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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA-ARLINGTON



Service members and volunteers render honors at the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Dec. 15, 2012. Thousands of volunteers helped place 110,000 wreaths at the graves of fallen service members as part of the annual Wreaths Across America event.

DOD photo by Sebastian Sciotti Jr.

Norman Schwarzkopf 1934-2012



U.S. Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander In Chief of Central Command, died on Thursday, December 27th, in Tampa, FL, from complications of pneumonia.

IF YOU SEND IT... THEY WILL RECEIVE



U.S. soldiers and sailors unload care packages and Christmas gifts during mail call on Forward Operating Base Farah, Afghanistan, Dec. 15, 2012. The soldiers and sailors are assigned to Provincial Reconstruction Team Farah.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Matthew Stroup

Robert Bazley 1925-2012



U.S. Air Force General Robert W. Bazley, who led Pacific Air Forces from November 1984 to December 1986, died on Dec. 16 at his home in Chapel Hill, N.C.

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)



NORFOLK (Dec. 19, 2012) The aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) returns to Naval Station Norfolk after a six-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kevin J. Steinberg

Job Price 1970-2012



US Navy Commander Job W. Price was the leader of SEAL Team 4 and has been on Active Duty for 23 years. Price died on December 22nd in the Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan.

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U.S. Army Spc. Robert Zarlenga, front, fires his M4 carbine at insurgent forces near Joint Security Station Hasan in southern Afghanistan's Ghazni province.

Zarlenga is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's Company D, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Sailors Sue Over Radiation Exposure



A group of U.S. sailors who served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan after the massive earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown in Japan in 2011 is suing the Tokyo Electric Power Co. for allegedly conspiring to lie or mislead the public.

Aerial Refueling



An F-15E Strike Eagle receives fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker during an aerial refueling mission over the Atlantic Ocean, Sept. 10, 2012. The Strike Eagle is assigned to the 48th Fighter Wing and the Stratotanker is assigned to the 100th Air Refueling Wing.

USAF photo by Senior Airman Ethan Morgan

Combat Medic



U.S. Army Pfc. Kristina Batty dons a headscarf to meet with female Afghan villagers in Afghanistan's southern Ghazni province, May 5, 2012. Batty, a medic for a female engagement team, is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

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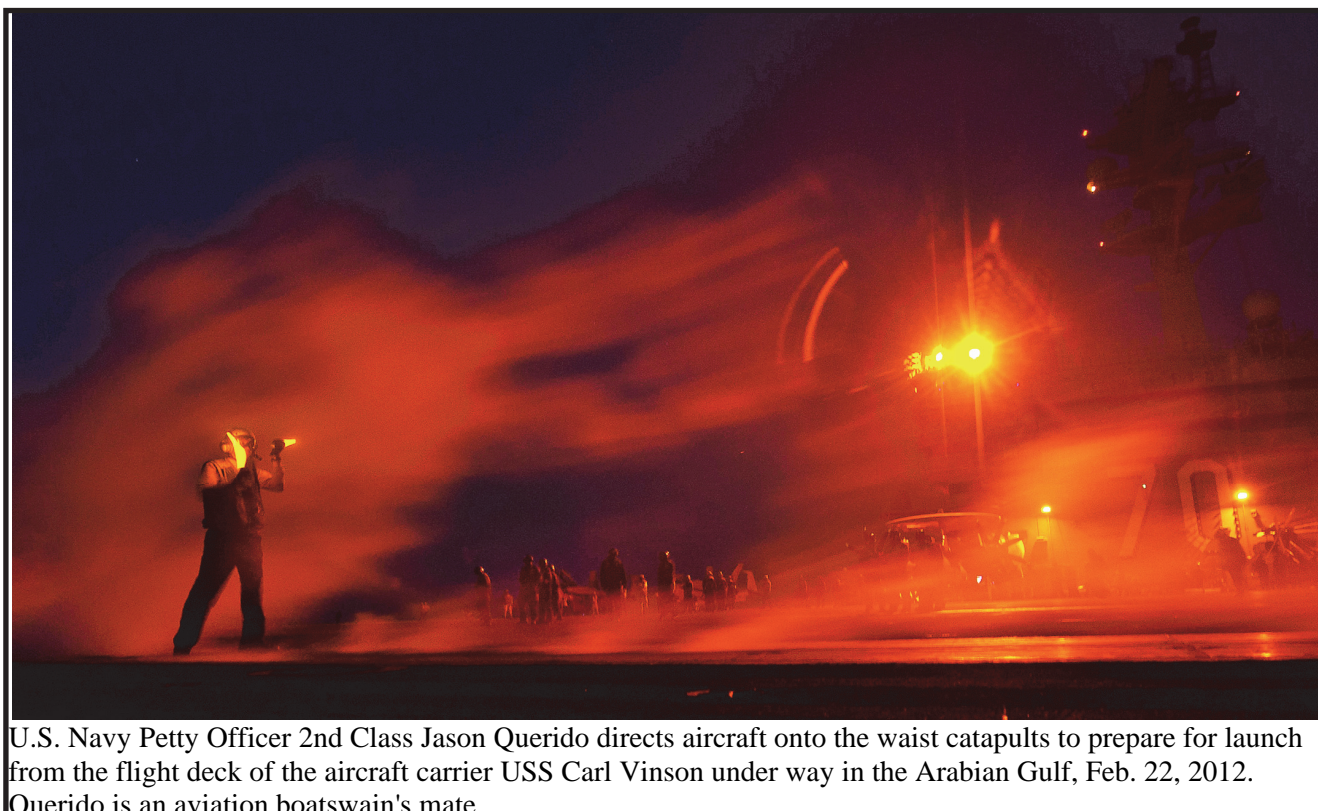
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U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Querido directs aircraft onto the waist catapults to prepare for launch from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson under way in the Arabian Gulf, Feb. 22, 2012. Querido is an aviation boatswain's mate.

