, "Never happen, GI."

At the LZ the men were met by South Vietnamese soldiers being combat assaulted in to replace them. Roy Hager of Frankfort, Ky., couldn't have been happier. "All I wanted to do was just for us to get through this patrol in one piece and go home, but from previous experience, I kept asking myself where were we going to be next? I wanted to go home, but then again, I didn't."

This ambivalent feeling of wanting to go home and then not, reflects the love and friendship that only men in a combat unit will ever know. Dale Tuttle of Muskegon, Mich., says, "Regardless of which way the war went, I didn't want to leave my platoon and the men I had come to know and love as brothers."

John Bruce agrees, "You are buddies. What can be said? I didn't want to leave them. I didn't feel that our job was done and I worried about the South Vietnamese we were leaving behind."

Bidding Farewell

While the transfer of troops occurred in the bush between TF Gimlet and the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN), they learned the Americans were leaving the field for good. They asked for, and the Gimlets gladly gave them, 30-round M-16 magazines as well as grenades.

Along with the ARVNs came a helicopter full of reporters to record the event. They landed, asked questions, took pictures and stayed with the ARVNs while TF Gimlet loaded up to leave.

Bill Doyle, the last man of the last platoon to be extracted, was on the last of the slicks (UH-1 helicopter troop carriers) that took off for Da Nang Air Base. He remembers, "Everybody on the other choppers, including ours, popped a victory smoke grenade and the smoke trailed from the slicks as we left the valley."

On Aug. 11, 1972, in a ceremony back at "Camp Swampy" in Da Nang, with the late CSM George Green and Ltc. Rocco Negris officially retiring the unit colors, the men of TF Gimlet, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, quietly ended the American infantrymen's ground war in Vietnam.

"As I reflect on that moment, I view with pride the men of Task Force Gimlet who were handpicked from their parent unit, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (Separate) which was standing down," wrote retired Maj. Gen. Negris. "To the man, they were outstanding soldiers who carried out difficult and dangerous missions that included endless days in the field, frequent patrolling and daily helicopter and ground combat operations." ✪

Hugh M. Stovall, Jr., a VFW member who lives in Houston, Texas, participated in the last patrol.

WWII produced one of the most unique units in U.S. military history.



THE Navajo CODE TALKERS

by Tincia Seginski

As the war in the Pacific raged, Philip Johnston, a bespectacled civil engineer who had spent his youth on the Navajo Reservation as the son of missionary parents, sold the Marine Corps on the idea of recruiting Navajos to serve in a special capacity.

In April 1942, 29 Navajo Marines at Camp Elliott, north of San Diego, standardized a communication code in Navajo. Because of its uniqueness, words had to be identified for terms not expressed in their native tongue.

The "corps" became "din-neh-ih" (clan); "colonel" became "attsah-besh-le-gain" (silver eagle). The list grew to more than 400 terms by the end of the war. Foreign words had to be spelled out phonetically, so each letter of the alphabet was identified by an English word beginning with the particular letter, then substituted with the Navajo translation.

The new radio operators also learned supporting specialized skills such as demolition and sniping. Ironically, those who fell in battle were killed while performing supporting skills instead of operating radios.

Twenty-seven of the original 29 code talkers headed for the Pacific while two remained to instruct new Navajo recruits, eventually numbering 400.

To Pacific Shores

All ultimately served in Pacific campaigns, except one who remained in Hawaii for training. None knew the significance of their contribution for many years. "We were being rushed through to get the training done, get over there, fight and win the war," reflected William Kien.

Navajo Marines, carrying 80 lb. radios and quarter-mile spools of telephone cables, were among the first to hit the beaches. When tropical monsoons destroyed radios, they used hunting skills, creeping silently around Japanese patrols to deliver messages.

Known to only a few, their short stature, bronze skin and dark, almond-shaped eyes had an occasional Marine convinced he'd come up on a Japanese soldier in a Marine uniform attempting to infiltrate U.S. lines.

"He looked just like Confucius," said VFW member Carl Gorman of Eugene Roanhorse Crawford, who was captured twice by Americans. One Guadalcanal code talker parachuted right into the middle of a Japanese army camp and quietly strode away without incident. Commanders were forced to assign Caucasian bodyguards to code talkers. In a cemetery on Iwo Jima, a young Navajo in the pre-invasion reconnaissance group struggled with the taboo of disturbing the dead while a sand crab crawled across the back of his neck.

But his struggle paid off a few days later when an astounded general heard the Navajo words for sheep-uncle-ram-ice-bear-ant-cat-horse-itch identifying the small mountain upon which the American flag was being raised.

Navajo Marines Henry Bahe and George Kirk, above, operate a portable radio set on Bougainville in December 1943. National Archives

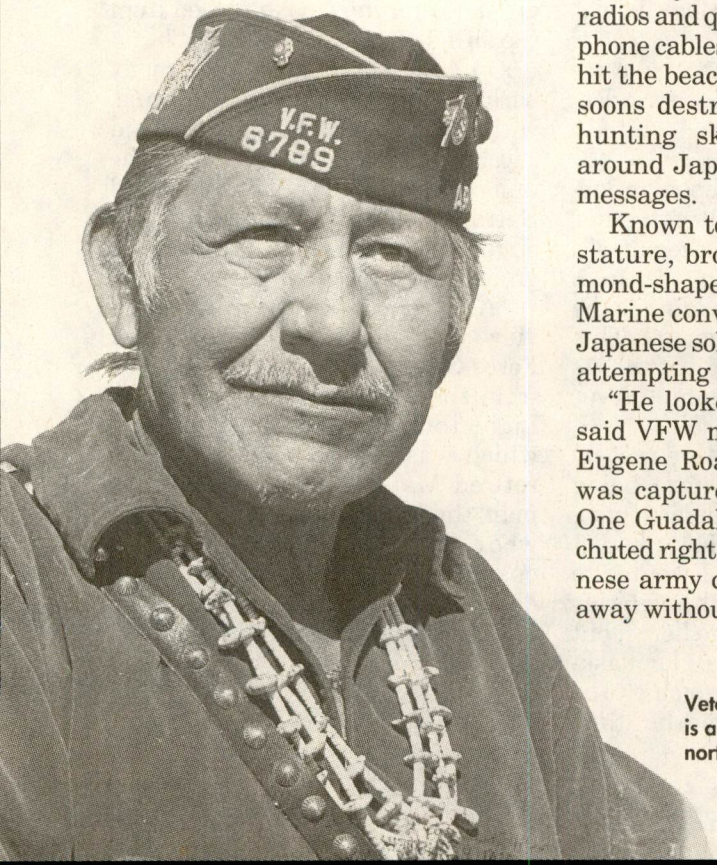
Recognition Long Awaited

After the war, the Navajos quietly returned to the Southwest. The nation remained unaware of their contribution for another decade.

Approximately 200 former code talkers are still living. In many celebrations in Arizona and New Mexico, the code talkers can be identified by their yellow shirts over khaki trousers, their turquoise overseas caps and traditional Navajo jewelry.

Around their necks hang the medallion bestowed by the 4th Marine Division during the Chicago reunion of 1969. It is inscribed with: "Honoring the American Indian Marine."

A code talker exhibit is at the Navajo Tribal Museum in Window Rock, Ariz. The state of Arizona honored them with Code Talker Day, Aug. 14, and dedicated the beautiful statue in Phoenix Plaza at Central Avenue and Thomas Road in Phoenix. A young Navajo symbolically lifts his flute to signal the end of confrontation and the coming of peace. ✪



Veteran code talker Carl Gorman is a member of VFW Post 6789 in northern Arizona.

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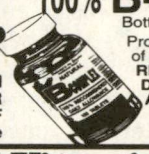

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Stand Up, Speak Out



Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jack Carney

VFW leaders at the Department level prepare to make their views known across the country.

During the annual meeting of Department Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants/Quartermasters, held in Kansas City from May 14 to 17, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jack Carney unveiled his theme — *Stand Up, Speak Out* — for his upcoming leadership year.

"It's time to stand up for what is right and speak out for what we believe in," Carney stressed to his Department leadership teams. "VFW issues are critical and they affect the future of veterans and our nation."

Developments in Membership and Programs

As incentives to ensure membership growth, Membership Director Larry LeFebvre announced several contests and awards, which commanders at each level can strive for. Assistant Membership Director Bob Crider gave an overview of membership tools that National will provide to recruiters in the field.



Joe Ross, Post Development director, unveiled the new *Recruitment Training Guide*. "We relied on input from several of our most successful Departments in developing this invaluable tool," he said. It will serve as a training manual for membership chairmen and recruiters.

Stressing the need for better communications at all levels, Benny Bachand, Assistant Adjutant General for Programs, told Department leaders: "We are trying to establish a direct link with the state chairmen for each program, and we will send related materials to them rather than through the Department."

Gordon Thorson, director of Youth Activities and Safety, explained the streamlining of both programs into six categories. "This will give Posts plenty of flexibility, and, if they report activity in all six Youth Activities categories, for example, they will be eligible for a national award."

As director of the Voice of Democracy program, Thorson announced the recent establishment of a 23rd VOD scholarship award by the Department of Connecticut.

In the Americanism Department, a new flag education program booklet was announced. Director Mike Gormalley thanked the Departments of Arkansas and Illinois for their leadership in this area.

Stirrings on Capitol Hill

Larry Rivers, Washington Office executive director, echoed Carney's announcement that in this upcoming election year, veterans have an opportunity to "speak with a unified voice, and elect politicians who understand the needs of veterans."

As Jim Magill, National Legislative Service (NLS) director, noted, "We are going to lose some friends in Congress, but when the new members take office, meet them, and let them know who you are and what our stance on the issues is."

Dennis Cullinan, deputy legislative director, reviewed the VFW Action Corps. Bob Currieo, VFW-PAC director, said: "This may be the most volatile political year in decades. Now we can sort out our real friends and support them. We're also going after our enemies by supporting their opponents."

Frederico Juarbe, National Veterans Service director, remarked: "We realize how important Post service officers are and we've initiated a national registry to let them know they're appreciated. We've also started a 'Post Service Officer of the Year Award' program to recognize these dedicated individuals."

Sid Daniels, director of Civil Service and Employment, addressed the saturated job market. "Combine this with the continuing recession and base closings and we will have new veterans looking for jobs and older veterans losing theirs," he said. Daniels added that VFW-sponsored job fairs are of great help.

On national security matters, Rivers announced: "Senators are no longer ducking and dodging the POW/MIA issue. They are focusing on Southeast Asia, but they have not forgotten Korea or WWII." He also said, "Diplomatic recognition of Vietnam is a very real possibility in 1993."

Administrative Affairs

A variety of administrative issues were reviewed and reinforced.

Tom Kissell, as director of Admini-

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strative Services, reminded those present that "WWII Merchant Marine veterans are not eligible for VFW membership despite their qualifying for veterans benefits."

Director of Post Services Jim Rowoldt voiced concern about insufficient bonding: "Often we see Posts with great assets, but they're not covered. We want to be sure their assets are protected."

Assistant Adjutant General for Administration John Senk said Posts need to get a head start on membership. "But we can't get the dues kits mailed out until we get the Post election reports," he stressed.

Liability Concerns

Quartermaster General Jim Bowden warned that "liability is a fact of life today" and urged Department leaders to check their Posts for adequate insurance.

Larry Maher, VFW counsel, explained the evolution the VFW has taken in recent years to protect the organization from lawsuits.

"We took three approaches: We amended the by-laws to spell out the relationship between the Posts and National Headquarters. We sought to educate the Posts and encouraged them to incorporate and get adequate protection.

"And we put together a 'Post Liability Insurance Package,' because Posts and Departments today are involved in more activities and fundraising projects which increases their chance of risk."

A variety of policies were then explained by a local insurance company involved with more than 2,700 VFW Posts.

Overall, the meeting's message was clear: Department leaders must *Stand Up, and Speak Out,* making their mark on the great history of this vibrant veterans organization. ✪

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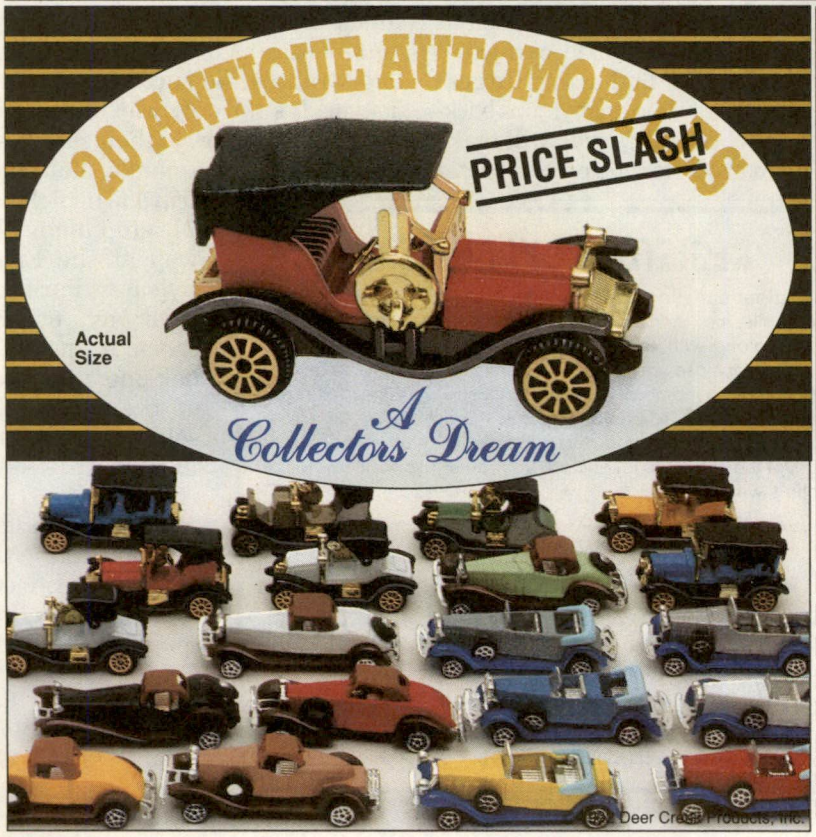

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He, of course, was Ernie Pyle — America's most beloved war correspondent of World War II. Today, his story is told in what amounts to a national shrine — the Ernie Pyle State Historic Site. Located on Indiana Highway 71, approximately one mile north of Highway 36 in Dana, the site is only a 70-mile drive from Indianapolis.

Dedicated on July 3, 1976, Pyle's restored birthplace houses a vast collection of books, articles, manuscripts, photographs, artifacts and memorabilia. The living room serves as a theater where visitors can hear Pyle recite one of his columns through a life-like talking mannequin.

But the invaluable collection stored at the site has expanded beyond the home's confines. "We simply must have the proper facilities to house this WWII fighting man's collection," says Evelyn Hobson, site curator.

To that end, the Friends of Ernie Pyle, Inc., a not-for-profit support organization, has donated the land adjoining the home to the state for a new facility. The group also is undertaking a fund-raising effort to bring in about $1 million needed to greatly enhance the site.

Plans call for a brand new interpretive history center in an authentic Quonset hut. The center will contain a small theater showing WWII documentary and feature films; a research room for scholars and students; and an exhibit to house Pyle memorabilia.

"By creating an atmosphere reminiscent of those times," says Hobson, "we hope to use sight and sound to convey a better overall understanding of WWII and America's participation in it."

The project's national committee includes such luminaries as Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, cartoonist Bill Mauldin and actor Burgess Meredith. But it's the anonymous backers across the country who will make the dream of a Pyle interpretive center a reality, believes Hobson.

"It's organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars that really make the difference. For example, Ernie Pyle Post 1120 in Indianapolis sponsored a VFW resolution to be introduced at the national convention, bringing the project to your members' attention. We are confident members nationwide will enthusiastically embrace this tribute to Pyle."

Post Commander Marion R. Simkins seconds the notion. "All of us at Post 1120 are very excited about this project. After all, our Post is his namesake. More importantly, this is something all VFW members can wholeheartedly endorse."

Indiana's prized site is in keeping with the "American fighting man" theme of Pyle's award-winning writings. Veterans owe it to themselves to guarantee the success of this endeavor. It's the only way future generations will know of their sacrifices.

So take time to make that short trip down Highway 71, stop along the way at the Ernie Pyle Rest Park and then pay your respects to the number one champion of the GI — the soldier's best friend in WWII — in Dana.

For more information on the Ernie Pyle project, contact: *Evelyn Hobson, Curator, Ernie Pyle State Historic Site, Ind. DNR, Box 338, Dana, Ind. 47847, (317) 665-3633.* ✪

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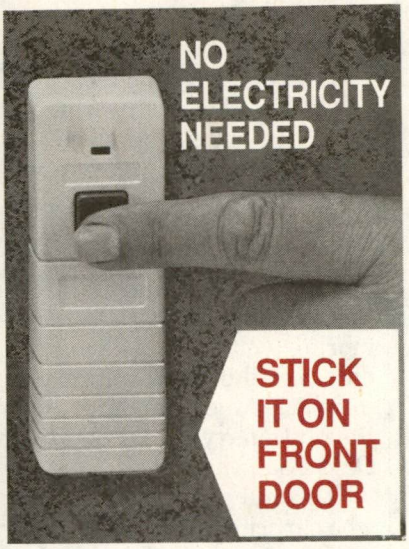

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VFW Magazine Inspires Unique Memorial

by Seymour Brody

When *VFW Magazine* published "To Perpetuate the Memory and History of Our Dead" in May 1991, it inspired the Memorial and Veterans Day Association of Morristown and Morris Township in New Jersey to plan and build the only monument of its kind in the country.

The Burnham Park Veterans Memorial would list the names and dates of all 64 U.S. military actions in which Americans died, from the Revolutionary War to *Operation Desert Storm*.

It would also honor all veterans who participated in these military engagements, especially those from historic Morristown, "the military capital of the colonies during the Revolutionary War."



J. Robert Tracey, Memorial Co-Chairman, shows his two 8-year-old grandchildren the wars he served in — WWII and Korea — on the day the monument was dedicated.

Day of Dedication

One year after the article was published, the monument was a reality. Three hundred school children, a 70-piece band from Frelinghuysen Jr. High School and more than 300 veteran, civic, business and political leaders attended the May 13 dedication in Burnham Park.

Keynote speaker Richard Bernard, Sr., deputy commissioner of military and veterans affairs in New Jersey and a Korean War veteran who lost both legs in combat, paid tribute to all who have died for their country in his moving speech.

As memorial chairman, I told the audience that the 64 actions represented 652,244 hostile deaths, 660,603 non-hostile deaths and 1,541,278 wounded among the Americans who served since the War of Independence in 1775.

The monument is black granite, standing six ft.-six in. high, five ft. wide and 10 in. thick. It has a 4-by-5-ft. bronze plaque attached listing the 64 actions. It rests in the center of a white star-shaped concrete patio 24 ft. in diameter.

There are four park benches and landscaping around it. In back of the monument is a 25-ft. flag pole that flies the American flag and the POW/MIA flag. Floodlights light the monument and the flags during the night.

Source of Community Pride

The monument was designed by Jack McKean; the architect was Bill Parker; and construction was overseen by Luke Rollio. All three men are residents of Morristown.

Co-Chairman J. Robert Tracey, former Postmaster of Morristown, and I organized the fund-raising campaign and the technical staff to erect the monument.

The community donated $11,000 — double the amount requested. The response was unprecedented for fund-raising in the Morristown area.

Residents also contributed materials and labor worth over $15,000. More than 100 people gave funds, and another 100 volunteered materials and their labor.

Because I am a retired educator, I plan to write a curriculum guide for the elementary schools within Morris County. It will be used for educational field trips to Burnham Park's Veterans Monument and the nearby statue of Thomas Paine — the only full sculpture of him in the country.

For further information, call or write *"Sy" Brody, 17 Dorothy Drive, Morristown, N.J. 07960, (201) 539-6254.*

Brody and Tracey are members of VFW Post 3401, Morris Plains, N.J.

Seymour "Sy" Brody is author of *Jewish Heroes of America* and a recent inductee into the Greater Morristown Hall of Fame.

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poses using animals in research.

Letterman's program was a study of two types of bone grafts in mature greyhound dogs. One was an autologous bone graft using healthy bone taken from the same dog; the other was a newly developed synthetic bone graft material. Dogs were chosen for the study because they have a long, weight-bearing femur. Also, dogs of a uniform size and age that are "retired" racing dogs about to be euthanized could be readily obtained.

While the nation braced itself for a Persian Gulf war where thousands of casualties were expected, the research was put on hold and funds canceled.

No Limit to Tactics

In April 1991, IDA found a new target — Sharon Juliano, a medical researcher at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Juliano is investigating how the brain adapts and recovers from a traumatic peripheral injury, such as the damage induced by a stroke, Alzheimer's disease or limb loss.

Her research required the surgical removal of a digit of the forepaw of an anesthetized cat, then an incision in the animal's skull to discover changes and reorganizations that occur as a result of the injury. Such research is vital to assisting patients suffering from ailments incurred in both military and civilian life.

IDA spokeswoman Susan Rich said her group is going to make an "example" of Sharon Juliano. Sure enough, Juliano has faced pickets at work and home. All manner of personal harassment has been employed, too.

What the Future Holds

Leland C. Clark, Jr., writing in *The Scientist,* pointed out that the animal rights movement is devastating potentially lifesaving research. He revealed how activists have moved into the nation's school systems, teaching children that scientists and medical researchers steal pets for experiments.

Nonsense, says Col. (Dr.) John Golden of the Armstrong Laboratory at Brooks AFB, Texas. "We've reduced dramatically our use of animals because of the technology now available, and it's improving all the time...At the same time we'll continue meeting — and exceeding — the tenets of animal welfare. Not because we have to, but because we want to."

Radical activists believe there is no difference between a rat's life and a human's life, and are dedicated to dismantling all animal research. They also want to eliminate the use of animals for food, clothing, pets or companion animals for the handicapped.

Every young man and woman in uniform believes the nation's leaders have spared no expense to provide the best medical equipment, facilities and proven care techniques. But some in Congress are caving in to the activists demands for animal-free research.

How these demands will affect future research and medical techniques for the uniformed services will be one of the major issues of this decade. ✪

Galen Geer is a free-lance writer based in Colorado.

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First Drawing

The names will be placed for drawing by the respective Post membership division. Three (3) Quartermasters' names will be selected from each of the twenty (20) membership divisions. These sixty (60) Quartermasters will receive a beautiful VFW jacket with embroidered Cross of Malta on the back.

Second Drawing

The sixty (60) winning Quartermasters — one (1) entry only — will be placed again for the second drawing.

The first name drawn — one (1) Quartermaster (and spouse) will be awarded an all expense-paid trip to Kansas City, Missouri. A fun-filled weekend is planned that includes touring, shopping, a major league baseball game and a complete tour of VFW Headquarters. The award is not transferable.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

1991-92 Series **General Orders No. 10**

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF: Gordon Colvin, Post 169, Venango, Pa.; Sebastian Hafer, Post 15, Gettysburg, Pa.; William Kudrako, Post 6518, Exeter, Pa.; Frank Lopes, Post 92, New Kensington, Pa.; Peter McLaughlin, Post 481, Delmont, Pa.; Boyd Williams, Post 6518, Exeter, Pa. ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL: Donald Cope, Post 21, Connellsville, Pa.

2. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report form listing the Post Officers for 1992-93 will not receive credentials for the National Convention.

3. Posts are reminded they must register, in advance, one or more delegates to the VFW National Convention (Section 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws). Advance registration fee is six dollars ($6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to the Quartermaster General, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

4. Attention is drawn to the following procedure on Resolution: Policy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is established by resolutions adopted by the National Convention. Most such resolutions originate at the Post, County Council, District or Department levels. Those resolutions approved by a Department Convention which affects matters outside state boundaries must be forwarded by the Department Adjutant to the Adjutant General for consideration by the National Convention.

Resolutions may also be originated by Department Officers or by the Department Convention itself and acted upon by the Department Convention. National Officers may originate resolutions and submit them directly to the National Convention. Also, National Convention Committees may originate resolutions and present them for approval during the National Convention. Resolutions offered by delegates from Posts during the National Convention must bear the endorsement of the Department Commander or Department Adjutant and must be submitted to the Adjutant General at the National Convention for numbering and referral to the appropriate convention committee.

Resolutions adopted by the National Convention become the lawful orders of the National Convention and as such are binding upon all subordinate units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. No Posts, County Councils, Districts or Departments are permitted to publicly communicate contrary positions to the National By-Laws or to the resolutions adopted by the National Convention except that proposed changes in policy may be introduced by subordinate units by the preparation, adoption and submission of resolutions within the channels of the organization for consideration as outlined above.

5. Certificates of charters evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Post 2798 and 6421 consolidated as Post No. 2798, Rodeo, Calif.; Post 7677 and 164 consolidated as Post No. 7677, Medford, N.J.; Post 8198 and 7973 consolidated as Post No. 8198, Grove City, Ohio; Post 8184 and 9018 consolidated as Post No. 8184, Lynchburg, Va.; Post 10068 and 8633 consolidated as Post No. 10068, Naranja, Fla.; Post 8252 and 7791 consolidated as Post No. 8252, Gloucester, Va.

6. The name of the following Posts have been changed: Post 6937 from Edmonson County Memorial to Nisbet Alexander, Brownsville, Ky.; Post 10635 from Oblong to Moran Keller Oblong, Oblong, Ill.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS: Post No. 8304 - Williamstown, Mass.; 8450 - Vernon, Ala.; 8476 - Bethune, S.C.; 8744 - Parkin, Ark.; 9953 - Autaugaville, Ala.

1991-92 Series General Orders No. 11

1. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing the Post Officers for 1992-93 should do so immediately for matter of record and so that mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post.

2. Departments that have not forwarded an official roster to National Headquarters listing the officers of their Department should do so immediately so that correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.

3. Posts are reminded they must register, in advance, one or more delegates to the VFW National Convention to be held August 14 - 21 in Indianapolis, Indiana, (Section 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws). Advance registration fee is six dollars ($6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to the Quartermaster General, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

4. Post Commanders and Adjutants will see that credentials for duly elected delegates to the National Convention are properly filled out and turned over to the proper representatives of the Post prior to their departure to the National Convention. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing officers for 1992-93 will not receive credentials for the National Convention. Credentials will be mailed to Post Commanders, Monday, July 13, 1992.

5. National Headquarters Convention offices will be open for business in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indiana Convention Center, from August 14 - 21, 1992. The Convention Headquarters will operate from the Indiana Convention Center, Room 160.

6. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 4102 and 873 consolidated as Post No. 4102, Big Rapids, Mich.; Posts 4285 and 10154 consolidated as Post No. 4285, Haines City, Fla.; Posts 1379 and 5042 consolidated as Post No. 1379, Jacksonville, Ill.; Posts 5038 and 2044 consolidated as Post No. 5038, Dawson, Ill.; Posts 8874 and 4467 consolidated as Post No. 8874, Los Alamos, N.M.; Posts 10701 and 8655 consolidated as Post No. 10701, Pierre Part, La.

7. The official Change of Name of the following Post is as follows: West Boise Post No. 9446 to Lt. Col Duane Beeson Post No. 9446, Boise, Idaho.

8. The official Change of Location of the following Post is as follows: Lt. Clement F. Derezinski Post No. 7729, Egelston, Mich. to Muskegon, Mich.; Ike Cole Post No. 3370, Moriarty, N.M. to Estancia Valley, N.M.

9. The official Change of Name and Location of the following Post is as follows: Santa Clarita Valley Memorial Post No. 6110, Valencia, Calif. to Mint Canyon Memorial, Canyon Country, Calif.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS: Post No. 8817 - Airey, Md.; 10322 - Shelley, Idaho.

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USS Pine Island AV12 (1950-54) — Seeking anyone who remembers me being operated on by Dr. Maguire from somewhere in Texas, while our ship was in Pescadores Islands (operation was on my lower back) — Ronald McGuire, POB 274, Highland WI 53543.

1st Mar, 2st Bn, Co C (Vietnam, Sept 1966-Feb 1967) — Seeking anyone to verify my claim — Michael Milledge, POB 54, Elmo MO 64445.

MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (March 25, 1975-Feb 27, 1978) — Need to hear from anyone that was involved, or remembers helicopter crash near H&MS-24 hangar during these periods (crash crew, corpsmen, flight line personnel, etc.) — Paul Piecek, 514 3rd St NW, Aitkin MN 56431.

Naval veterans of WWII used as "human guinea pigs" in testing of mustard gas at University of Chicago while attending Signal School in summer of 1943 — Larry Shroy, 4716 Kane Creek, Central Point OR 97502.

25th Inf Div, 725th Ord Bn (forward), Co A — Seeking anyone who experienced bombing, strafing in Kumhwa Valley, Dec 6, 1952 — Theodore C Cauley, 4204 Rose Lane #15, Mt Vernon IL 62864.

Naval Support Activity (DaNang, 1966-68) — Seeking anyone in security at headquarters, POL farm or transmitter site to verify claim — Sabino Bruno, 14 Meadow View Manor, Brainerd MN 56401.

USS LST1068 (Korea, 1951-55) — Seeking shipmates to verify while at sea off coast of Korea, putting bullet proof port holes in Captain quarters, bringing port hole up from repair shop, I fell through hatch that was left open to a lower deck, injuring my neck, shoulder and back — Harrison Vinson, 406 E Watson St, Andalusia AL 36420.

82d Abn, 139th Combat Engrs, BIG RED 1 (Vietnam, 1968-69, Phu Loi patrol) — Seeking eye witnesses to injuries received before medivaced to Lenneman General in California — Laurence Carollo, 410 Flat Lick Rd, Mount Washington KY 40047.

758th FA Bn, Btry A (1949-51) — Seeking anyone with info during this time period — John Whisenant, 7733 E Vancouver Pl, Tucson AZ 85730.

79th Div, 313th Bn, Co B — Seeking anyone who was shipped out of Etampes France rep dep to a forward rep dep on or about Dec 28, 1944 to Jan 4, 1945. I need to know where we were shipped to as I froze my feet on this trip in a box car and received treatment for them for 3 months — Donald Herring, 78 Meadow Run Pl, Harrisburg PA 17112.

1st Cav Div, 5th Cav Rgt, 8th Engr, Co D (Korea, 1951-52; "Bloody Baldy") — Need to contact personnel who were present during above named battle and who knew Mr Mitchell. Am specifically trying to locate Lee Roy J Mode (Portland OR) and who was with Mr. Mitchell in Korea — Robert L Mitchell, General Delivery, Mabscott WV 25871.

Francis E Warren AFB, Wyoming 1953 — Seeking Bobby Cox, Jack Reilly and Don Marsh who were on fire truck when I and Bobby Cox were thrown off and I hurt my back and Cox hurt his foot — James Hannon, 6900 Broadway, Guttenberg NJ 07093.

Chanute Field, IL (Sept 1944) — Seeking anyone who was stationed there when I was given shots that made me sick and that night was taken to hospital with an epileptic attack, esp Frank Beikman, Walter Lindsley and Robert Rondeau — Rondall Wayne, 848 Amherst St, Akron OH 44311.

3149th Ord Med Auto Maint Co (first ord co on Luzon, first ord co in Manila) Oro Bay, New Guines, Luzon, 1943-46 — Seeking anyone who remembers me being treated for jungle rot, dengue fever, malaria, carbon monoxide poisoning (no medical records in jungle), shattered ear drums, machine gun practice, Oro Bay, New Guinea replacement depot — Walter Ross, 15303 Montecito Dr, Granger IN 46530.

64th Bomb Sqdn (H), 43d Bomb Gp (H), 1944 — Seeking anyone who served with my husband and recalls him being wounded and his health condition after he was wounded — Mrs Richard Faria, 5398 Belleville Rd, West Palm Beach FL 33417.

2d Div, 38th Rgt, Co D — Seeking anyone who remembers serving with Vernon L Test in the Battle of the Bulge to verify claim — John Tesh, 1178 Nelson Dr, Harrisonburg VA 22801.

588th Combat Engrs (Tay-ninh, Vietnam-War zone C) (Feb-June 1967) — Seeking any witness to accident in which a RT front loader overturned and pinned me (the operator) under it causing injury to my back and leg) — David L Davis, 451 Seller St, Prospect OH 43342-9502.

USS Wingfield DE194 — Seeking anyone who remembers when I was standing watch on a 350 #2 gun in the Mediterranean Sea and a 20mm went down and fired one round

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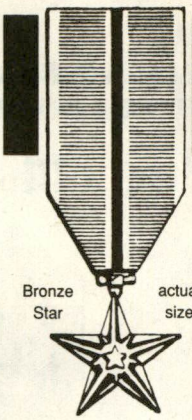

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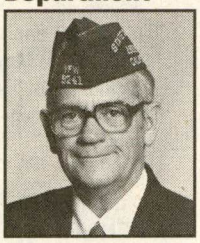

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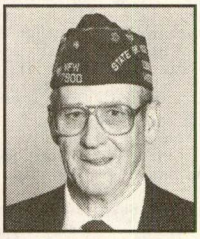
California
John D. Smith (10)
(May and June)



DIV. 2
Florida
Eugene R. Manfrey (3)
(May and June)



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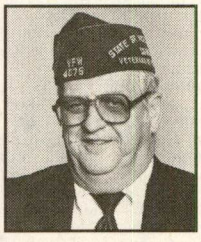
Missouri
Paul Stoneman (4)
(May and June)



DIV. 4
Maryland
Norman H. Geisel (10)
(May and June)



DIV. 5
Connecticut
Ronald Rusakiewicz (2)
(May and June)



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Kentucky
Leslie A. Miller, Jr. (4)
(May)



DIV. 6
Georgia
General M. Crumley (1)
(June)



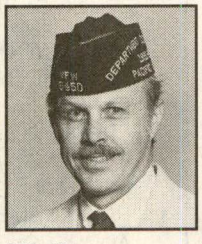
DIV. 7
Arizona
William J. Silva (10)
(May and June)



DIV. 8
Maine
Arthur J. Roy (10)
(May and June)



DIV. 9
New Mexico
William D. Wilson (3)
(May and June)



DIV. 10
Pacific Areas
John R. Snook (10)
(May and June)



DIV. 11
Puerto Rico/V.I.
Edward M. Vidal (3)
(May)



DIV. 11
Europe
George Eby (5)
(June)

Post

DIV. 1
Post 6506
Maryland
Herman A. Ulbig, Jr. (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 2
Post 9191
Texas
Alexander Vernon (6)
(May and June)

DIV. 3
Post 1475
Texas
John Birge (5)
(May and June)

DIV. 4
Post 5394
California
Vernon Hollins, Sr. (9
(May and June)

DIV. 5
Post 2342
New Jersey
Charles Viola (5)
(May and June)

DIV. 6
Post 7721
Florida
Rudolph Braun (5)
(May and June)

DIV. 7
Post 10420
South Carolina
Arthur D. Mann (6)
(May and June)

DIV. 8
Post 5032
Georgia
Jesse Land (5)
(May and June)

DIV. 9
Post 10269
Pacific Areas
James R. Bissett (6)
(May and June)

DIV. 10
Post 10252
Alaska
Marcus S. Butler (5)
(May)

DIV. 10
Post 3479
Illinois
Andrew Harper (1)
(June)

DIV. 11
Post 3128
Alabama
Billy J. Richey (6)
(May)

DIV. 11
Post 3420
Delaware
Lee Hickman (2)
(June)

DIV. 12
Post 4877
Mississippi
Charles Garrett (7)
(May and June)

DIV. 13
Post 6925
Florida
Robert C. Thomas, Sr. (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 14
Post 6873
Texas
James R. Clark (8)
(May and June)

DIV. 15
Post 3605
California
Jeremiah J. Kelleher (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 16
Post 4572
Alabama
Gordon D. Bennett (8
(May and June)

DIV. 17
Post 8154
Florida
Dale Cuthbert (8)
(May and June)

DIV. 18
Post 8862
Europe
Myron Murley (2)
(May and June)

DIV. 19
Post 9408
North Carolina
George B. Reed (4)
(May and June)

DIV. 20
Post 9705
Tennessee
Howard Asher (2)
(May)

DIV. 20
Post 8365
West Virginia
not elected
(June)

District

DIV. 1
California 1
Dan Hector (7)
(May and June)

DIV. 2
California 4
Robert Fontenot, Sr. (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 3
Texas 14
Jack B. Moore (1)
(May)

DIV. 3
California 17
Hubert J. Flanery (3)
(June)

DIV. 4
Nebraska 10
Daniel K. Longe (6)
(May and June)

DIV. 5
Texas 19
Albert J. Boyd (2)
(May and June)

DIV. 6
North Carolina 6
Nathan Gillikin (3)
(May and June)

DIV. 7
Florida 6
Edward L. Kelley (3)
(May and June)

DIV. 8
Texas 9
John R. Wates (5)
(May)

DIV. 8
Arkansas 13
Raz T. Munholland (1)
(June)

DIV. 9
Maryland 17
Thomas Kulczak (8)
(May)

DIV. 9
Europe 3
James Barrett (1)
(June)

DIV. 10
Pacific Areas 1
William T. Brandon (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 11
Alabama 6
J.T. Milam (3)
(May and June)

DIV. 12
Colorado 14
Terry Broughton (9)
(May and June)

County Council

DIV. 1
Cuyahoga
Ohio
Jerry Nemerovsky (2)
(May and June)

DIV. 2
Jackson
Missouri
Robert R. Lyons (3)
(May and June)

DIV. 3
San Francisco
California
Michael L. Smith (9)
(May and June)

DIV. 4
Ionia
Michigan
James L. Hock (5)
(May and June)

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1	EUROPE	117.865	**22**	Kentucky	101.694	**43**	South Dakota	100.091	**50**	North Dakota	100.028
2	Puerto Rico/Virgin Isles	116.477	**23**	South Carolina	101.609	**44**	Tennessee	100.091	**51**	Kansas	100.027
3	Pacific Areas	106.586	**24**	West Virginia	101.580	**45**	New Hampshire	100.074	**52**	Idaho	97.894
4	Panama Canal	104.198	**25**	Nebraska	101.374	**46**	Iowa	100.072	**53**	Oklahoma	97.612
5	California	103.995	**26**	Massachusetts	101.253	**47**	Alabama	100.043	**54**	District of Columbia	97.350
6	Nevada	103.900	**27**	North Carolina	101.115	**48**	Minnesota	100.030	**55**	Mississippi	93.133
7	Maryland	103.812	**28**	Indiana	100.903	**49**	Virginia	100.030			
8	Maine	103.225	**29**	Montana	100.798						
9	Arizona	103.159	**30**	New Jersey	100.671						
10	Alaska	102.949	**31**	Wyoming	100.529						
11	Delaware	102.890	**32**	Illinois	100.497						
12	Texas	102.471	**33**	Ohio	100.443						
13	New Mexico	102.367	**34**	Louisiana	100.391						
14	Washington	102.283	**35**	Michigan	100.386						
15	Missouri	102.071	**36**	Oregon	100.378						
16	Colorado	102.025	**37**	New York	100.367						
17	Georgia	101.930	**38**	Pennsylvania	100.265						
18	Arkansas	101.827	**39**	Utah	100.116						
19	Connecticut	101.819	**40**	Wisconsin	100.104						
20	Hawaii	101.813	**41**	Vermont	100.101						
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Recorded as of July 9, 1992

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3	5555	Richfield, MN	2857
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5	3579	Park Ridge, IL	2800
6	1146	St Clair Shores, MI	2651
7	1064	Huntington, WV	2441
8	131	Lincoln, NE	2342
9	1273	Rapid City, SD	2298
10	1308	Alton, IL	2191
11	9191	Killeen, TX	2150
12	9186	San Antonio, TX	2133
13	1296	Bloomington, MN	2124
14	641	Columbia, SC	2100
15	2503	Omaha, NE	2094
16	1736	Alexandria, LA	2059
17	49	Mobile, AL	2018
18	47	Uniontown, PA	2006
19	401	Albuquerque, NM	1996
20	360	Mishawaka, IN	1985
21	6796	Dallas, TX	1935
22	969	Tacoma, WA	1920
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24	283	Kingston, PA	1884
25	972	Terre Haute, IN	1883
26	3382	Kingsport, TN	1880
27	549	Tucson, AZ	1873
28	3982	Santa Clara, CA	1835
29	1275	Lima, OH	1833
30	379	Yakima, WA	1822
31	1326	Bismarck, ND	1815
32	8541	San Antonio, TX	1807
33	9223	Arlington, CA	1805
34	2290	Manville, NJ	1789
35	249	Butler, PA	1755
36	112	Wichita, KS	1719
37	2940	W Seneca, NY	1713
38	1599	Chambersburg, PA	1705
39	696	Owensboro, KY	1701
40	6694	Dundalk, MD	1694
41	2754	West View, PA	1685
42	8919	El Paso, TX	1680
43	10209	Spring Hill, FL	1678
44	6251	Cheektowaga, NY	1677
45	4809	Norfolk, VA	1655
46	9083	Parkville, MD	1650
47	367	Joliet, IL	1644
48	891	Asheville, NC	1636
49	2100	Everett, WA	1617
50	2529	Sandusky, OH	1610
51	7330	Oakville, CT	1593
52	5263	Fort Sill, OK	1584
53	1989	Indiana, PA	1574
54	832	S Portland, ME	1569
55	10097	Fort Myers Beach, FL	1568
56	1475	Amarillo, TX	1542
57	9619	Morningside, MD	1536
58	3777	Festus, MO	1533
59	6640	Metairie, LA	1532
60	788	Cedar Rapids, IA	1525
61	2704	South Omaha, NE	1524
62	1432	Salina, KS	1509
63	6975	Bristol, VA	1507
64	1810	Brentwood, PA	1506
65	1650	Topeka, KS	1504
66	1	Denver, CO	1502
66	2111	Chula Vista, CA	1502
68	9400	Sunnyslope, AZ	1458
69	4087	Davison, MI	1456
70	9972	Sierra Vista, AZ	1446
71	573	Clarksburg, WV	1445
72	6874	Lemon Grove, CA	1440
73	10017	Ashland, KY	1439
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75	3790	Logansport, IN	1419
76	733	Mason City, IA	1415
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93	4051	Colorado Springs, CO	1344
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122	1865	Kenosha, WI	1224
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126	1383	Klamath Falls, OR	1212
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132	7452	Montgomery, IL	1202
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134	4667	Marion, VA	1192
136	1848	Jackson, TN	1190
137	2743	Norwalk, OH	1189
138	3376	Ephrata, PA	1186
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149	8334	Millard, NE	1144
150	7686	Alamogordo, NM	1141
151	9460	Stratford, CT	1137
152	5179	San Diego, CA	1132
152	9927	Kettering, OH	1132
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159	943	Ashtabula, OH	1115
160	4903	Tucson, AZ	1112
161	1069	Fairfield, OH	1111
162	4372	Odessa, TX	1108
162	467	Westminster, MD	1108
164	3383	Akron, OH	1105
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hitting the guardrail around the gun — I got shrapnel in both legs and need someone who saw it — Virgil Stafford, N169 W 19865 Chestnut Ct, Jackson WI 53037.