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OFFICIAL BENGHAZI REPORTS ARE IN

State Department's Security Service, the Diplomatic Mission Service, the Bureau of Near East Affairs... All agreed with their findings; 'The Embassy in Benghazi was under-protected.'

Clerk's Note: Duh... Whoda A Think? These high ranking officials sure earned their pay getting all the details and working late coming up with the exact reason an American Ambassador and three others were Murdered on American Soil... Yes, we said American Soil. When an Embassy is granted by a hosting nation... That Land becomes part of Embassy's Home Country. Which is why you see people taking sanctuary in these places ALL Over The World. This is considered an 'Act Of War!!!' Now what has our leaders done about it?

Midnight Snack



A U.S. paratrooper heats noodles over a fire on Joint Security Station Hasan in the Gilan district in southern Afghanistan's Ghazni province.

Depending upon terrain, weather conditions and whether or not someone is shooting at him, an average 6 to 8 hour patrol could burn 5,000 or more calories. Which in this case, causes hunger pains and the need to heat water for the infamous noodle/ramen soup.

The soldier is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

FBI, DHS Coordinated With Banks And Universities To Crush Occupy Wall Street



It seems as if the vast conspiracy theories surrounding the violent crackdown on the Occupy Wall Street movement throughout the United States were not just the crazy thinking of a bunch of paranoid anti-government types. The Partnership for Civil Justice Fund, requesting documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), found that the FBI, the DHS and local police coordinated their efforts with the heads of universities and big banks.

The bloody crackdown involved smoke canisters and violent arrests, cutting off protestors' blood supplies with handcuffs and being held in chains for hours until they urinated in their pants.

The documents, produced and easily found on the Internet, show a coordinated effort by the banks and corporate entities working in lockstep with the govt to crush a peaceful protest against corporate interests.

Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, executive director of the PCJF, says that the documents show that even though the OWS' protests were largely peaceful in nature, the government went out of their way to label the protests "terrorist" in nature.

Texas Police Chief Retires From Army Reserve After Nearly 32 Years Of Service



Manuel Borrego always wanted to be a police officer, but at 18 he was too young to apply, so he decided to try and become another kind officer in the military and enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1978. He served there until 1981, and the next year was hired by the Wichita Falls Police Department. He served with the Texas Army National Guard for 4 years and joined the Army reserve in 1988, all the while working as a Wichita Falls police officer. "It was just changing one uniform to the other for me," he said.

He says it's wasn't hard serving dual roles because his employers and family were always very supportive. But a few years ago, things started changing on the military side. "When the war started, it no longer became a one weekend a month two weeks a year, especially at my rank of command sergeant major," Borrego said.

In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan. "We were training the Afghan national army to be self-sufficient so they could protect their own country and we could come home. It was a very difficult task, but one I believed in and one we needed to do as a nation."

A few months ago, he was tapped by the city of Wichita Falls to serve as police chief - a job he'd always dreamed of and he knew it was time to step down from his military career of nearly 32 years. "I felt like I attained all my goals in the military. I attained a rank I never thought I'd achieve as command sergeant major, I got to go defend our country in another part of the world. I trained up troops. So I feel like I did everything I wanted to do and now it's time to focus on this police department and move it to that next level," he said.

Borrego will officially retire from the Army Reserve on Dec. 31.

Eglin AFB Cleared To Start F-35 Training



The 33rd Fighter Wing, at Eglin AFB, Fla., is ready to conduct F-35A pilot training beginning in January, announced the Air Education and Training Command (AETC). Some 36 Air Force pilots are expected to go through the training program next year, according to Eglin's Dec. 17 release.

AETC Commander Gen. Edward Rice made the decision following his review of the results of an independent Operational Utility Evaluation (OUE) that gauged the wing's ability to execute the training mission. "The OUE showed the men and women at Eglin are ready" and "can conduct safe and effective flying operations in addition to academic training," said Rice. He added, "I'm very proud of both those in uniform and the contracted support who put in years of hard work."

The OUE included classroom and simulator training, along with six flights, for four primary and two back-up student pilots transitioning from the A-10 and F-16, according to the release. The student pilots' performances "were superb," said Lt. Col. Lee Kloos, commander of Eglin's 58th Fighter Squadron.

At full capacity, Eglin's training operations are expected to support 100 student pilots a year, along with 2,100 maintenance students.

Pentagon's Top Intelligence Official Being Probed



Investigators are looking into what Michael Vickers gave to the makers of a movie about the raid on and killing of Osama bin Laden. The movie is entitled, *Zero Dark Thirty*.

VA, SSA And IRS Cut Red Tape For Veterans And Survivors



The Department of Veterans Affairs announced it is cutting red tape for Veterans by eliminating the need for them to complete an annual Eligibility Verification Report (EVR). VA will implement a new process for confirming eligibility for benefits, and staff that had been responsible for processing the old form will instead focus on eliminating VA's compensation claims backlog.

X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System Completes First At-Sea Tests



The X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System (UCAS) demonstrator completed its first at-sea test phase aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS **Harry S. Truman** (CVN 75).

The first aircraft of its kind aboard a Naval vessel, the X-47B was put through myriad trials designed to assess the viability of an unmanned system's operation aboard a carrier. Among the multitude of tests, the X-47B was towed using carrier-based tractors, taxied on the flight deck via its arm-mounted control display unit (CDU), and had its digital engine controls tested within environments pervaded by electromagnetic fields.

"The system has performed outstandingly," said Don Blottenberger, program manager for the N-UCAS Program Office (PMA-268). "We've learned a lot about the environment that we're in and how compatible the aircraft is with a carrier's flight deck, hangar bays and communication systems."

"We validated our capabilities on an aircraft carrier," said Mike Mackey, Northrop Grumman's program director. "We gained a lot of knowledge that we could never have gotten anywhere else except on a carrier. It was perfect for the team. We demonstrated the program's maturity and our team's ability to interact with Sailors and the ship, which was one of the most important things for us to do." Mackey said data collected from the aircraft's performance throughout its two-week test period aboard Truman will contribute to future unmanned aviation programs.

A Tale Of Two Cities

In a sharp contrast between two of the nation's largest cities, Chicago recorded its 500th murder of 2012 while New York City reported 415 murders.

Chicago has a population of 2.5 million, New York City (not the state) has 8.5 million.

Up until a few weeks ago, Chicago had the toughest gun laws in the nation, with NO Guns Allowed. New York allows permitted weapons.

Just goes to show, taking away guns from good citizens, does not stop murder.

A USAF Voted As 'Lucky Thirteen'



Airmen voted the Air Force the 13th best place to work in 2012 among the federal government's large agencies, up five spots compared to 2011. The rating is based on the non-partisan, non-profit Partnership for Public Service's annual survey of employee satisfaction and commitment across 362 federal agencies and sub-components. As was the case last year, the Air Force finished slightly behind the Navy, which ended up in 10th place in 2012 (up from 15th place in 2011.) Unlike last year, the Air Force finished ahead of the Army, which occupies the 14th spot (up from 16th place in 2011).

This year's survey of nearly 700,000 civil servants measured factors including: effective leadership, employee skills and mission match, pay, teamwork, and work-life balance.

NASA came in first among the large agencies; the Homeland Security Department was last.

The Times, They ARE A-Changing

U.S. Marine Corps Captain Matthew Phelps got down on one knee to propose to his partner, Ben Schock, on December 15th in the first same-sex marriage proposal at the White House.

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Navy Reserve Reducing Size Of Expeditionary Forces



With the end of the Iraq War and the draw-down in Afghanistan, the U.S. Navy is reducing the size of the Navy Reserve Expeditionary Force. The largest change that will occur is a 45 percent reduction in Navy Reserve.

Australia Sending Jobs To America



According to an AgustaWestland executive, the company is considering building production models of the AW609 civil tilt-rotor in the U.S. Initially, the aircraft would be assembled partially in Italy and the U.S., but a decision on where final assembly would be conducted will be "driven by the customer base." AgustaWestland expects about 35% of its customers will be in the U.S.

DHS Takes Down Human Smuggling Ring Run By Mexicans In The U.S. Illegally



It began with a routine traffic stop in Tampa, Fla. On Feb. 4, just after 5 p.m., Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office deputies pulled over 21-year-old Kathleen Roberson. Not only did she not have a valid driver's license, but she was also transporting five illegal aliens in her Kia Sorrento. Roberson and one of her passengers, Jessica Roland, were transporters for a much larger human smuggling organization that operated out of Arizona and Alabama. The organization transported illegal aliens to final destinations throughout the U.S.

The sheriff's office and the U.S. Border Patrol notified U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE)'s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) about the incident. Two days later, HSI initiated an investigation to determine whom Roberson and Roland were working for. Further investigation led HSI to the organization's leadership, including brothers Jose Bartolo Calixto-Moran and Pedro Calixto-Moran, and Pedro's girlfriend, Marilu Ramirez-Bartolo. The brothers and Ramirez-Bartolo were all Mexican citizens illegally residing in the United States. As a result of HSI's investigation, on Dec. 5, the federal court sentenced Pedro Calixto-Moran to 71 months in prison, Jose Calixto-Moran to 41 months in prison and Ramirez-Bartolo to 27 months in prison for their roles in the human smuggling organization. Roberto Jimenez-Delgado was also sentenced to 33 months in prison for transporting illegal aliens.

Roberson and Roland cooperated with the investigation, and as a result, were credited with time served.

Clerk's Note: Questions: Did Roberson get traffic tickets for driving w/o a license? / insurance? How did she get 6 people into a KIA? Did the Feds get any money in their bank accounts? Under their mattress? Did they get the vehicles? After the prison terms do they send them back to Mexico? OR do they give them driver's licenses, social security, food stamps and let them vote as democrats in California?

Same Mission, Fewer Hands For Lajes



The U.S. Air Force is cutting personnel at Lajes Field, Azores, reducing its contingent there from a wing down to a group to meet Pentagon cost-cutting demands, announced Lajes officials.