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7th AF, Finance Office (Hickam Field Hawaii, WWII, 1942-45) - Sept 11-13, Wheeling WV — Ray Pettit, 1703 Third St, Moundsville WV 26041.

9th AF, 4th/6th Tact Air Communication Sqdns (WWII) — Sept, Seattle WA — Arthur Ludlow, 115 Buckingham Dr N, Lakehurst NJ 08733-4017.

339th Ftr Sqdn Assn (WWII & Japan) — Sept, Norfolk VA — Richard Cowles, 745 Harrison St, Belding MI 48809.

349th TC Gp, HQ, 23d/311th/312th/313th/314th Sqdns (WWII) — Sept 24-27, Dayton OH (Wright-Patterson AFB) — Vernon Reising, 940 MacArthur St, Jasper IN 47546.

351st BG Sta 110, 447th Sub Depot (Polebrook, England, WWII) Sept, Pigeon Forge TN — Frederick Larsen, 608 Frank Satterfield Rd, Perry GA 31069.

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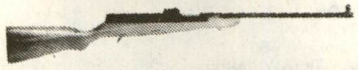

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9th Armd Div, 89th Cav Rcn Sqdn — Sept 16-20, Chandler AZ — Leo Hoffman, 8103 E Southern, #149, Mesa AZ 85208.
9th Div, 39th Inf, Co F — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Ray Hanks, POB 9, McRae AR 72102.
16th Cavalry, Trps E&F (WWII) — Sept 17-19, Nashville TN — Thor Carlson, 134-89th Ave, Treasure Island FL 33706.
20th Field Hosp (WWII) — Sept 4-7, Middletown OH — Joe Lowry, 622 Stafford, Scranton PA 18505.
36th Sta Hosp (WWII, England) — Sept 21-23, Ft Collins CO — Ben Monjaras, 3135 Douglas St, Cheyenne WY 82009.
45th Div, 279th Inf Rgt, Co G — Sept, Bristow OK — Carl Sparks, 805 S Chestnut, Bristow OK 74010.
60th SRI/60th SSC (ASA) — Sept, Portland OR — Donald Woods, NE 263 Tahuya River Dr, Tahuya WA 98588-9753.
69th Div, 880th FA Bn, Btry A (WWII) — Sept, Lexington KY — WR Johnson, 302 So A St, Herington KS 67449.
70th Hvy Tank Bn/Armor Assn — Sept 10-12, Indianapolis IN — Ashley Anderson, Box 316, New Palestine IN 46163.
70th Div, 276th Inf Rgt, Co F — Sept, Louisville KY — Bill Verburg, 10 Wendys Path, Albany NY 12211.
71st Div Assn — Sept, Anaheim CA — Kenneth Hall, 8905 Yoder, Rt 1, Farwell MI 48622-9779.
71st Evac Hosp (WWII/Vietnam) — Sept 9-13, Greensboro NC — Theodore Callas, 794 Ottawa Ct, Carol Stream IL 60188.
73d AAA AW Bn (Sp) — Sept 16-19, South Bend IN — Harry Walters, 713 W Broadway, Mishawaka IN 46545.
74th Gen Hosp (WWII) — Sept, Pigeon Forge TN — Lindsay Davidson, 593 C E Stewart Rd, Clover SC 29710.
78th AAA Gun Bn — Sept 5-6, Springfield MO — John Laster, 114 N School St, Sedan KS 67361.
78th Lighting Div (WWI, WWII) — Sept 16-20, Louisville KY — Mark Hoffman, 1221 Brinkerton Rd, Greensburg PA 15601.
79th Inf Div, 315th Inf — Sept 4-6, Omaha NE — Tom Eason, % Marshall Nurseries, 205 No 2nd, Arlington NE 68002.
79th Inf Div, 463d AAA AW Bn — Sept 3-6, Mystic CT — JB Smith, 420 Jewell Ct, El Paso TX 79927.
81st Div, 321st Rgt, Anti-Tank Co — Sept, Kenner LA — Clifton Dantin, Rt 1, Box 1D, Galliano LA 70354.
83d Inf, 453d AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 4-6, Seattle WA — Loren Kissick, 11605 67th Ave Ea, Puyallup WA 98373.
84th Div, 335th Inf, Co H — Sept 19-20, Paragould AR — Anton Thielemier, Rt 3, Box 175, Pocahontas AR 72455.
85th Div, 338th Rgt Comb Team, Co E — Sept 18-20, Pittsburgh PA — Paul McNelis, 421 Pine Hill Rd, Kittanning PA 16201.
86th Engr Hvy Pn Bn (WWII) — Sept, Denison TX — Philip Wax, 2306 Fourth St, Easton PA 18042.
89th Div Society (WWII) — Sept 9-12, Colorado Springs CO — Larry Berg, 818 San Antonio Place, Colorado Springs CO 80906.
96th Inf Div, 383d Inf, Co E — Sept 11-12, Springfield MO — William Faulkner, POB 509, Watford City ND 58854.
97th Div, 303d Inf, Co D — Sept, Baltimore MD — Clemens Schlosser, 1 Co Rd 10 No, #207, Waconia MN 55387-1003.
97th Inf Div, 303d Rgt, 2d Bn & Medics — Sept 10-13, Nashville TN — John Siegel, 700 N Vine St, Boonville IN 47601.
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97th Div, 389th FA Bn — Sept 16-20, Ft Wayne IN — Joe Newbauer, 515 E Houston St, Garrett IN 46738.
98th & 755th AAA Btry F — Sept 11-13, Cadiz KY — Ray Burris, Rte 1, Box 436, Broken Bow OK 74728.
98th Sig Bn Assn — Sept 25-27, Lancaster PA — Harry Coates Jr, RR 1, Box 28, Callaway VA 24067.
99th Inf Bn — Sept 11-13, Fargo ND — Owen Voxland, 1608 15th St S, Moorhead MN 56560.
100th Gen Hosp — Sept 10-12, Colorado Springs CO — Lee Davison, 844 So Tiajuana Dr, Pueblo West CO 81007.
101st A/B Div, 377th Prcht FA Bn, Btry C — Sept, Louisville KY — Arch Lewis, Rt 1, Box 273, Pekin IN 47165.
101st MP Bn (WWII) — Sept 5, Niagara Falls NY — Harvey Miller, 2966 MacAlpin Dr N, Palm Harbor FL 34684.
103d Inf Div, 409th Rgt, Co D — Sept 18-20, Myrtle Beach SC WJ Danielson, POB 5023, Columbia SC 29250.
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148th Armd Sig Co — Sept 18-20, Atlantic City NJ — Tom Materazzo, 28 Halifax St, Jamaica Plain MA 02130.
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256th Engr Comb Bn — Sept 26-27, Troy OH — Thomas Powell, 110 Main St, Brookville OH 45309.
257th Ord, MM Co (WWII) — Sept 24-26, Marion OH — WW Blocho, 238 Cass Ave, Cheektowaga NY 14206.
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278th Engr Comb Bn, Co B (WWII) — Sept, Grove City OH — Ms Allene Taylor, 19 Cedar Knoll, Tuscaloosa AL 35405.
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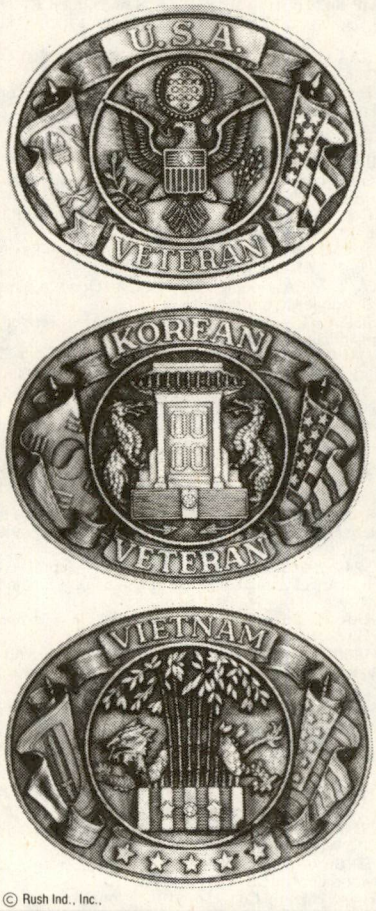

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359th AAA Searchlight Bn (WWII) — Sept 18-20, Scranton PA — Francis Kudel, 123 Hornet Ave, Johnstown PA 15902.
371st Engr Const Bn (WWII) — Sept, St Louis MO — Delbert Yocum, Rt 1, Box 410, Dixon MO 65459.
376th Harbor Craft Co — Sept 10-12, Williamsburg VA — Max Williamson, 517 West College St, Oberlin OH 44074.
397th AAA (AW) Bn (Midwest) — Sept 25-27, St Louis MO — Robert Ward, 46 Cedarfield Dr, Pacific MO 63069.
400th AFA — Sept 4-6, Elyria OH — Robert Prince, 565 Highbridge Rd, Vermilion OH 44089.
401st AAA Gun Bn — Sept 24-26, Bloomington MN — Thomas Homan, 9000 Johnson Ave So, Bloomington MN 55437.
445th Ord (Ham) Co — Sept 25-27, Lexington OK — Leroy Law, 10400 91st St, Lexington OK 73051.
446th AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 13, Bay Springs MS — Miller Zaluski, 1650 Pointview, Youngstown OH 44502.
453d AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 4-6, Seattle WA — James Dalton, Rte 9, Box 165, Morgantown WV 26505.
457th Amph Truck Co — Sept, Wisconsin Dels WI — John Reed, 1825 Old Field Point Rd, Elkton MD 21921.
457th Engr Depot Co (WWII) — Sept 25-27, Columbus OH — William Salsgiver, 507 Pine Dr, York PA 17402-8944.
462d AAA AW Bn — Sept 18-20, Chicago IL — Robert Bennett, 530 E 20th St, New York NY 10009.
464th Engr Depot Co (WWII) — Sept 18-19, Lancaster PA — Henry GR Baust Sr, RR 1, Box 413, Dalton PA 18414.
471st AAA AW Bn — Sept 17-18, Lynchburg VA — Sylvester Bales, W8728 Hwy D, Kewaskum WI 53040.
482d AAA AW Bn (SP) — Sept, Cleveland OH — Charles Gregorovich, 908 Williams St, St Marys OH 45885.
488th Port Bn, 188th/191st Port Cos (WWII, Italy) — Sept 10- 13, Amityville PA — SD Butterfield, 9804 Broad St, Bethesda MD 20814.
489th AAA AW Bn — Sept, Virginia Beach VA — Carl Meiser, 915 Angelita Dr, Prescott AZ 86303.
492d Port Bn, Cos 230/231/232/233 — Sept 11-12, Dayton OH — Frank Danicki, 1060 Plaza Dr, Amherst OH 44001.
495th Port Bn (WWII) — Sept 10-12, Amityville PA — James Childs, 437 Elm St, Elberton GA 30635.
501st AAA Gun Bn, Btry B (WWII) — Sept 29-30, Greensburg PA Alex Popp, 3478 Orchard Dr, Finleyville PA 15332.
503d MP Bn, Co A — Sept 10-13, New London CT — Joseph Cadieux, 7721 Cayuga Dr, Newport Richey FL 34653.
506th AAA Gun Bn — Sept 10-12, Hagerstown MD — Dean Olin, 2413 Center Rd, Ashtabula OH 44004.
510th Engr Lt Ponton Bridge Co — Sept 18-20, Clinton IA — Elwood Lenz, 9430 W Metcalf Pl, Milwaukee WI 53222.
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519th Engr Maint Co — Sept, Ft Wayne IN — Carl Kilian, 615 Cairns Ave, Richland Center WI 53581.
526th QM RHD Co — Sept 11-13, Kingsport TN — Bill Burnett, 3013 McAllister, Milan TN 38358.
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530th FA, 252d CA — Sept, Carlinville IL — Don Keohane, #23 R&J Mobile Ct, Carlinville IL 62626.
532d EBSR, Co C — Sept, Sandusky OH — Alvin Tetzloff, 726 Elm St, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440.
535th QM Co (Sal/Rep) — Sept, Grand Junction CO — Bob Zurfluh, 10245 46th Ave SE, Olympia WA 98503.
536th Ord HM Co Tank — Sept 26, Enfield CT — Bayard Peabody, 105 S Main St, Baldwinville MA 01436-1350.
556th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 10-12, Cincinnati OH — HE Lashhorn Sr, 3516 Williams Dr, Weirton WV 26062.
556th Engr Hv Pon Bn — Sept 5-6, Elkhart IN — Elmer Mensching, 315 S Princeton, Itasca IL 60143.
560th AAA Bn, Btry C, 72d Chem Mort Bn — Sept 11-13, Albemarle NC — Pete Whitley, Rt 6, Box 714, Albemarle NC 28001.
565th/574th Signal Aircraft Warning Bns — Sept, Dayton OH — Angel Zaragoza, 1581 9th St, San Bernardino CA 92411.
567th AAA AW Bn — Sept 10-12, Roanoke VA — Joseph Dillow, Rt 4, Box 99, Dublin VA 24084.
568th/580th/581st Comb Forces, Cos A/B/C/D, Sig Aircraft Warn Bns — Sept 20-22, Gatlinburg TN — Edward Zoladz, 528 Shoreline Rd, Lake Barrington IL 60010.
581st AAA AW Bn, Btry C (WWII) — Sept, Boston MA — Milo Kronsich, 17601 Matthews, Riverview MI 48192.
604th AAA Bn & 942d FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 10-12, Montivideo MN Herman Graber, 19089 Layden Rd, South Bend IN 46637.
605th TD Bn — Sept 5-7, Findlay OH — Lawrence Montgomery, 120 E 1st Ave, Plainwell MI 49080.
608th TD Bn (WWII) — Sept 9-10, Lancaster PA — Harry Rapp, 317 West King St, Lancaster PA 17603.
610th TD Bn — Sept, Buffalo NY — George Zicaro, 30 Tanglewood Dr, Lancaster NY 14086.
613th Engrs, Lt Equip Co — Sept 18-20, Johnstown PA — Sheldon Brown, 314 S Phaney St, Ebensburg PA 15931.
619th QM Bn HQ/619th Med Det — Sept, Las Vegas NV — Mort Jay, 1609 Starling Dr, Sarasota FL 34231-9119.
625th Engr Lt Equip Co — Sept, Mattoon IL — Duane Majors, Box 135, St Jacob IL 62281.
687th FA Bn — Sept 17, Denver CO — Carl Christie, 2912 Silver Hill, Waterford MI 48329.
692d TD Bn — Sept, Lewisburg TN — Don Crawford, RD 2, Box 108, Millville PA 17846.
695th AAA MG Btry Separate Abn (WWII) — Sept, New Philadelphia OH — Robert Changnon, 227 Olentangy View Dr, Delaware OH 43015.
701st TD Bn — Sept 18-20, Nashville TN — Donald Belt, RR 3, Box 234, Paris IL 61944.
702d Tank Bn (Red Devils) — Sept 10-12, Uniontown & Dunbar PA — Jim Hardy, 31 Fayette St, Dunbar PA 15431.
717th AAA Gun Bn, Btry C — Sept, Hinckley MN — Vernon Rabe, 947 Lombard Ave, St Paul MN 55105.
722d ROB Military Rail Svc — Sept 17-19, Pittsburgh PA — Robert Seeley, 527 Gaines St, Elmira NY 14904-1527.
736th Med Tank Bn Special (WWII) — Sept 17-19, Seattle WA — Robert Hall, Rt 1, Box 134, Proctor WV 26055.
737th AAA Gun Bn — Sept, Harrisburg PA — James Cassel, 88 Scotchtown Ave, Goshen NY 10924.
740th Tank Bn — Sept 3-6, Dallas TX — Charles McGuire, 7930 Tauromee, Kansas City KS 66112.
750th Tank Bn, Co D — Sept 24-26, Murfreesboro TN — Harold Brown, Rte 3, Box 147AA, Mountain Home AR 72653.
753d Tank Bn — Sept 16-19, Houston TX — NW Linhart, 13375 Easton St, Alliance OH 44601.
755th Engr Parts Supply Co — Sept 19, Dearborn MI — David Sample, 2614 Walnut, Dearborn MI 48124.
756th Tank Bn (WWII) — Sept 17-20, Minneapolis MN — Roy Kosanke, 6701 SE Riverside Dr, Vancouver WA 98661.
757th Tank Bn — Sept 17-19, Louisville KY — Fredolin Rottler, RR 1, Box 1262, Ste Genevieve MO 63670.
759th MP Bn — Sept, Baltimore MD — John Barretto, 30 Glenvale Ave, Billerica MA 01821.
759th Rail Oper Bn — Sept, Anaheim CA — Dan Nepi, 26 Joans Ln, Berlin NJ 08009.
762d MP Bn — Sept 22-26, Hallettsville TX — H Patrick McGrath, 121 Willow St, Florence MA 01060.
773d TD Bn — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Edward McClelland, 4384 W 182nd St, Cleveland OH 44135.
776th TD Bn (WWII) — Sept, Omaha NE — Chet Vosburg, 2309 9th St N, Fargo ND 58102.
789th AAA — Sept, Cleveland OH — Anthony Rauscher, 139 Lakeview Dr, Haines City FL 33844.
791st AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 10-13, Niagara Falls NY — Milton McRae, Paradise Pk #52, McAllen TX 78501.
793d MP Bn (1943-53) — Sept, Elk Grove IL — Art Sherokow, Rt 1, Box 7870, Wildersville TN 38388.
795th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept, Tucson AZ — C David Burns, 103 Center St, Maquoketa IA 52060.
796th AAA (AW) Bn (SP) — Sept, Tannersville PA — Daniel Hertz, POB 523, Tannersville PA 18372.
809th Engr Bn Avn (WWII) — Sept, Bushkill PA — John Hazuka, 144 Stevenstown Rd, Westbrook CT 06498.
816th Engrs Avn Bn — Sept, Pittsburgh PA — Mrs Arthur Kimmel, 989 Valley Dr, Pittsburgh PA 15237-2289.
817th Avn Eng (WWII) — Sept 25-27, Upstate NY — Vincenzo DeCarlo, Rt 1, Box 105A, Nelson VA 24580.
840th Engr Avn Bn (WWII) — Sept 23-27, Columbia SC — Jim Campbell Sr, 2407 Riverview Dr, Murfreesboro TN 37129.
850th Eng Avn Bn, Co A — Sept 24-27, Madison WI — Lawrence Dennee, 618 N Plum Ave, Marshfield WI 54449.
859th Ord, Ham Co (CBI) — Sept, Connecticut — Harry Vogelfanger, 8710 Farragut Rd, Brooklyn NY 11236.
864th Engr Avn Bn (WWII) — Sept 10-12, Cincinnati OH — HE Bouchard, 10 Elm St, Pittsfield NH 03263.
871st A/B Avn Engr Bn — Sept 20-25, Norfolk VA — Samuel Parmelee, HCR 1 Country Club Rd, Tupper Lake NY 12986.
887th FA Bn, Btry B (Germany, 1951-53) — Sept 18-20, Janesville WI — Robert Dubois, 205 N Fairmont, Kankakee IL 60901.
899th TD Bn — Sept 10-12, Fairborn OH — Dennis Johnson, 332 Red Oak Dr, Fairborn OH 45324.
945th FA Bn — Sept 24-27, Nashville TN — George Buck, 726- 50th St, Des Moines IA 50312.
976th Ord, Co N — Sept 18-20, Omaha NE — Willis Hansen, 2709 So 60th St, Omaha NE 68106.
1051st Port Const & Repair (PC&R) — Sept 10-13, Oakbrook IL Eugene DeGrush, 1210 E Division St, Coal City IL 60416.
1257th Eng Comb Bn — Sept, Chesterfield MO — Glenn Ridgley Sr, 18100 Wild Horse Creek Rd, Chesterfield MO 63005.
1264th Army Comb Engr Bn — Sept, St Louis MO — Tom Ryan, 1729 Hwy 92, Delta CO 81416.
1268th Engr (C) Bn, Co A (WWII) — Sept 11-12, Massena NY — Norbert Miller, 1335 E Tipton St Ext, Huntington IN 46750.
1282d Comb Engr, Co C — Sept 6, Rantoul IL — Vincent Davis, 115 S Locust, Box 53, Loda IL 61866.
3205th QM, Co B — Sept 4-7, Overland Park KS — Charles Gieringer, 512 E 147th St, Kansas City MO 64145.
3269th OBD Co — Sept 29-Oct 1, Sandusky OH — Leroy May, 1065 Molitor Rd, Aurora IL 60505-1115.
3424th Ord, MAM Co — Sept 4-8, Columbus OH — Howard Johnson Columbus North, 999 E Dublin Grandville Rd, Columbus OH 43229.
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MAG 24 and all associated sqdns — Sept 24-27, St Louis MO — George Innes, 15234 Caravaca Rd, La Mirada CA 90638.
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37th Spec NCB — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Clyde Miller, RR3, Box 334, Cloverdale IN 46120.
7th NCB (WWII) — Sept 11-13, Burlington MA — Francis Carter, POB 72, Cape Neddick ME 03902.
77th NCB — Sept 10-12, Daytona Beach FL — BI Camp, 4821 Langley Rd, Ft Worth TX 76114.
84th NCB — Sept 10-12, Schaumburg IL — Harry Wujcik, 6710 Ellenton Gillette #84, Palmetto FL 34221.
85th NCB, 508th CBMU, Co B — Sept 14-16, Spokane WA — Leo Corte, N 5412 Hawthorne, Spokane WA 99205.
85th NCB — Sept 18-20, Colorado Springs CO — Fred Kofman, 415 Walnut St, Julesburg CO 80737.
87th NCB — Sept, Towson MD — William Armstrong, 124 Maple Terr, Pittsburgh PA 15211.
96th NCB & affiliated units 1048/590/613/3050 (Philippines, Tsin-Tao, China) — Sept 23-27, Ft Worth TX — Mrs Hazel Solarski, 139 Ravenhead St, Houston TX 77034.
114th NCB & 627th/628th/629th CBMU — Sept 17-19, Sacramento CA — Ronald Ashburn, 8304 Northvale Way, Citrus Heights CA 95610.
125th NCB — Sept 23-25, Freemont NE — John Luse, 1 Quantock Hills Dr, Bella Vista AR 72714.
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Cmdr Amphib Gp 7 (WWII) — Sept 9-13, Pensacola FL — Leo Lisuk, 2410 Norwood Rd, Trenton MI 48183.
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Farragut NTS — Sept 11-14, Athol ID — Marsden Warren, 1420 Madison Ave, Astoria OR 97103.
Fleet Tug Sailors — Sept 10-13, Cleveland OH — George Kingston, 2148 Clubhouse Dr, Lillian AL 36549.
LCI(G) 346/438/457 — Sept 17-19, Oklahoma City OK — Ray Malicoat, 244 S Norman, Moore OK 73160.
LCI 732 — Sept 16-20, Nashville TN — Richard Bresnahan, 1618 So 4th St, St Peter MN 56082.
Lion Four/Navy 3205 — Sept 9-12, Lafayette LA — Hal Wenick, 3570 E Sky Blue Dr, Post Falls ID 83854.
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Mine Warfare School (Yorktown) — Sept, Lansing MI — Bill Franklin, 907 Clyde St, Lansing MI 48915.
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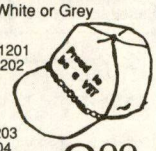

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Torpedomans Mates — Sept, Reno NV — Ronald Curtis, 207 W Marvin Ave, Owensville MO 65066-1038.

Underwater Demolition Team 3 (WWII) — Sept 28-Oct 3, Cape Cod MA — Clarence Mulheren, 517 Pearis Rd, Pearisburg VA 24134.

USNAB and Weser River Patrol (Bremerhaven, Germany, 1949-54)
Sept 17-21, Pensacola FL — Dick Siedschlag/Raven, 410 Sherwood Dr, Victoria TX 77901.

USNTS (Sampson NY, WWII) — Sept 11-13, Waterloo NY — Charles Abrams, POB 10037, Cranston RI 02910-0090.

VB81/VF31/VF134/VF174 Hellrazors — Sept, Jacksonville FL — Steven Dato, 6605 Blvd East, West New York NJ 07093.

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VP14/VB102/VPB102 — Sept, Seattle WA — Bud Gebhard, 16942 126th Pl SE, Renton WA 98058-6105.

VPB117 Assn — Sept 30-Oct 4, Albuquerque NM — Wm Swink, 87128 Golf Club Dr, Diamondhead MS 39520.

VS50 (scouting sqdn) — Sept 19, North Bend OR — Charles Lang, 79 W Indian Lane, Norristown PA 19403.

USS Albany CL23/CA123/CG10/SSN753 (incl Marines) — Sept 2-7, Chicago IL — Allan Heide, 3269 Ewing Ave N, Robbinsdale MN 55422-3201.

USS Alderamin AK116 — Sept 25-27, Nashville TN — Loren Brown, 217 Longdale Ave, Toledo OH 43605.

USS Altamaha CVE18 — Sept 9-12, Branson MO — Don Dolan, 9670 Jimzel Rd, La Mesa CA 91942-4040.

USS American Legion APA17 (WWII) — Sept 16-18, Las Vegas NV John Zuella, 268 Scott Rd #9, Waterbury CT 06705.

USS Amsterdam CL101 — Sept 18-20, Portland ME — Leon Stewart Sr, 124 Townshipline Rd, Exton PA 19341.

USS Anchor ARS13 — Sept, Muncie IN — Lewis Goodwin, 8509 W Lone Beech Dr, Muncie IN 47304.

USS Andromeda AKA15 — Sept, New Jersey — Alex Ptasienski, 11 Maplewood Ave, Elmwood Park NJ 07407.

USS Anthedon AS24 (WWII) — Sept, Seattle WA — Jerry Staats, POB 29081, Charlotte NC 28229.

USS Susan B Anthony AP72 — Sept, Charleston SC — Charles Cambre, 500 Azalea Dr, New Iberia LA 70560.

USS Arided AK73 — Sept, Pensacola FL — Richard Baker, 1002 Catherine Ave, Kinston NC 28501.

USS Auburn AGC10 — Sept, Pensacola FL — Edward Jackson, 501 SW 18th St, Boynton Beach FL 33426.

USS Aurelia AKA23 — Sept, Norfolk VA — James Christofileas, 88-B Cambridge Circle, Lake Hurst NJ 08733.

USS Bainbridge DD246 — Sept 30-Oct 2, Savannah GA — Fred Moske, 9281 Strausser St NW, Massillon OH 44646.

USS Bang SS385 (with US Sub Vet, WWII) — Sept 6-9, Indianapolis IN — Bert Bates, 1800 Gasman Rd, #118, Port Angeles WA 98362.

USS Banner APA60 — Sept, New Orleans LA — Louis Daigle, 405 Cougar Dr, Arabi LA 70032.

USS Benevolence — Sept, Muskegon MI — Harry Larson, 2658 Fontenelle, Muskegon MI 49441.

USS Wm P Biddle APA8 — Sept 17-19, San Diego CA — Donald Skouse, POB 1638, Independence MO 64055.

USS Blackfin SS322/USS S-13 SS118 — Sept 6-9, Indianapolis IN — Francis Signore, 4150 Reno Hwy, Fallon NV 89406.

USS Blackhawk AD9 & assigned destroyers — Sept 10-13, Omaha NE — GH Mason, 2212 122nd Ave E, Puyallup WA 98372-1614.

USS Brazos AO4 — Sept, Denver CO — Omer Richard, Box 122, Westbrook ME 04098.

USS Brown DD546 — Sept, Tacoma WA — Richard Frame, 912 E 31st, Tacoma WA 98404-3206.

USS Burleigh PA95 — Sept 10-12, Minneapolis MN — Carl Bell, 1470 Cranbrook Dr, Hermitage PA 16148.

USS Capps DD550 — Sept, Baltimore MD — Earl Beadle, 903 West St, Pine Bluff AR 71602.

USS Carroll DE171 — Sept 22-24, Winston-Salem NC — John Browne, 501 Spring St, Mt Airy NC 27030.

USS Charles Carroll APA28 — Sept, Washington DC — Milton Smith, 1818 Crescent Dr, St Joseph MO 64506.

USS Casablanca CVE55 — Sept, Denver CO — Milton Rowe, 241 Deerfield Rd, Camp Hill PA 17011.

USS Catskill LSV1 — Sept 10-12, Cleveland OH — George Schuster, 22625 Alger, St Clair Shores MI 48080.

USS Currituck AV7 — Sept, Reno NV — Ronald Curtis, 207 W Marvin Ave, Owensville MO 65066-1038.

USS Dace SS247/USS Darter SS227/USS Menhaden SS377 — Sept 6- 9, Indianapolis IN — Hugh Siegel, RR3, Box 45, Boonville NY 13309-9314.

USS Daly DD519 — Sept 4-6, Nashville TN — Walter Johnson, One Edgewood Rd, Windham NH 03087-2106.

USS George E Davis DE357 — Sept, Nashville TN — Stan Cohen, 33 Fairways Cr, Palm Coast FL 32137.

USS Dawson APA79 — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Harold Prochaska, RR3, Box 132, Dunlap KS 66846.2

USS DeGrasse AK223/AP164 — Sept, New Orleans LA — George Nichols, 1546 N William Wells Cir, Bluffton IN 46714-9355.

USS DeHaven DD727/DD469 — Sept — John Stanchak, 10 Clearview Dr, Greentree PA 15205.

USS Denver CL58 — Sept 10-13, Tyler TX — Arthur Bourbeau Sr, 23 Atkinson St, Apt A, Lawrence MA 01843.

USS Eichenberger DE202 — Sept, Gettysburg PA — Joseph Hamilton, 17 Sycamor St, Natrona PA 15065.

USS Estes AGC12 — Sept, San Diego CA — Noah Joyner Jr, 44 Longstreet Rd, Weldon NC 27890.

USS Frank E Evans DD754 — Sept 25-27, Grapevine TX — HG Nichols, POB 306, Frankston TX 75763.

USS Everglades AD24 — Sept, Reno NV — Ronald Curtis, 207 W Marvin Ave, Owensville MO 65066-1038.

USS Feland APA11 — Sept 24-26, Hot Springs AR — Charles Marshall, Rt 1, Box 47m, Murfreesboro AR 71958.

USS Fidelity AM96 — Sept, Oklahoma City OK — Jim Minor, 224 Angelus Dr, Salinas CA 93906.

USS Flusser DD368 — Sept 9-13, Reno NV — Fred Hunter, 7855 Cleon Ave, Sun Valley CA 91352.

USS Granville APA171 (WWII) — Sept, New Orleans LA — William Carter, POB 117, Greensburg LA 70441.

USS Gridley DD380 — Sept 10-13, Denver CO — Walter Drelicharz, 9344 W Kentucky Ave, Lakewood CO 80226.

USS Griswold DE7 — Sept 17-19, Springfield MO — William Owens, 3008 Appleton, Parsons KS 67357.

USS Gurnard SS254 — Sept 6-9, Indianapolis IN — Tom Rittenhouse, 1252 Main St, N Huntingdon PA 15642.

USS Gustafson DE182 — Sept 10-13, Myerstown PA — Richard Crouse, 480 W Washington Ave, Myerstown PA 17067.

USS Hake — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Delbert Major, 344 W Johnson Rd, LaPorte IN 46350.

USS Halford DD480 — Sept 17-20, St Louis MO — Patrick Keane, 432 Red Rock Dr, Lindenhurst IL 60046.

USS Hamul AD20 — Sept 21-23, Virginia Beach VA — Ralph Kennedy, 60004 Mustang Dr, Riverdale MD 20737.

USS Hancock CV/CVA19, ship's company, officers, air groups — Sept, Seattle WA — Edmund Orchowski, 5427 Bossart St, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

USS Hanna DE449 — Sept 18-20, Lancaster PA — Lloyd Fair, 742 Baumgardner Rd, Lancaster PA 17603.

USS Hawkbill SS366 — Sept 6-9, Indianapolis IN — Ellis Augsburger, 2360 Frederick Dr, Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221.

USS President Hayes APA20 — Sept 9-13, Cape Cod/West Yarmouth MA — John Spann, 4370 Maroon Ct, St Louis MO 63123.

USS Healy DD672 — Sept 17-20, Baton Rouge LA — Robert McCulloch, 3136 N US 35, LaPorte IN 46350.

USS Hector AR7 — Sept, Harrisburg PA — Robert Pratt, 6387 Stephens Crossing, Mechanicsburg PA 17055.