"Lajes Field's strategic mission is important and valuable, and will not change, but the footprint with which we accomplish our mission will," said Col. Chris Bargery, commander of Lajes' 65th Air Base Wing, in a Dec. 13 release. "The U.S. force posture is being adjusted to meet fiscal challenges, while maintaining a strong, capable relationship with our Portuguese allies," he added.

Along with the wing's transition to a group, 400 uniformed personnel and 500 dependents will depart the installation by the end of Fiscal 2014, states the release. Those moves are expected to save \$35 million annually, according to base officials.

As part of these changes, the Air Force plans to close Lajes' Defense Department school and disallow airmen from bringing their families on one-year tours to the Azores after 2014.

White House Says: Love Thy Enemy

By Lisa Levine, News of the Force Tel Aviv

The United States is going ahead with plans to deliver 20 advanced-model F-16s to Egypt despite concerns in some circles that the Middle East country is slipping toward an Islamist dictatorship.

The first four of these F-16s - made possible through U.S. foreign aid - are slated to arrive in Egypt next month. "The Obama administration wants to simply throw money at an Egyptian government that the president **cannot even clearly state is an ally of the United States,**" said House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL).

The United States agreed to the F-16 sale prior to former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's ouster by revolutionaries in February 2011. Since assuming office, Egypt's newly elected President Mohammed Morsi has made a series of declarations seizing increasing power, despite the protests of Egypt's legislative and judicial branches. By continuing military aid, the Obama administration is attempting to retain influence with the Egyptians. Egypt already operates a large force of F-16s.

Clerk's Note: We are sure that the White House is aware of the New makeup of Egypt with the muslim brotherhood as a strong presence, along with many al quida ties, this will certainly show the Jews in America what a great ally Israel is to Obama by giving them 20 more warships!

France Steps Up Struggle Against Religious Radicals

France will deport foreign-born imams and disband radical faith-based groups, including hard-line traditionalist Catholics, if a new surveillance policy signals they suffer a "religious pathology" and could become violent. A French Islamist shooting spree last March that killed three soldiers and four Jews showed how quickly religiously radicalized people could turn to force, Interior Minister Manuel Valls told a conference on the official policy of secularism.

U.S. To Boost Presence In The Philippines, China Tells Its Army To 'Be Prepared'

U.S. and Philippines officials are expected to agree on an increase in the number of U.S. military ships, aircraft and troops rotating through the Philippines, Filipino officials said, as tensions simmer with China over its maritime claims. Though he made no direct reference to the territorial disputes, new Chinese Communist Party chief Xi Jinping urged his military to prepare for a struggle. He made the comments during his visit to a South China Sea fleet ship in southern Guangdong Province, but did not name any potential aggressor.

Soon Coming To America

And, it's an Equal Opportunity Nation: Racism in Scotland is now almost as likely to be directed against white people as any other group, new figures show.

Only In America

An unpaid intern to Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), was a registered sex offender and undocumented immigrant and is now facing deportation, a DHS official confirmed. The intern is identified as 18 year-old Luis Abrahan Sanchez Zavaleta, from Peru.

Stupid Is As Stupid Does

Gunmen shot eight health workers on an anti-polio drive in a string of attacks in Pakistan, officials said, raising fears for the safety of workers immunizing children against the crippling disease.

It was not clear who was behind the shootings but Taliban insurgents and muslims have repeatedly denounced the anti-polio campaign as a Western plot, as the vaccine was invented by Jews.

Health officials suspended the immunization campaign in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city of 18 million people.

Clerk's Note: Why are these people allowed to breed? They won't even protect their own children, they shoot pre-teen girls who want education. There must be an aerial spray in development that could increase their brain cells to the point where they can think for themselves and not listen to ignorant, twelve hundred year old religious lies that prevent them from realizing that they now live in the 21st Century!

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Marine Corps Reservist Stands Guard At California Elementary School



A U.S. Marine Corps Reserve sergeant was on self-imposed duty at Hughson Elementary School, in Hughson, Calif., on December 19th, watching over the children.

Sgt. Craig Pusley got up early, dressed in his desert camouflage fatigues and stationed himself in front of the school's flag pole. He doesn't have a child at the school, but his son is 3 and will one day go to school there.

Pusley said he decided to stand guard in front of the school in the wake of last week's tragic school shooting in Newtown, Conn., that killed 20 young children. "When I enlisted, I swore to defend this country from all enemies, foreign and domestic," he said, adding, "I'd take a bullet for these kids."

Pusley stood guard unarmed but his presence in front of the school was a comfort to parents, and the principal was happy to have him.

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The Small Print
Do We Trust Our Government?

By Phillip Meskin
At one time or another, we all may have had a thought that something seemed a bit fishy with an explanation or story that was being given out as an official report of what was happening.

Watergate, Chappaquiddick, Interns and Cigars, The Grassy Knoll, Hanging Chads, Fast & Furious gun sales, giving the muslim brotherhood \$1.3 Billion for medical aid and Never See them buying even a band-aid.

Well the latest cover-up that can no longer be a misunderstanding is the murder of four Americans on American Soil in Benghazi, including the Ambassador.

The White House says they did not know about it... The ready to go attack teams say they were told to stand down, by persons higher than three & four star military officers.

All parties now agree that what happened took planning on the part of the attackers... All agree that there was enough chatter going on days before he attack and "Someone" should have done something about it.

There are at least three groups that said they did speak up, but it fell on deaf ears. And those that spoke up, are no longer there.

After the presidential election, there were 16 command officers (Col, Gen, Cdm, Adm) relieved of duty due to a lack of confidence. Now those are the ones we know about.