USS Henrico APA45 — Sept, Seattle WA — Don Soper, 15875 Interurban Rd, Platte City MO 64079-9185.

USS Highlands APA119 — Sept, Long Beach CA — Henry Sampley, 15615 Harvest, Norwalk CA 90650.

USS Hoel DD533 — Sept 13-17, Las Vegas NV — Francis Hostrander, 212 Hendy Creek Rd, Pine City NY 14871.

USS Hollandia CVE97 — Sept 28-Oct 2, Cruise to Bahamas — Zane Lambert, 315 E 10th Ave, Olympia WA 98501.

USS Houston CA30/CL81 — Sept, Great Bend KS — John Skarzenski, 4268 Palm Ave, Apt 128, San Diego CA 92154-1751.

USS Hull DD350 — Sept 10-12, Norfolk VA — John Schultz, 507 Melrose Ave, Santa Cruz CA 95062-1525.

USS Osmond Ingram DD255/AVD9/APD35 — Sept 18-20, Lexington KY — Robert Hale, 7101 Pierce St, Arvada CO 80003.

USS Thomas Jefferson TAPA30 (1951-55) — Sept, Glenview IL — Edward Breden, 1223 Milwaukee Ave, Glenview IL 60025.

USS Key DE348 — Sept, Branson MO — Robert Dolzani, 4050 Stump Ave SW, Navarre OH 44662-9716.

USS Killen DD593 — Sept, San Diego CA — Robert Martin, 2700 NE Studio Rd #37, Bend OR 97701.

USS Lamson DD367 — Sept, San Diego CA — Ray Duley, Heritage Sq, L3, 300 S Bryan Rd, Mission TX 78572-6016.

USS John Land AP167 — Sept, Sandusky OH — Leon Lodermeier, 137 So Linwood Blvd, Norwalk OH 44857.

USS Leary DD158/USS Schenck DD159 — Sept 16-19, Charleston SC — Thomas Johnson, 315 Yale Ave, POB 48, Villas NJ 08251.

USS Leedstown APA56 — Sept 10-14, Itasca IL — WR Mankins, Rte 2, Box 8-B, Tunnelton WV 26444.

USS Leedstown AP73 — Sept 25-27, Dubuque IA — Louis Martschinske, 5426 Zealand Ave No, Minneapolis MN 55428.

USS Lesuth AK125 — Sept 23-26, Bloomington MN — George Hill, 4948 - 6th St No, Minneapolis MN 55430-3648.

USS Ludlow DD438 — Sept 27-30, Myrtle Beach SC — Bob Javins, 537 Clark's Run Rd, LaPlata MD 20646.

USS Makin Island CVE93, VC41/VC/84/VC91 Sqdns — Sept 8-10, Reno NV — Gus Youngkrist, 1900 South Ocean Blvd, 15-N, Pompano Beach FL 33062.

USS Manchester CL83 — Sept 10-13, Charleston SC — Paul Huffman, 4415 Brookhaven Ave, Louisville KY 40220.

USS Mansfield DD728 — Sept 24-26, Nashville TN — Joseph Kitts, 725 High St NE, Christiansburg VA 24073.

USS Leonard F Mason DD852 — Sept 23-26, Lebanon MO — Billy Scheets, 510 West Hayes St, Lebanon MO 65536.

USS Mayo DD422 — Sept, New Orleans LA — OA Angelini, 42 Highview Ave, Somerset MA 02726.

USS Mertz DD691 — Sept 18-20, Baton Rouge LA — Walter Shipley, 2525 Baltimore Blvd, Lot 24, Finksburg MD 21048.

USS Montague AKA98 — Sept 25-27, Cedar Rapids IA — FC Machado, 5445 So Blythe Ave, Fresno CA 93706.

USS Nicholson DD442 — Sept 3-6, Charleston NC — Carroll Scott, 26 S Lincoln Ave, Newtown PA 18940.

USS O'Bannon DD/DDE450 — Sept, Portland ME — Robert Martin, 21613 137th Dr, Sun City West AZ 85375.
USS Omaha CL4 — Sept 28-Oct 1 — St Louis MO — Lee Ruhlman, 420 SW 71st Ave, Hollywood FL 33023-1042.
USS Ozbourn DD846 — Sept — Robert Whitten, 1117 Yorkshire Dr, Cupertino, CA 95014.
USS Panamint AGC13 — Sept 9-13, Pensacola FL — Ed Fitzgerald, 148 Grandview Ave, Winthrop MA 02152.
USS Pasadena CL65 — Sept 17-20, Pasadena CA — Harold Gotthelf, 30 Region Dr, Hazlet NJ 07730.
USS Pavlic APD70 — Sept 15-17, Nashville TN — Arlyn Brockmeyer, 1224 N 6th St, Manchester IA 52057.
USS PCS1429 — Sept, Philadelphia PA — John Yadvisinczak, 225 Pontiac St, Lester PA 19029.
USS Pierce APA50 — Sept 17-19, Hot Springs AR — Louis Seibert, 5 Hondo Ln, Hot Springs Village AR 71909.
USS Pondera APA191 — Sept, New Orleans LA — Caryl Fagot, 6434 Orleans Ave, New Orleans LA 70124.
USS Randall APA224 — Sept 24-27, St Louis MO — John Walsh, 70-12 60 Ln, Ridgewood Qns NY 11385.
USS Reynolds DE42 — Sept 20-24, Lenexa KS — Joseph McKenzie, 1016 Constantine, Three Rivers MI 49093.
USS Charles H Roan DD853 (plank owners or old timers) — Sept, Jacksonville FL — Menso Jenkins, SR2, Box 315, Waterway Ave, Satsuma FL 32189.
USS Roe DD418 — Sept 18-21, Harrisonburg VA — Lacy Early, POB 264, 225 Thompson St, Dayton VA 22821.
USS Runner SS476 — Sept, Indianapolis IN — William Butler, RR1, Box 195, Big Stone City SD 57216.
USS Saint Paul CA73 — Sept 9-12, Virginia Beach VA — JD Guarnere, 189 Hilldale Dr, Nederland TX 77627.
USS Sanders DE40 — Sept, Orlando FL — Willis Meade, 1235 Amber Ct, Brooksville FL 34601.
USS San Diego AA CL53 — Sept 3-6, Boston MA — Tom Morris, 24 Sterling Pl, West Boylston MA 01583.
USS Schroeder DD501 — Sept 16-19, Cheyenne WY — Pat Haffey, RR1, Box 32, New Hampton MO 64471.
USS Searaven SS196 — Sept 3-5, Indianapolis IN — Joe McGrievy, 7525 University Ave, La Mesa CA 91941-4801.
USS Sequatchie AOG21 (WWII) — Sept, Omaha NE — Ralph Vierregger, 11664 Pierce St, Omaha NE 68144.
USS Shannon DM25 (WWII) — Sept 14-16, New Orleans LA — USS Shannon Assn, 10816 SW 64th Ave, Portland OR 97219.
USS Sibley APA206 — Sept 4-5, Rapid City SD — Henry Gabica, 1644 Poplar, Twin Falls ID 83301.
USS Sigourney DD643 — Sept 18-20, Baton Rouge LA — Wilbur Weaver, 7904 Beaver Dr, Pensacola FL 32534.
USS Snapper SS185 — Sept 5-8, Indianapolis IN — Richard Glavin, 3330 Alder Ave, Fremont CA 94536.
USS Southern Seas PY32 — Sept, Minneapolis MN — Armond Ruppel, 2190 250th St, Webster City IA 50595.
USS General GO Squier AP130 — Sept 24-26, Omaha NE — Edwin Gilmore, 2031 South 4th St, Salina KS 67401.
USS Stack DD406 — Sept 24-26, Omaha NE — Jack Lytle, 17435 W Long Lake Rd, Alpena MI 49707.
USS Talamanca AF15 — Sept 11-13, Lake Tahoe NV — Fred Newroth, 12199 E 21st Ct, Tulsa OK 74129.
USS Talladega APA208 — Oct 18-22, New Orleans LA — Albert Verrette, 274 Valentine Rd, Pomfret Ctr CT 06259.
David W Taylor DD551 — Sept, Independence MO — George Elliott, 1004 Lacefield Dr, Savannah TN 38372.
USS Texas BB35 — Sept 18-20, Washington DC — Anthony Trimarco, 857 - 69th St, Brooklyn NY 11220.
USS Thetis Bay CVE90/CVHA1/LPH6 — Sept 17-19, San Diego CA - Jack Bennett, 4739 Mt Hay Dr, San Diego CA 92117.
USS Tortuga LSD26 — Sept 17-20, Norfolk VA — David Waldron, POB 235, Paris MI 49338-0235.
USS Trinity A013 — Sept, Branson MO — Clarence Wills, 11415 So Lawndale Ave, Chicago IL 60655.
USS Tutuila ARG4 (officers and crew) — Sept 24-27, Essington PA — John Hennessey, 1043 Chelsea Ln, Holiday FL 34691-5127.
USS Valencia AKA81 — Sept 10-13, Dearborn MI — Leonard Harper, 4194 Medway Ave, Columbus OH 43213.
USS Van Valkenburgh DD656 (WWII) — Sept 23-26, Clarksville IN — Wm Graham, 3124 W Campbell Rd, Lakeland FL 33809.
USS Vulcan AR5 (So Pac, WWII, 1945-46) — Sept, Vero Beach FL Corbet Cochran, 1800 34th Ave, Vero Beach FL 32960.
USS Wasatch AGC9 — Sept, Washington DC — Joseph Pampani, 533 Boesel Ave, Manville NJ 08835.
USS Wharton AP7 — Sept 2-7, Traverse City MI — Sam Gianfrancesco, 39 Jacksonia Dr, North Providence RI 02911.
USS Wheatear AM390 — Sept 10-13, New Port RI — Rod Gaumer, 1221 Orange St, Berwick PA 18603.
USS Willoughby AGP9 (WWII) — Sept 23-26, Carlisle PA — Wilmer Hockley, 57 E Main St, POB 28, Walnut Bottom PA 17266.
USS Robert L Wilson DD/DDE847 — Sept, Charleston SC — Dominic Aliberti, 335 Aura Rd, Clayton NJ 08312.
USS Worcester CL144 — Sept 24-28, Nashville TN — Charles Wagner Jr, 722 Coachlite Way, Winter Parkk FL 32792.
USS Wrangell AE12 — Sept, Lancaster PA — Ralph Gaul, HCR63, Box 32, Mifflintown PA 17059.
USS Wyandot AKA92 — Sept, St Louis MO — Joe Ulrich, 202 Brady Mill Rd, Anna IL 62906.
USS Yew YN32 — Sept 26, Bristol PA — Charles Theobald, Box 158, Rt 1, Rock Hall MD 21661.
USS Yuma ATF94 — Sept, Mercer PA — Michael Messina, 225 Sherwood Dr, Mercer PA 16137.

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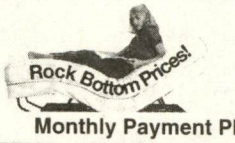

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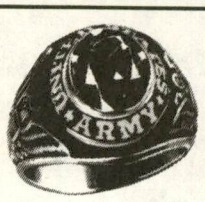

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VC42 — Sept 25-27, Harrisburg PA — John Hibbs, 86 Meadow Run Pl, Harrisburg PA 17112.

October

AIR FORCE

Mather AFB "Navigator Training School" — Oct, Sacramento CA Robert Reymundo, 6137 Sunday Dr, North Highlands CA 95660.
1st Strategic Air Depot (RAF, Honington, England) — Oct 1-4 Orlando FL — Herbert Kaster, 720 Society Hill, Cherry Hill NJ 08003.
5th AF, 2d Air Svc Sqdn (WWII) — Oct 14-17, Tucson AZ — Carroll Cornett, 3925 NW 58th Terr, Oklahoma City OK 73112.
7th Airdrome Sqdn — Oct 1-4, Norfolk VA — Melvin Deyke, 2954 Linden Dr, Columbus NE 68601.
11th Air Force — Oct 1-4, Colorado Springs CO — Ralph Bartholomew, 313 Madison St, Ketchikan AK 99901.
18th Air Depot Gp, HQ & HQ Sqdn — Oct, Williamsburg VA — Wayne Lasinski, 8000 W Catherine Ave, Norwood Park Twp IL 60656.
19th TC Sqdn — Oct 8-10, San Antonio TX — Don Jacobs, Box 61, Monument Beach MA 02553.
34th Air Depot Gp — Oct, San Bernardino CA — Joseph Myers, 2729 Ostrom Ave, Long Beach CA 90815-1604.
46th/72d Recon Assn — Oct 8-10, Orlando FL — Harry LaVene, 9323 Niles Pl, Affton MO 63123.
66th Airdrome Sqdn — Oct 2-4, Orlando FL — HH McNeill Jr, POB 1627, Lake Panasoffkee FL 33538.
74th Tac Recon Gp — Oct 16-18, Scottsdale AZ — Ed Hughes, 4310 E St Joseph Way, Phoenix AZ 85018-1157.
312th/306th/316th Ftr Control Sqdns (WWII) — Oct, Cincinnati OH — George Forish Jr, POB 122, Blandford MA 01008.
343d Ftr Sqdn (WWII) — Oct 8-11, Scottsdale AZ — Frank Birtciel, 6338 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85251.
375th TC Gp (WWII) — Oct 1-4, St Louis MO — Eugene Diemand, 625 So Wheaton Ave, Wheaton IL 60187.
392d Bomb Gp Memorial Assn — Oct 6-11, Louisville KY — Arthur Egan, 2619 Lafayette Ave, Winter Park FL 32789-1372.
485th Bomb Gp (H) (1943-45)/485th Bomb Gp (H) (1945-46)/485th Tact Missile Wing (1983-89) — Oct, Peabody MA — Robert Deeds, 6337 Northridge Ln, Apt 2, Toledo OH 43612-4757.
2018th Ord, Maint Co — Oct, Fort Wayne IN — Louis Triplett, POB 285, Flora MS 39071.

ALL BRANCHES

North Dakota Korean Vets — Oct 9-11, Jamestown ND — Roger Smith, 1739 4th Ave NE, Jamestown ND 58401.

ARMY

CIDAA (Criminal Investigation Div Agents Assn) — Oct 25-29, Las Vegas NV — Bill O'Donnell, 10312 Mission Ln, Sun City AZ 85351.
9th Armd Div, 19th Tank Bn (WWII) — Oct 8-11, Bedford TX — Albert Hunzicker, 1525 N 81st Terr, Kansas City KS 66112.
9th Armd Div, 73d FA Bn (WWII) — Oct 6-9, New Iberia LA — Ed Capron, 10625 Kenlee Dr, Baton Rouge LA 70815.
11th A/B Div, 511th Parachute Inf Rgt, Co D — Oct, St Louis MO — George Schlobohm, 14 Media Dr, St Louis MO 63146.
13th Armd Div, 24th Tank Bn Gp — Oct, Louisville KY — Galen Krieg, 110 SW 4th St, Newton KS 67114.
30th Sig Hvy Const Bn — Oct, Chattanooga TN — Ralph Pratt, 1230 Meadow Ln MR, Estes Park CO 80517.
37th Div, 148th Inf, Co D — Oct 24, Oak Harbor OH — Woodrow Kohlman, 10430 W Toussaint E Rd 93, Oak Harbor OH 43449.
52d Med Bn (WWII) — Oct, Lockport NY — William Smith, 75 Willett St, Albany NY 12210.
85th Inf Div, 310th Med Bn, Co B (WWII) — Oct 3-4, Louisville KY — Sanford Bunning, 1200 SE 30th St, Cape Coral FL 33904.
97th Gen Hosp (WWII) — Oct 23-25, Baltimore MD — Peter Fedor, 102 Standiford Ave, Sayreville NJ 08872.
97th Inf Div Arty, HQ Btry 97 — Oct 9-11, Lexington KY — Earl Kleckner, 451 Coldstream Dr, Danville KY 40422.
102d Obsvn Sqdn (1940-45) — Oct, Lake Hurst NJ — Jim McEwan, 2300 Currant Pl, Spring Hill FL 34608.
115th Sta Hosp — Oct 8-10, Omaha NE — Arthur Riedesel, POB 164, Ashland NE 68003.
126th & 173d FA Bns — Oct, Green Bay WI — George Lehmann, 956 Thoreau Ct, Nekoosa WI 54457.
131st Truck Co Sep — Oct 3, York PA — Lloyd Leffler, RD2, Box 274, York PA 17403.
148th Gen Hosp (WWII, Hawaii & Saipan) — Oct 8-11, Arlington VA — John Crossman, 5400 Middleton Dr, Greendale WI 53129.
187th Sig Repair Co — Oct 8-10, Orlando FL — Julian Jones, 1506 Sunset Terr, Belmar NJ 07719.
188th Combat Engr Bn — Oct 9-12, Chicopee MA — Olive Tiano, POB 883, Derby CT 06418.
188th HQ & Med Dets, 188th Ord HM Tank Bn — Oct 9-15, Portland OR — Harry Howell, POB 457, Weaverville NC 28787.
204th Gen Hosp (WWII) — Oct 2-4, Golden CO — Roland Miller, 7558 Buffalo Gap Rd, Abilene TX 79606.
265th FA Bn, Btry A — Oct 9-11, LaCrosse WI — Delbert Schreck, Rte 1, Box 11F, Gays Mills WI 54631.
309th Ord, MM Co (WWII) — Oct 1-3, Hutchinson KS — Robert Horn, RR2, Box 34, Sterling KAS 67579.
440th/472d Sig Hvy Const — Oct, Las Vegas NV — Isaac Huff Jr, 3701 Meadow Brook Ct, Auburn CA 95603.
465th FA Bn (ND Reserves, Camp McCoy, Germany) — Oct, Lawton OK — Donald Krell, POB 4, Plankinton SD 57368.
487th AAA AW Bn, Btry B (SW Pac, WWII) — Oct, Irving TX — Jack Cuccia, 6666 Chimney Rock, Apt 9, Houston TX 77081.
487th Engr, WS Bn — Oct 2-5, Appleton WI — Ed Scharenbroch, 521 Susan St, Combined Locks WI 54113.
496th Armd FA Bn — Oct 14-16, Louisville KY — Frank Soule, 3443 Ivy League Dr, Ft Wayne IN 46805.
497th AAA Gun Bn (WWII) — Oct 6-8, Janesville WI — LaVerne Huschka, 2141 E Memorial Dr, Janesville WI 53545.
507th Parachute Inf Assn — Oct 1-4, Columbus GA — Clarence Hughart, 9151 W 66th Ave, Arvada CO 80004.
509th MP Bn, Co A — Oct, Williamsport PA — Samuel Dickey Jr, 452 Market St, Apt 1, Williamsport PA 17701.
517th Med Hosp Shp Plt Sep (WWII) — Oct, Myrtle Beach SC — Vic Stabingas, 2829 Eastwood Dr, York PA 17402.
537th Engr (LP Co (WWII) — Oct, Osage Beach MO — Ronald Cornell, 6708 Walker Dr, Longmont CO 80503.
573d AAA AW Bn (WWII) — Oct 9-11, Binghamton NY — Bernie Golland, 57-52 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck NY 11362.
610th OBAM Bn — Oct, Nashville TN — Hank Lusch, POB 11, Long Lake MI 48743.
623d FA Bn, Btry B — Oct 3, Campbellsville KY — William Newcomb, 1293 Lone Valley Rd, Campbellsville KY 42718.
735th MP Bn — Oct 9-10, Paducah KY — James Holman, 107 Lombardy, Trenton TN 38382.
746th AAA Gun Bn, HQ A/B/C/D (WWII) — Oct 9-11, Louisville KY — George Stewart, POB 495, Tonganoxie KS 66086.
749th Tank Bn (WWII) — Oct 15-18, Lakeland FL — Edward Harmon, 404B Carol Blvd, Auburndale FL 33823.
751st Tank Bn — Oct 7-10, Omaha NE — Bernard Jarosik, 3614 So 20th St, Omaha NE 68108.
759th MP Bn, A/B/C/D & HQ Co — Oct 10, North Brunswick NJ — LeRoy Boyce, RR2, Box 244, Menahga MN 56464.
781st Tank Bn — Oct, Louisville KY — Charles Brown, 110 Aberdeen Rd, Williamsport PA 17701.
802d FA Bn — Oct 2-4, Omaha NE — Virgil Blumhorst, Box 508, 1400 Eastridge Dr, Tecumseh NE 68450.
823d SWOSCO — Oct 18-21, Fort Lauderdale FL — Thomas Hannon Jr, 2808 Magee Ave, Philadelphia PA 19149.
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1255th Engr (C) Bn (WWII) — Oct 21-24, Columbia SC — Alfred Babecki, 915 Hemlock St, Barefoot Bay FL 32976.
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VMF(N)-541 — Oct 22-25, Pensacola FL — John Devine, 1937 Walnut St, Ashland PA 17921.

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LST654 — Oct, Roanoke VA — Douglas Volden, Boaz Rt 1, Box 156, Richland Center WI 53581.
LST781 — Oct, Nashville TN — TA Plasic, 341 N 71st St, Harrisburg PA 17111.
LST840 — Oct, Burlington IA — Norman Becker, Rt 1, Box 195, Augusta WI 54722.
LST1097 — Oct 1-4, Louisville KY — Robert Higgins, 3451 Homecroft Dr, Columbus OH 43224.
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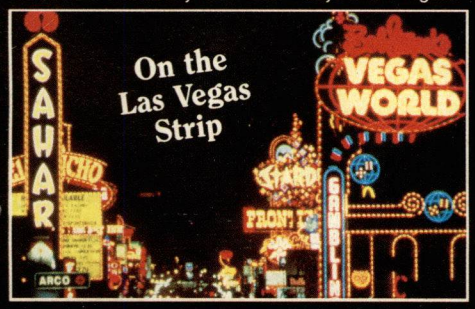

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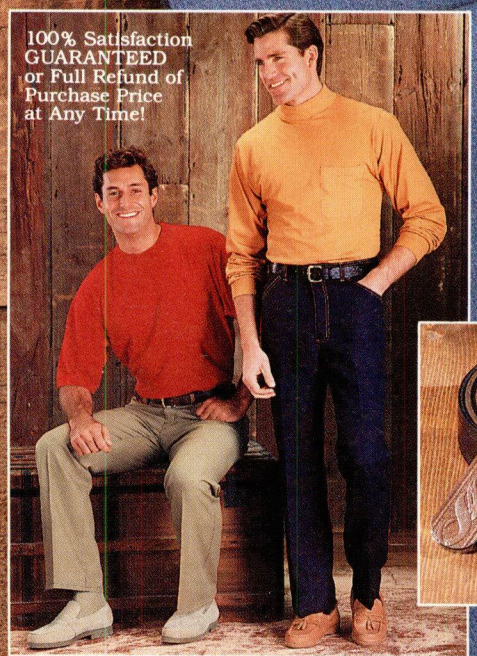

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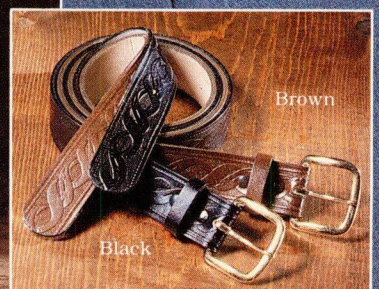

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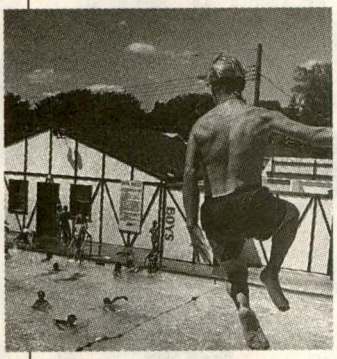

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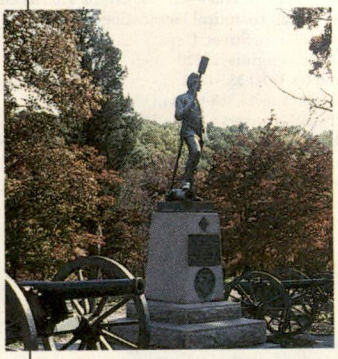

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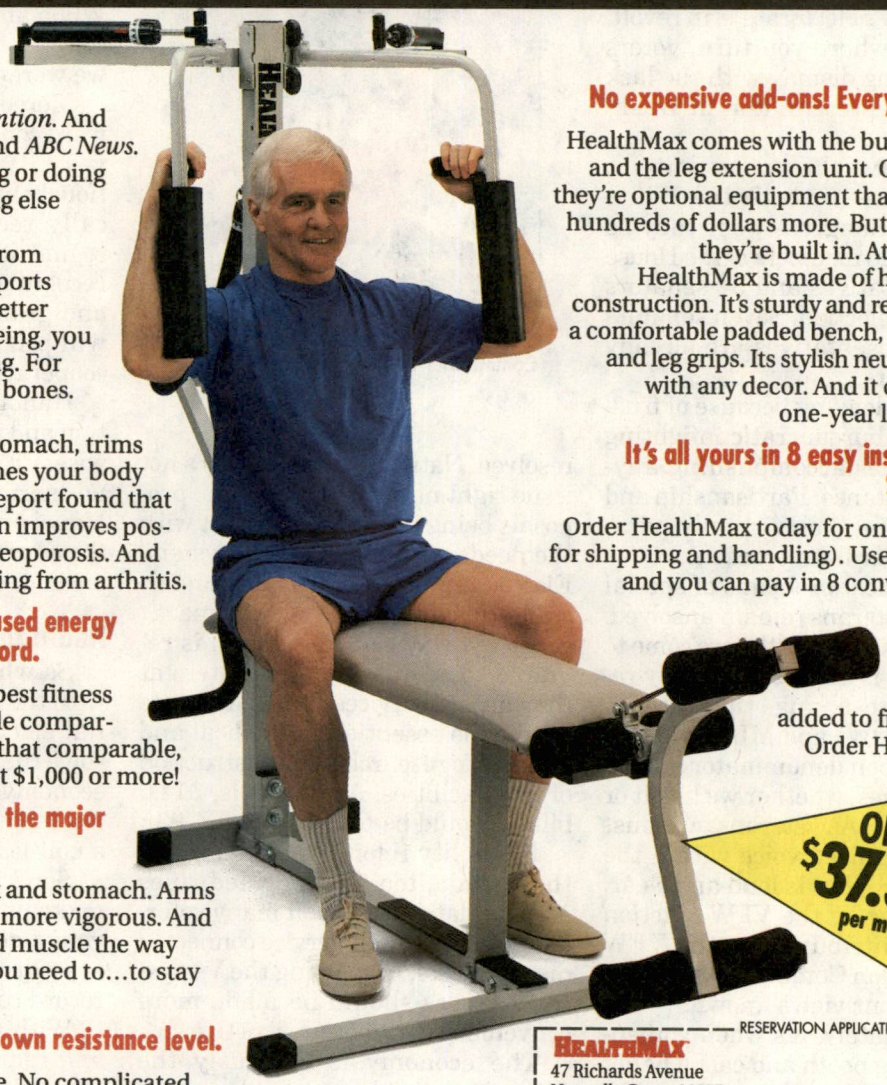

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Veterans Must Use Politics to Their Advantage

by Robert E. Wallace
VFW Commander-in-Chief

America's electorate is in revolt. Everywhere you turn, voters are expressing dismay with the lack of genuine representation in Washington.

Voters have the opportunity to clean house — in both the White House and Congress — if they so choose. All 435 members of the House of Representatives and 34 senators are up for reelection. Seven senators and 45 representatives are already calling it quits.

Many are leaving because of frustration over bureaucratic infighting that precludes accomplishing anything of substance. Partisanship and petty bickering has virtually paralyzed the federal government.

Many critical problems of special interest to veterans remain unsolved. Employment and health care come to mind. There is also VA eligibility reform and resolving the fate of America's POWs and MIAs.

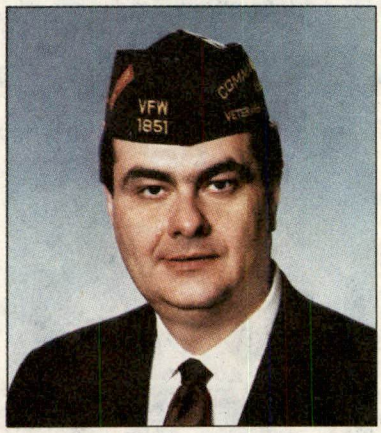
The common denominator among all these issues, whether we like it or not, is politics. As veterans, we must have an organized voice within the system — one that is loud and clear. Volunteering for the VFW's Action Corps or contributing to the VFW Political Action Committee are ways of making your views known.

But ultimately, it's when you enter the voting booth and cast a ballot that meaningful change can be made. Don't let corrupt politics or apathy prevent you from exercising your franchise. Even if you write in your own name on the ballot, you are still meeting the obligations of citizenship.

To do otherwise is an abdication of civic responsibility. And that's just what certain politicians count on — constituents not voting. Consider this: only 50% of eligible voters did so in the 1988 presidential election. That's a pitiful turnout for the world's greatest democracy.

Paramount Issues

Until the right people are put in office, do not expect problems to be resolved. National health care is a hot issue right now, and some of the proposals being considered conflict with the needs of the VA medical system. Elected representatives must understand this fundamental dilemma.



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VFW believes $15.5 billion is required to operate the VA system at the current services level. Adequate funding is essential for medical and prosthetic research and construction of new facilities. As it stands, $14.6 billion would be provided in FY '93.

Eligibility reform is at the top of the agenda, too. Complicated rules and regulations prohibit many veterans, especially non-service connected disabled vets, from using the VA system. Access should be made more convenient, not more restrictive.

The economy is obviously the prime issue to the entire electorate. Inflation and unemployment are matters that affect most American families at sometime or another. But the job market is particularly important to veterans of the Persian Gulf and Cold Wars.

Cutbacks in defense spending are forcing tens of thousands of military personnel into the civilian labor force. They are owed a special debt by the nation. Public sector jobs are certainly not the answer. The economy must be robust enough to create private sector jobs for these highly skilled Americans.

Finally, what of our comrades-in-arms who have not been accounted for from WWII, Korea and Vietnam? Much lip service has been paid to this emotional issue by successive administrations for more than 20 years. When all is said and done, we are no closer to resolving their fate now than we were when the wars ended.

Moreover, the trend has been toward concession. For the last several years, Washington has been cautiously inching its way to diplomatically recognizing the Communist regime in Hanoi. According to some, recognizing Vietnam's government and granting economic concessions will prompt the regime to be more cooperative.

Hanoi's 20-year record of deception and manipulation tells us otherwise. VFW stands firm in this regard: no "normalization" of relations with Hanoi until *after* positive progress in the accounting process has been demonstrated to America's satisfaction.

Route to Revolt

So what does all this have to do with the congressional and presidential elections of 1992? Plenty. Help solve the health care crisis, the ailing economy and the unknowns regarding the missing in action by sending a political message.

Send letters and telegrams, and make phone calls. But most of all — vote. Let's do something revolutionary this election year and have a record turnout of veteran-families.

With all the political retirements and redistricting, there is a golden opportunity to place in office people who are genuinely responsive to their constituents. New faces in Congress mean new ideas and hopefully, change.

At the same time, there are those who have proven to be staunch friends of veterans. Reward them with your vote and active participation in their campaigns.

No matter what, make your precious vote an informed one. Study the candidates' voting records. Examine their stances on specific issues. Be sure they measure up to your personal standards.

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■ I have just returned from a second tour of duty in Saudi Arabia and am trying to catch up on the news. I have found the *VFW Magazine* to be my best source of information. I am appalled at what the politicians are attempting to do with VA benefits. To show my support, I am sending a contribution to the VFW's Political Action Committee.

Dennis M. Hutchins, P.O. Box 81, Glenn, Mich. 49416

Don't leave us out

I enjoyed "War in the Boonies" (April issue), but you left out the role the U.S. Navy played "in country" at the U.S. Naval Communications Station at Cam Ranh Bay along with the Naval Advisory Group. I served with both units, and as far as I know, no recognition has ever been given to either.

Also, it was the 3rd Naval Construction *Brigade* (not battalion) that served as the overall command for Seabees in I Corps. In addition, several technical assistance teams served there, too.

Michael L. Ketcham, 2655 Prairieview Lane, Aurora, Ill. 60504

Vet's preference questionable

"Veterans Preference Can Help Land a New Job" by Robert D. Ramsey (April issue) was well done. But you might have stressed that not everything goes as required or as is intended by law. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM), for instance, does not require all federal agencies to comply with the Veterans Preference Act.

By the way, *Washington Wire* is great and informative. Keep up the good work.

Gary Henderson, 6464 Williams Ferry Rd., Lenoir City, Tenn. 37771

"Bastards" of Bataan keep battling

■ Being one of the "Battling Bastards of Bataan" I enjoyed reading the article "Bataan and Corregidor: Stalling the Japanese Juggernaut" (April issue). But please note that Gen. Homma's 14th Army numbered 50,000, although only 25,000 were effectives. He was facing 20,500 American and Philippine Scout troops, plus 40,000 members of the Philippine Army.

We were defeated not by an overwhelming number of Japanese, but by lack of food and medical supplies. The majority of our forces were hardly able to stand because of hunger and sickness. Malaria affected nearly everyone on Bataan. Besides the lack of support from America, Japanese air forces controlled the air, making coordinated defense of the islands impossible.

Arthur J. Locke, 20 Pinnacle Rd., Hooksett, N.H. 03106

■ It should be pointed out that there is a five-hour time difference between Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. The first bombing of the archipelago was at dawn at Davao Gulf which is at the south end of Mindanao, many miles from any major military installations.

Approximately 12 hours and 40 minutes after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Clark Field was bombed for the first time, virtually destroying all of MacArthur's air force on the ground. None of the aircraft ever had the opportunity to fly an offensive mission.

Jack D. Stewart, P.O. Box C, Westport, Wash. 98595

Awe-inspiring stories

■ As a senior in high school doing a report on Vietnam vets, I found "A Spirit Revived: A Vietnam Vet's Triumph Over Adversity" (April issue) by Paul Martin of great help. Mr. Puller has shown tremendous courage in overcoming his handicaps. I agree that every Vietnam vet should be proud of themselves. My father is a Vietnam vet, and not only am I proud of him — I am proud of all of them.

C.W., 20063 Churchill, Trenton, Mich. 48183

■ A truly great article about a courageous Marine, Lewis Puller, Jr., and the son of perhaps the most famous Marine, "Chesty" Puller.

But it must be said that "Chesty" was not the only recipient of five Navy Crosses. Rear Adm. Roy M. Davenport, a submarine commander, received his fifth Navy Cross in the spring of 1945.

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Editor's Note: *On April 7, Lewis B. Puller, Jr. won the Pulitzer Prize for biography for his book* Fortunate Son: The Healing of a Vietnam Vet. *Puller says his overriding message was that Vietnam veterans "have been misjudged. Despite our flaws, we were human beings...we persevered."*

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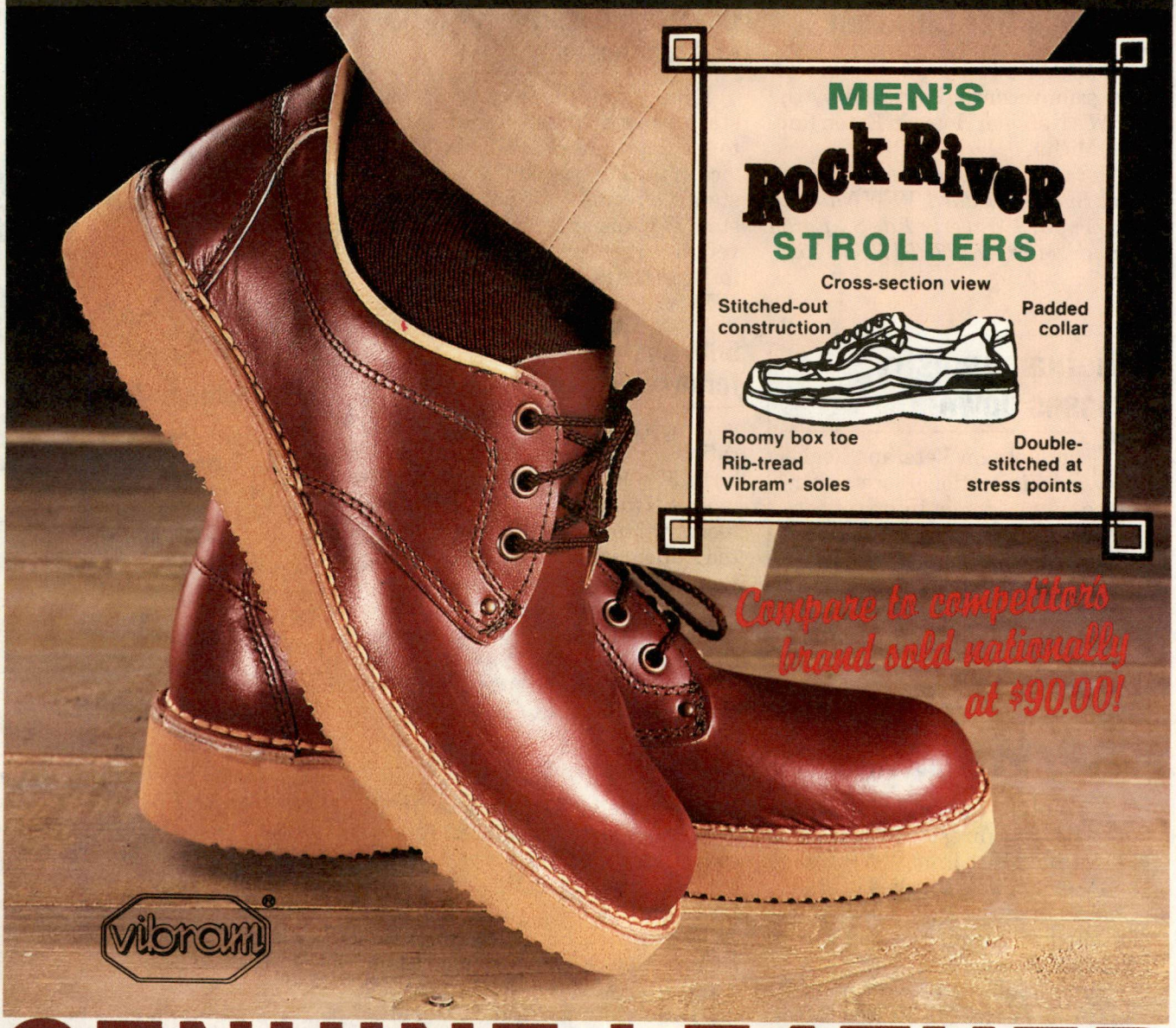

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Cherish Our Children

Cherish Our Children is a new program recently launched by the VFW's National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

For a brochure on the effort, contact: *Sue C. Woodard, VFW National Home, 3573 Waverly Rd. S., Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827. (517) 663-1521.*

Vietnam registry closes down

The Vietnam Veterans Registry, a major national locator service, is no longer in operation, according to its founder Larry Horn. Since 1983, the registry had accumulated the names of over 25,000 Vietnam vets. But because contributions dried up, Horn was forced to close the Bridgton, Maine-based service.