Job Price (picture is on front page of this issue) who was a commander with SEAL Team 4, died in late December, with the higher ups calling it a suicide.

All who knew him said he showed no signs of stress at meetings only 48 hours prior... Did he become stressed out because he might have said something weeks ago and it was now coming back to bite him? Did he feel pressure coming from way higher up looking down on his spotless 23 years serving our country and putting himself in harms way?

Did he feel guilty for not saving the ambassador and three other Americans "On American Soil?" Yes they were on American Soil when they were attacked and murdered... The Embassy becomes the land of the Nation that occupies that location... That is why you read about people holding up in them.

Maybe he didn't feel guilty and spoke his mind about the incident... Maybe his words went up the chain of command, maybe he did not want to bring shame to his Unit, his Team, his Family... Maybe in his own mind, the only way to stop it... We might never know.

So, who has enough power and is mean spirited enough to relieve 16 Military Leaders from their commands without anyone batting an eye?

The next question to be asked... Who would you trust more... The guy that cheats on his wife (no, not Clinton) or the guy that cheats on his Country? (well it could be Clinton, but you know that is not who we are speaking about.)

We American take an awful lot for granted, we know we will have fuel, but it will cost more, we expect the grocery stores to always have what we need, but they are going to charge us more.

The one item Americans should never take for granted, is politicians and government agencies lying to us. This is something we should never let happen, however we have allowed it for so long, we almost expect these people to Never tell us the Truth. And they probably believe that they will never have to tell us the truth... Why would they start now?

We have become a nation of listeners and watchers... We are no longer doers!

That Country Western comic, Larry the cable guy has, what we believe is the way out of this bad habit and rut instead of just accepting everything these so called leaders tell us... "Get Er Done!" That is what we ALL need to do... "Get Er Done!"

Let us not sit at our TV's waiting for the next lie to come out of the mouths of those who start the lie by saying... "This is for the good of the Nation..." How come the Nation has no say in what is good for it?

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The Small Print
The Truth About Dems & Guns

By Phillip Meskin
While the democrats start wasting taxpayers dollars trying to control guns in the United States of America, we would like to show some facts that may help some of you fence sitters to jump off towards our constitution and go out to get your own gun OR fall off the fence onto an enemy's sword.

First Fact, America is the Largest producer of Arms on the Planet Earth.

Second Fact, America is the Largest Exporter of Arms to the rest of the Planet Earth.

Third Fact, America is the Largest Exporter of Military Weapons, to include Planes, Jets, Bombers, Fighters, Ships, Vehicles, Grenades, Ammunition, Missiles, etc, on the Planet Earth... But Only With The Permission of the US Congress... Who must okay EVERY Military Arms Deal... Who, just by coincidence are the same ones who can take Any and All Arms away from its Very Own Citizens.

Pelosi, Weinstein and other prominent democrats want to start with assault rifles, as they have NO Use for hunting deer. They are totally correct.

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But ONLY After the president orders the Military into action (Could take 48 Hours).

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Only After the Sheriff / Police Chief Understands the Attack and orders their people into action (Could take only an hour or two).

Taking into account that it took less than 30 minutes to complete the attack on the World Trade Center... Less than 5 minutes at Columbine, Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois University, FORT HOOD TEXAS... It would appear that when Imminent Danger is SECONDS Away, Our Saviors and Protectors are only MINUTES OR HOURS Away!

Can you imagine what is going through the mind of a gun hating parent, trying to hide in their kitchen with their children, not blaming the assailant, as they know they will always have weapons to kill and maim...

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Dear Company Clerk,

"What gets me is that there was a shooting in a mall in, Oregon, a couple of days before the Connecticut Sandy Hook shooting.

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He had the shooter in his sights but saw someone behind the shooter. He was afraid if he fired and missed, he would shoot an innocent bystander. But the shooter saw him pointing a gun at him and immediately ended his own life.

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USPS Has Been Ordered To Re-Hire Fired Soldier - And Pay Him \$2 Million



A heavily-decorated Army Green Beret, fired by the Postal Service (USPS) in 2000 for taking military leave, must be reinstated in his mail job and retroactively paid for back wages, benefits and legal fees - an amount that may top \$2 million, an administrative law judge has ruled.

Special Forces Sgt. Maj. Rick Erickson - who has earned three Combat Distinguished Valor awards, the Purple Heart, and more than 30 other military medals - said the termination forced him to re-enlist in the Army National Guard and eventually serve in Afghanistan in order to generate income to support his three daughters. While in Afghanistan, Erickson's unit was ambushed in 2004 and he was shot twice in the arm.

"I had to fight 13 years for something the USPS could have corrected with a quick decision. But they didn't want to do the right thing," Erickson said. For now, he remains on active duty. "This has been torture to me, to my family and friends. I'm a single dad and I had to spend a lot of time away from my daughters. But this is not just about me. This is about every Veteran that got fired from their job while serving their country," added Erickson, 49. "Fortunately, I got the chance to fight it, to bring it to the courts. Most Veterans who are fired just run out of money, say forget it, and go to a grocery store to work to move on. I've seen it so many times.

The USPS does not agree with the decision but is taking it under advisement, a spokesperson said. The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board - which handles job disputes involving federal employees - handed down its order Dec. 14 that the USPS must re-employ Erickson no later than Jan. 18. In addition to ordering the USPS to reimburse the soldier for nearly 13 years in back postal wages, the board also told the USPS to immediately begin paying Erickson his postal salary - even if the USPS opts to appeal, a move that could extend the case another two years.