Operation Desert Storm bonuses

It may pay to check with your state department of veterans affairs to see if a bonus is available for service in the Persian Gulf War. For instance, a bonus is available from the state of Louisiana. For a list of state veterans agencies, see *For Your Files* (p.12) in the September 1991 issue of *VFW Magazine.*

50th anniversary for Army Rangers

June 17-19 marks the commemoration of the modern Army Rangers' birth 50 years ago in Northern Ireland. A Ranger Hall of Fame, Ranger memorial and new Ranger wing at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Ga. will be dedicated during the three-day celebration.

For a complete schedule of events, contact: *Lt. Col. Alex Angelle, Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Infantry Center, Ft. Benning, Ga. 31905.*



VFW Cements Ties to RSL

Commander-in-Chief Bob Wallace, U.S. Ambassador to Australia Mel Sembler and Australian RSL National President Alf Garland proudly display the "Declaration of Friendship" signed between the VFW and Returned Services League in Australia this past April.

Commission to investigate POWs' fate

A joint U.S.-Russia commission to investigate unresolved cases of POWs and MIAs from WWII, Korea and Vietnam was launched in March. Chairman of the U.S. delegation is former ambassador to the Soviet Union Malcolm Toon.

The commission's first meeting was held March 26 in Moscow. Meetings are scheduled for June in Washington and September in Moscow.

In related matters, members of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs visited Laos in April. There they were told all 522 American aviators lost in Laos were killed by villagers. Five U.S. senators made the trip.

Meanwhile, 58 members of the Defense Dept.'s Joint Task Force Full Accounting went to Vietnam for a 30-day search between April 20 and May 20. Operations were conducted in seven provinces. The Pentagon billed the mission as "the most ambitious undertaken to date."

English language ballots challenged

Without any serious congressional debate or opposition from the White House, Congress has introduced legislation to enact a 15-year extension of the provision which provides bilingual ballots and voting assistance for certain "language minorities." The House measure is sponsored by Rep. Jose Serrano (D-N.Y.).

At present, some 200 voting jurisdictions are subject to bilingual obligations. These obligations are scheduled to expire on Aug. 6, 1992, unless extended by Congress. Bilingual ballots are provided even though English fluency is required as a condition of naturalized citizenship.

VFW Resolution No. 118 — *Mandate English as the Official Language of the United States* — clearly advocates a speedy return to voting ballots in English only. A constitutional amendment designating English as the official language would prevent the printing of foreign-language ballots.

VFW resolution hits home

Following passage of *Resolution 307 — Declare December 7 National Pearl Harbor Day* — Rep. George Sangmeister (D-Ill.) introduced a joint resolution *(H.J. Res. 450)* to achieve that end. The Foundation for a National Pearl Harbor Day urges all members to contact their representatives and senators to support this resolution.

Posts eligible for surplus military hardware

Under Public Law 80-421, the secretaries of the military departments are authorized to donate or loan certain types of surplus military equipment to VFW Posts for historical, ceremonial or display purposes.

Requests should be forwarded directly to the appropriate military service. The Army has four separate contacts; the Air Force has three; the Navy has three; and the Marine Corps has two.

For the addresses of the military contacts and the details regarding this program, contact: *Bill Fulmer, Defense Logistics Agency-SMP, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va. 22304-6100. (703) 274- 6706.*

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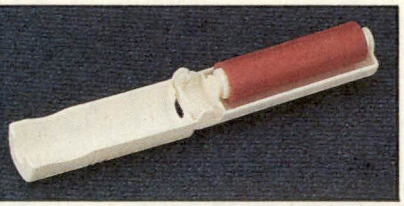

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LEGISLATION

CHAMPUS Extension Clarified

Many VFW members have written to the National Legislative Service for additional information concerning the newly enacted law extending CHAMPUS coverage. So here's an update.

First, it is important to know that the new law does not extend CHAMPUS coverage past 65 — once a military retiree reaches age 65, CHAMPUS benefits are terminated.

This new law only allows military retirees who are declared 100% non-service connected disabled by the Social Security Administration to receive CHAMPUS payments for expenses not covered under parts A and B of title 18 of the Social Security Act (Medicare/Medicaid).

CHAMPUS extension provisions are contained in section 8097 of *Public Law 102-172*, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1992, signed into law Nov. 26, 1991. Here's the exact wording:

Of the funds appropriated by this act for operation and maintenance, defense agencies, $20,000,000 shall be available (notwithstanding the last sentence of section 1086(c) of title 10, United States Code) to continue Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) benefits, until age 65, under such section for a former member of a uniformed service who is entitled to retired or retainer pay or equivalent pay, or a dependent of such a member, who becomes eligible for hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) solely on the grounds of physical disability: Provided, that expenses under this section shall only be covered to the extent that such expenses are not covered under parts A and B of title XVII of the Social Security Act and are otherwise covered under CHAMPUS: Provided further, that no reimbursement shall be made for services provided prior to Oct. 1, 1991.

Your local CHAMPUS Office can answer additional questions.

National Cemetery System Must Be Expanded

Aging veterans are not only providing a challenge to the VA's health care system, but will also have a profound impact on the VA's national cemetery system's ability to provide for a veteran's burial in a national cemetery.

Veterans over age 65 now make up more than 25% of the population and by the year 2000, the percentage will be in excess of one-third. This rapid aging of the veteran-population will continue until 2010 when it is expected to exceed 12 million.

Since interment in a national cemetery is available to all veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, the crucial planning and timely implementation necessary to expand the system must take place now. Better use of existing resources and programs must be aggressively pursued so veterans will not be denied burial in a national cemetery within a reasonable distance of their survivors.

"Precisely when the need for open national cemeteries will be greatest, they will be least available."

A majority of those who use national cemeteries live within 50 miles of one. Most veterans do not have ready-access to a VA cemetery. Further, the situation is going to grow much worse.

Many cemeteries which are currently open will be closed before the average age of veterans peaks between the years 2000 and 2010. Precisely when the need for open national cemeteries will be greatest, they will be least available.

Adequate and accessible burial space can be achieved if VA purchases land for cemeteries wherever feasible. However, surging demand combined with less available land precludes VA dependence on cemetery land donations.

VA should, therefore, investigate other possibilities for land acquisitions from DoD bases that are being closed. For example, the Defense Department is providing land at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for a new VA national cemetery.

Inclusion of Reservists and Guardsmen

H.R. 4368, introduced by Rep. Claude Harris (D-Ala.), would extend national cemetery entitlement and burial flags to Reservists and National Guard members who have served at least 20 years.

While VFW supports this legislation, it believes the national cemetery system's first priority must be burial of veterans who served in wartime and on active duty.

Arlington Restricted

Arlington National Cemetery is well-run and well-managed. But current law does not allow all veterans to be buried there if they so desire.

Similarly, the American Battle Monuments Commission is an outstanding example of how a federal commission should be run. VFW requests for assistance and information are met with the utmost cooperation. Responses are both prompt and ample.

James N. Magill
Director of National
Legislative Services

SERVICE

COVA: An Informational Update

The U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals (COVA), in its landmark decision in *Gardner vs. Derwinski,* ruled that VA's interpretation of the *Code of Federal Regulations* exceeded the authority of the secretary of veterans affairs, and violated the statutory rights granted veterans by Congress.

Currently, VA is appealing the decision to the federal circuit court.

Moreover, VA has submitted legislation calling for congressional ratification of its past interpretation of the applicable code. Meanwhile, VA is projecting worst case scenarios in an attempt to persuade Congress to vote its way.

Veterans Claims

In other cases, COVA has ruled:

• Disabled vets should receive the benefit of the doubt regarding claims when they are seeking gainful employment.



Disabled veterans have a right to compensation while seeking gainful employment.

• Veterans receiving individual unemployability benefits are entitled to a high standard of review prior to termination of that compensation.

• One recent re-examination to determine continuance of a five-year or more level of compensation is not sufficient to arbitrarily alter that level. Past performance and impairment must be taken into consideration.

• Mental impairment along with social and industrial inadaptability must be weighed equally in rendering VA claims decisions.

• Veterans in receipt of a 100% evaluation by VA cannot have their level of compensation reduced without demonstrated material improvement of their condition.

VA Assessment Under Way

Because of the far-reaching impact of COVA decisions, VA formed a "working group" to assess the affect these rulings are having on the VA adjudication and appellate processes. VFW, along with other veterans groups, has met with this working group. Rest assured the VFW's National Veterans Service will protect and preserve the right of judicial review.

Frederico Juarbe, Jr.
Director of National
Veterans Service

SECURITY

Lessons of Desert Storm Highlighted

Based on the Pentagon's report — *Conduct of the Persian Gulf War* — the U.S. military learned five major lessons from its experience during *Operation Desert Storm:*

• **Leadership.** Decisive presidential leadership set clear goals, gave other nations confidence in America's sense of purpose, and rallied the domestic and world support necessary to reach those goals.

• **High Technology Weaponry.** A revolutionary, new generation of high-technology weapons, combined with innovative and effective doctrine, gave U.S. forces the edge over Iraqi troops.

• **Quality U.S. Forces.** The superb quality of American armed forces, from its skilled commanders to the highly ready, well-trained, brave and disciplined men and women of all the services made an extraordinary victory possible.

• **Sound Planning.** In a highly uncertain world, sound planning, forces in forward areas, and strategic air- and sea-lift are critical for developing confidence, capabilities, international cooperation and the reach needed in times of trouble.

• **Lead Time.** It takes a long lead time to build the quality forces and systems that gave America the success it achieved in the Persian Gulf War.

Shortcomings were also noted. Among them: logistical problems, operations in desert environments, mine clearance, navigation and identification in the field, intelligence, damage assessment and tragically, "friendly fire" deaths.

Implications for the Future

The nation is constantly reminded of the unpredictability of world events, the report concluded. Few in 1989 would have predicted the dramatic turn of events in Eastern Europe; even fewer expected the demise of the once mighty Soviet Union just two years later.

Looking back over the past century, enormous strategic changes often arose unexpectedly in the course of a few years or even less. This is not a lesson the U.S. should have to keep learning anew.

Kenneth A. Steadman
Director of National Security
and Foreign Affairs

50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Japanese Suffer a Critical Blow at Midway

Between June 3-6, 1942, Japanese expansion in the Pacific was stopped dead at tiny Midway by the U.S. Pacific fleet.

U.S. naval leaders in the Pacific knew in early 1942 the odds were stacked in favor of Japan. Despite the setback in the Coral Sea, Japan still had a formidable armada, and counted on luring the U.S. Pacific Fleet to its death.

The Japanese had to be stopped. The U.S. Navy knew the only way to destroy it was to edge within striking range. While salvage crews repaired ships damaged at Pearl Harbor, code-breakers in Hawaii were deciphering and piecing together fragments of enemy messages. Intelligence revealed the trap being set, with the Midway Islands as the bait.

(Midway, a remote circular atoll six miles in diameter, lies about 1,150 miles west-northwest of Hawaii.)

This gave the understrength American forces the advantage of surprise. They quickly began preparing to confront, and hopefully defeat, the Japanese.

The U.S. Navy's battle plan was governed by the principle of calculated risk. Its premise: to avoid attacking superior enemy forces unless it could inflict more damage than it would sustain.



At the height of the Battle of Midway, the U.S. Flag was raised on the island. U.S. Naval Institute

Japan's Multi-Pronged Attack. A feinting attack on the Aleutians (Dutch Harbor was bombed June 3, killing 25 Americans) was intended to divide the U.S. naval forces. But once the American carriers were on station to repel the enemy invaders at Midway, a second Japanese strike force would come in from behind and the trap would close shut.

To detect if the American forces were converging on Midway or the Aleutians, a picket line of Japanese subs would park themselves near Pearl Harbor to monitor U.S. fleet movements.

The Japanese hadn't counted on the American code-breakers, though. By knowing the enemy plans, the Americans were able to deploy their task forces and depart from Pearl before the Japanese sentry subs were in position.

Thus, because they observed no movement from Pearl, the enemy assumed Midway would be an easy target.

But U.S. forces — totaling only 3,000 on Midway — were digging in, laying anti-personnel mines for an invasion. Marine and Army fighter planes and bombers were flown in, not only to defend the atoll but also to inflict a little punishment of their own. With so many planes (115) on Midway, some military planners considered it an immovable carrier in the middle of the Pacific.

The Enemy Approaches. Composite make-up of the Japanese Imperial Combined Fleet (five forces) consisted of four carriers that had led the attack on Pearl Harbor, a light carrier and nine battleships, plus a ring of destroyers. More than 5,000 combat troops were to overrun the tiny atoll.

They expected a token force on Midway, and planned to take the airfield in tact as a forward base for an assault and invasion of Hawaii and the West Coast.

Creeping up undetected was an American force that consisted of the carriers *Hornet* and *Enterprise*, with 158 aircraft. After miraculously swift repairs at Pearl, the wounded carrier *Yorktown,* with its 75 planes, also headed for Midway with its supporting cast. Combined, Task Forces 16 and 17 included eight cruisers, 15 destroyers and 19 submarines as well as auxiliary ships, along with a fourth "carrier" — Midway Atoll.

(The Japanese believed they had sunk three U.S. carriers at Coral Sea, when in fact they had only sunk the *Lexington*. This assumption would prove fatal as the Battle of Midway unfolded.)

Prior to attacking Midway, Japanese carriers launched scout planes for one more scan of the area. But because of delays, several took off late, including the plane assigned to the very sector where the U.S. fleet was approaching.

Announcing "No enemy carriers in the waters adjacent to Midway," Vice Adm. Chuichi Nagumo ordered the attack. A contingent of 36 fighters, 36 bombers and 36 dive bombers barreled toward Midway.

A Navy patrol plane spotted the enemy and alerted Midway. That prompted orders for the planes to go aloft, either to defend the island, attack the Japanese carriers or get out of the way!

Enemy planes dropped 30 tons of bombs on Midway — not enough to subdue the defenders. But 24 were killed and 18 wounded. The Japanese had expected a counter-attack once Midway sent a distress call. So they kept 93 aircraft loaded with torpedoes and armor-piercing bombs, ready to launch against any American warships. But the only U.S. planes in sight were from Midway, which were picked off before they could do any damage.

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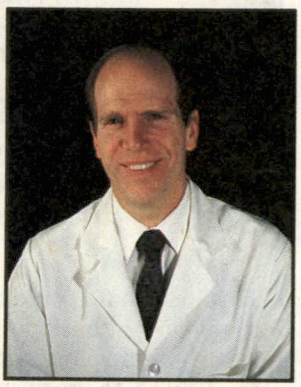

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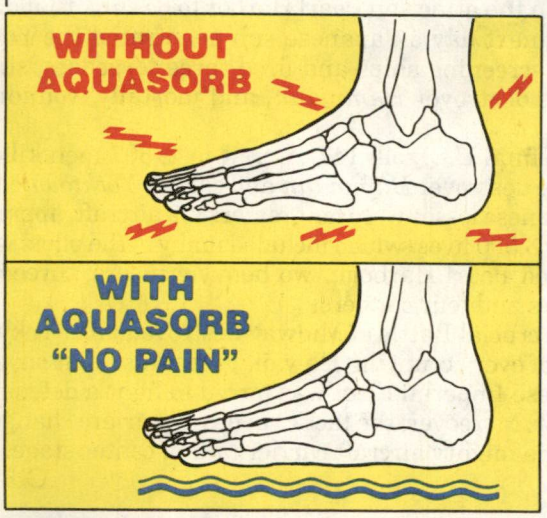

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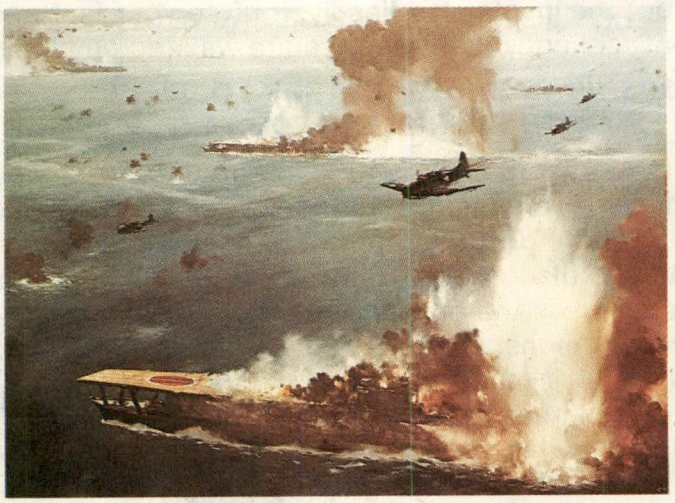
With no scout planes reporting any U.S. carriers in the area, a second strike on Midway was ordered. This meant the 93 Japanese planes had to be taken below to the hangar deck and re-fitted with high-explosive bombs.

Then in four waves, U.S. torpedo bombers from the *Hornet* and *Enterprise* attacked without fighter support and were decimated by much faster enemy planes.

Ensign George Gay was one of the pilots of Torpedo Squadron 8, and remembered his attack run on the flagship *Akagi*. "I flew right down the gun barrels, and pulled up on the port side. I could see the little Jap captain up there jumping up and down raising hell and I wished I had a .45 so that I could take a pot-shot at him...But then I dropped right back down on the deck and flew aft looking at those airplanes...I had a thought right in a split second there, to crash into those planes."



The Battle of Midway **by R.G. Smith.** U.S. Naval Institute

Gay was attacked by five Zeroes and ditched after his plane was hit, watching the battle while floating in the Pacific and waiting to be rescued.

In the middle of all this chaos, one of the delayed Japanese scout planes sent a shocking message that a large force, including one carrier, was approaching from 200 miles out.

Instead of finishing off Midway then, attention turned to attacking the U.S. fleet, which meant again re-fitting the 93 aircraft with torpedoes. But this time, to expedite the task, the planes were left on the flight deck and the torpedoes were brought up.

During the changeover, the Japanese planes that had attacked Midway were now returning. Low on fuel, they needed to land immediately. It was decided that these aircraft would be recovered first, before launching the attack planes. All planes could be refueled and re-armed, then launched for another strike against Midway and an attack on the reported lone American carrier converging on Midway.

Miracle of Miracles. Due to navigational and communication problems, the American attack on the Japanese carriers was disjointed — four U.S. torpedo squadrons were devastated amidst the chaos.

The fighter support they needed to ward off the enemy never arrived. Because the torpedo planes flew low attack runs, the enemy planes also were pulled down, leaving the ceiling exposed.

Suddenly, 37 dive bombers from the *Enterprise*, *Hornet* and *Yorktown* swooped down on three enemy carriers, all crammed with planes and littered with fuel lines, bombs and torpedoes.

"We dreamed of catching Jap carriers, but none of us had imagined a situation like this where we could dive without a trace of fighter opposition," recalled Lt. Clarence Dickinson, one of the *Enterprise's* dive bomber pilots.

"We were coming from all directions on the carrier. I recognized her as the *Kaga*, and she was enormous. As I was almost at the dropping point I saw a bomb hit. I saw the deck rippling, and curling back in all directions.

"Since I was dropping on a Japanese carrier I was going to see my bombs hit. I put my plane in a stall, so I was standing there to watch it. I saw the 500-pound bomb hit abreast of the island, and the two 100-pound bombs struck the parked planes.

"As we went away I could see fires in the middle of the Japanese fleet," wrote Dickinson. "One was a battleship or a big cruiser. But the three biggest fires were the carriers. They were burning fiercely and exploding."

In just six minutes the carriers *Akagi*, *Kaga*, and *Soryu* were destroyed. A fourth carrier, the *Hiryu*, had escaped and quickly launched its planes, which found and crippled the *Yorktown* with three bombs and two torpedoes.

At the same time, the *Hiryu* was being attacked by planes from the *Yorktown*. One torpedo bomber pilot from the *Yorktown*, Bill Esders, remembers the attack. "We had between 20 and 25 Zeroes chasing us. All over the sky I could see planes that were on fire, blowing up or spinning out of control."

Still, the American pilots pressed on toward the *Hiryu*. "The plan was to form a semi-circle around the carrier so that when we dropped our torpedoes, there would be a greater chance of not missing the target," explained Esders.

"I saw four of our torpedoes launched, and right after, I also saw four of our airplanes go down in a hail of anti-aircraft fire. I was the only one left."

The *Hiryu* became the fourth carrier that had participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor to be sunk that day.

The next day a Japanese sub penetrated the *Yorktown's* screening ships and fired three torpedoes, sinking the destroyer *Hammann*, and mortally wounding *Yorktown*.

The final U.S. toll: 147 aircraft lost, 307 men killed, and the destroyer *Hammann* and carrier *Yorktown* lost.

Japanese losses were far greater: 322 aircraft, approximately 3,500 lives (which included many of the pilots who attacked Pearl Harbor), two heavy cruisers, three destroyers and four carriers.

The crucial Battle of Midway destroyed all of Tokyo's plans of ever occupying Hawaii. From this point on, the Japanese Imperial Fleet was forced to fight a defensive sea war. Moreover, the tactics of naval warfare changed, with the mighty aircraft carrier taking center stage.

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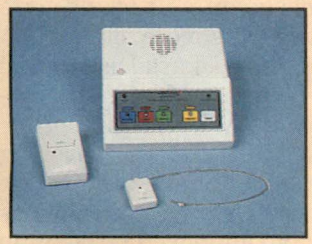

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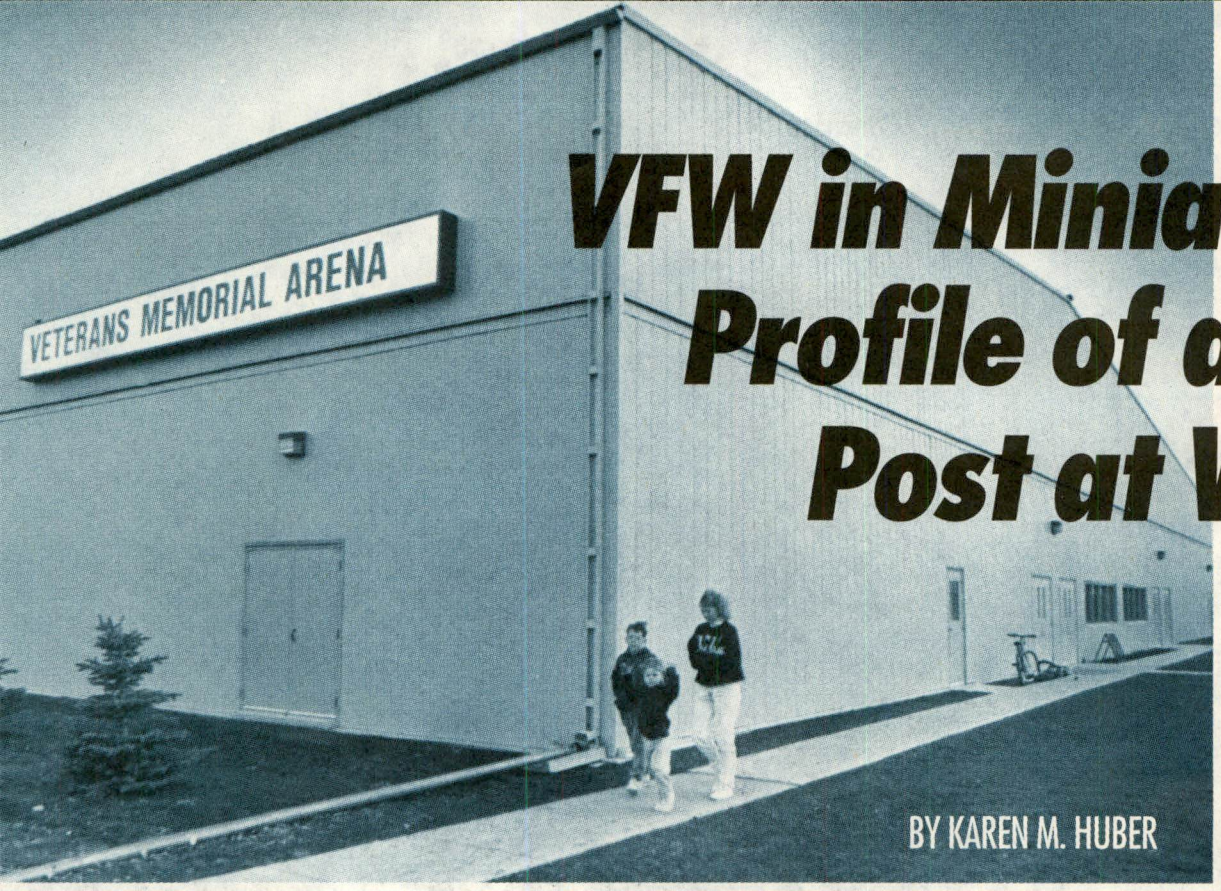


VFW in Miniature: Profile of a Post at Work

BY KAREN M. HUBER

The Veterans Memorial Multi-Purpose Sports Arena in West Fargo is largely funded by Post 7564.

Everyday across the country, 10,700 Posts are hard at work benefiting local communities. Here's just one example of how it's done.

Webster defines *humanitarian* as anyone "promoting human welfare."

On a fitting parallel, West Fargo residents define humanitarian as Arthur W. Jones VFW Post 7564, where the unconditional contributions through the years have managed to positively influence the lives of just about every citizen in the community.

Ask just about anyone in the southeastern North Dakota city of 12,000 and you'll solicit only expressions of gratitude regarding the Post's generosity.

West Fargo Superintendent of Schools Marvin Leidal, who has enjoyed a 20-year-plus association with the Post, sums up community sentiment best: "Over the years, VFW Post 7564 has exhibited an impressive public-spirited attitude that has been obvious to everyone.

"Students in the West Fargo School District, like numerous other groups, have benefited from the generosity of the VFW. Their financial support in the past for all kinds of programs — from drug abuse to adult education — has been super."

Lifetime Post member, Clayton Lodoen, a former state legislator and mayor of West Fargo for 20 years, also offers high praise: "During my years in office, I had many occasions to call on the VFW for favors and help for the community.

"The Post's wise oversight of their gaming endeavors enabled them to raise funds necessary to do many things for our community that we would never have been able to accomplish without their assistance."

Enhancing the quality of life in West Fargo, coupled with the promotion of Americanism, are the two basic ideals the Post has upheld since its organization back in 1948. Youth programs have always garnered special attention, but its priority list covers the gamut of all citizens' needs.

Tradition of Giving

According to Commander Ray Harkema, the Post's "giving" philosophy is based on simple criteria. "We are always more than willing to lend financial support to any local individual or groups with projects deemed worthwhile."

Consequently, the Post annually expends hundreds of thousands of dollars. So many have become direct beneficiaries — either through monetary donations or tangible gifts — the slate reads like a thick book.

Among them are the library, police force, college scholarship funds, blood services, churches and nursing homes, public television, hockey association, United Way, and an assortment of senior citizen programs. The credits go on, right down to purchasing the Christmas decorations used each year to light up the city during the holidays.

Throughout the years, the West Fargo Fire Department has been on the consistent receiving end of new equipment. Fire Chief Roger Olson says the department has been able to keep its inventory updated and in excellent shape as a consequence.

"If we had not received the money for the equipment, it would have meant higher fire service contracts for the city and the townships we serve. Consequently, it would have cost the taxpayers more money."

The West Fargo Park District and an all-new Veterans Memorial Multi-Purpose Sports Arena are also prime recipients. Contributions hovering close to $300,000 have gone to the Park District. Use of the money has ranged from support of the only

Photos courtesy **West Fargo Pioneer**

VFW-sponsored American Legion league baseball team in the state to underwriting a new softball complex for softball enthusiasts.

The Veterans Memorial Arena, completed in 1987, would not have been accomplished without unwaivering VFW dedication. The Post initially established a trust fund with the West Fargo Park Board, the arena's governing entity, in the amount of $25,000 quarterly.

VFW support is maintained with a $10,000 quarterly pledge, and by the time the giving is complete, $750,000 will have been invested. This is the Post's largest commitment to any single undertaking other than the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool.

The Veterans Pool, which offers free swimming to all youths in the community, is an exclusive VFW-sanctioned endeavor. Its first contribution in 1956 went toward construction. Since then, the Post has continued to fund all aspects of the pool's operation.

Membership Growth

In the last 17 years, the Post has experienced 14 years of consecutive growth, bringing present membership to 1,072 men and women.

Commander Harkema attributes the continued rise in membership "to individuals finding out they are welcome at our Post. Our attitude is we want them to want to be a member, and we reinforce this attitude by showing them what our club can do.

"We strongly emphasize the pride in being a VFW member, and the fact that there is strength in membership, not only on a local and state level, but nationally as well. Each year our membership increases, and our programs are healthy because our members are willing to volunteer their time and talents.

"We use the VFW programs to build membership by making our presence known in the community. And by making things happen through involvement in the community, eligible members want to become part of the organization."

"A majority of our members are World War II and Korean War veterans. We have members from Vietnam, but there was a time we never pushed for their membership.

"Then we realized that many of our members are aging veterans and that in order to keep rejuvenating our Post we needed to make a concentrated effort to recruit Vietnam-era vets. In 1986 we stressed that, were successful, and now a majority of our line officers are Vietnam vets. Reaching out to the younger members is also very important and something we will always strive for."

Just that opportunity presented itself this past year when the Post offered free membership to local men and women serving in *Operation Desert Storm*. As a result, 15 new members were welcomed.

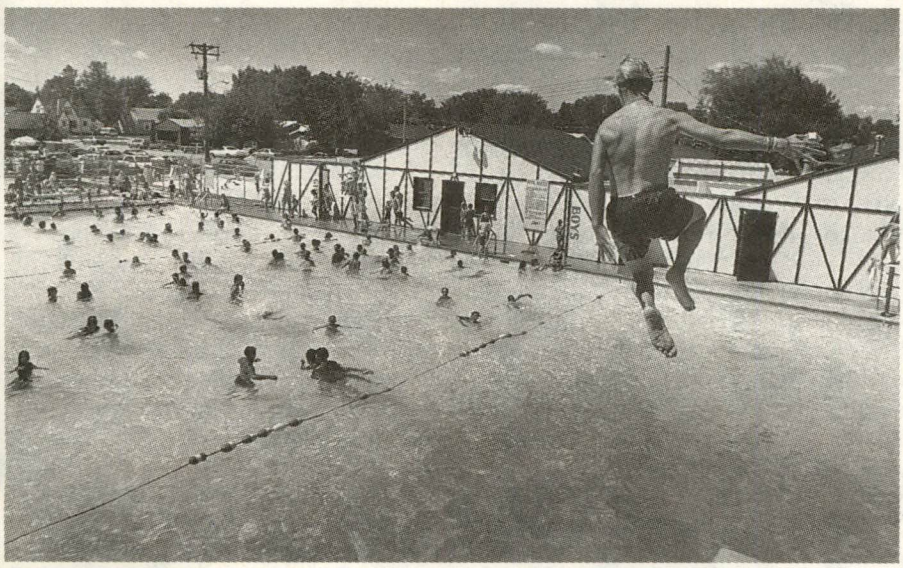
Harkema stresses that recruitment is only part of the picture. "Retention is equally important, and to stymie apathy, sometimes we have to remind members why they joined in the first place."

The image the Post itself projects is also an unequivocal draw. One comment Harkema says he hears regularly pertains to the friendly people, and the calm, relaxed atmosphere.

"Because of our friendliness we are able to claim members from all over the country, and when they travel back they are bound to stop in. Many send donations, because they are not able to help. We keep them informed through the monthly bulletin; consequently, several two-generation families are among our members."



Post and Auxiliary members, above, annually visit ill children in local hospitals during Christmas. The Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool, below, is kept up by the VFW, including pool renovations and provision of supplies.



An Invaluable Partner

When one speaks of membership, it also becomes necessary to applaud the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary — as dedicated to community affairs as the Post itself. In fact, so much that Post members describe the Auxiliary assistance in all projects as "invaluable."

The Auxiliary was chartered in January of 1956. Its membership, too, has climbed at a steady rate, today numbering a very strong 620, 10 of whom are charter members. At 105 years of age, Amelia Jones, mother of Arthur W. Jones, is the oldest member. She makes her home in a local nursing home and savors frequent visits from Auxiliary sisters.

Like membership, projects and sponsorship ties have also been accelerating. The Voice of Democracy contest for the high school students is perhaps the most recognizable of the VFW's works.

Annually the Auxiliary also spon-

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The Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans is pointing the way, through community concern, to solving the problem of homelessness.

An Open Door to a New Life

by Susan F. Willard

Forty-two-year-old Mike Cloutier says he has seen "the worst of the worst" in his war of survival. Cloutier, who was a Marine auto mechanic in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and later served in the National Guard and the Army, has been homeless on and off for the last several years of his life. "I've seen the bowery sections, the skid row areas, you name it," he states. "I've lived in places where people would kill you for a penny if they knew you had one in your pocket."

After his military service, Cloutier lived and worked around the country. "As I got older it got harder and harder for me," he explains. "I developed severe arthritis and was granted 100% SSI disability. I turned down the money, though, because I was determined not to be disabled. If I had taken the money I wouldn't have been homeless, but I wanted to make it on my own."

In spite of his disability, Cloutier continued to work and live independently as much as possible. Still, many times his physical condition prevented him from working and he had to manage on the street or depend on shelters for a roof over his head. "I'd get what sleep I could in shelters, but they were dangerous and infested with roaches and mice. During the day I'd catch up on my sleep in libraries or sell my food stamps to buy coffee and get in from the cold for awhile."

Then, last year in Worcester, Mass., Cloutier heard talk on the street about a new shelter where homeless veterans could stay until they got back on their feet to live independently. The shelter needed people to help get the building ready for its January opening. Cloutier volunteered there for the next few months and was one of the first residents of the Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans (CMSHV) when it officially opened earlier this year.

Unlike other shelters, living at the CMSHV has given Cloutier a new start. "I've lived all over the world and never seen a place like this," he explains. "Before living here I was worried about survival 100 percent of the time. Now I can concentrate on making my life productive."

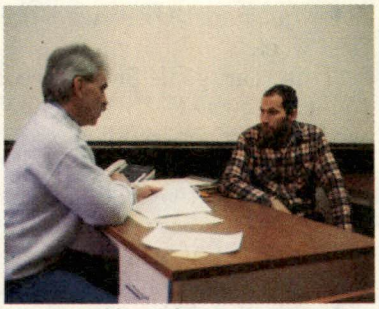
Helping homeless veterans like Cloutier make that transition is the reason Ray Kelley and some fellow veterans opened the CMSHV. "It has to do with an 'esprit de corp,' " Kelley explains, "a brotherhood you feel once you've served. We're still fighting a war as long as there are vets on the street."

Above photo, front row: Robert Farrar, Jr., Ray Kelley, Peggy Menegakis. Middle row: Susanne Farrar, Pierce Gould. Back row: George Johnson III, Walter Smith, and Lloyd Rath at the Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Photo by S. E. Sullivan

Veterans in Need

A VFW life member of Gallant Post 8263 in Worcester, Kelley served as a machine gunner

in Vietnam, first in Echo Co., 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines in 1966 and then in Delta Co., 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in 1967. He saw the need for a new facility for homeless veterans in 1989 when he was part of a veterans group that visited the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Boston. "What we saw was hard to handle," he says. "There were 153 residents and 100 on a waiting list. We realized then that the problem was severe."



Pierce Gould, a volunteer at CMSHV, updates Michael Cloutier's folder. Photo by S. E. Sullivan

Soon after, Kelley and the group decided to open the CMSHV in Worcester. "There were so many of our fellow vets out on the street dying — we just went by the numbers and decided to do something about it, but we didn't know how to proceed," he says. There were preliminary tasks, such as obtaining tax-exempt status, so the group found other veterans in the community to provide legal expertise and other types of assistance.

In his search for a shelter location, Kelley discovered the city's vacant National Guard Armory. "It was the ideal place," he recalls, "the size, the location, everything. We're now leasing part of the building for one dollar a year for five years. After that we're hoping for an option to renew."

The armory, originally built in the mid-1800s and then enlarged around 1907, hadn't been occupied in years. Kelley and the group were faced with a massive amount of clean-up and renovation work. Hundreds of pigeons had lived and died in the building. Plaster was falling from the ceilings and walls. Electrical and plumbing fixtures were antiquated. Windows were broken, and those that were intact were encrusted with years of filth. Kelley held a community meeting in November to enlist volunteers to help with the overwhelming job. Over 100 people showed up, but it soon became clear that more help was needed.