Erickson said he doesn't recall his hourly wage rate in 2000. "I'm an aggressive guy so I was trying to become a postmaster Erickson said of his career aspirations when he worked for the USPS in Fort Myers, Fla. "Today, I still have three daughters to take care of. Two are 21 and in college, and one is 17. It's obvious the Postal Service did something wrong. But will they still spend the taxpayers money and keep fighting this because they don't want to be proven wrong? Erickson asked. "They need to ante up. I couldn't be hired by any other federal agency. I was red-flagged (within the federal employment system) just because the Postal Service fired me. So I had to re-enlist, he added. "I mean, how many civilian jobs are going to hire a Green Beret? What are they going to say, 'Hey, Green Beret, go bag some groceries?'"

Erickson, who started serving in the Army National Guard in 1990, initially sought to overturn his postal termination in 2000. After he returned from Afghanistan, he ramped up his legal battle by filing an appeal in 2006 with the Merit Systems Protection Board. He claimed that by firing him, the USPS had violated his federal rights to serve in the military and hold another job, as stated in the USERR Act. "In 2000 I was called up to serve my country. The USPS fired me for using excessive military leave. When you fight in combat, you can't hold a grudge on your shoulder. You have to do your job, Erickson said. "But I had to fight the enemy overseas and then I had to come back and fight the Post Office."

In the years following his 2006 federal bid to regain his postal job, he won two decisions before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The USPS continued, however, to appeal his reinstatement, said Erickson's lawyer, Greg T. Rinckey. In 2011, a federal judge remanded Erickson's case - for the second time - back to the Merit Systems Protection Board in Atlanta.

"The USPS illegal conduct in 2000 was bad, but fighting this year after year was worse," said Rinckey. He estimated that when the USPS receives the total bill for Erickson's back wages, benefits and legal fees, it will exceed \$2 million, making it "one of the largest awards in an employment case against the USPS and the federal government." Rinckey said he expects the USPS to appeal. "I never understand why an agency fights these types of actions when, in my opinion, it's pretty clear cut. Why did they continue to litigate this? We were willing to settle this in 2006 and it would have been fairly simply to settle. They just kept going, raising the legal fees on it, year after year."

Disability Compensation Claims For Veterans Lag As VA's Backlog Worsens

Department of Veterans Affairs

The average wait time for wounded Veterans to see their disability-compensation claims completed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has now grown to 262 days - or nearly nine months - according to a federal web site and three watchdog groups.

VA Sec Eric Shinseki vowed to shrink the so-called VA backlog to 125 days by 2015 as the agency finishes transitioning to a digital processing system. Despite that promise, the claims-completion gap has expanded steadily during the past year. The VA's benefits-aspiration web page shows the average claims processing time was 223 days in October 2011, 246 days in April 2012, 257 days in July and 260 days in August. In fact, the backlog has doubled in size since 2008, congressional members report.

The agency called its widening claims backlog "unacceptable" but said it is taking steps to try to fix that problem. "VA has completed a record-breaking 1 million claims per year the last three fiscal years. Yet too many Veterans have to wait too long to get the benefits they have earned and deserve," the VA said in a statement. "That's unacceptable, and VA is building a strong foundation for a paperless, digital disability claims system - a lasting solution that will transform how we operate and eliminate the claims backlog. This paperless technology is being deployed to 18 regional offices in 2012, and it will reach all 56 VA Regional Offices by the end of 2013 to help deliver faster, better decisions for Veterans."

Same-Sex Wife Of Army Officer Banned From Joining Ft. Bragg Spouse Club



Ashley Broadway, left, married her 15-year companion, Lt. Col. Heather Mack, in November - their first chance to hold a formal ceremony after the 2011 repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell."

The newlywed wife of a female lieutenant colonel stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., the largest Army installation in the country, has been denied membership in a base club for officers' spouses, igniting accusations from a national military spouses organization that the woman was blackballed only because she is a lesbian. Ashley Broadway married her 15-year companion, Lt. Col. Heather Mack, in November - their first chance to hold a formal ceremony after the 2011 repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell," the policy that kept gays from openly serving in the military. The couple has a 2-year-old son and Mack is 8-months-pregnant with their second child.

I was really hurt by the denial. Living for years under "Don't Ask Don't Tell, I couldn't be a part of the military family, Broadway said, breaking into tears. After "Don't Ask Don't Tell, I thought, wow, I can finally be part of something, finally give back to the military community in ways other than just writing a check. So it was a blow. A real blow. Here, I thought things were progressing. I was knocked back down."

China Bans Alcohol At Military Banquets



China has banned senior military officers from holding alcohol-fueled banquets or from staying in luxury hotels when on work trips in the latest move by Communist Party chief Xi Jinping to fight corruption, state media reported. Receptions will also no longer feature welcome banners, red carpets, flowers, honor guards, performances or souvenirs, the powerful Central Military Commission, which Xi oversees, has decreed.

Clerk's Note: Can we do this with our federal agencies like TSA, CIA, FBI, Congress, Senate, VA, ATF, IRS, CDC, DoE, DoJ, DoT, EPA, EEOC, FCC, FTC, FAA, FEMA, FDA, GSA, GAO, HUD, NOAA... At a savings of \$1 million per conference, with two a year each multiplied by 200 agencies... \$400 Million a year.