Outpouring of Support

"I contacted local VFW and American Legion Posts, labor unions and local officials," Kelley states. "As a result, we saw an outpouring of community support — the response was unbelievable." The armory was soon filled with workers — veterans and non-veterans — donating tools, building supplies, and their expertise in construction, electrical work, plumbing and carpentry.

As a result of the tremendous community support and generosity, construction and renovation costs were kept to a minimum. If the labor had not been donated, Kelley estimates the cost would have exceeded $200,000.

Along with construction labor and supplies, the CMSHV has received other donations from local businesses. A local physician, Dr. Harvey Clermont, has set up a clinic in the Shelter to offer free medical services to the residents. The Massachusetts Optometric Consultants plan to set up an eye clinic in the Shelter to offer residents free vision screening and eyeglasses. T.J. Maxx, a large apparel chain, donated 15 boxes of clothing. Greater Media Cable in Worcester provided the Shelter with basic cable service free of charge. State Mutual Insurance Company donated a phone system and six phones for the Shelter.

"Before living here I was worried about survival 100 percent of the time. Now I can concentrate on making my life productive."

– Mike Cloutier

Jaren Aaronson is an unemployed Vietnam veteran who served from 1964 to 1965 in the headquarters of the 27th Data Processing Unit, MACV. He has volunteered his time over the last several months to obtain additional donations from corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations. Since November,

VFW'S STAND ON HOMELESS VETS

The VFW firmly believes several steps are necessary to alleviate the plight of homeless veterans. They include the following:

- The VA secretary should take the lead in developing, coordinating and implementing homeless veterans assistance programs.
- A concerted VA outreach effort to enroll homeless vets into vocational rehabilitation training and substance dependence programs is essential.
- The root causes of homelessness as well as provision of basic needs must be dealt with now.
- Provision of affordable housing is a first step. Long-term readjustment and rehabilitation programs are a second.
- Congress must provide adequate funding. Such funds could be used to convert vacant and under-utilized VA and Defense Department facilities for housing and rehabilitation.
- Improve and expand present programs. Stop discharging vets prematurely and eliminate restrictive eligibility for job training programs.

To achieve these ends, the VFW supports passage of *S.2512*, an initiative to provide for and improve homeless vets programs and *S. 2528*, the Native American Veterans Home Loan Equity Act of 1992, a five-year pilot program to provide loans for housing on U.S. trust lands.

he has submitted close to 60 grant applications — most are still pending.

According to Aaronson, trying to obtain funds in these tough economic times hasn't been easy. Still, he says that the CMSHV has received donations from the United Way of Central Massachusetts and Morgan-Worcester, Inc. Digital Equipment Corporation has provided a computer workstation and one month of training for the Shelter staff. Aaronson states that bringing potential sponsors into the Shelter makes a difference. "They're eager to help when they get a chance to actually see what we're trying to do," he says.

"This has been a grass roots effort totally supported by volunteers and donations — veterans and non-veterans." *– Ray Kelley*

Ray Kelley is grateful for the support the CMSHV has received from all facets of the community. "This has been a grass roots effort totally supported by volunteers and donations — veterans and non-veterans," Kelley states. "It has really renewed my faith in humanity." Peggy Menegakis of the CMSHV office staff agrees: "You won't see any egos in here — it has just been people working together and giving to each other without looking for any personal gain. That's something you don't see very much anymore."

HELP FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

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The Veterans Center
Suite 1000
1101 Edgehill Ave.
Nashville, Tenn. 37203
615-321-3919

Freedom L.Z.
650 North 7th Ave.
Pocatello, Idaho 83201
208-234-2466

National Coalition for the Homeless
1621 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
202-265-2371

New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans
17 Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02108
617-248-9400

Operation Stand Down Vietnam Veterans of San Diego
4141 Pacific Highway
San Diego, Calif. 92110
619-497-0125

Salvation Army
Borden Avenue Veterans Residence
21-10 Borden Ave.
Long Island City, N.Y. 11101
718-784-5690

Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill Program or Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program
VA Central Office
810 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20420
202-535-7303

Dept. of Labor
Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project
200 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
202-523-9110

Changed Lives

January's opening of the CMSHV marked the completion of the project's first phase. Due to strong community support, the initial clean-up, renovation and construction barely took three months. The initial capacity was for 25 veterans, and 13 beds were occupied within the first week.

This year, goals for the second phase will be to increase the CMSHV's capacity to 50, have a working kitchen, medical facilities and accommodations for women. When the final phase is completed next year, the Shelter will be a fully functional facility for 125 to 150 veterans.

The CMSHV is open to any veteran who produces a *DD214*. Kelley explains that all residents clearly understand that it is transitional housing only, as well as a drug- and alcohol-free environment. Residents are expected to help with the day-to-day operation of the facility and work toward eventually moving out to live on their own with a job and housing. Community and veterans resources available through the Shelter help them achieve those goals. "I want zero population here," Kelley explains. "We're in business to go out of business."

Sue Johnson is a volunteer from the Worcester Emblem Club, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks. "It's an emotional but worthwhile experience," she explains. "We feel we're helping to make a difference in the lives of these veterans. Some won't make it, but if ten percent do we've been successful."

Kelley agrees that small successes are important, but believes that looking too far into the future isn't realistic for the project. His main concern right now is finding more funding for the CMSHV. "We're functioning and learning here day-by-day," he explains. "We'll grow as program needs develop — wherever there is a need, we'll branch out in that direction if possible."

Since the CMSHV opened, half a dozen residents have successfully made the transition from living in the Shelter to living on their own with jobs and apartments. According to Kelley, several more are expected to move out soon. "These guys are sincere about changing their lives, and it's satisfying to see that," he says. "That's what it's all about — helping these vets be productive members of society."

Kelley urges anyone who would like more information to contact him at the *Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 69 Grove St., Worcester, Mass. 01605.* The Shelter telephone number is *(508) 791-5348.*

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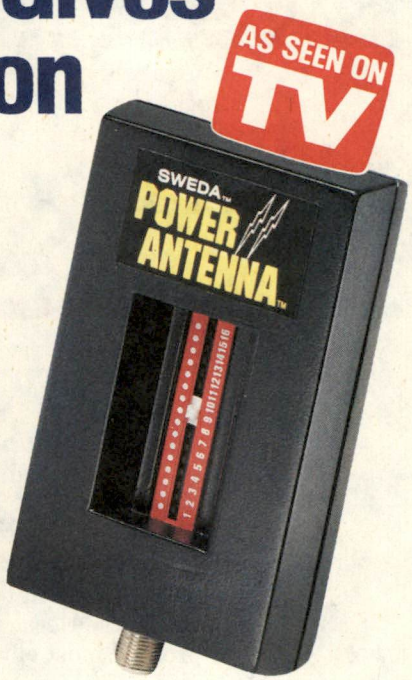

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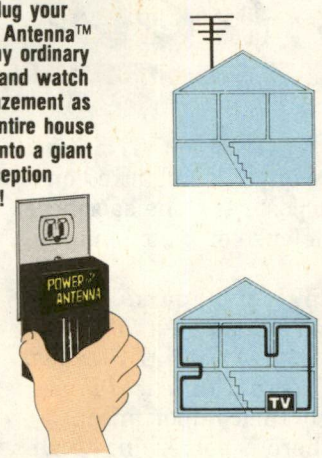

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AMERICA'S MILITARY HISTORY *Preserved*

On Aug. 25, 1916, Congress created the National Park Service. The service quickly embarked on a program to preserve, for posterity, the sacrifices made by Americans in defense of their land and nation's ideals.

Today, there are more than 60 parks, battlefields, sites, memorials and monuments within the system dedicated to this goal. Joseph E. Stevens, in his book, *America's National Battlefield Parks,* expressed most eloquently their importance:

"There is something thrilling about standing on the very spot where men have fought and died; it is the electric excitement of making direct, physical contact with the past...the excitement of treading on hallowed ground, of walking shoulder-to-shoulder with the ghosts of history.

"For myself and millions of other Americans, the National Battlefield Parks are places where time stands still...where we salute the courage and devotion of the men who made these ordinary places extraordinary. Finally, we honor the dead, whose supreme sacrifice has shaped our nation's history."

According to the U.S. Travel Data Center, America's fastest rising tourist destinations are historical parks — 52% of Americans plan to visit them this year vs. 2% in 1990. Here's a sampling.

The nation's military heritage is embodied in the park system, providing an opportunity for all to fully understand and appreciate that legacy. Wherever you travel this summer, you'll find such sacred places. Be sure to visit them.

The following pictorial is but a small sampling of the wealth of hallowed grounds — spanning the European colonial conflicts to WWII — the NPS maintains in memory of the nation's defenders and war dead.

To obtain brochures on the national parks listed, write: *Public Inquiries Office, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.*

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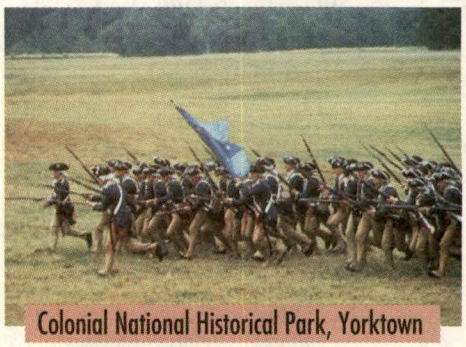
Boston National Historical Park
Revolutionary War (1775-1783), Bunker Hill Monument



Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown
Revolutionary War



Fort Necessity National Battlefield
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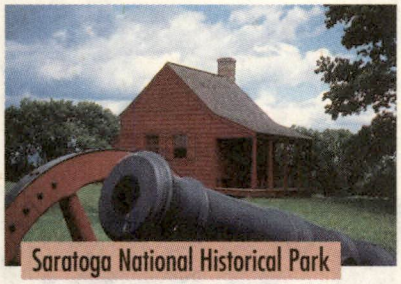

Saratoga National Historical Park

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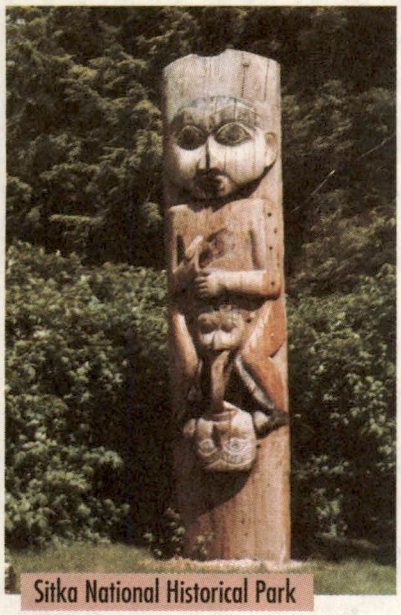

Sitka National Historical Park

Park theme depicts the conflict between Tlingit Indians and Russian colonists in Alaska during 1804.

National Historical Parks (Military)

Appomattox Court House - Virginia
Boston - Massachusetts
Colonial - Virginia
George Rogers Clark - Vincennes, Ind.
Harpers Ferry - W. Va. / Md.
Independence - Pennsylvania
Jean Laffite - Louisiana
Minute Man - Massachusetts
Morristown - New Jersey
Nez Perce - Idaho
Saratoga - New York
Sitka - Alaska
Valley Forge - Pennsylvania
War in the Pacific - Guam

National Battlefields

Antietam - Maryland
Big Hole - Montana
Cowpens - South Carolina
Fort Donelson - Tennessee
Fort Necessity - Pennsylvania
Monocacy - Maryland
Moores Creek - North Carolina
Petersburg - Virginia
Stones River - Tennessee
Tupelo - Mississippi
Wilson's Creek - Missouri

National Battlefield Parks

Kennesaw Mountain - Georgia
Manassas - Virginia
Richmond - Virginia

National Battlefield Sites

Brices Cross Roads - Mississippi

National Military Parks

Chickamauge and Chattanooga - Georgia & Tennessee
Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County - Virginia
Gettysburg - Pennsylvania
Guilford Courthouse - North Carolina
Horseshoe Bend - Alabama
Kings Mountain - South Carolina
Pea Ridge - Arkansas
Shiloh - Tennessee
Vicksburg - Mississippi

National Memorials

(Military Theme)

Fort Carolina - Florida
Fort Clatsop - Oregon
USS Arizona - Hawaii

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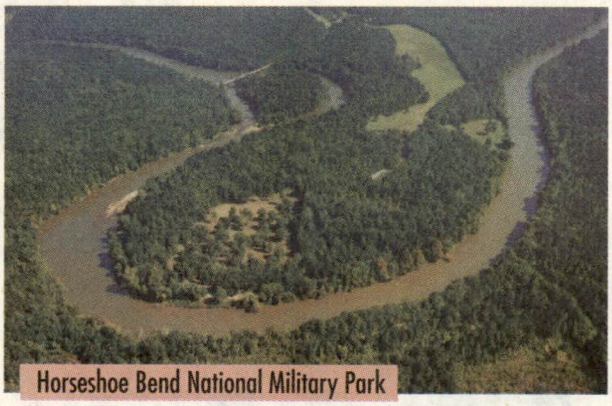

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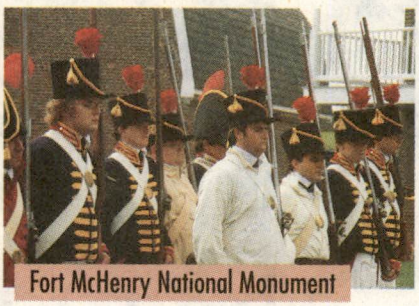
War of 1812, Battle of New Orleans



Fort McHenry National Monument

War of 1812



Vicksburg National Military Park

Civil War (1861-65), Illinois Memorial

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Fort Scott - Kansas
Fort Smith - Arkansas
Fort Union Trading Post - Montana & North Dakota
Fort Vancouver - Washington
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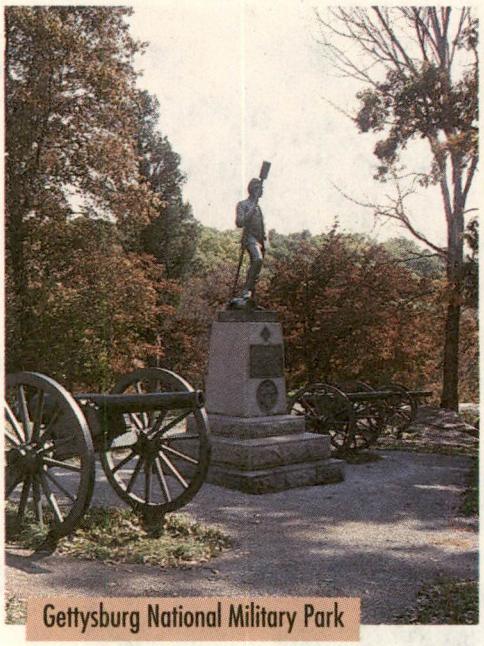
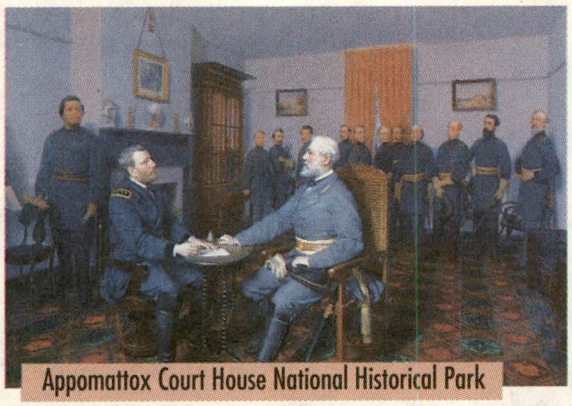


Gettysburg National Military Park
Civil War (1861-65)



Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
Civil War (1861-65)



Antietam National Battlefield
Civil War (1861-65)





Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
Indian Wars (1866-1891)



War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam
World War II (1941-45) Photo courtesy Tom Durant/NPS Historic Photo Collection Branch, Harpers Ferry



American Memorial Park on Saipan (World War II, 1941-45), part of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This is not a formal component of the NPS. MVB photo

Note: *Both of the WWII Pacific Theater parks are awaiting the appropriation of funds for development.*

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Sad State of American History

America's future citizens learn from officially scrutinized textbooks. Or do they? What students do or do not learn about the nation's former defenders is especially important to veterans.

Research by
Mel & Norma Gabler and Neal Frey

Historical illiteracy is rampant in America. A recent survey found that nearly one-third of 17-year-olds cannot even identify which countries the U.S. fought in WWII. Two-thirds cannot place the Civil War between 1850 and 1900.

Several reasons have been offered to explain this degree of ignorance. Put most simply, history has been pushed aside by "social studies." Trendy subjects, ranging from ethnic to so-called "peace" studies, have diluted the once rock-solid teaching of American history in public schools.

An added distraction is the introduction of "multiculturalism." This form of politicized education encourages a sense of collective guilt on the part of the majority and instills in minority students a feeling of victimization.

On top of all of this, many states mandate only one year of U.S. history between the 7th and 12th grades. And when it is taught, the source is often texts written by unknown and professionally unqualified entities subcontracted by publishers.

Preposterous Mistakes

If you feel this is an unfair indictment, consider the case of U.S. history high school books recently submitted for review in Texas. "The United States easily settled the Korean conflict by using the bomb." "When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1942..." These excerpts were contained in high school texts destined for Texas students.

Are these isolated examples? Unfortunately, no, as the Texas State Board of Education found when 10 books issued by five publishers were presented for state adoption early last year.

But thanks to the diligence of Mel and Norma Gabler of Longview, Texas, who have been reviewing school books for 30 years, a historical travesty was averted. The Gablers, along with Neal Frey, a former history professor at Christian Heritage College, found some 500 factual errors before their reviews were over.

Texas' board of education was on the verge of approving the books in question when the Gablers discovered the first 231 errors. The books were reviewed again by special outside editors. But lo and behold, after the initial errors were identified, the Longview couple came up with 162 more mistakes. The process is continuing, and the error-toll mounting alarmingly.

What does all this mean for the future of our country? It means we are faced with a historically illiterate generation. Does that matter, ask some? Most certainly it does.

Through a shared sense of history, children in public schools learn America's traditions and ideals, cementing a common culture among citizens. An accurate understanding of the nation's past leaders' contributions, enduring institutions and principles is the only guarantee to their preservation in the future.

The Gablers are recognized authorities on textbook content.

A PRIMER ON HISTORICAL FICTION

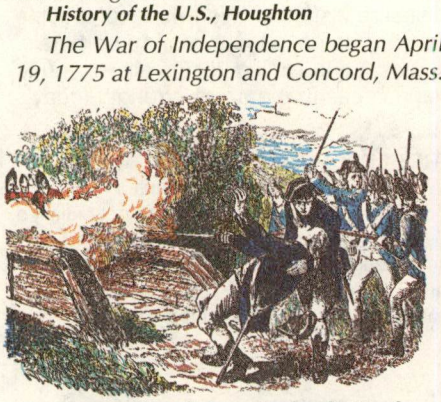
A sampling of published fiction versus fact follows. The title of the textbook and publisher appear below each error.

Revolutionary War (1775-83)

Four passages claim the American Revolution began in 1776.

History of the U.S., Houghton

The War of Independence began April 19, 1775 at Lexington and Concord, Mass.



American patriots fight at Concord's North Bridge in 1775, initiating the Revolutionary War.

War of 1812 (1812-15)

"Andrew Jackson led colonial troops at the Battle of New Orleans."

History of the U.S., Houghton

America had been independent for 39 years, and Louisiana a state since April 30, 1812 when this battle was fought.

Mexican War (1846-48)

"Two years later (1848), U.S. forces defeated the Mexican army."

American Journey, Prentice Hall

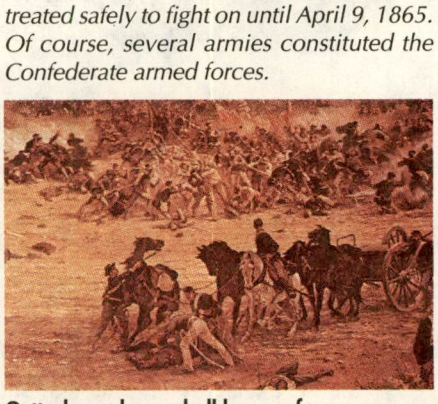
The U.S. Army decisively defeated Santa Anna's forces and occupied Mexico City on Sept. 14, 1847.

Civil War (1861-65)

"...at Gettysburg...most of the Confederate army was destroyed..."

America: The People and the Dream, Scott

Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia suffered more than 30% casualties between July 1-3, 1863, but his army retreated safely to fight on until April 9, 1865. Of course, several armies constituted the Confederate armed forces.



Gettysburg doomed all hopes of a Confederate offensive in the North, but did not crush the Confederate Army.

Boxer Rebellion (1900)

"In 1901 missionaries asked for and received U.S. military help in putting down the Boxer Rebellion."

American Odyssey, Glencoe Macmillan

The intervention was international in nature, and occurred in June 1900 and was over completely by year-end.

Mexican Punitive Expedition (1916)

"American troops finally withdrew in 1914."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

While U.S. troops were in Vera Cruz from April 21-Nov. 23, 1914, it was not until March 15, 1916 that Gen. John Pershing entered Mexico. The last U.S. soldier crossed the border Feb. 5, 1917.

World War I (1917-18)

"Some 53,000 Americans were killed during the Great War."

The Story of America, Holt Rinehart

116,708 Americans died in WWI — 53,513 in action and 63,195 from disease and other non-hostile causes.

World War II (1941-45)

"When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1942 and the war broke out between Japan and the United States..."

America: The People and the Dream, Scott

Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, of course, on Dec. 7, 1941. The U.S. officially declared war on Japan Dec. 8, 1941.



The attack on Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, occurred Dec. 7, 1941.

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"During World War II, the U.S. and the Soviet Union fought in Korea against Japan."

History of the U.S., Houghton

Neither the Soviet Union nor the U.S. fought in Korea then. The first U.S. occupation troops did not land there until Sept. 9, 1945 — seven days after V-J Day.

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"Bulge, Battle of — last major German offensive in World War II (October 1944)..."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

The Battle of the Bulge did not begin until Dec. 16, 1944.



Members of the 1st Cavalry Division fire the last U.S. artillery shells in July 1953 just prior to the armistice signing.

Korean War (1950-53)

"Truman viewed the North Korean's attempt to take over South Korea in 1959 as Soviet-inspired aggression."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950.

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"...The United States easily ended the conflict ('police action') by using the bomb."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

Korea was a full-fledged war — the fifth deadliest in the nation's history. The terms "police action" and "conflict" demean the sacrifices of the 1.5 million Americans who served in the war.

Atomic bombs were most definitely not dropped on Korea. And the war there was not easily settled. After three years of bitter combat, the armistice cost 33,629 American lives in battle alone.

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"Korean War conflict in 1950-52..."

Story of America, Holt Rinehart

The Korean War armistice was concluded July 27, 1953.

Cold War (1945-89)

"The U.S. invaded Guatemala in 1954."

American Odyssey, Glencoe Macmillan

Guatemalan exiles, assisted by the CIA, invaded from Honduras.

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"... the Soviets shot down an American spy plane over the Soviet Union in 1959."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

Francis Gary Powers U-2 recon plane was shot down May 1, 1960.

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"American troops encountered powerful resistance from Cuban forces during the Bay of Pigs invasion attempt."

American Voices, Scott Foresman

The invaders were CIA-trained anti-Castro Cuban exiles who made up a 1,400-man brigade. A handful of U.S. pilots and Navy frogmen did provide support.

Vietnam War (1957-75)

"There would have been 515,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam if Westmoreland's request for a 40% increase had been granted."

American Odyssey, Glencoe Macmillan

That number of troops was already present during the Tet Offensive of 1968. The total would have been 721,000.



The Tet Offensive, a clear military defeat for the Communists in Vietnam, was the war's turning point. U.S. troop strength in Vietnam peaked at 543,400 in April 1969.

Grenada operation (1983)

"On October 25 Reagan dispatched an invasion force to Grenada to oust Bishop and install a pro-democracy government."

American Odyssey, Glencoe Macmillan

Maurice Bishop had already been executed in a previous coup. Bernard Coard ruled Grenada when U.S. forces arrived.



Though U.S. troops spent only one year in the trenches during WWI, the casualties were horrendous.



Rangers Assault Grand Anse Beach **by A. Michael Leahy. Several Marine CH-46 helicopters carried in Army Rangers to protect students at the Grand Anse Campus of St. George's Medical College on Grenada in 1983. Navy and Air Force fixed-wing support aircraft suppressed enemy fire.**

Fury on Grenada

In a swift operation during 1983, U.S. troops toppled the radical regime on a tiny Caribbean island to prevent establishment of another Marxist foothold in the Western Hemisphere.

by Richard K. Kolb

Political turmoil in the Caribbean Sea — aptly described as "America's Lake" — has always drawn intense U.S. interest. So it was no surprise when Washington intervened militarily on Grenada to prevent establishment of a hostile regime.

It was triggered by the seizure of the Grenadian government by the Marxist People's Revolutionary Army (PRA) led by Gen. Hudson Austin and Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard whom had executed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop on Oct. 19, 1983. An added incentive was the threat of American citizens being taken hostage.

But the underlying motive was fear of a Caribbean "Red Triangle" with Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada holding the points. The possibility of the 133 square-mile island serving as a staging area for communist ventures in the Western Hemisphere did not sit well at the State Department.

Located at the bottom of the Windard Islands, the former British colony contained only 110,000 people. The island chain lies 400 miles east of Puerto Rico and 1,600 miles south of Florida. Grenada formed an operational area about twice the size of the District of Columbia.

Operation Urgent Fury, the code name for the intervention, was not a marvel of military planning or execution. Then Maj. Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, ground deputy to the admiral in charge, said as much. In his classified account, he declared:

"Grenada proved that even though higher headquarters screws it up every way you can possibly screw it up, it is the initiative and valor on the part of the soldiers on the ground that will win it for you every time."

A Piece of the Action for Every Branch

Winning Grenada ultimately involved 20,000 U.S. troops. The Army provided elements of the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 75th Ranger Regiment (600 men) and six airborne infantry battalions of the 2nd and 3rd brigades, 82nd Airborne Division. Other divisional elements brought the 82nd's contribution to 6,140 men.

Two thousand Marines of the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), built around the 822-man Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/8, also played a major role in the operation. Rifle companies E, F and G made up the BLT. H Battery, 10th Marines provided artillery. Marine Me-

dium Helicopter Squadron 261 and Marine Service Support Group 22 backed the BLT members, many of whom had already served in Lebanon.

The Navy had 25 different ships in island waters at one time or another. Carrier Battle Group 20.5 and its air squadrons screened the Spice Island. Amphibious Group 4, with SEAL Team 4 attached, operated near the shore. The Coast Guard supplied at least one cutter.

Air Force wings, squadrons and groups involved totaled 26. Military Airlift Command would fly 750 missions. About 800 airmen — 500 crew members and 300 ground personnel — took part. Two-thirds of the ground forces were Security Police, the remainder were weathermen and Combat Control Team members. Air units on Puerto Rico discouraged any Cuban interference.

All the service's special operations units were represented, too. From the Air Force's 1st Special Operation's Wing came the 8th and 16th Squadrons. SEAL Team 6, trained for anti-terrorism, along with Team 4, was the Navy's contribution. The Army's 1st Special Forces Operations Detachment (Delta) and 160th Special Aviation Regiment rounded out the elite force.

Sledgehammer Crushes the Nut

Enemy opposition, as it turned out, was negligible. Faulty intelligence indicated a far larger force than was actually present. Grenadian units could only muster 475 regulars and fewer than 250 militiamen.

Of the 784 Cubans on the island, 44 were women. The remainder totaled 635 construction workers and 43 military advisers (only six of whom were infantry officers). They had been ordered not to fire on U.S. troops unless attacked. A Marine Corps analysis found that "the Cuban defenses were hastily organized, incomplete and in some places made poor tactical use of the terrain."

Nevertheless, the terrain worked to the advantage of the adversary. "The hills and heat were as effective as enemy action in causing losses," wrote Maj. Mark Adkin in *Urgent Fury*. In one day, 29 soldiers from a single battalion collapsed from heat exhaustion. Another battalion aid station treated 48 heat casualties in one day.

"We were like slow-moving turtles," recalled a soldier. "My rucksack weighed 120 pounds. I would get up and rush for 10 yards, throw myself down and couldn't get up. Finally, I chucked my rucksack and was able to fight, but I was totally drained."

Indeed, Grenadian air was thick with salt and humidity. Adding to the discomfort were "kamikaze" flies, mites and gnats with "teeth like the great white shark."



Grenada, a tiny island of the Windward chain, is situated 1,600 miles south of Florida. Twice the size of the District of Columbia, it formed a relatively compact operational area for *Urgent Fury*.

Fortunately, the operation was swift. Maj. Adkin, former staff officer of the Barbados Defense Force Caribbean Operations, described U.S. military strategy in *Operation Urgent Fury* as employing a "sledgehammer to crush a nut." That's precisely what happened. In short, soldiers and Marines were tasked with taking out known enemy concentrations while rounding up American citizens.

Pre-invasion special operations on Oct. 23-24 did not exactly go off smoothly. Confusion still reigns as to the extent elite forces were used and how many casualties they sustained. But what is known is that four counter-terrorists of SEAL Team 6 drowned during a low altitude parachute drop two miles off Point Salines.

In another incident, Capt. Keith Lucas of the 160th Aviation Regiment was shot down by fire from Fort Frederick while attempting to bring Delta members to Richmond Hill Prison. Lucas was killed instantly, so his co-pilot tried to bring the Black Hawk to safety.

However, it was hit again over the PRA base at Frequente Depot, crashing atop Amber Belair Hill. "The aircraft broke in half, with the main rotor blades tipping forward over the cliff to fall into the water and rocks below," wrote Adkin. Lucas was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

On Oct. 25, 600 Rangers were dropped over Point Salines in the first U.S. combat jump since 1967 in Vietnam. One Ranger was killed capturing the runway. Other Rangers were given the mission of securing a road junction north of nearby True Blue campus.

As they passed the campus, the five men of Gun Jeep Team 5, A Co., 1st Bn., 75th Rangers, were caught in a PRA ambush at Calliste. The surprise was complete; the jeep was wrecked and four of the five Rangers were killed fighting. At least one PRA soldier was found dead



Two brigades — totaling six battalions — of the 82nd Airborne Division were deployed to Grenada during *Operation Urgent Fury*. Two companies fought a fierce action at "Little Havana." Courtesy DoD

in a trench near the ambush site.

Rangers experienced yet another tragic loss. On Oct. 27, in the last significant action of the invasion, 2/75 assaulted Calvigny Barracks. Two Black Hawk helicopters transporting the men crashed into each other and fell among the Rangers already on the ground.

The whirling blades killed three men of A Company and severely wounded others. At this point, Medic Sgt. Stephen Trujillo dashed into the debris, saving several lives. For his act of courageous concern, he received the Silver Star personally from President Ronald Reagan at a joint session of Congress. Ironically, Calvigny Barracks was empty by the time Rangers arrived. It had been evacuated hours before.

Courage in Combat

Meanwhile, Marine gunships had been called in to assist when the Rangers were pinned down at Fort Frederick, overlooking St. George's. On the fifth run over the fort, the Cobra manned by Capts. Tim Howard and Jeb Seagle was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Seagle saved Howard from the burning AH-1 Cobra, but when he went for help he was cut down by PRA gunfire.

A CH-46 helicopter came to Howard's rescue. Door gunner and Vietnam vet Gunnery Sgt. Kelly Neidigh personally dragged Howard to safety. But the Cobra providing cover was hit by anti-aircraft rounds as it was flying



A Marine LVPT, or personnel carrier, with a CH-46 helicopter in the background at LZ "Racetrack" — an area designated to pick up and drop off Marines. Courtesy DoD

from town, crashing into the harbor and killing both the pilot and co-pilot. Howard remembered: "It hit so hard the canopy removal systems must have activated because all the windows blew out."

In one crowded hour of combat, five Silver Stars were earned. And Seagle was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross.

Amidst all this activity, the 82nd Airborne Division was doing its part. Within four days it had six battalions on the island. Only two companies, from the 2nd Bn., 325th Infantry Regiment, however, became involved in serious combat. And, fortunately, only two paratroopers were killed during the fighting.

Two members of B Company were lost: one was shot by Cubans during a night reconnaissance patrol; the other was killed in an explosion while attempting to unload a recoilless rifle. (A third 82nd member later died at Walter Reed Hospital from gangrene after being wounded by friendly fire from a Navy A-7 at the 2nd Brigade's Tactical Operations Center.)

The 82nd's main action was at the Cuban Military Advisor's Headquarters known as "Little Havana" near Salines on Oct. 26. A pounding by A Co. small arms, artillery, naval gunfire and A-7 Corsairs softened up the Cubans, killing 16. Then a platoon from B Company moved in and accepted the surrender of 86 of Castro's finest.

Objectives Accomplished

By the end of Oct. 26, the Cubans had surrendered, the governor-general of Grenada was rescued, the PRA logistics base had fallen and over 230 civilians were daringly evacuated from Grand Anse campus.

Marines of G Company captured — unopposed — Fort Frederick on Oct. 27, ending all organized resistance. Marines also seized Pearls Airport on the northeast coast. When it all ended, the Marines, with only 20% of the invasion forces, occupied 80% of the island.

Rangers left Grenada on the 28th. Hostilities were declared over on Nov. 2. That same day, the 22nd MAU resumed its course for Beirut. Had it been worth the cost? 87% of Grenadians surveyed believed the intervention was a "good thing." So did the American students.

The sacrifice in human terms was 19 Americans killed (nine of them in action) and 120 wounded. (To this day, it is still unclear if this count is precise. Various accounts conflict on the actual number of accidental deaths and injuries.) Of the 107 helicopters employed, nine were destroyed and four damaged.

Cuban casualties included 24 killed in action (only two were professional soldiers), 59 wounded (seven soldiers) and 606 POWs taken uninjured. Among the Grenadian forces, 21 were killed, 337 wounded and 68 captured.

Showing Some Backbone

The last 1,000 U.S. combat troops — 2nd Bn., 505th Airborne Infantry — departed Grenada Dec. 12, 1983. Four days later, airmen of the 375th Security Police (USAF) hauled down the U.S. flag, officially marking the end of the American presence. A small contingent of 270 military police, Green Berets and Coast Guardsmen remained for training purposes, with the last finally leaving in September 1985.

Unlike veterans of Lebanon, Grenada returnees were showered with official and public recognition. Eligibility for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was extended for 19 days beyond the end of hostilities to Nov. 21. Six consecutive or 12 non-consecutive days were required in the area to qualify for the AFEM.

Sixty-four separate Army units qualified for a battle streamer. Combat Infantryman Badges (CIBs) were awarded to 3,100 paratroopers and 430 Rangers. Army medals issued for valor totaled 204; the Marines granted 50 awards for heroism.

Memorials stand in tribute, too. At Grand Anse campus, St. George's University on Grenada, a memorial sculpture was dedicated Oct. 29, 1984. The Ritz-Epps Sports Complex plaque at Ft. Bragg honors two 82nd Airborne troopers killed. Rangers are remembered with bronze plaques at Forts Lewis and Benning. Marines are listed on the Beirut Memorial, and a barracks at Norfolk, Va. honors one of the SEALs who died.

As Gen. Schwarzkopf said, it was the men on the ground who ultimately carried the day on Grenada. As others debated the strategic and political merits of *Operation Urgent Fury,* it remained for an American fighting man to offer the soundest analysis. "I am glad we did it," said Sgt. Kenneth Landry of the 2/75. "It's about time we showed we had some backbone left."