Navy Medicine Rolls Out New Campaign To Deter 'Bath Salts' Designer Drug Use



The U.S. Navy has announced the launch of a new informational video and poster regarding the health risks and dangers of the synthetic amphetamine known as "bath salts" and other designer drugs.

The PSA video and poster will be distributed for display throughout the fleet and are available at: <http://www.med.navy.mil/Pages/Syntheticdrugs.aspx>

First You Say This, Then You Want That...



The U.S. Marine Corps could face significant challenges in fulfilling a congressional mandate to nearly double its number of Marine embassy security guards at a time when the service is drawing down its active duty forces.

Security Fears Dogged Canada's Debate On China Energy Bid

In September, two months after China's state-owned CNOOC, Ltd., made an unexpected \$15.1 billion bid for the Canadian energy company Nexen, Inc., Canada's spy agency told ministers that takeovers by Chinese companies may threaten national security.

The rare warning from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), which was disclosed by intelligence sources, did not stop the takeover. That was approved by Canadian authorities early in December.

What The Hell?

The Last Straw of Bias

Palestinian militants violated the laws of war by launching rockets at Israeli cities from the Gaza Strip during last November's fighting, Human Rights Watch (HRW) has stated.

The New York-based group also said that militant organizations in the territory, which are ruled by the Islamist movement Hamas, put Palestinian civilians in harm's way by firing the rockets from within densely populated areas.

Clerk's Note: So the violation against human rights was NOT sending rockets into Israel's civilian population... The violation was that Palestinian civilians could have been hurt when the rockets took off!!! It is so nice of the UN Council to allow the Human Rights Committee to have members on it from Iran, Iraq, Syria, China, Pakistan and Kenya. ALL of those countries should be so proud of their Human Rights within their nations. If we sent our worst criminals to live in those countries... There would be lawsuits... Hang on, am having second thoughts about providing free transportation for our worst criminals and don't worry, we did not forget to apply the same courtesy to the members of our congress and senate.

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Airmen Conclude Christmas Air Drops



C-130 crews from Yokota AB, Japan, operating from Andersen AFB, Guam, delivered more than 39,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies - and holiday cheer - to Pacific islanders during this year's Operation Christmas Drop, the Pentagon's longest running humanitarian effort. Between Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, the Yokota airmen dropped bundles of goods, including toys, clothing, fishing equipment, sporting goods, food items and tools, to the inhabitants of 54 islands, among them: Chuuk, Palau, Yap, the Marshall Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, according to Andersen's Dec. 19 release. OCD began in December 1952 and has been an annual undertaking ever since, bringing together airmen and civilian volunteers for the benefit of the islanders. "When we all signed up to join the military, it was about service, not only service to our country, but service to the world," said Col. David Gould, Yokota's 374th Operations Group's commander.

Sexual Assaults More Common In War Zone

About half of women sent to Iraq or Afghanistan report being sexually harassed, and nearly one in four say they were sexually assaulted, according to new research by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The study - based on anonymous surveys of female service members who deployed to war - suggest a far higher prevalence of sexual misconduct against women in war zones than is reflected by complaints gathered by the various service branches.

More than 20,000 women served in Afghanistan. In the preceding year, only 115 reports were filed alleging sexual assault, according to the Pentagon.

The findings show that there are traumatic strains beyond combat when troops go to war, said Amy Street, a lead researcher, clinical psychologist and a deputy director at one of VA's National Centers for PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorders) in Boston, Mass. The "lion's share of the attention has focused on combat exposure," said Street, adding that her study shows how sexual harassment and sexual assault on U.S. troops and their emotional consequences also are a cost of war.

Nate Galbreath, a senior adviser for the Pentagon's sexual assault prevention office, said reports of any abuse concern him. He said he's withholding an assessment of Street's findings until he better understands how the research was conducted.

The results emerge as the Pentagon wrestles with problems of sexual abuse within its ranks and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's orders for steps to guard against it. Earlier this year, dozens of female recruits at Lackland Air Force Base, in Texas, reported being sexually assaulted by male instructors. An Army brigadier general is on trial for alleged sexual misconduct with lower-ranking women while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. And the Associated Press reported last week that sexual assaults at military academies increased from 65 in 2011 to 80 in 2012.

In the VA study, researchers mailed survey questions to more than 1,100 women who served in or near Iraq or Afghanistan. Some 48.6% said they had been sexually harassed during their time in a war zone. Sexual assaults during deployment, up to and including rape, were reported by 22.8% of women.

In a work place survey of women across the military by the Pentagon, 4.4% said they were victims of "unwanted sexual contact."

Almost all of the women in the VA study of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans said the offenders were other service members, in many cases from within their own unit, and 47% said that person held a higher rank, according to the findings.

Military's Fate, Is In Their Hands

Congress Establishes Retirement Commission



Lawmakers who hashed out the final version of the Fiscal 2013 defense authorization bill established an independent panel to review the Defense Department's military compensation and retirement benefits.

The nine-member Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) will stand up within four months of the defense bill becoming law, according to the bill's conference report.

The bill is awaiting Obama's signature. Obama will select one member of the panel, while congressional leadership from both parties will choose the remaining eight commissioners.

The panel's mandate is to mull options to ensure the long-term viability of the all-volunteer force, enable a high quality of life for military families, and modernize the compensation and retirement systems so that they are sustainable.