Next Month: *Convoy Escort in the Gulf.*

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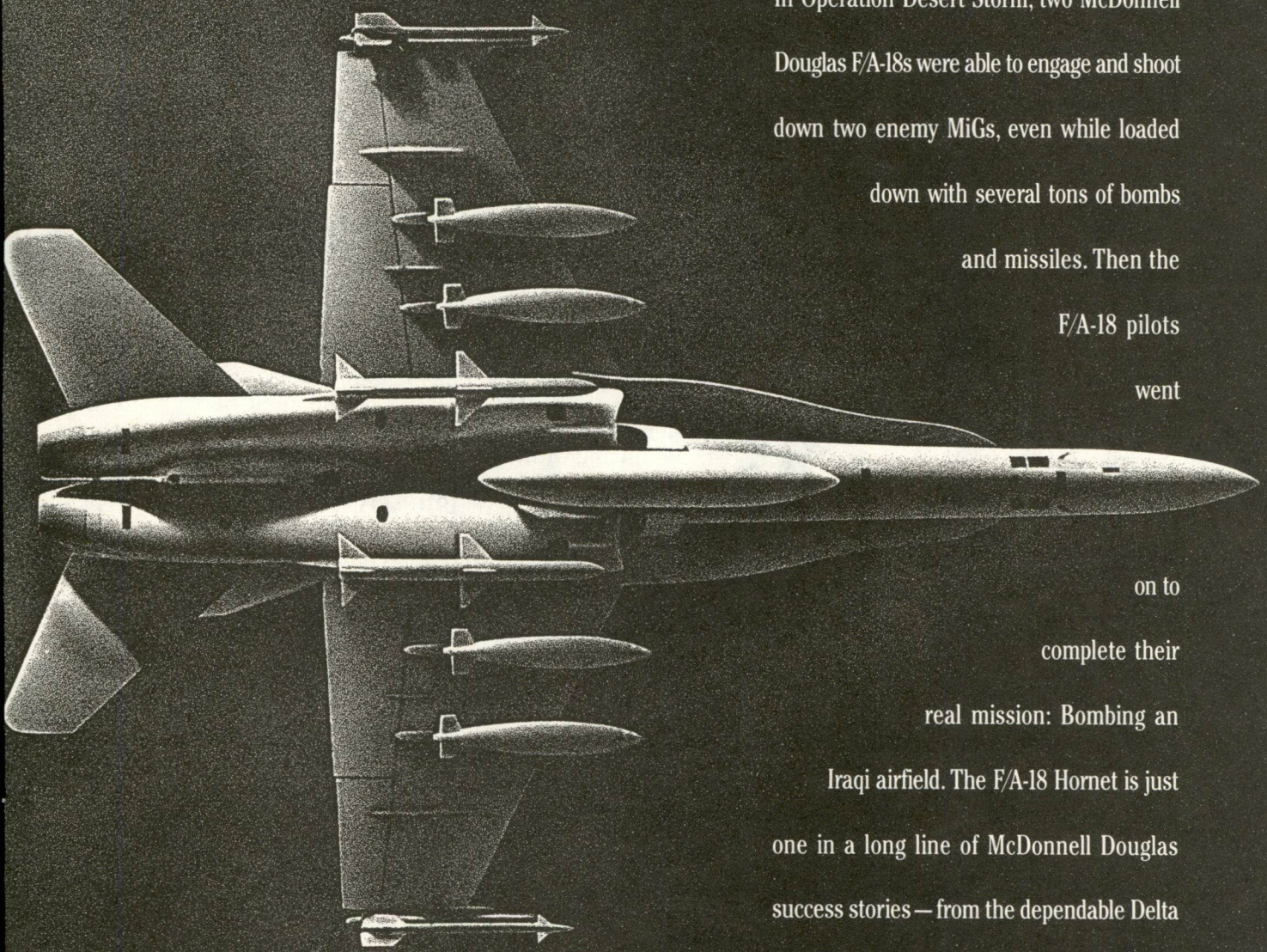

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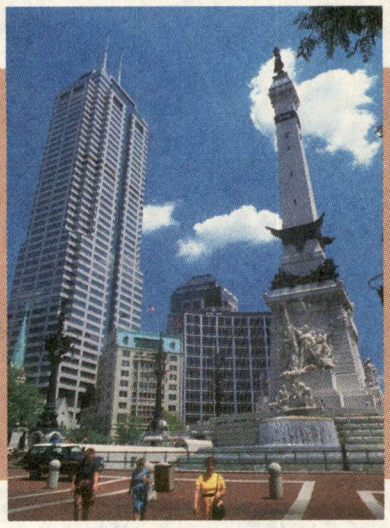
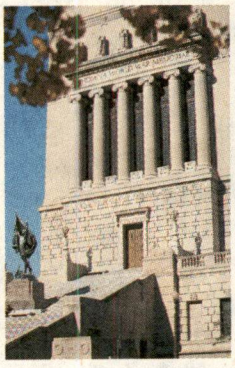


The Hoosier State offers several sites of historical interest to military buffs. Take the opportunity to visit them.

In the heart of Indianapolis stands the *Indiana War Memorial*. Created in 1920, it occupies a tract of five blocks known as the Plaza. This picturesque square is beautifully manicured and complemented by electric poles bearing the 50 state flags.



The centerpiece of the Plaza is the 100-foot, four-sided black granite obelisk dedicated to the nation as a whole. Also, a sunken garden hosts Cenotaph Square and a bronze plaque honors the first Doughboy killed in action during WWI.

South of the Cenotaph is the Mall, a large expanse of blue grass. The main memorial building's walls near the staircases display the names of all Indiana WWI vets as well as casualties from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Some 145,000 names in all are listed.

Memorial Hall, or the Shrine Room, contains portraits of famous military leaders and 24 stained glass windows. The Altar to the U.S. Flag pays homage to the nation's symbol. *Pro Patria* — the largest sculptured bronze casting ever made in America — is a 24-foot statue dedicated to the spirit of the American soldier.

Housed in the lower concourse of the building is the Military Museum occupying 29,000 square feet. It covers the state's martial heritage from 1811 to the present. The archives hold 25,000 photos. While at the Plaza stop by Building "C"and visit the American Legion's Emil A. Blackmore Museum, which offers displays depicting scenes from American history.

Walk Through Time

Step back in history, and see one of the state's architectural treasures — the 284-foot tall *Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument* in Monument Circle. Dedicated in 1902, it stands in tribute to the 24,000 Hoosiers who died in the Civil War along with others who were killed up through the Mexican Punitive Expedition of 1916.

An observation deck at the monument's top provides a unique view of the entire city. When the third phase of renovation is complete, the lower level will house a fully remodeled Civil War Museum. This monument is easily among the nicest tributes to veterans anywhere in the country.

Above, Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Photo by D. Francis/Mordan; courtesy ICVA
Left, Indiana War Memorial. Photo by Barbara Burfiend; courtesy *American Legion Magazine*

Other Stops to Consider

At Stout Field, you can visit the 38th "Cyclone" Infantry Division Memorial Museum. Exhibits trace Indiana's military history through the division. An annex displays aircraft, tanks, artillery and armored personnel carriers.

If you are driving, here's a few other points of interest to consider:

- George Rogers Clark National Historical Park — Vincennes.
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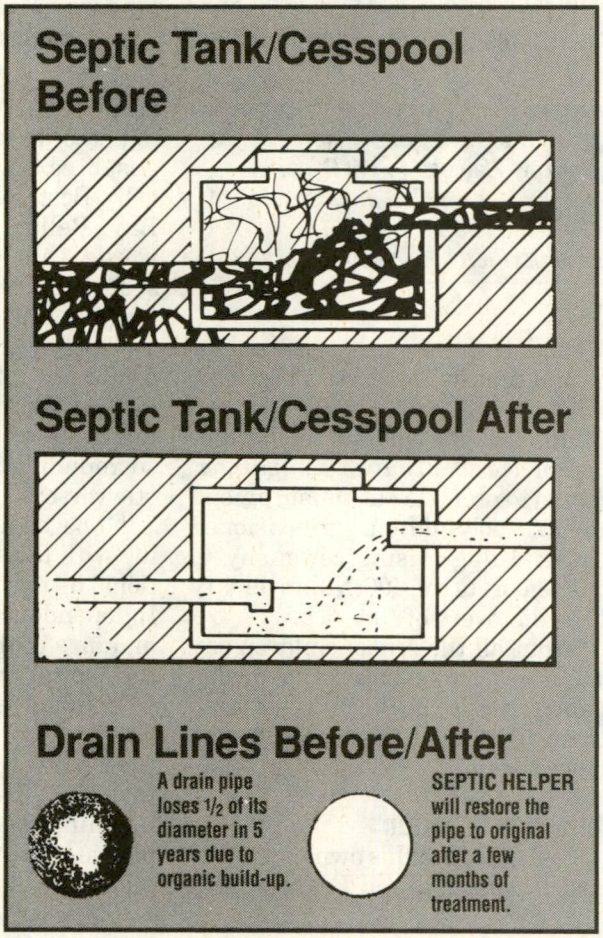

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23 PATRIOTIC WORDS

This year marks the Pledge of Allegiance's 100th anniversary. Its centennial underscores the pledge's original intent.

by Pamela Kleibrink Thompson

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

These historic words appeared for the first time in *The Youth's Companion* on Sept. 8, 1892.

James Bailey Upham, the circulation chief of *The Youth's Companion,* wanted to promote patriotism among public school children. He envisioned a special flag-raising ceremony to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

"What all the school children say in unison . . . must be a sort of pledge of allegiance to the flag. It must be so stirring that it will live long after this one occasion."

Bellamy's Creation

Unable to meet his own high standards, Upham urged Francis Bellamy (1855-1931), an associate editor, to try to write the pledge. As an August breeze wafted into the windows of his Boston office off Massachusetts Bay, Bellamy's pen scratched out words that would be recited by schoolchildren for the first time on Oct. 21, 1892.

Thirty years after the pledge was printed, in 1923, Upham's family contested Bellamy's authorship, prompting Bellamy to write of the events surrounding the creation of the patriotic verse:

"It began as an intensive communing with the salient points of our national history, from the Declaration of Independence onwards; with the makings of the Constitution; ...with the aspiration of the people."

Bellamy recalled that "allegiance" was the byword of the Union during the Civil War. "I pledge allegiance to my flag..." He went on to explain the meaning behind the rest of the pledge. "The flag stands for the Republic.

"And what does...the Republic, mean? It is the concise political word for the Nation — the One Nation which the Civil War was fought to preserve...indivisible, as Webster and Lincoln used to repeat in their great speeches."

Bellamy believed Americans would always defend the doctrines of "liberty and justice for all."

He called Upham in to hear the pledge. "The words were the old words of American history and evolution. When they were said aloud, they seemed to have a resonance..."

Upham was pleased: "You've done a bigger thing tonight than you know. These 23 words express the dream I've had for a year. They sum up the long movement to educate the children to love of country by means of the school flag. I can't help thinking that this flag pledge will live after you and I are dead."

A committee was later appointed by the United States Flag Association to confirm the pledge's author. Two historians, Charles C. Tansill and Bernard Mayo, and one political scientist, W. Reed West, finally concluded Francis Bellamy was the pledge's author on May 18, 1939 — 47 years after its first publication.

Since then, the wording has changed. To eliminate the possibility that foreign-born people might be swearing allegiance to their native flag, the phrase "my flag" was changed to "the Flag of the United States" in 1923. The words "of America" were added in 1924, and in 1954, the words "under God" were included.

First Public Pledge

On Columbus Day, 1892, the pupils, hands to their sides, in ordered ranks, faced a flag of 44 stars and 13 stripes. At the principal's signal, every student gave the flag the military salute and repeated together, slowly, the pledge of allegiance.

At the words, "to my flag" with right hands extended, palms upward toward the flag, remaining in this position till the end, whereupon all hands immediately dropped to the sides.

As these students stated the words, "one nation indivisible," their parents remembered the terrible war between the States. These students would grow up free under Old Glory thanks to their parents' visions of what this country should be.

They would see Teddy Roosevelt start the Panama Canal under the stars and stripes. And their children would fight on foreign soil to uphold the promise of liberty and justice for all. These young Americans knew what it meant to honor the flag and the country for which it stands. ✪



Gary Kolb, Annie Lindgren, Michelle Lehman and Cliff Kolb recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Kearney, Mo. Photo by Karen Kolb

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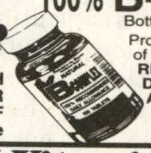

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America's Oldest Living War Veteran Still Going STRONG

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 106-year-old Nathan "North-east" Cook, who found safe harbor at the VA Nursing Home in Phoenix after 44 years at sea, occupies a unique niche in veterans' history.



by Gary L. Bloomfield

Nathan Cook, 106 years young, resides at Fort Courage, the VA Nursing Home in Phoenix, Ariz. Cook is the oldest surviving American war veteran and a proud life member of VFW Post 9400 in Sunnyslope, Ariz.

His military exploits began 90 years ago. The turn of the century was an exciting time for a young man struck with wanderlust.

In 1898, the battleship *Maine* was blown up in Havana harbor, Cuba, prompting the U.S. to declare war on Spain. America's Navy quickly decimated Spain's fleet in the Philippines. Navy recruiting was stepped up as more U.S. forces deployed to the Far East — for a campaign against Filipino guerrillas, and later to suppress the Boxer Rebellion in China.

One Kansas City teenager — 15 year-old Nathan E. Cook — was attracted to a recruiting poster and promptly enlisted in the Navy.

"I saw the poster that said 'Join the Navy and see the world,' " Cook recalls. He may not have realized then just how much of the world he would see during his extended "hitch" in the Navy!

After training in California, Cook was bound for China aboard an Army transport in late December 1901. But the Boxers had long ago surrendered in Peking, so Cook's ship was diverted to the Philippines to help put down the insurrection there.



Nathan Cook and Elizabeth Lauterbach met at the Navy Ball in New York and were married in 1905.



Eleanor Kay gives her dad, "North-east" Cook, a hug at Fort Courage, the VA Nursing Home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Four years later, Cook hooked himself a bride he'd met at the Navy Ball in New York. By 1907 he was off around the world again, sailing with Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet."

In Gibraltar, though, while sailing around the point, he fell and ruptured his appendix. In that era there was little doctors could do for that type of injury, except wire his family to say they would bring his body home. He was packed in ice, fed every few days, then repacked in more ice.

Miraculously, by the time he was stateside and admitted to a hospital in Philadelphia, the infection had dried up without further complications.

A decade later, in 1916, Cook was on a ship off the coast of Mexico, supporting cavalry units in the border hostilities with Pancho Villa and his bandits.

By WWI, "North-east" Cook (who earned that nickname for his initials and his navigational skills), was commanding a sub-chaser that sank two of the Kaiser's submarines. He and his crew also rescued an Allied ship off the French coast.

In early 1941, he received orders for Pearl Harbor, but when he was injured in a dock-side accident, those orders were cancelled. He was 55, had been in the Navy for 40 years, and thought about retirement. But after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Cook knew he couldn't let his country down.

He found "safe harbor" commanding a shore patrol during the war. Navy doctors had warned him to take it easy because of a bad heart. "But I never worried about it," Cook explained. "Shows how much those doctors knew. They're all dead now and I'm still around!"

On Armistice Day — Nov. 11, 1945 — "North-east" Cook retired from the Navy.

Secret to Longevity

His secret to longevity is very simple: "Don't drink, save your money and don't smoke." A decade ago he was still doing calisthenics. And even now, though confined to a wheelchair, he completes his exercise therapy.

Life isn't quite as exciting as his younger seafaring days. Yet Cook still has a keen sense of humor, and has a lot of visitors, such as the belly dancer at a recent birthday party! And he still enjoys a daily battle of wits, playing a mean game of checkers with anyone who dares dueling with him. ✪

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sors a Memorial Day program for the community at Elmwood Park; distributes Buddy Poppies at the schools; and conducts a Loyalty Day poster contest for the school children.

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Harkema admits that gaming is leveling off because of refined tax laws and the increase in the number of charitable gaming sites. Nevertheless, he is adamant in saying that the West Fargo VFW Post will continue "to make good" on any commitments.

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Karen M. Huber is editor of the *West Fargo Pioneer* in N.D.

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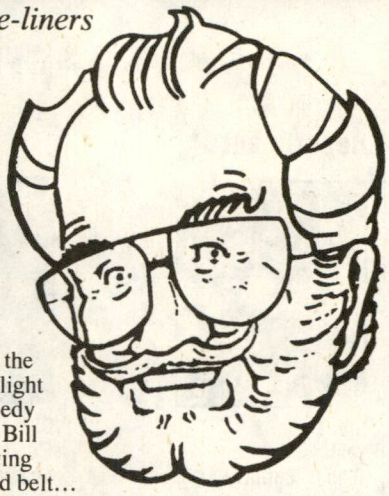

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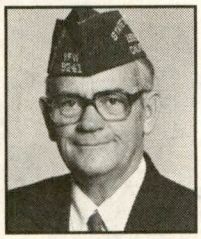

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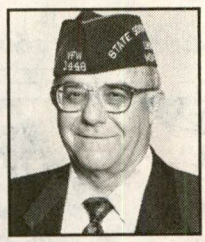

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California 17
Hubert J. Flanery (3)

DIV. 4
Nebraska 10
Daniel K. Longe (5)

DIV. 5
Maryland 1
Kenneth O. Waugh (7)

DIV. 6
North Carolina 4
Nathan Gillikin (2)

DIV. 7
Florida 6
Edward L. Kelley (2)

DIV. 8
Texas 9
John R. Wates (5)

DIV. 9
Maryland 17
Thomas Kulczak (8)

DIV. 10
Pacific Areas 1
William T. Brandon (8)

DIV. 11
Alabama 6
J. T. Milam (2)

DIV. 12
Colorado 14
Terry Broughton (8)

County Council

DIV. 1
Cuyahoga
Ohio
Jerry Nemerovsky

DIV. 2
Jackson
Missouri
Robert R. Lyons (2)

DIV. 3
San Francisco
California
Michael L. Smith (8)

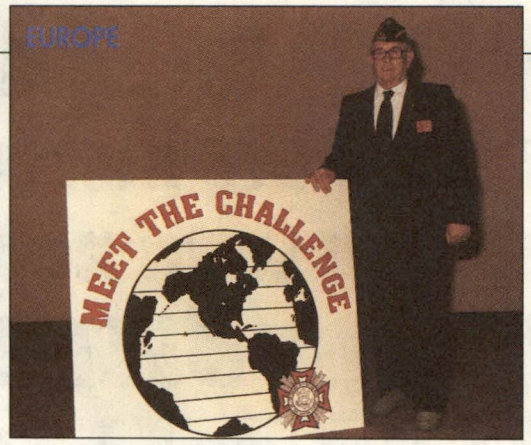
DIV. 4
Ionia
Michigan
James L. Hock (4)

Order of Parade

Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through April 30, 1992.

NATIONAL AVERAGE — **99.66%**

1	EUROPE	113.172
2	Puerto Rico/Virgin Isles	110.653
3	Pacific Areas	105.137
4	Panama Canal	104.273
5	Maryland	103.189
6	Maine	102.930
7	Nevada	102.887
8	California	102.467
9	Arizona	102.176
10	Washington	101.291
11	Missouri	101.263
12	Nebraska	101.245
13	Hawaii	100.884
14	Kentucky	100.542
15	Colorado	100.530
16	Florida	100.410
17	West Virginia	100.286
18	Montana	100.027
19	New Jersey	99.984
20	Louisiana	99.871
21	Indiana	99.851
22	Connecticut	99.782
23	Massachusetts	99.732
24	Georgia	99.706
25	Kansas	99.693
26	Texas	99.662
27	Michigan	99.623
28	North Carolina	99.574
29	New Mexico	99.559
30	Delaware	99.518
31	Ohio	99.486
32	Illinois	99.442
33	South Carolina	99.385
34	Wyoming	99.357
35	Alaska	99.299
36	Rhode Island	99.272
37	North Dakota	99.170
38	Oregon	99.088
39	Arkansas	99.071
40	South Dakota	98.953
41	Wisconsin	98.951
42	Vermont	98.884
43	New York	98.822
44	Virginia	98.814
45	Minnesota	98.749
46	Iowa	98.538
47	Tennessee	98.522
48	Pennsylvania	98.460
49	Alabama	97.879
50	New Hampshire	97.466
51	Idaho	96.572
52	Utah	96.282
53	Oklahoma	95.843
54	District of Columbia	93.576
55	Mississippi	92.768



Post of 1,000 Members or More

Recorded as of May 8, 1992

Place	Post No.	Location	1991-92 Membership
1	1114	Evansville, IN	4466
2	6506	Rosedale, MD	2921
3	5555	Richfield, MN	2776
4	3579	Park Ridge, IL	2712
5	628	Sioux Falls, SD	2710
6	1146	St Clair Shores, MI	2636
7	1064	Huntington, WV	2440
8	131	Lincoln, NE	2342
9	1273	Rapid City, SD	2283
10	1308	Alton, IL	2177
11	9186	San Antonio, TX	2131
12	1296	Bloomington, MN	2108
13	641	Columbia, SC	2088
14	2503	Omaha, NE	2087
15	1736	Alexandria, LA	2055
16	9191	Killeen, TX	2025
17	49	Mobile, AL	1997
18	360	Mishawaka, IN	1980
19	401	Albuquerque, NM	1943
20	969	Tacoma, WA	1920
21	47	Uniontown, PA	1911
22	1079	Elyria, OH	1906
23	549	Tucson, AZ	1865
24	3382	Kingsport, TN	1861
25	972	Terre Haute, IN	1838
26	1275	Lima, OH	1831
27	6796	Dallas, TX	1829
28	379	Yakima, WA	1820
29	2290	Manville, NJ	1787
29	9223	Arlington, CA	1787
31	3982	Santa Clara, CA	1786
32	1326	Bismarck, ND	1785
33	249	Butler, PA	1753
34	283	Kingston, PA	1746
35	696	Owensboro, KY	1702
36	2940	W Seneca, NY	1696
37	112	Wichita, KS	1692
37	6694	Dundalk, MD	1692
39	1599	Chambersburg, PA	1683
40	8919	El Paso, TX	1680
41	6251	Cheektowaga, NY	1677
42	10209	Spring Hill, FL	1658
43	9083	Parkville, MD	1645
43	367	Joliet, IL	1645
45	8541	San Antonio, TX	1630
46	4809	Norfolk, VA	1624
47	2100	Everett, WA	1612
48	2529	Sandusky, OH	1610
49	7330	Oakville, CT	1593
50	891	Asheville, NC	1586
51	2754	West View, PA	1585
52	1989	Indiana, PA	1573
53	832	S Portland, ME	1563
54	10097	Fort Myers Beach, FL	1561
55	5263	Fort Sill, OK	1556
56	1475	Amarillo, TX	1540
57	9619	Morningside, MD	1537
58	6640	Metairie, LA	1529
59	3777	Festus, MO	1528
60	2704	South Omaha, NE	1523
61	1432	Salina, KS	1504
62	1650	Topeka, KS	1503
63	6975	Bristol, VA	1500
64	2111	Chula Vista, CA	1491
65	1810	Brentwood, PA	1489
66	788	Cedar Rapids, IA	1488
67	4087	Davison, MI	1449
68	573	Clarksburg, WV	1442
69	6874	Lemon Grove, CA	1439
69	10017	Ashland, KY	1439
71	9972	Sierra Vista, AZ	1430
72	2280	Bellevue, NE	1421
73	3790	Logansport, IN	1407
74	1	Denver, CO	1404
75	2947	Fremont, OH	1403
76	9400	Sunnyslope, AZ	1402
76	733	Mason City, IA	1402
78	305	Eau Claire, WI	1390
79	1000	Independence, MO	1384
80	1857	Oklahoma City, OK	1372
80	3838	Cape Girardeau, MO	1372
82	15005	Sacramento, CA	1366
83	428	Saint Cloud, MN	1364
84	2702	Huntsville, AL	1353
85	4876	Altus, OK	1350
85	7175	Millington, TN	1350
87	53	Jamestown, NY	1348
88	5225	West Memphis, AR	1347
89	5632	Saint Louis Park, MN	1345
90	1621	Janesville, WI	1344
91	4051	Colorado Springs, CO	1340
92	295	South Saint Paul, MN	1335
93	4075	Frankfort, KY	1325
94	3851	Carmi, IL	1324
95	2057	Rocky Mount, NC	1322
96	447	Albert Lea, MN	1321
97	23	Lebanon, PA	1301
98	7674	Fort Walton Beach, FL	1296
99	4647	North Highlands, CA	1294
100	8577	Copperas Cove, TX	1291
101	1639	Willmar, MN	1290
102	137	Duluth, MN	1279
103	4848	Chattanooga, TN	1275
104	1115	Hillsville, VA	1272
105	1720	Grand Rapids, MN	1260
106	1990	Greeneville, TN	1255
106	4057	Tupelo, MS	1255
108	1003	Jefferson City, MO	1252
109	3935	Port Hueneme, CA	1251
110	1693	New Albany, IN	1247
111	6704	Mechanicsburg, PA	1245
112	1590	Daytona Beach, FL	1233
113	577	Tulsa, OK	1229
114	5394	Compton, CA	1226
115	1212	Parkersburg, WV	1224
116	1536	Sayre, PA	1221
117	9503	Bayville, NJ	1220
118	5065	Sheridan, MI	1218
119	1154	Lafayette, IN	1213
120	3282	Port Orange, FL	1212
121	4699	Sayreville, NJ	1211
122	1216	Austin, MN	1210
123	3074	Lexington, NC	1206
124	1383	Klamath Falls, OR	1205
125	1865	Kenosha, WI	1202
126	501	Denver, CO	1200
126	1435	Spokane, WA	1200
128	56	Leavenworth, KS	1199
129	7987	New Port Richey, FL	1198
129	3892	Harker Heights, TX	1198
131	2743	Norwalk, OH	1187
131	4667	Marion, VA	1187
133	3376	Ephrata, PA	1184
134	388	Wausau, WI	1176
135	92	New Kensington, PA	1174
136	5206	Hendersonville, NC	1172
136	2199	Joliet, IL	1172
138	1848	Jackson, TN	1170
139	6590	Wrightstown, NJ	1169
140	6240	Russell, KS	1161
141	762	Fargo, ND	1160
142	7452	Montgomery, IL	1159
143	6827	Saint Petersburg, FL	1158
144	425	Hopkins, MN	1155
145	6896	Detroit, MI	1149
146	8334	Millard, NE	1144
147	8093	De Bary, FL	1142
148	9927	Kettering, OH	1132
149	194	Salisbury, MD	1130
150	7686	Alamogordo, NM	1129
151	2342	Fort Lee, NJ	1127
152	3233	Sarasota, FL	1125
152	7119	Indianapolis, IN	1125
154	1863	Solon, OH	1120
155	10167	Holiday, FL	1118
156	943	Ashtabula, OH	1113
157	9460	Stratford, CT	1111
158	1069	Fairfield, OH	1110
159	4903	Tucson, AZ	1109
160	7069	Clarks Summit, PA	1103
161	5108	Marietta, OH	1102
162	2012	Abilene, TX	1101
163	3383	Akron, OH	1100
164	2346	Saugus, MA	1098
165	392	Virginia Beach, VA	1090
165	4372	Odessa, TX	1090
167	1474	Spokane, WA	1088
168	782	Burlington, VT	1081
168	1970	Nashville, TN	1081
170	8795	Adamstown, PA	1078
171	2506	Hanover, PA	1077
172	1087	Great Falls, MT	1075
173	7564	West Fargo, ND	1074
174	6587	Spring Lake Park, MN	1073
175	1386	Kingston, NY	1071
176	668	Birmingham, AL	1069
176	3246	Mountain Home, AR	1069
178	662	Lowell, MA	1068
179	1271	Central Falls, RI	1065
180	5179	San Diego, CA	1061
181	4262	Columbia, SC	1060
182	2562	Silver Spring, MD	1058
183	8510	Hibbing, MN	1057
184	5290	Conyers, GA	1047
185	2785	Albany, GA	1045
185	1644	Norfolk, NE	1045
187	467	Westminster, MD	1044
188	9625	Coon Rapids, MN	1042
189	266	Anderson, IN	1039
190	6180	Port Richey, FL	1037
191	155	Johnstown, PA	1031
192	2148	Waco, TX	1029
192	5220	Oak Lawn, IL	1029
194	639	Malden, MA	1028
194	7294	Millersville, PA	1028
196	950	Mankato, MN	1027
196	8950	Lanham, MD	1027
196	6859	Portland, ME	1027
199	673	Jasper, IN	1024
200	701	Lansing, MI	1016
201	3809	Middletown, OH	1015
201	9337	Gastonia, NC	1015
201	2716	Weirton, WV	1015
201	2866	Saint Charles, MO	1015
205	1301	Marion, IL	1013
206	3368	Mount Pleasant, PA	1011
207	1936	Hagerstown, MD	1010
207	1254	Arkansas City, KS	1010

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MEN — Bring down attackers instantly, safely with new LIQUID-BULLET.®

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- Instantly disables multiple attackers
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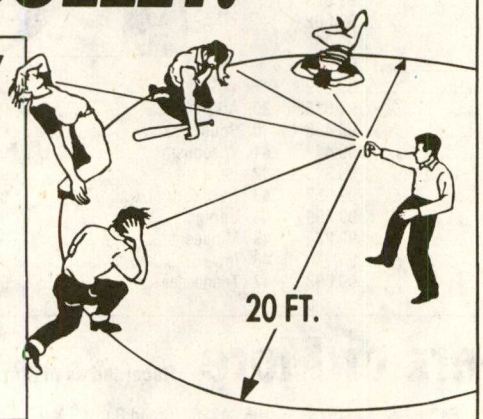

These days, men need a defense weapon as much as women. Men are 3 times more likely to be violent crime victims.

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209	3023	Grand Rapids, MI	1009
209	17	Aberdeen, SD	1009
211	2496	Alpena, MI	1008
212	7721	Golden Gate, FL	1007
212	145	Bridgeport, CT	1007
214	9969	Del City, OK	1006
215	3553	Chester, IL	1005
216	8696	Palm Coast, FL	1001

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The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by qualifying for the National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Class award. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new or reinstated members:

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New VFW Benefits Prove Popular With Membership

VFW Headquarters is pleased to introduce the new *VFW Vehicle and Home Insurance* plans. These exclusive, members-only programs were developed to provide responsible veterans with complete affordable vehicle and home protection. The VFW Vehicle and Home Insurance plans will be underwritten by National General Insurance Company (NGIC).

NGIC, a General Motors insurance company, stands alone in its commitment to rewarding veterans with the complete vehicle and home protection they need, and the low rates they deserve. Based on financial stability, management strength and performance history, NGIC has earned the A+ (Superior) of the A.M. Best Company, a leading analyst of the insurance industry.

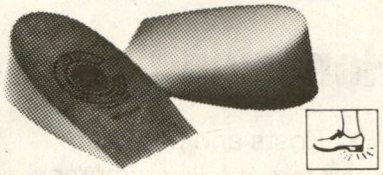
In a recent test program, hundreds of safe-driving VFW members rushed to sign up for the new vehicle insurance benefit. "We were looking not only for a program that offered our members competitive rates, but one that offered superior service, claims handling and the ability to serve a group as large as VFW," said VFW Insurance Programs Director Bob Crow. "And serving large organizations like ours is NGIC's specialty."

NGIC's plans rate the VFW's "official Seal of Approval," having met the requirements for quality coverage, fair pricing and service after the sale.

"NGIC has been serving veterans and government employees since 1953, and we are proud to begin this new relationship with the VFW," says National General President Don Redmond. "America's veterans have earned special treatment, and we're prepared to serve them with the respect and gratitude they deserve."

Look for upcoming advertisements in this magazine, and watch your mail for complete details on these new VFW programs.

Do your heels ache?



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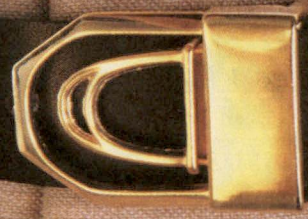

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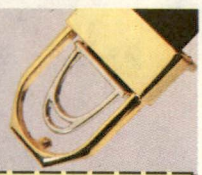

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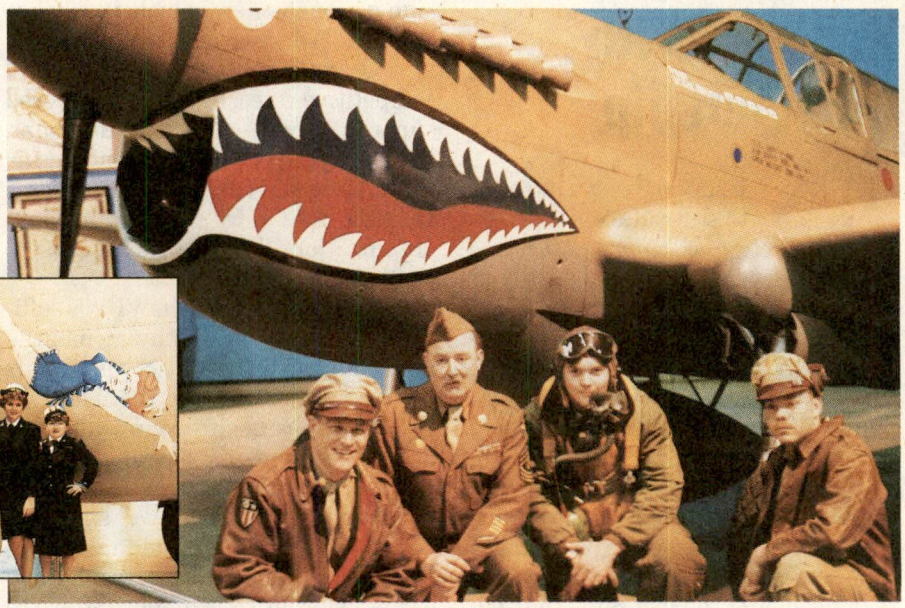
Honoring Veterans in a Variety of Ways

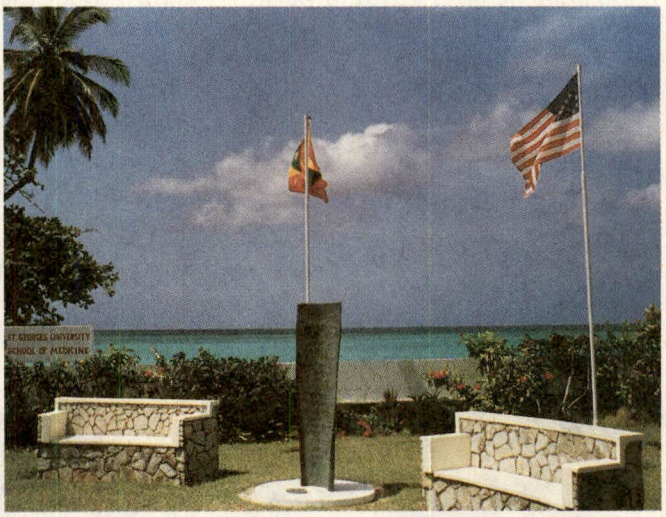
VFW Posts and members never forget fellow veterans who have served this nation. Through many means we continue to remember.



In Richmond, Ind., one good turn deserves another. Three years ago area WWII veterans helped sponsor the Vietnam Memorial's Moving Wall exhibit, which is a replica of the original Wall in Washington, D.C. To say thanks, local Vietnam vets recently hosted "The Stage Door Canteen."

The day-long event, held at the municipal airport, featured static displays of vintage aircraft and vehicles. Everyone dressed in uniform, and participated in a four-hour dance with music from the 1940s. Proceeds will go to a veterans memorial.

Post 1108 in Richmond, and Posts throughout eastern Indiana and western Ohio, co-sponsored the event with other veterans groups in the area.



The memorial to Americans killed on Grenada in 1983 is located on the Grand Anse campus of St. George's University School of Medicine. It was dedicated Oct. 29, 1984, and designed by Clark Studios. VFW members at home have supported similar tributes in North Carolina. *Courtesy Medical School Services, Ltd.*



Stanley Sykes of **Post 916** in Peace Dale, R.I., believes in keeping promises. After serving in the Pacific during WWII, Sykes returned home and was asked to assist a WWI veteran in maintaining the graves of county veterans.

Today, though his mentor has passed away, 74-year-old Sykes still keeps his promise. He ensures that veterans from the Revolution to the Civil War on up to present day are not forgotten.



WWI veteran Vince Maddex of **Post 3707** in Tahlequah, Okla., enjoys showing off his red, white and blue patriotism whenever he can.

Raising the American flag at the VFW Post or in front of the Go Ye Village retirement community where he lives, or proudly serving as Veterans Day great-grand marshall are duties the 96-years-young Doughboy gladly volunteers for.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

1991-92 Series **General Orders No. 9**

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF: Lester A. Rule, Post 6506, Rosedale, Md; NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP, MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS: Wilson D. Watson, Post 8383, Delaware, Ark.

2. Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and mailed to Department and National Headquarters prior to installing Post Officers. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to Department and National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers.

3. Post, County Council, District, Department Commander, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216(c), 316, 414(c) and 515(d) of the National By-Laws with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within 60 days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

4. Department Adjutants will forward a complete roster of the newly elected and appointed Department Officers to the Adjutant General immediately following their installation at the Department Convention.

5. Attention of Department Quartermasters is directed to Section 517, Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Department Quartermaster" paragraph (h) Dues Reserves, which states: "The Department Quartermaster shall set up and maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent of all current year's dues received prior to July 1, including life membership per capita taxes received from the national organization on account of life members. He shall not disburse nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, at which time all monies to the credit of the fund shall be transferred to the Department's general fund for expenditure in accordance with the approved Department budget".

6. Attention is further directed to paragraph (j) Budget, which states, the Department Quartermaster shall prepare a tentative budget for the financial operations for the ensuing year. Said budget must be in general conformance with forms provided by National Headquarters and shall set forth all estimated receipts and anticipated expenditures. The budget shall be in balance. Restricted funds shall be budgeted separately in every instance. The tentative budget must be submitted to the Department Council of Administration for consideration at its first meeting following the Department Convention or at such times as may be specified in Department By-Laws. Final action must be taken on the adoption of the budget at said meeting and when adopted it shall be the expenditure guide for the Department. One copy of the approved budget must be forwarded to the Adjutant General.

7. Section 222 of the National Manual of Procedure an By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention at the last meeting in June. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing at the time of election.

8. Delegate strength of each Post to the National Convention shall be based on the National dues received by the Quartermaster General as of July 5, except for Posts that are chartered after that date.

9. Section 222 of the National By-Laws requires that each Post shall register, in advance, one or more delegates to the National Convention. Advance registration fee is six dollars ($6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to Quartermaster General, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. Registration at the National Convention will be eight dollars ($8.00).

10. Effective May 18, 1992, all correspondence for the National Convention Director should be sent to: Omar Kendall, Director, VFW 93rd National Convention, Merchants Plaza, Suite 1135 East, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.

The convention office will be open Monday, May 18,

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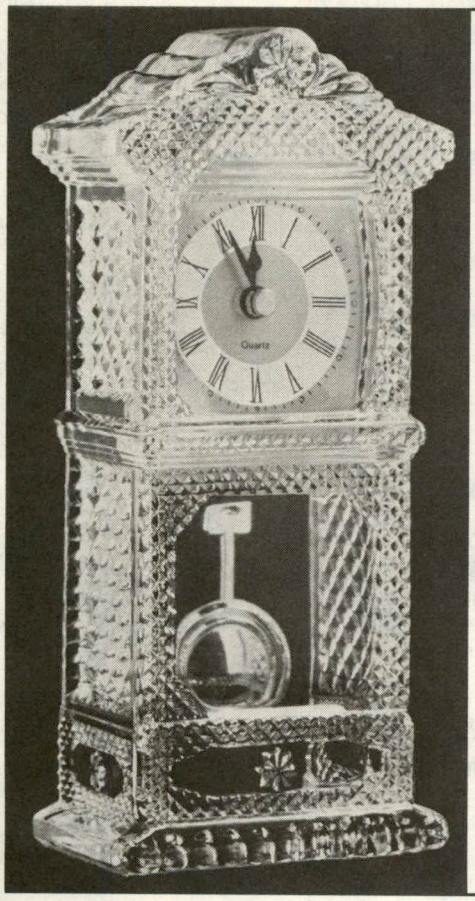

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1992, and office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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11. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703, National By-Laws which require that each accountable officer of this organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, as far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the National Organization, Department, District, County Council or Post as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers in the amount and as to the surety shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective commanding officers. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.

12. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 517, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Department Commander, paragraph (g), which requires that the Department Commander shall see that the office of the Department Quartermaster is bonded in an amount to insure good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Council of Administration.

13. Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of Post Trustees, requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Post Trustees Reports of Audit are properly prepared and submitted each quarter.

14. Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

15. It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters that there are Post Honor Guards that have been charging fees to conduct military funerals for veterans. Such practices are contrary to the resolution adopted by the 85th National Convention prohibiting VFW Posts from charging fees for military or other funeral services for veterans, which resolution is held to be in full force and effect. All concerned are reminded that any Post found to be in deliberate violation of this resolution will be subject to discipline and/or censor.

16. Attention of Department Commanders-elect is directed to Section 515, paragraph (c), of the National By-Laws, which provides that the Commander of each Department shall appoint an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, and Service Officer, and such other officers, committee chairmen and committees as may be required by Department By-Laws. The Department Commander may appoint such other officers, committee chairmen and committees as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the Department and the directives of the Commander-in-Chief.

It is recommended that the appointment of the Public Relations Officers be based upon the appointees credentials as a media representative with special emphasis upon qualifications and continuity rather that political criteria.

It is also recommended that consideration be given in the preparation andadoption of Department budgets and to the importance and necessity for providing adequate financial support for Department Public Relations activities.

17. Certificates of charters evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 6376 and 10115 consolidated as Post No. 6376, Louisville, Ky.; Posts 1102 and 1145 consolidated as Post 1102, St. Louis, Mo.; Posts 4535 and 5178 consolidated as Post 4535, Fairfield, Ill.; Posts 3013 and 10448 consolidated as Post 3013, Holland, Ohio; Posts 5614 and 8192 consolidated as Post 5614, McFarland, Calif.; Posts 3567 and 10797 consolidated as Post 3567, Walker, Calif.; Posts 4284 and 9277 consolidated as Post 4284, Jackson, Calif.; Posts 7805 and 11258 consolidated as Post 7805, Ithaca, Mich.; Posts 11229, 5832 and 9212 consolidated as Post 11229, Denver, Colo.

18. The official location of the following Post is as follows: Post 7729 from Wolf Lake to Egelston, Michigan.

19. The post name of the following Posts has been approved: Howard R. Ehlinger Memorial Post No. 7115 to Paul J. Yohman Memorial, Lauderhill, Fla.; South Volusia County Post No. 8894 to Edgewater/Oak Hill, Oak Hill, Fla.; Mableton Post No. 10821 to South Cobb, Mableton, Ga.; Frank T. Kanitz Post No. 8490 to J. Abrahams-Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.; Bear Lake Post No. 3884 to Bear Lake County, Montpelier, Idaho; East Denver Post No. 11229 to Astronaut Jack Swigert, Denver, Colo.; Ohio Capital City Post No. 3764 to Ohio Capital City Memorial, Columbus, Ohio.

20. ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS: Post No. 5037 - West Mansfield, Ohio; 7120 - Alexander, Ark.; 8240 - Jeanette, Pa.; 8323 - Douglass, Kan.; 8346 - Longtown, S.C.; 9262 - Brookport, Ill.; 9312 - Carbondale, Ill.; 11352 - Jacksonville, Ala.

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Navy — Collecting material for book on experiences of Navy men during WWII; anyone who wants to participate, write me — Edwin Hoyt, POB 520, North VA 23128.

Masonic war stories — Seeking Masonic war stories from before revolution to Persian Gulf War (homes saved because a Mason owned it, help given prisoner because he was a Mason, etc) — Richard Shields, 1902 Plyler Mill Rd, Monroe NC 28112.

US Army soldiers — Seeking former soldiers, units unknown, quartered in castle (chateau) of Lexhy, near villages of Horion and Hozement, about 8 miles west of Liege, Belgium, anytime from Nov 1944-Feb 1945 — Stan Bellens, 209 Rue Resistance, B-4351 Remicourt, Belgium.

Former 3d Armd & 1st/9th/104th Inf Div — Local historian in Stolberg, Germany is seeking recollections and/or photos concerning fighting in areas of Stolberg, Aachen, Masubach, Gressenich, Schevenhuette — Guenter von der Weiden, Obersteinstr. 38, D-5190 Stolberg, Germany.

Amphib assault ships assigned to invasions in North Africa, Sicily, Anzio and Salerno — Researchers wish to contact any crew members — Samuel Morison, 1830 No Forest Ct, Apt A, Crofton MD 21114.

Former POWs (WWII thru Persian Gulf) — Seeking history on military men and women who were held captive during past military wars for use in oral history — Dr Mary Ann Humphrey, POB 19149, Portland OR 97280.

Sydney, Australia (WWII, 1944-45) — Seeking names of Red Cross officers from the Booker T Washington Club for Black Servicemen, esp Director and 2 other women on staff; anyone present at 1944 Christmas Service or when signing of "White Christmas" was disrupted by avalanche of nostalgia; was any reader present the night the news came through of President Roosevelt's death?; can any remember bus tour to see "The Three Sisters" in Blue Mountains?; would like to hear of or from Geraldine Randall — Joan Clarke, 42/114 Spit Road, Mosman, NSW, 2088, AUSTRALIA.

US Armed Forces station in and around Stroud, Gloucestershire (WWII) — Collecting info on units who were stationed in area prior to Normandy Invasion, June 1944; seeking info on PFC Thomas Woof, PFC Edward Lutz & AP Kackley — Paul Aston, 15 Hillclose, Lightpill, Stroud, Gloucestershire, ENGLAND GL5 3PG.

PTSD / Vietnam — Writing book on PTSD and a book on heroes of Vietnam — Need to hear from veterans who woud volunteer in research of PTSD book and also from all veterans who served in Vietnam between 1969-72 (confidential) — Y.R. 13 A Kimberly Dr, Essex VT 05452.

Camp Ensign & Desert Lodge — Historian doing study of Marine's Camp Ensign in Borrego Desert needs to hear from members of San Diego Motor Transport School who trained there in 1943; also would like contact with anyone (Marine or otherwise) with family billeted at nearby Desert Lodge — FL Orrell, 2751 Cumberland Rd, San Marino CA 91108.

Occupation era/Korean War — Seeking anyone who served to write me their stories of their units, etc, for book — Richard Stinson, 4737 Chopin St, Detroit MI 48210-2242.

USS Octans (AF-26) — Author writing book is looking for former crew members to provide experiences, data, photos, etc Ken Oliver, 1156 Lois Court, Shoreview MN 55126.

"GI Ingenuity" — Author seeks anecdotes on how members of military adapted equipment to perform various jobs; for example, helicopter door gunner who rigged empty sandbags to his M-60 to catch brass and avoid slipping about the ship; troops who used doncoms to cover rifle muzzles during rainy periods; B-29 crew who stuffed government-issued sandwiches to plug bullet and flak holes to maintain cabin pressure on return trips from Japan, etc — John Staggs, Box 651, Johnson City TX 78636.

D-Day (anyone who participated in Normandy Landings) — Seeking letters, diaries or poems for book — Edward Knappman, POB 5, Chester CT 06412.

Sutton Coldfield, England (WWII) — Writing book on American First Base Post Office based here and would like to hear from anyone who worked there and can share memories with me — Martin Collins, 130 Baltimore Rd, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 1QL, ENGLAND.

US Navy, PB4Ys — Seeking pilots who flew PB4Ys — Henry Sakaida, 9555 La Rosa Dr, Temple City CA 91780.

WASP (CV-7) (Sept 15, 1942) — Wanting correspondence with survivors of sinking of WASP; also **LANSDOWNE (DD-486)** — ships company for pictorial pictures of event for research project — Murray Combs, 1025 Sharon Dr, Glen Burnie MD 21061.

8th AF, B-17 crew stationed in England (WWII) — Seeking true-life experiences about bombardiers during war — Cheryl Pula, 57 New Hartford St, New York Mills NY 13417.

Navy Sqdn VO-67 (Vietnam, 1967-68) — Historian seeks info — Dean Veremakis, POB 896, Duluth GA 30136.

Chemical Corps (WWII) — Seeking info on soldiers who served country in Chemical Corps, esp T/5 James G McFayden or MSG John Kaiser — Daniel Spector, US Army Chemical School, ATTN: ATZN-CM-MH, Fort McClellan AL 36205-5020.

3103d Sig Svc Bn (England in months preceding D-Day) — Writing book about Operation Fortitude and would like to hear from anyone who served in 3103d Sig Svc Bn — Thaddeus Holt, 1818 N St NW, Ste 600, Washington DC 20036-2406.

CLAIMS

Readers are urged to help these veterans seeking claim substantiation statements. Respond directly to the person listed at the end of the claim assistance request.

If you have need of assistance in preparing a claim, contact your local VFW Service Officer. They are located at VA medical centers and regional offices.

15th Inf Div, 588th Comb Inf (May 1967, Black Virginia Mountain) —Seeking anyone who remembers David Davis being under a front end loader that he was driving and turned over on him — Richard Clyborn, 16328 Twp Rd 245, Mount Victory OH 43340.

VMA-542, MCAS Cherry Point NC (Solid Shield Exercise 1975) — Needs to hear from anyone that was involved, or remembers accident where truck hit jeep that pilots and enlisted men were riding to flight line in; one Marine was medevaced with head injuries — Paul Piecek, 514 3rd St NW, Aitkin MN 56431- 1233.

196th Engrs Det attached to 596th Transportation (Chu Lai, South Vietnam, April 1970) — Seeking anyone who remembers me, esp Jim Olsen, James Adams, Frank Adams, or any of their parents or grandparents having any knowledge of incident where our Navy buddy caught a rocket and was completely destroyed, to help establish claim for PTSD —James Carberry, 1876 Allison Rd, Piney Flats TN 37686.

7th Inf Div, 15th AAA AW Sp (Korea, 1952-54) — Seeking anyone who remembers when I fell from a maintenance tent frame and hurt my back at HQ Co (I was on 2 weeks no duty and 2 weeks light duty) — Ted Sieloff, 2112 Summit Ave, Everett WA 98201.

1st or 3d Mar Div or 81st Army Div (mid-March, 1945) — Seeking anyone who saw me on stretcher, probably on beach waiting to be taken to hospital ship off Peleliu — James Sheehy, 195 County St, Attleboro MA 02703.

3d Inf Div, 714th Tank Bn, Co D (Fort Benning, GA, 1955-56) - Seeking anyone who was stationed with me and knew that I had my left knee operated on — Dalton Hollar, 156 Kochieser Rd, Belleville OH 44813.

E10, NR32 — Seeking anyone to help verify claim I have pending with VA — Russell Dowd, Box 696, Copalis Crossing WA 98536.

US Army (artillery training at Fort Bliss TX, Mar 10-May 10, 1951) — Seeking anyone who remembers my knee injury while in basic training to verify claim — Roy Gowin, Box 230, Lodge Grass MT 59050.

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June

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July

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68th Air Svc Gp (China, WWII) — July, Dayton OH — Bob Pierce, POB 150061, Lakewood CO 80215-0061.

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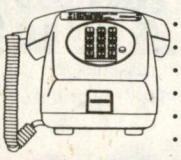

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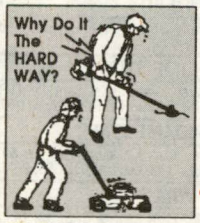

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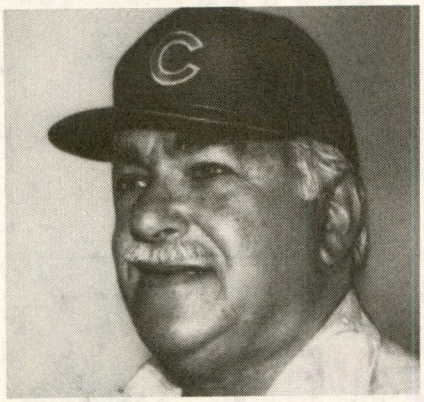

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USS Woonsocket PF32 — July 31-Aug 2, Grand Haven MI — George Girard, W-6690 W-38th Ave, 1-25 Rd, Menominee MI 49858.

MARINES

5th Mar, 3d Bn, Co G (Korea) — July 30-Aug 1, Arlington VA — Tex Downes, 708 Loma Linda Rd, Austin TX 78746.

August

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51st Ftr Control Sqdn (CBI) — Aug 23-31, Atlanta GA — Robert Fagelson, 3500 Kings Row, Nacogdoches TX 75961

ALL BRANCHES

National Assn of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni — Aug 19, Red House NY —John Moscinski, 52 Woods Rd Little Falls NJ 07424-2051.

ARMY

8th FA Bn (Korea, 1950-53) — Aug 27-30, Valley Forg PA — Allen Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis MN 55412.
9th Armd Div, 14th Tank Bn — Aug, New Orleans LA Dee Paris, 13110 Holdridge Rd, Silver Spring MD 20906
9th Arnd Div, 14th Tank Bn, Co B — Aug 7-9, Jasper IN — Edward Zuk, 22777 Otter Rd, New Boston MI 48164.
9th Armd Div, 2d Armd Med Bn, Co C — Aug 13-16, Boul der CO — Johnnie Bresciani, 14 Pierce St, Hopedale MA 01747.
9th Inf Div, 47th Inf, 4th Bn (Vietnam, 1966-70) b— Au 7-9, Washington DC —Phillip Treadway, Rt 10, Box 321 Jasper AL 35501.
IX Corps, 761st FA Bn — Aug, Fairmont WV — Vere Offut 1378 Locust Ave, Fairmont WV 26554.
11th AAA (AW) Sp — Aug, Sioux Falls SD — Ed Lamers RR1, Box 23, Browns Valley MN 56219.
11th Armd Div — Aug, Louisville KY — Alfred Pfeiffe 2328 Admiral St, Aliquippa PA 15001.
11th Armd Cav (Vietnam & Cambodia) — Aug 14-16, Sa Antonio TX — Grady Cowan, 553 Guadelupe St, Kingsbur TX 78638-9702.
14th Avn Bn (Vietnam, 1966-67) — Aug 11-1 Jeffersonville IN — Harvey York, 303 Walnut St, Cedartow GA 30125.
17th Inf — Aug 22-23, Las Vegas NV — Summer Hudson 240 Brightwood Pl, San Antonio TX 78209- 3315.
20th Comb Engr, 20th & 1340th Bns, 1171st Gp H (WWII) — Aug 7-9, Toledo OH — Frederick Miller, 3 Dawley Rd, Westminster MA 01473.
25th Div, 35th Inf, Co B — Aug 28-30, Minneapolis M — Mike Biondich, 915 N 14th St, Superior WI 54880.
27th Div, 102d Med Bn — Aug 13-15, Poughkeepsie N Vernon Thiele, 7355 McLellan Dr, Walton Hills OH 4414
32d Div, 128th Inf, Co L — Aug 15, So Beloit IL — Norma Swatek, POB 941, Beloit WI 53512-0941.
33d/44th Inf Divs — Aug 1, Decatur IL — Paul Stern 614 S Crea, Decatur IL 62522.
34th Armor, 2d Bn (Vietnam) — Aug, Charleston IL - Tob Brant, RR4, Box 267, Charleston IL 61920.
34th Gen Hosp — Aug, Omaha NE — Ray Johnson, 6 High St, York NE 68467.
34th Div Sig Co (WWII) — Aug 21-23, Watertown SD Melvin Otto, 435 - 7th Ave NE, Watertown SD 57201.
34th Div, 133d Inf, Co B — Aug 15-16, Hutchinson M — Ed Klawitter, 725 Dale St, Hutchinson MN 55350.
36th Div, 142d Inf, Co L — Aug 7-9, Breckenridge TX Robert Mehaffey, Rt 1, Box 294, Breckenridge TX 7602
37th Chem Decon Co (Camp Sibert AL, WWII) — Au Gilman IA — Jacob Kobes, 317 Bon Aire MHC, Iowa C IA 52240.
37th Inf Div, 148th Inf Rgt — Aug 28-29, Port Clinton C — Hank Donnell, 8117 Scarborough Ct, Indianapolis 46256.
38th Div, 151st Inf, Co L (WWII) — Aug 16, Terre Hau IN — Coyt Jones, 4425 So 9th, Terre Haue IN 47802.
38th Div, 152d Inf, Co L — Aug 2, Warsaw IN — D Kreis, 848 E 1250 N, Milford IN 46542.
40th Div, 40th Recon — Aug, Colorado Springs CO — J Lindsey, POB 899, Tustin CA 92681.
40th Cav Recon Trp (WWII) — Aug 14-16, Detroit Edward Hunt, POB 68, Covington GA 30209.
41st Div, 163d Inf — Aug 28-30, Billings MT — Earl Cla 407 So 34th St, Billings MT 59101.
44th Engr (C) Bn (WWII, ETO) — Aug, Branson MO Albert Cline, POB 501, Gaffney SC 29342.
44th Tank Bn — Aug, Bloomington MN — Donald Merci

1204 Bolles St, Eau Claire WI 54703.
45th Inf Div Assn (Thunderbirds) — Aug, Oklahoma City OK — Raul Trevino, 2145 NE 36th St, Oklahoma City OK 73111.
45th Inf Div, 45th Sig Co — Aug 7-9, Alva OK — HM Quinn Jr, Box 222, Alva OK 73717.
45th Div, 120th Engr (C) Bn — Aug 20-21, Oklahoma City OK — Woodfin Harris, 26 Preston Cir, Stillwater OK 74075.
45th Div, 179th Rgt, Hvy Mortar Co (Korean War) — Aug 20, Oklahoma City OK — Guy Geiger, 6 Sega Dr, New Milford CT 06776.
45th Div, 180th Inf, Co D — Aug, Shawnee OK — Merle Davis, 804 E Franklin, Shawnee OK 74801.
45th Div, 279th Inf, Co M — Aug 7-9, Lynchburg VA — Boyed Burnley, 203 Lemon Dr, Lynchburg VA 24501.
46th Armd Inf Div, Co A (Camp Chaffee, AR) — Aug, Sioux Falls SD — Arnold Becker, 1703 Fair St, Mankato MN 56001.
58th Engineers, Treadway Bridge Co —Aug, Lowell OH — Richard Perry, POB 389, Lowell OH 45744.
62d Armd FA Bn Assn — Aug, Amarillo TX — Jerry Eades, 2312 Skylark St, Arlington TX 76010.
65th Inf Div — Aug 31-Sept 6, Cincinnati OH — Maurice Neil, 8409 Brook Park Dr, Apt 112, Bldg 14, Canton MI 48187-4078.
65th Sig Bn & 3261st Sig Svc Co — Aug, Evansville TN — Winston Bowling, 2518 Morgan Rd, Murfreesboro TN 37129.
76th Div, 76th Cav Recon Trp — Aug 27-30, LaCrosse WI — William Haugher, Box 77, New Stanton PA 15672.
76th Inf Div, 417th Rgt, Co G — Aug, LaCrosse WI — Leonard McNamara, 3432 Robinwood Spur, Hopkins MN 55343.
80th Inf Div (WWII) — Aug 12-16, Arlington VA — John Beard, 9700 Tiberias Dr, Upper Marlboro MD 20772.
82d Abn Div — Aug 21-24, Valley Forge PA — John Field Jr, 142 Country Club Rd, Pine Hill NJ 08021.
83d Inf Div (WWII) — Aug 19-22, Omaha NE — JL Volkmer, POB 99, Kimball NE 69145.
83d Div, 329th Inf, Co E — Aug, Indianapolis IN — William Ledger, R4, Box 114, Morgantown IN 46160.
85th Inf Div, 339th Inf (all units) —Aug 26-30, Baltimore MD — Alfred Dunfee, POB 188A-RR1, Chestertown NY 12817.
91st Inf Div, 363d Rgt, Co F — Aug 27-29, Branson MO — Ralph Thornton, 319 Forest Ln, Republic MO 65738.
91st Div, 363d Inf, Co I (WWII) — Aug 21-22, Colorado Springs CO — Robert Butterfield, 2000 West 92nd Ave, #89, Denver CO 80221.
94th Gas Treatment Bn — Aug 20-22, Bloomville WV — Don Rose, Rt 4, Box 575, North Tazewell VA 24630.
101st Abn Div — Aug 20-22, Colorado Springs CO — Ivan Worrell, 101 E Morris St, POB 586, Sweetwater TN 37874.
106th Vets Assn (106th Cav, 106th Tk Bn, 126th Armd, 72d Cav Rcn, 1144th Trans Bn) — Aug 1-2, Springfield IL — C Worthy Aden, POB 24, Taylorville IL 62568-0024.
109th Inf, Co G — Aug, Stroudsburg PA —HW Haas Jr, RD1, Box 1455, Stroudsburg PA 18360.
131st AAA Gun Bn — Aug, El Paso TX —James Bardsley, 1019 Harvard Ave, Swarthmore PA 19081.
140th AAA AW Bn (Korean War) — Aug, San Diego CA — Sam Salazar, 933 Peach Ave, Apt 4, El Cajon CA 92021-5708.
153d Engr Cons Bn — Aug, Whitehall/Allentown PA — John Mantini Sr, RD3, Box 214, Hollsopple PA 15935.
161st/170th Avn Cos, 14th Avn Bn, 17th Avn Gp & 406th Trans Det Unit (Vietnam 1966-67) — Aug 11-13, Jeffersonville IN —Harvey York, 303 Walnut St, Cedartown GA 30125.
164th Engr Comb Bn (WWII) — Aug 14-16, Morgantown PA — Mario Piciacchio, 934 Wallis Ave, Farrell PA 16121.
166th AAA Gun Bn, Btry C — Aug 7-9, Wichita KS — Gerald Fager, 1423 N Baltimore, Derby KS 67037.
187th Abn Rgt Comb Team Assn — Aug 31-Sept 6, Buffalo NY AS Jaznach, Rt 1, Box 311A, Cumberland VA 23040.
197th AAW Bn, HQ, A/B/C/D Btry — Aug, Colorado Springs CO —Lloyd Jaeger, 1010 Rose Ln, Washington MO 63090.
233d FA, Svc Btry (1949-53) — Aug 30, Bushnell IL — Don Crawford, POB 542, Macomb IL 61455.
252d QM Remount, Trp B — Aug, Jefferson City MO — Lewis Jenkins, R1, Box 42, Versailles MO 65084.
300th AFA Bn, Btry A — Aug 21-23, Thermopolis WY — Bill Whitt, 937 Arapahoe St, Thermopolis WY 82443.
350th Inf Rgt, 2d Bn (1953-54, St Johann Austria) — Aug 16-17, Braintree MA —Alphee Grenier, 21 Malo St, Lewiston ME 04240.
357th AAA Bn — Aug, Madison WI — Thomas Gillis, 1021 Center St, Watertown WI 53094.
61st Sig Bn, Co B (DaNang, S Vietnam) —Aug, Granite Falls MN — Vern Mills, 994 9th St, Granite Falls MN 56241.
431st AAA (AW) Bn (ETO & MTO, 1942-45) —Aug, Pittsburgh PA — Edward Smith, 1244 Monterey NW, North Canton OH 44720.
439th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Aug, Portland OR — Charles Anderson, 1518 Monongalia Ave SW, Willmar MN 56201.
468th FA Bn — Aug, Huntington WV —Herbert Davis, 31 Highland Ct, Huntington WV 25705.
501st Parachute Bn (1940-42) & Test Pltn (1940) — Aug 27-31, Kalispell and Libby MT — Earl Chase, 1633 Cox Ln, Troy MI 59935.
508th LP Engrs Co (WWII) — Aug 14-16, York PA — Jack Rosenbluth, 2299 Mt Zion Rd, York PA 17402.

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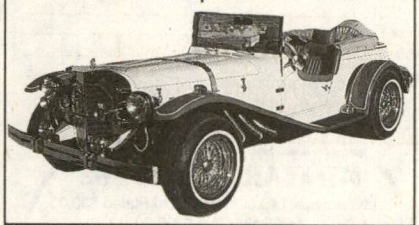

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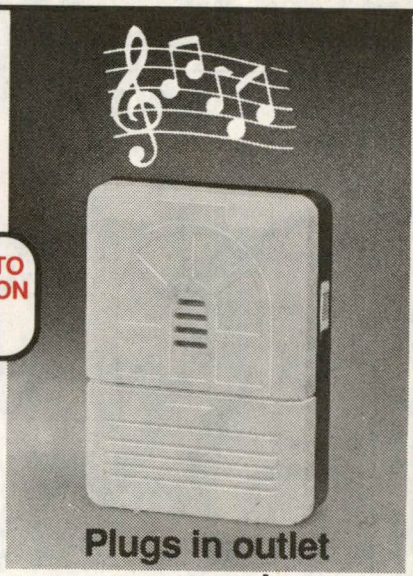



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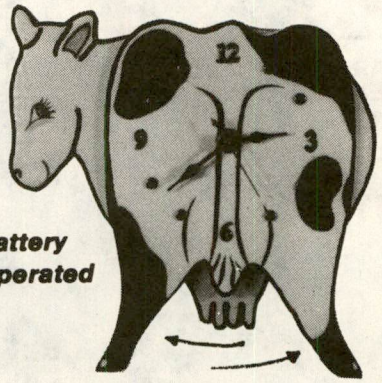

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550th Abn Inf Assn — Aug 28-30, Chicago IL — Frank Paravich, 13017 So Houston Ave, Chicago IL 60633.
602d Army Engr Cam Bn — Aug, Marquette MI — Karlo Juhola, R2, 1700 Cindy St, Ishpeming MI 49849.
658th Amphib Trac Bn — Aug 27-29, Northbrook IL — Elmer Hallen, 1161 Stark St, Kewaskum WI 53040.
728th Amph Trac Bn & 775th TD Bn — Aug 6-8, Nashville TN Earl Williams, 4014 Old Tullahoma Rd, Winchester TN 37398-9336.
736th Tank Bn, Co A — Aug 15, Seymour IN — Richard Steeb, RR1, Box 107A, Paris Crossing IN 47270.
778th Tank Bn (WWII) — Aug, Pittsburgh PA — George Nicholson, 1321 E Douglas St, Goshen IN 46526.
829th/6662d/3195th Sig Svc Assn — Aug, Nashville TN — Albert Boehnlein, 29146 Sheridan, Garden City MI 48135.
1256th (C) Engr Bn — Aug, Medina OH —Frank Zajac, 3158 West 159th St, Cleveland OH 44111.
2487th QM Truck Co — Aug, Roseau MN —Albert Zeidlik, POB 29, Roseau MN 56751.
3621st QM Truck Co — Aug, Custer SD —Leonard Smalley, Rt 1, Box 115F, Scottsbluff NE 69361.
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USS Action PG86 — Aug 21-25, Chicago IL — Wayne Krantz, 912 Park Dr, Grand Forks ND 58201.
USS Gen MC Meigs AP116 — Aug 31-Sept 3, Reno NV — Kenn Hohlfeldt, 2763 Big Springs Rd, Lake Almanor CA 96137.

MARINES

1st Mar, 1st Bn, Co C (Korea, 1950-51) — Aug 26- 30, Reno NV — Al Baiocchi, 2975 Treat Blvd, Suite A1, Concord CA 94518.
1st Mar, 2d Bn, Co H (WWII) — Aug 6-9, Washington DC — Joe Lommerse, 6432 Old Scotts Ct, Springfield VA 22152- 2166.
1st Mar Div, 5th Mar, 3d Bn (Korea, 1950-53) — Aug 26-30, Hot Springs AR — Charles Durham, 401 Underwood St, Campbellsville KY 42718.
1st Mar Div, 1st Mar Engrs, 17th Mar — Aug 3-8, Washington DC — George Wyatt, 5617 S Winston, Tulsa OK 74135-4332.
2d Mar Div, 10th Mar, 3d Bn, later 2d 155 Howitzer Bn — Aug 26-29, LaCross WI — Bill Gilomen Sr, 725 N Sixth St, Chillicothe IL 61523.
3-26, 3d Bn, Kilo Co (1966-70) — Aug — Joe Schaitel, Rt 2, Box 144, Sparta WI 54656.
3d Amtrac Bn, Co A — Aug 4-6, Denver CO — Nick Masters, 606 Monroe St, Scott City KS 67871.
11th Mar, 3d Bn & 3d 155 How Bn FMF (1941-45) — Aug 5-8, Washington DC — Sam Plott, 6804 Carroll Way, Upper Marlboro MD 20772.
16th Inf Bn, Co C — Aug 28-30, Evansville IN — Richard Eberle, 5266 Bethany Church Rd, Boonville IN 47601.
All Marines and persons attached to Marine units — Aug 1, Youngstown OH — WR Simon, 2268 Innwood Dr, Youngstown OH 44515-5150.
Naval Supply Depot, Marine Barracks (Clearfield UT) Aug 15-16, Midway UT — Charles Micle, RD 1, Box 26L-1, Bulger PA 15019.
US Marine Raider Assn — Aug 19-23, Washington DC - Francis Hepburn, 4711 Del Monte Ave, San Diego CA 92107.
WWII Marine Parachute Units — Aug 27-29, Arlington VA — Dave Severance, POB 1972, La Jolla CA 92038.

NAVY

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CB 522/524 — Aug 4-9, Schaumburg IL — Alfred Willette, Box 597 Berlin Gorham Rd, Gorham NH 03581.
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Ft "A" School Staff, NTC San Diego — Aug, San Diego CA — Frank Brown, 3477 Aveley Pl, San Diego CA 92111-4727.
LCI 15 — Aug, Colorado Springs CO — Harold Kaup, 289 41st St NE, Cedar Rapids IA 52402.

LCS(L) #105/1-130 — Aug 27-29, Colorado Springs CO SW Thorpe, 820 N Sunset, Ponca City OK 74601.
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LSM (National) Assn — Aug 26-30, Nashville TN — Richard Schatz, 66 Summer St, Greenfield MA 01301.
LSM 9 — Aug 26-30, Nashville TN — DJ Martin, 347 Rose Ave, Staten Island NY 10306.
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LST 47 — Aug 28-Sept 1, Washington DC — Gus Sellitto, 25 Dawn Dr, Oakdale LI NY 11769.
LST 72 & 347 — Aug, Colorado Springs CO — Dale Nelsen, 129 SW Hillcrest Ln, Lee's Summit MO 64063.
LST 278 — Aug, Washington DC — Jim Wilkins, 4640 W 176th St, Country Club Hills IL 60478.
LST 279 — Aug 13-15, Pitsburgh PA — Howard Lightner, RD1, Box 248, Loysville PA 17047.
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LST 485 — Aug 14-17, Ft Collins CO — Bill Bidwell, 1508 Lakeside Ave, Ft Collins CO 80521.
LST 503 — Aug, Washington DC — John Morris, R2, Box 40, Monticello IL 61856.
LST 528 — Aug, Washington DC — Robert Willard, 10118 Spring Lake Terr, Fairfax VA 22030-2038.
LST 708 — Aug, Alexandria VA — Richard Wroblewski, Box 689, Fallon NV 89406-0689.
LST 746 — Aug, Washington DC — Kenneth Gorrick, 416 E Fort Ave, Baltimore MD 21230.
LST 805 — Aug, Avon Lake OH — Bill Gladish, 33441 Willo Rd, Avon OH 44011.
LST 875 — Aug 28-Sept 1, Arlington VA — Thomas Grupe, 5768 Wengler Dr, Brook Park OH 44142.
LST 894 — Aug 28-Sept 1, Alexandria VA — Don Brown, 6 Galpin Ln, Kensington CT 06037.
LST 898 — Aug 28-Sept 2, Arlington VA —Calvin McCoy, 161 N Center St, Seville OH 44273.
LST 1045 — Aug 28-31, Arlington VA —William Moore, 759 Scenic Dr, Marion OH 43302.
PATSU 1-9 — Aug, New Orleans LA — Lawrence Browne, 15230 Iona Lakes Dr, t Myers FL 33908.
PC 793 — Aug 12-16, Nashville TN —Joseph Wilkinson, 461 Lawrence Switch Rd, Jackson TN 38305.
Petrof Bay CVE 80 & Sqdns — Aug, Dayton OH — LE Haeuser, Box 278, Fountain City WI 54629.
Task Group 22.3 (Escort Div 4)/USS Pillsbury DE133/USS Pope DE134/USS Flaherty DE135/USS Chatelain DE149/ USS Jenks DE665/USS Abnaki ATF96 — Aug 27-29, Louisville KY Maurice Lemieux, POB 951146, Lake Mary FL 32795.
USS ABSD2 — Aug 14-16, Cedar Rapids IA — Harry Kovolchuk, 124 Bellmawr Dr, McKees Rocks PA 15136.
USS Algol AKA54 (all crew members, 1944-70) — Aug 13-15, Las Vegas NV — Anthony Soria, 2045 Avalon Dr, Merced CA 95340.
USS Bon Homme Richard CV/CVA31 (ships company & air groups) — Aug 14-16, Denver CO — Ralph Pound, POB 1531, 410 Clark St, Tupelo MS 38802.
USS Walter S Brown DE258 — Aug 10-14, Buffalo NY — Gilbert Vandre, 10757 Flagg Rd, Rochelle IL 61068.
USS Brush DD745 — Aug, Denver CO —Quenton Miller, 309 Fayette Davis Ave, Cleveland MS 38732.
USS Dauphin APA97 — Aug, New Orleans LA — Donald Fox, RD1, Box 76, Enon Valley PA 16120.
USS Decker DE47 — Aug 12-14, Buffalo NY — Harry Kolanko, 2311 Cassidy Dr, Bethel Park PA 15102-1958.
USS Des Moines CA134 — Aug 7-9, Mercer PA — Paul Overly, RD2, Box 2670, Mercer PA 16137.
USS Dionne DE261 — Aug, Buffalo NY —Robert Nickerson, 3109 Bryan Rd, Burtonsville MD 20866.
USS Escambia AO80 (WWII) — Aug 23-28, Wolfeboro NH — Virgil Grier, 2144 Everett, Wichita KS 67213.
USS Archer Fish SS311 — Aug, Vallejo CA — LA Carter, 1101 S Atlantic, #101, Cocoa Beach FL 32931.
USS Forrestal — Aug, Pensacola FL —Thomas O'Brien, 2325 Calvin Ave, Norfolk VA 23518.
USS Hamner DD718 — Aug, Athol ID —Clyde Jenson, POB 35, Spirit Lake ID 83869-0035.
USS Pres Hayes APA20 & USS John Penn APA23 — Aug, East Coast — John Benedicks, 1393 East 35th St, Brooklyn NY 11234.
USS Raymond W Herndon APD121 — Aug 27-29, Barre VT — Albert Whitcomb, RR2, Box 1795, Plainfield VT 05667.
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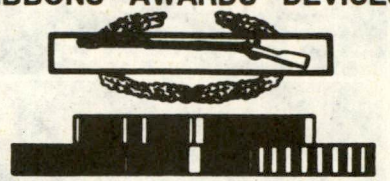

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USS Myrmidon ARL16 — Aug 7-9, Moline IL — Robert Craycroft, RR1, Box 61, Macon IL 62544.
USS Portland CA33 — Aug 23-27, Reno NV — Ted Waller, POB 515191, Dallas TX 75251-5191.
USS Hugh Purvis DD709 — Aug 21-23, Stratford CT — Albert Ludlam Sr, 225 Syosset Wdbry Rd, Syosset NY 11791.
USS Abner Read DD526 — Aug 18-21, Colorado Springs CO — Samuel Shannon, 533 N 18th St, Colorado Springs CO 80904.
USS John Q Roberts APD94 — Aug, Charleston SC — Ted Van Epps, 410 N Main St, Dodgeville WI 53533.
USSSC 1069 & USSSC 710 (WWII) — Aug, Boston MA — George Robbins, 244 Temple St, W Newton MA 02165.
USS Sea Cat SS399 — Aug, Charleston SC — Roy Goodwin, 2905 Currituck Dr, Sanford NC 27330.
US Seekonk AOG20 — Aug, Cleveland OH —Ralph Di Meo, 253 Raymond St, Hasbrouch Heights NJ 07604.
USS Spangenberg DE223 — Aug, Buffalo NY — Sam Carrow Jr, 25 Cedarwood Ave, Carney's Point NJ 08069.
USS Thatcher DD514 — Aug 25-29, Silverdale WA — Bob Hartley, 288 Roxalana Hls Dr, Dunbar WV 25064.
USS Vincennes — Aug 8-11, Vincennes IN — Robert Illig, 4868 Old Cliffs Rd, San Diego CA 92120-1144.
VC87 (WWII) — Aug, Kansas City MO —Hester Pilkenton, 1612 Cedar Ridge Dr, Orlando FL 32826.

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5th AF, 1537th Ord, S&M Co Avn (New Guinea to Japan) — Sept, Charleston SC — Melvin Wallin, 33 Garden Cir, Babbitt MN 55706.
5th AF Repair Unit (floating) Liberty Ship Clinton W Russell (Western Pacific, WWII) — Sept 11-13, Grand Rapids MI — John Fulbright, 9551 - 10 Mile Rd, Rockford MI 49341.
5th AF, 348th Ftr Gp, 342d Ftr Sqdn (WWII) — Sept 17-20, Waltham MA — Richard Holman, 47 Carpenter Rd, Walpole MA 02081.
7th AF Finance Office, Hickam Field (Hawaii, WWII, 1942-45) — Sept 11-13, Wheeling WV — Ray Pettit, 1703 Third St, Moundsville WV 26041.
8th AF, 364th Ftr Gp (WWII, Honington, Eng) — Sept 23-26, Memphis TN — Dan Leftwich, 6630 Caldero Ct, Dayton OH 45415.
8th AF, 1st Air Div, 398th Bomb Gp (H) (Nuthampstead, England) — Sept 18-20, Nashville TN — George Hilliard, 7841 Quartermaine Ave, Cincinnati OH 45236-2313.
8th Photo Recon Sqdn (WWII, Southwest Pacific) — Sept 30-Oct 4, Riverside CA — Andy Kappel, 6406 Walnut, Kansas City MO 64113.
9th AF, 74th Svc Gp, 390th Svc Sqdn, HQ & HQ Sqdn — Sept 17-19, Kansas City MO — Glenn Bock, POB 11, Sherman NY 14781-0011.
9th AF, 323d Bomb Gp, 453d Bomb Sqdn (WWII) — Sept 17- 20, Tampa FL — CV Sochocki, 1314 North Brookfield St, South Bend IN 46628-3074.
9th AF, 309th Svc Gp, 463d Svc Sqdn — Sept 17-19, San Diego CA — Floyd Weeks Sr, 245 Boundary Loop Rd NW, Calabash NC 28467-9408.
11th Airdrome Sqdn — Sept, San Diego CA — Win Kelley, 5192 Don Rodolfo Dr, Carlsbad CA 92008-3949.
13th AF, 42d Gp, 75th Bomb Sqdn — Sept, Minneapolis MN - Gerald Berg, 6338 Kevin Ave, Cheyenne WY 82009.
13th AF, 42d Bomb Gp, 390th Bomb Sqdn (M) — Sept, Scottsdale AZ — Russell Scarpelli, 10520 W Desert Forest Cl, Sun City AZ 85351-2245.
15th AF, 50th Air Svc Sqdn (WWII) — Sept, Dayton OH — Vincent Miget Jr, Rt 6, Box 127, Jackson MO 63755.
15th AF, 331st Svc Sqdn (Africa-Italy, 1942-45) — Sept 10-13, Covington KY — Ed Kolman, 14 Westcott St, Inwood NY 11696.
20th AF HQ (Guam) — Sept 10-13, Lancaster PA — Landis Ickes, POB 127, Fishertown PA 15539.
27th Ftr Bomb Gp (WWII) — Sept 15-20, Oshkosh WI — Lowell Smith, 166 Sorento Dr, Leitchfield KY 42754.
38th ADG Repair Sqdn — Sept 24-26, Minneapolis MN — Douglas Martin, 400 Wheatland Ave, Logansport IN 46947.
44th & 81st Air Depot Sqdns (Southwest Pacific, WWII) — Sept 10-14, Denver CO — CM Johnson, POB 45, Elko NV 89801.
46th Trp Carr Sqdn, 317th Trp Carr Gp — Sept 10-13, Louisville KY — Richard Brown, 509 Clay St, Carey OH 43316.
49th Pursuit, Ftr & Ftr Intercept Sqdn — Sept, Fort Worth TX — Sheril Huff, 3200 Chetwood Dr, Del City OK 73115-1933.
51st Ftr Gp Assn — Sept, Sacramento CA — Robert Haines, 1720 13th Ave, Belle Fourche SD 57717.
60th Svc Sqdn (Italy) — Sept 16-20, Irvine CA — Robert Karstensen, 1032 S State St, Marengo IL 60152.
71st Liaison Sqdn — Sept 24-27, Panama City Beach FL — Robert Smith, 119 Christopher Dr, Panama City Beach FL 32413.
89th Svc Sqdn, 305th/54th Svc Gp — Sept, Reading PA — Ralph Witman, 253 4th St, POB 51, Bernville PA 19506.
94th Civil Engr Sqdn Assn — Sept 26, Marietta GA — Harvey Miller, 2966 MacAlpin Dr N, Palm Harbor FL 34684.
99th Bomb Gp — Sept, Rapid City SD — MJ Larkin, 3827 Clifton St, Rapid City SD 57702.
102d FIW MA ANG, Logan-Otis (1947-1992) — Sept, Revere MA — Thomas Flynn, 162 Lincoln St, Revere MA 02151.
301st Vets Assn (301st Bomb Gp & Wings-WWII, 301st Counter Measures Wing, 301st Refueling Wing and widows of deceased members) — Sept 17-20, Spokane WA — Francis Madden, POB 14164, Spokane WA 99214.
309th Ftr Sqdn (WWII) — Sept, Durango CO — Ralph Apple, Box 41, Crowley CO 81033.
325th Air Svc Gp — Sept, Wichita KS — John Watts, 4132 Jasmine, Wichita KS 67226.
348th Ftr Gp, 340th Ftr Sqdn — Sept 24-27, San Antonio TX — Trygre Mickelson, 3556 Westfield, Fort Worth TX 76133.
350th Ftr Gp, 347th Ftr Sqdn — Sept 17-20, Lafayette LA Emery Toups, POB 91, Abbeville LA 70511-0091.
366th Ftr Gp (389th/390th/391st Sqdns) & 26th Svc Gp — Sept 24-26, Colorado Springs CO — Harry Hayes, 125 West St, POB 183, Black River NY 13612.
437th Trp Carr Gp — Sept 15-20, Dayton OH — Bob Maycan, 360 Walker Ave, Greenacres FL 33463.
443d Sub Depot (Ole Sixth) — Sept, Atlantic Beach NC — Fred Tichnell, 136 Darby St, Wilmington NC 28403.
451st Bomb Gp (H) (Italy)/451st Strategic Missile Wing — Sept 16-20, Irvine CA —Robert Karstensen, 1032 S State St, Marengo IL 60152.
463d Bomb Gp (all sqdns) — Sept 16-20, Omaha NE — Rev Eugene Parker, Rt 3, Box 188, New Matamoras OH 45767.
485th Bomb Gp, 828th Sqdn, 485th Tact Missile Wing — Sept 30-Oct 4, Peabody MA — Robert Deeds, 6337 Northridge Ln, Apt 2, Toledo OH 43612-4757.
601st AC&WS (Germany, 1948-60)/601st TCS (Germany, 1945- 60) — Sept, Ft Walton Beach FL — Harry Ambrose, 18720 Dallas Ln, Little Rock AR 72211.
807th Tact Control Sqdn (Germany) — Sept 9-12, Hershey PA — Carl Wenberg, 33 Centerboard Ln, So Yarmouth MA 02664.
855th Engr Avn Bn (WWII) — Sept 10-12, Indianapolis IN — Glen De Beal, 2109 Dukeland St, Baltimore MD 21216.
880th AC&W Sqdn — Sept 4-7, Jacksonville FL — RC Bogardus, 213 N Madriver, Bellefontaine OH 43311.
925th Engr Avn Rgt — Sept 17-19, Kansas City MO — Fred Cariker, 3211 Hawthorne, Amarillo TX 79109.
931st Sig Bn — Sept, Yakima WA — Troy Marshall, 6003 Dogwood Dr, Orlando FL 32807.
1045th Oper Evaluation & Trng Sqdn, Det 1 & 2 (later 1115th) — Sept 25-27, Tucson AZ — Chuck Monka, 6199 E Broadway, #107, Tucson AZ 85711-4010.
1125th MP Co (Avn) — Sept, Wheeling WV — Harold Manaugh, 717 N Cardinal Way, Mustang OK 73064.
1886th Avn Eng (Hawaii, Guam, Okinawa, WWII) — Sept 26- 28, Imperial MO — Bernard Giesler, 1620 N 4th, St Charles MO 63301.
CBI Himalayan Flyers & Sup Gp — Sept 18-19, Omaha NE — Gerald Pfund, 11010 Prairie Hills Dr S, Omaha NE 68144.
Combat Photo Assn — Sept, San Bernardino CA — Larry Lesh, 2230 Baywater Ln, Rancho Cordova CA 95670-4256.
La Junta Army Air Field (WWII) — Sept 11-13, La Junta CO Doyle Davidson, POB 408, La Junta CO 81050.
Mosquito Assn — Sept, Sacramento CA — Stephen Rooney, 3210 Balmoral Dr, Sacramento CA 95821.
Security Police Assn — Sept, Albuquerque NM — Harry Eaton, 19807 Pioneer Ct, Humble TX 77346.
Swiss Internees Assn — Sept, Minneapolis MN — Victor Fabiniak, 2310 E Liberty Ave, Vermilion OH 44089-2523.

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2d Armd Div, 14th AFA Bn — Sept 9-12, Tampa FL — Lewis Bogart, Rt 1, Box 208, Hughesville PA 17737.
3d Armd Div, 32d Armd Rgt, Co D — Sept 11-12, West Lebanon NH — Bernard Stone, RFD 3, Box 601, Claremont NH 03743.
3d Eng Spec Bde, HQ & HQ Co — Sept, Minneapolis MN — Donald Groth, 5263 So St Croix Tr, Afton MN 55001.
3d ESB, 163d Ord Co — Sept, Sioux City IA — Theo Jennings, Box 831, Hettinger ND 58639.
3d FA Trng Bn (basic trng), Btry E, Fort Sill Arty (Aug- Dec 1952) — Sept 18-20, Huron SD — Arnold Anderson, 1350 - 4th St SW, Huron SD 57350.
3d Inf Div, 39th FA Bn — Sept 3-6, Burlingame CA — Leonard Sidock, 5709 Dugan Ave, La Mesa CA 91942.
3d Ord (MM) Co — Sept 11-13, Scottsdale AZ — Earl Wilson, 7464 Moeser Ln, El Cerrito CA 94530.
4th Cav Assn — Sept, Bloomington MN — Mike Loberg, Box 416, Annandale MN 55302.
4th/6th Tact Air Spt Communications Sqdn — Sept, Seattle WA — Gordon Downs, 1504 E Section, Mount Vernon WA 98273.
5th Armd Div Midwest — Sept 11-13, Columbus NE — James Burrell, 9245 NW Rochester, Topeka KS 66617.
5th Inf Div, 2d Inf Rgt, Anti-Tank Co — Sept 11-12, Seymour IN — Billy Hall, 10947 E Heywood Dr, Seymour IN 47274.
5th Div, 11th Inf, Co E — Sept 17-19, Bloomington IN — James May, 1600 Willis Dr, #273, Bloomington IN 47404.
6th Inf Div Arty, HQ & HQ Btry — Sept 10-12, Cincinnati OH — Charles Stevens, 1105 Rosetree Ln, Cincinnati OH 45230.
6th Div, 1st Inf, Co C — Sept 6, St Ann MO — Norman Ruck, R3, Box 288D, Union MO 63084.
7th Cav Rgt, Hvy Mortar Co (Japan 1949 - Korea 1950) — Sept 4-6, Dayton OH — Jack Couch, 5144 - 15th Ave So, Minneapolis MN 55417-1808.
7th FA — Sept 17-19, Brunswick ME — Stanley Stankiewicz, 112 Bremer St, Fayetteville NC 28303.
7th FA Obsvn Bn — Sept 11-13, Fayetteville NE — Anthony Diletto, 280 Davis St, Athens GA 30606.
8th Army HQ & HQ Co — Sept, St Louis MO — Mitchell Martin, 3933 Meramec, St Louis MO 63116.
8th Inf Div, 28th Inf Rgt, Co G — Sept 17-19, Troy MI — John Mogos, 22555 33 Mile Rd, Armada MI 48005.
9th Armd Engr Bn — Sept, Nashville TN — J Harold Digby, 103 Pecaniere Pl, Mandeville LA 70448.
10th Armd Div — Sept 3-7, Louisville KY — Samuel Murow, Box 213, Bay Port MI 48730.
10th Inf Assn — Sept 25-27, Huntington WV — Earl Waldron, 6709 Merritts Creek Rd, Huntington WV 25702.
10th Sta Hosp (WWII) — Sept 17-20, Hot Springs AR — Vinson Findley, POB 7097, Hot Springs AR 71913.
11th Engrs — Sept 11-13, Franklin NC — Ashwell Harward, 523 College Dr, Raeford NC 28376.
12th Armd Div — Sept 13-17, Louisville KY — Paul Hempfling Sr, 11418 Hillcroft, Houston TX 77035.
12th Corps Arty, HQ Btry — Sept, Lexington KY — HW Phillips, POB 197, Parksley VA 23421.
14th Sig Corps (Anchorage AK) (1941-45) — Sept 23-25, Branson MO — Lyle Clark, 1612 7th St. S, Unit 103, Moorhead MN 56560.
16th Armd Div Assn — Sept 15-20, Columbus OH — John Nourse, POB 15, Columbus OH 43216.
16th Cav Gp, 16th & 19th Cav Sqdns — Sept 10-13, Gettysburg PA — Frank Kozlowsky, 252 Bernard Dr, King of Prussia PA 19406.
16th Chem Maint Co — Sept 11-12, Youngstown OH — John Tusinac, 7559 Elmland, Poland OH 44514.
17th Sig Bn (also 29th & 447th Sig Bn, 175th Sig Co & 516th Sig Gp welcome) — Sept 3-7, San Antonio TX — Leo Melton, 438 Calumet, San Antonio TX 78209-3404.
17th Sig Oper Bn (WWII) — Sept 18-20, Trevose PA — Robert Stewart, 113 E Beacon Ave, New London WI 54961.
19th Air Depot Supply Sqdn — Sept, Canton OH — Peter Weber, 803 W Church St, Orrville OH 44667.
19th Engr Bn (Vietnam) — Sept 18-20, Kokomo IN — Gene Kuentzler, 9808 Linn Ave, St Louis MO 63125.
19th Inf Rgt (Korea, 1949-53) — Sept 21-22, Savannah GA Lloyd Oler Sr, RR5, Box 556, Richland Center WI 53581.
21st Avn Engrs (WWII) — Sept 4-6, Carlisle PA — Calvin Eckert, 305 Meadow Tr, Dillsburg PA 17019.
22d Ord Bn (Tokyo, 1946-49) — Sept, PA — Oron Lowe, 2101 W Crawford Ave, Connellsville PA 15425.
23d Field Hosp — Sept, Cleveland OH — Julius Myers, 18816 Rockland Ave, Cleveland OH 44135.
24th Inf Div — Sept 24-27, Savannah GA — 24th Inf Div Assn, 120 Maple St, Room 207, Springfield MA 01103.
24th Div, 21st Inf, HQ Co (1904-45) — Sept 7-9, Branson MO — Robert Kelly, 9621 Graham St, #46, Cypress CA 90630.
25th Inf Div, 27th Inf, 2d Bn, Co D, 1st Pltn (1968) — Sept, Denver CO — Ken Rogers, 2865 Ridge Rd, Santa Yuez CA 93460.
25th Inf Div, 14th Inf Rgt (Korean War, 1951-53) — Sept, Alpharetta GA — Rogel Brown, 242 W Gladstone St, Wabash IN 46992.
28th Div, 110th Inf (WWII) — Sept, Washington PA — John Chernitsky, 18 Country Club Blvd, Uniontown PA 15401.
28th Div, 111th Inf, RCT (WWII) — Sept, Indiantown Gap PA — 28th Div Heritage Assn, 14th & Calder Streets, Harrisburg PA 17103-1297.
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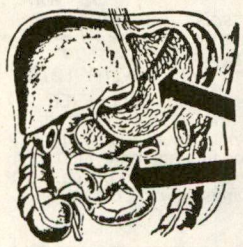

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30th Inf Div, 30th MP Pltn — Sept 5, Madison GA — Lucius Hamilton, 2439 Gayland Rd, Jacksonville FL 32218.
31st Dixie Inf Div, 124th/154th Inf Rgt, Svc Co — Sept 22-26, Asheville NC — Joe Wall, 3544 - 6th Ave, Council Bluffs IA 51501.
31st Div, 155th Inf, Co H — Sept 17-20, Corinth MS — George Tucker, 2706 E Tenn St, Corinth MS 38834.
31st Inf Div, 167th Inf Rgt (WWII) — Sept 22-26, Asheville NC — Leo Logel, 2060 Fox Run Rd, Centerville OH 45459.
32d Div Vets Assn — Sept 4-7, Muskegon MI — Ralph Schmidt, 838 York Ave, Holland MI 49423.
34th Engr Comb Bn — Sept 10-12, Mankato MN — Bernard Kreemer, RR1, Box 62, Osakis MN 56360.
35th Div, 35th Sig Co — Sept, Springfield MO — James Bross, Rt 6, Box 90, Ozark MO 65721.
35th Div, 134th Inf — Sept 17-20, Omaha NE — James Graff, RR1, Box 370, Middletown IL 62666.
35th Div, 137th Inf, Co K — Sept, Wichita KS — Robert Baker, 818 Maus Ln, Wichita KS 67212.
35th FA Rgt, 976th FA Bn — Sept, Atlantic City NJ — Michael Lattanzi, 273-C Berwick Ct, Ridge NY 11961.
35th Inf Div — Sept, Omaha NE — Jack Sabata, 4311 Womack Dr, Colorado Springs CO 80915.
36th Div Assn — Sept, Houston TX — Leonard Wilkerson, POB 2049, Malakoff TX 75148.
36th Med Bn, 629th Clearing Co (Hanau, Germany, APO 165) Sept, Atlantic City NJ — Albert DiPietro, RD3, Box 699-B, 1F1 Rear Apt, Delsea Dr, Franklinville NJ 08322.
37th QM, 112th QM — Sept, Lima OH — Robert Beuck, 6350 Oberlin Rd, Amherst OH 44001.
37th TD Trans Hwy (Truck Div, 1951-54 German occupation) Sept 14-20, Bar Harbor ME — Perley Hanington, 80 Elm St, Brewer ME 04412.
38th Inf, Co B (WWII) — Sept 2-6 — WG Nicholson, 39 Four Winds Ct, Lake Ozark MO 65049.
38th Div, 151st Inf, Co C — Sept, Aurora IN — Robert Knippenberg, 14 Elm Circle Dr, Aurora IN 47001.
38th Sig Bn (WWII & 1986-91) — Sept, Cherry Hill NJ — Bill Foiles, POB 5567, Columbia SC 29250.
40th Inf Div (Korean War) — Sept 17-20, Ellenville NY — Edward Lown, 210 Highland Ave, Maybrook NY 12543.
43d Div, 172d Inf, Co E — Sept, Hummelstown PA — Elmer Nisley, 13 W Main St, Hummelstown PA 17036.
44th Eng Bn (Korea) — Sept 16-18, Indianapolis IN — Ken Cox, 10529 Canter Ave, St Louis MO 63114.
44th DIVARTY, 123d FA Rgt — Sept 4-5, Moline IL — JW Haney, 13114, Rt 67, Milan IL 61264.
44th Inf Div, 156th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 4-7, Chicago IL Ed Kubash, 4465 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville MI 49127.
44th Div, 217th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 17-20, Schaumburg IL Thomas Fegan, 1504 N Highland Ave, Arlington Hts IL 60004.
45th Div, 157th Inf (WWII) — Sept, Danvers MA — Felix Sparks, 7900 W 23rd Ave, Lakewood CO 80215.
45th Div, 1st Bn, 279th Inf Rgt, HQ Co — Sept 18-21, St Louis MO — Rodney Rossdeutscher, 5008 Shore Acres Rd, Monona WI 53716.
53d Ord, Ammo Co — Sept, Rosemont IL — Nicholas Jacobellis, 3652 N Plainfield, Chicago IL 60634-1917.
56th Gen Hosp — Sept 24-27, Lawton OK — Clinton Bidwell, 2202 NW Hwy 277, Lawton OK 73507.
59th Armd FA — Sept 16-19, Fort Smith AR — Edward Palko, 606 E Morrell St, Streator IL 61364.
60th Gen Hosp (WWII) — Sept 17-18, Louisville KY — Joe Roseberry, 386 Linda Mel Dr, Marion OH 43302.
97th Div, 303d Inf, Co D — Sept 17-19, Baltimore MD — Clem Schlosser, 1 Co Rd 10 N, Apt 207, Waconia MN 55387-1003.
97th Inf Div, 322d Med Bn — Sept, Baltimore MD — Gus Benzion, 3908 Zurich Rd, Randallstown MD 21133.
121st Sta Hosp — Sept 17-19, Milwaukee WI — Art Stratton, 5205 Vandenboom Rd, Kansasville WI 53139.
166th AAA Gun Bn, Btry D — Sept 18-19, Des Moines IA — Walter Hove, R#1, Calmar IA 52132.
239th Engr (C) Bn — Sept 25-27, Cincinnati OH — Louis Weisgerber, 6810 Chimney Rock Corner, Hillsboro OH 45133.
244th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 4-6, Indianapolis IN — Marvin George, 1172 Garber Pl, San Jose CA 95127.
250th Engrs (C) Bn, Co C — Sept 28-30, Las Vegas NV — Bernard Croteau, 2701 Wyandotte St, #6, Las Vegas NV 89102.
326th A/B Med Co (special troops co of 101st Abn Div) (WWII) — Sept 23-26, Scottsdale AZ — Bill Godward, 6317 E Catalina Dr, Scottsdale AZ 85251.
377th Harbor Craft Co — Sept, Branson MO — Kenneth Wheeler, RR1, Box 516A, Adams NY 13605.
474th Sig Avn Const Co — Sept, West Frankfort IL — Loren Bacon, 204 N Ida St, West Frankfort IL 62896.
524th MP Bn, Co C — Sept 11-13, Rapid City SD — Wallace Cleppe, 307 Alise St, Brooklyn IA 52211.
650th Engr Topo Bn — Sept 2-5, Springfield IL — Frank Captain, 57 Guyon Ave, Staten Island NY 10306.
756th FA Bn (WWII, Korea) — Sept 17-20, Charleston SC — Sam Corrado, 4345 E Barlind Dr, Pittsburgh PA 15227.
771st TD Bn — Sept, Ellenville NY — Joe Klein, POB 338, Rock Hill NY 12775.
802d Engr Assn — Sept, Omaha NE — Raymond Griffith, 5 Cooper Ln, Chester NJ 07930.
805th TD Bn — Sept 15-17, Altoona PA — Michael Gierlak, 501 Cascade Rd, Mechanicsburg PA 17055.
813th TD Bn, Co B (WWII) — Sept 4-7, Lebanon TN — Frank Reese, 4201 Crestfield Rd, Knoxville TN 37921.

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LCI(L) Flotilla 4-10 & 35 — Sept 8-12, Charleston SC — Charles Walter, 103 Volk Ln, Summerville SC 29485.
LST 829 — Sept 10-13, Dayton OH — Albert Ryzner, Star Rte 1, Box 206, Lewis Run PA 16738.
USS Casper PF12 — Sept 24-26, Sacramento CA — Robert Dewitt, 4762 E Harvey, Fresno CA 93702.
USS Cavalier PA37 (WWII) — Sept 13, Richmond VA — Ulysses De Pompei, 3000 Marmore Ave, Parma OH 44134-1323. **USS Cepheus AKA18** — Sept, Atlantic City NJ — Isaac Anderson, 503 Cypress St, Yeadon PA 19050.
USS Gulfport PF20 — Sept 16-20, Cincinnati OH — Joseph Szalay, 855 Gardner Line, Melvin MI 48454.
USS Knoxville PF64 — Sept, Sacramento CA — Charles Linn, 640 Old Hwy 25, Tumbling Shoals AR 72581.
USS San Pedro PF37 — Sept, Sacramento CA — James Lilly Sr, 1206 Hazel Ave, Pinole CA 94564.
USS Sheliak AKA62 — Sept 10-12, New London CT — Fred Mientka, 2123 Sussex Ln, Colorado Springs CO 80909.
WPC 107 & other 165' Cutters — Sept, Baltimore MD — Harrison Ochs, 1020 Couch, Kirkwood MO 63122.

MARINES

1st Mar Div, 5th Rgt, 2d Bn, Co E (Korean War) — Sept, Reno NV — Bart Dauberman, 526 N 2nd St, Lykens PA 17048. **2d Div, 10th Rgt, 1st Bn, Co A** — Sept, Scottsdale AZ — RE Hughes, 2302 W Echo Ln, Phoenix AZ 85021.
4th Mar Amphib Tractor Bn — Sept, Williamsburg VA — John Benedict, 26741 N Shore Dr, Beloit OH 44609.
7th Field Depot — Sept 17-19, Peoria IL — Forrest Junker, 9318 S Powell Rd, Peoria IL 61607.
8th Defense & AAA Bn (WWII, Pacific Theater) — Sept 30- Oct 4, Little Rock AR — Calvin Roushia, 2713 Donaghey Dr, North Little Rock AR 72116.
9th Mar, 2d Bn, Co H, Mortar Pltn (WWII) — Sept, Madison WI — Curtis Leider, 2740 Memory Ln, Brookfield WI 53045.
10th Defense Bn — Sept 24-27, Kansas City MO — Robert Field, 225 Windridge, Collinsville IL 62234.
MAWS-11 (Kume Shima) — Sept 17-19, Sierra Vista AZ — Joseph Nowak, 5910 Warren Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48105.
Marine Class M-13E, Avn Machinist Mate School (graduated Aug 21, 1943) — Sept, St Louis MO — Chauncey Grimes, 310 Fowler St, Howell MI 48843.
Marine Corps Air Transport Assn — Sept 17-20, Anaheim CA Con Shuck, POB 59765, Dallas TX 75229.
Marine Det US Naval HQ (London, England, 1947-51) — Sept, Las Vegas NV — Russell Poulk, 1350 Hunter St, San Antonio TX 78224-2323.
VMR/VMJ 353, Mag 15 (Camp Kearney - Kwajalein) — Sept 25-27, Fort Wayne IN — Milton Tsitsera, 765 Broadway, Ulster Park NY 12487.
VMSB 343 — Sept, Pensacola FL — Glenn Kelley, 332 Lancelot Cr NE, Concord NC 28025.

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Acorn 45/Sangley NAB — Sept 17-20, Lexington KY — Tom Meek, 2609 Park Lake Dr, Waco TX 76708-1566.
Air Gp 27 — Sept 17-19, Omaha NE — Leo Ghastin Jr, 510 Dadson Dr, Lansing MI 48911.
Base Hosp #15 — Sept, Laughlin NV — Marion Cook Sr, POB 853, Laurens SC 29360.
Battle of Ormoc Bay (USS Moale DD693/USS Cooper DD695/USS Sumner DD692) — Sept, Jacksonville FL — Russ Catardi, 936 Garfield Ave, Ardsley PA 19038.
CASU 3 (WWII) — Sept 28-Oct 2, New Orleans LA — Larry Biando, 1412 Fellows St, McMinnville OH 97128.
CASU 11 (Guadalcanal, WWII) — Sept, Tulsa OK — RF Kunkel, 2515-F Union Rd, St Louis MO 63125.
2d & 4th Naval Beach Bn — Sept, Indianapolis IN — Walter Bryant, 7620 E 50th St, Indianapolis IN 46226.
CB 7 (WWII) — Sept 11-13, Boston/Burlington MA — Michael Hennessey, 52 Beach Ave, Pennsville NJ 08070.
CB 11 — Sept 11-13, Falls Church VA — James D'Amore Sr, 568 Stagecoach Rd, Clarksburg NJ 08510.
CB 12 — Sept 25-27, Sturbridge MA — Sidney Katz, 74 Heather Ct, Nashua NH 03062.
CB 23 — Sept 27-Oct 1, Reno NV — Neil McLean, 635 E Ramsey, Banning CA 92220.
CB 25 (WWII) — Sept 23-27, Gulf Breeze FL — Alfred Don, 6204 Vicksburg Dr, Pensacola FL 32503-7556.
CB 26 — Sept 24-26, Norfolk VA — Harry Friedrich, 3671 Mockingbird Ln, Dayton OH 45430.
CB 28 (WWII) — Sept, Washington DC — Bruno Petruccione, 43 Third St, Yorkville NY 13495.
USS ATR84 — Sept 27-29, Lancaster PA — Robert McGovern, 996 Case Rd, Endwell NY 13760.
USS ABSD 4 — Sept, Las Vegas NV — James Croff, 1403 W Broadway, Sp 23, Apache Junction AZ 85220.
USS ABSD 5 — Sept 25-27, Port Arthur TX — Robert Busch,

2201 Hollis Dr, St Louis MO 63136.
USS Edgar G Chase DE16 — Sept, Nashville TN — Elmo Allen, 5125 Old Canton R#205, Jackson MS 39211.
USS Chehalis AOG48 — Sept 24-27, Chehalis WA — Jerry Caruso, 340 Dean Rd, Hudson Falls NY 12839.
USS Chilton APA38 — Sept, Dallas TX — William Owens Jr, 2601 Hickory Blvd,Garland TX 75044.
USS Howard F Clark DE533 — Sept, Nashville TN — Joe Voigt, 2404 Queen Palm Dr, Edgewater FL 32141.
USS Clay APA39/USS Elizabeth C Stanton AP69 — Sept 4-6, Knoxville TN — John Brass, 403 E 330th St, Willowick OH 44095-3303.
USS Cofer — Sept, Louisville KY — LJ Turley, 724 N Third St, Central City KY 42330.
USS Collett DD730 — Sept 18-19, Nashville TN — Walter Schall, 96 E 219th St, Euclid OH 44123.
USS Concord CL10 — Sept 8-13, Tulsa OK — Marvin Law, 912 NW 23rd St, Moore OK 73160-1118.
USS Copahee CVE12/VGS12 — Sept 24-26, Tacoma WA — Joe Hamilton, 802 N Marion, Olympia WA 98506-4427.
USS Crater AK70 — Sept 17-20, Nashville TN — Mick Sawalich, 411 N Douglas, West Frankfort IL 62896.
USS Craven DD382 — Sept, Portland OR — Jack Gilmore, RR2, Box 177, Bloomington IN 61704.
USS Culebra Island ARG7 — Sept, Mackinac Island MI — Anthony Warta Jr, Rte 8, Box 369, Taylorsville NC 28681.
USS PC574 — Sept 25-27, Jackson MS — Ralph Piercy, Rt 5, Box 360, Carthage MO 64836.
USS Richard M Rowell DE403 — Sept, Chippewa Falls WI — Victor Pittman, 756 Irvine St, #232, Chippewa Falls WI 54729.
USS Rockingham APA229 — Sept 11-13, Louisville KY — Hugh Sellers, 3709 Catesville-Providence Rd, Dixon KY 42409.
USS Sanders DE40 — Sept 17-20, Orlando FL — Willis Meade, 1235 Amber Ct, Brooksville FL 34601.
USS Sepulga/USS Gladiator — Sept 24-Oct 9 — Don Westerlund, 4708 E Florian Cir, Mesa AZ 85206.
USS Texas BB35 — Sept 18-20, Washington DC — Vincent Mossucco, 225 Silver-Bay Rd, Toms River NJ 08753.
USS Tinsman DE589 — Sept, New Orleans LA — Harold Rhodes Sr, 701 Milligan St, Crawfordsville IN 47933.
USS Wichita CA45/USS Tuscaloosa CA37 — Sept 19-27, Cincinnati OH — John D'Ercole, 122 Eaton Ave, Hamilton OH 45013.
USS YR44 — Sept, Reno NV — Jay Hines, POB 822, Alta CA 95701.
VF46 (WWII) — Sept 17-20, Seattle WA — Frank Fogde, 5803 Glen Eagle Dr, Stuart FL 34997.
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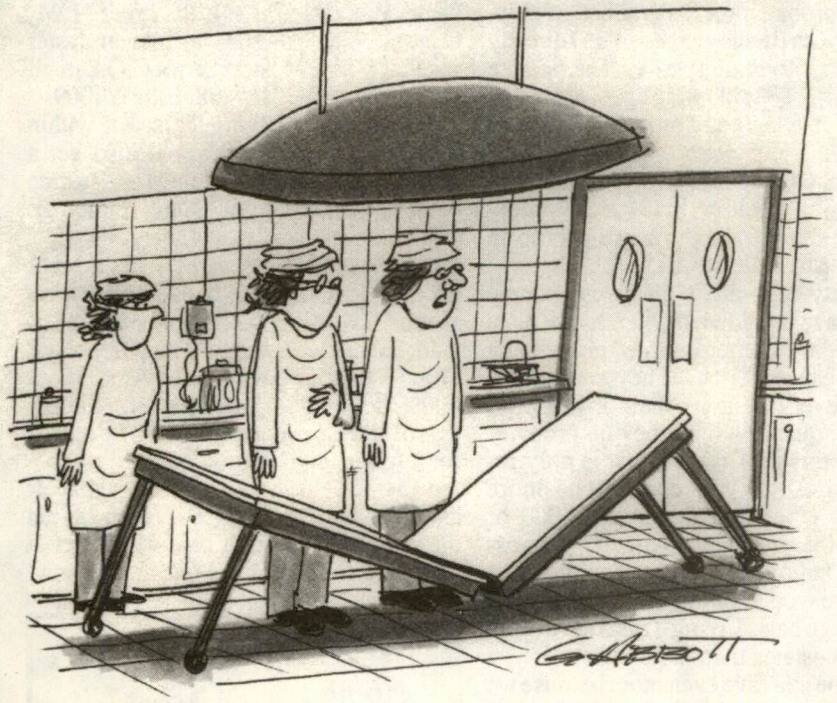

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In fact, the only thing worse than having just a Will is the nightmare that's created when you have no Will at all.

Because then the State steps in to decide who gets our assets -- our bank account, home, car, valuables, other possessions. Money we've worked so hard to earn is gobbled-up by court and legal fees before our heirs ever get one penny.

What can the average wage earner do to avoid the financial headaches of a Will? Plenty.

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A Living Trust has been praised by our nation's leading financial planners, and reported in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Money Magazine, Business Week and others because:

- It eliminates the costly and lengthy probate process. The estate goes directly to your heirs without going through the courts.
- It eliminates the need for an attorney and legal fees that cut your estate. Does away with all court costs, too.
- It gives you complete control of your estate to make sure that all your wishes are carried out.
- A Living Trust is revocable, which means that you can change your mind at any time about who is going to receive your assets.
- It gives you the right in most cases to name yourself as a trustee, and your spouse or someone else as a co-trustee. Plus the right to change trustees at any time.
- If you own out of state real estate, like a vacation house or cabin, you can save a bundle by avoiding the need for probate in a second state.
- Unlike a Will where your finances and everything you own is a matter of public record for anyone to see, a Living Trust is secret.

The Wall Street Journal reported that it takes two years to complete the average probate in California. The article also stated that since a Living Trust is much faster, cheaper, and more private than settling a Will, there are many advantages to using a Living Trust instead of just a Will.

And Business Week reported that many people are using a Living Trust instead of a Will to reduce the possibility of heirs fighting over your estate.

You must never forget that a Will must be probated and the fees for the probate lawyer and executor -- not including court fees -- range from 6% to 10% and are paid before any of your heirs receive their inheritance. That can take a big chunk out of even the smallest estate when attorneys charge anywhere from $60.00 to $150.00 an hour or more!

Look at what happened to the modest estate of Simon Morris:

- The Will of Simon Morris, a Florida resident, left $77,500 in cash to his widow. Before she could receive it, the probate process grabbed $9,375.
- Mr. Ken Bradley left $144,567 directly to his surviving spouse. The probate "fees" of $8,500 were appealed by the widow. The court ordered a refund of $7,750 with interest.
- R.L. Roberstone probably thought his Will would get his $162,114 safely to his heirs. As they found out probate fees amounted to $6,484.59.

The pity of it all is that these people could have avoided having large bites taken out of their hard-earned property by using a Living Trust. They could have passed every cent to their loved ones without squandering money on probate.

If you think a Living Trust is only for millionaires --- you couldn't be more wrong. Whether you earn $25,000 or $100,000 a year -- and whether your assets are huge or small -- a Living Trust will save you money. In fact ... on a percentage basis Living Trusts save more on small estates than large ones!

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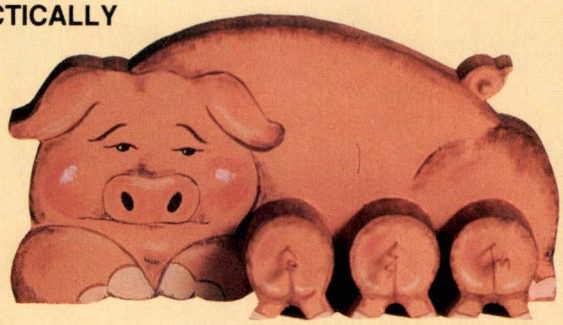

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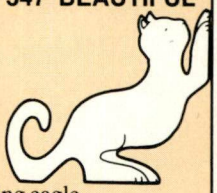

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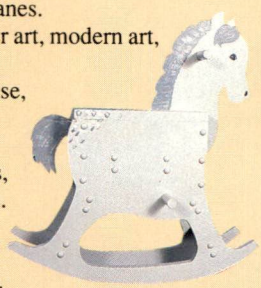

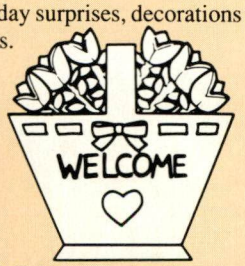

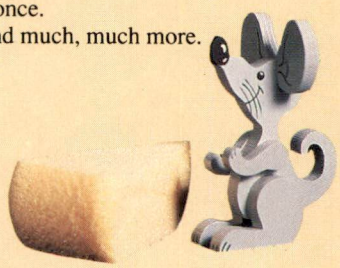

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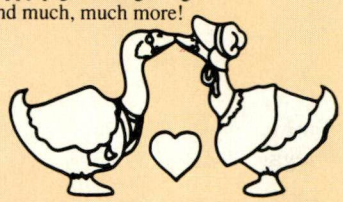

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