Within nine months of the bill's enactment, the Defense secretary will present recommendations to the commission, which will then hold hearings and review the ideas.

Within 15 months of the bill's enactment, the commission will send Obama a report with its recommendations.

Within 60 days of receipt, Obama will report back to the panel and Congress whether he approves the recommendations. If Obama disapproves them, in whole or in part, the commission has a month to make revisions and resubmit them to him.

USAF Marathon Registration Opens Jan



Registration for the 2013 Air Force Marathon, in Dayton, Ohio, opened on Jan. 1 with a special one-day discount, according to event organizers.

The marathon kicks off with a 5k race on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Wright State University, followed by the full marathon, half marathon, and 10K race on Saturday, Sept. 21. The latter three races will start and finish at the National Museum of the United States Air Force on the grounds of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

For New Year's Day, the registration fee for the full marathon and half marathon will be discounted by \$10.00, while those who commit to the 10k race or 5k event will save \$5.00, states a base release, which breaks down all of the fees and sign-up deadlines.

"We encourage all participants to register as early as possible," said race director Robert Aguiar. The Air Force Marathon sold out in record time in 2012 - on May 19 - and organizers said they anticipate selling out even faster for the 2013 races. "We are very excited to debut our course changes in 2013. We believe runners will really like the changes," said Aguiar.

Safety In Life, Dignity In Death

By U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson



Earlier this year, the remains of World War II Veteran Army Pvt. Lawrence Davis, Jr., were found at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, buried in a cardboard box.

In December the Senate passed a bill aimed at making sure this doesn't happen again.

On Dec 19th, the Senate passed the Dignified Burial and Veteran's Improvement Act.

The bill, among other things, calls for a review of burial standards and would allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to purchase caskets or urns for indigent Veterans who are eligible to be buried in national cemeteries.

The legislation also establishes a voluntary database for service members who may have been exposed to toxic fumes working near open-air burn pits in Iraq. Veterans who register will be notified of significant developments associated with burn pit exposure and be better able to stay on top of their health.

The bill now moves over to the House of Representatives, where they're expected to pass it by the end of the year.

Our Veterans put their lives at risk for our safety; we must make sure to protect their health while they are alive, and treat them with dignity when they die.

World War II Veteran Holds Volunteer Record At Aviation Museum

World War II bomber pilot Frank Cross will turn 92 in January, but he's not only the oldest volunteer at Georgia's Museum of Aviation. He also holds the record for most volunteer hours logged - more than 13,000. Cross was volunteering for the museum before it was even opened, helping to clear the land and erect the first building.

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We were kind of hoping that you would be more involved and take an interest in this type of activity, since that does not seem to be the case. We guess you can go back to your everyday lives, hoping soon that you will realize that YOU ARE the solution.

If someone could write us and tell us how to get our readers more involved in our mission to assist other Veterans... Well, we are all Ears & Eyes waiting for your response.

For those of you that have found a mistake in the past twelve months during the year 2012 on the pages of this publication... Rest Assured that they were put there on purpose!

Yes they were... Believe it or not, there are people in this world who do nothing more than look for other people's mistakes.

Since we try to please everyone, we added mistakes to just to please these people. It also kept them from annoying someone else! You are ALL Very Welcome.



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Army Spc. Timothy Shout uses his weapon's scope to scan the nearby ridge following an engagement with anti-Afghan forces on Forward Operating Base Wright in Afghanistan's Kunar province. Shout is assigned to the Provincial Reconstruction Team Kunar security forces.

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For those looking at the bottom line... These beauties come with twin engines, 10 ply tires, with two spares and cost only \$130 million each.

Santa-Trackers - Record-Breaking Night



Peterson AFB, CO- Jennifer Eckels, first time NORAD Tracks Santa volunteer, takes calls at the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center.

Volunteers at a U.S. Air Force base monitoring Santa Claus' progress around the world were on hand to answer a record number of calls on Monday from children wanting to know everything from Saint Nick's age to how reindeer fly. Oh, and when are the presents coming?

Phones were ringing non-stop at Peterson AFB, headquarters of the North American Aerospace Command (NORAD)'s annual Santa-tracking operation. NORAD, a joint U.S.-Canada command responsible for protecting the skies over both nations, says its Santa-tracking rite was born of a humble mistake in a newspaper ad in 1955. The ad in a Colorado Springs newspaper invited children to call Santa but inadvertently listed the phone number for the Continental Air Defense Command, NORAD's predecessor, also based in Colorado Springs. Officers played along. Since then, NORAD Tracks Santa has gone global, posting updates for nearly 1.2 million Facebook fans and 104,000 Twitter followers.

Spokeswoman 1st Lt. Stacey Fenton said that as of midnight yesterday, trackers answered more than 111,000 calls, breaking last year's record of 107,000. NORAD got calls from 220 countries and territories last year, and non-English-speakers called this year as well. Volunteers who speak other languages get green Santa hats and a placard listing their languages so organizers can find them quickly. "Need a Spanish speaker!" one organizer called as he rushed out of one of three phone rooms.

First Lady Michelle Obama, who is spending the holidays with her family in Hawaii, also joined in answering calls as she has in recent years. She spent about 30 minutes talking with children from across the country.

Volunteer Sara Berghoff was caught off-guard when a child called to see if Santa could be especially kind this year to the families affected by the recent Connecticut school shooting. "I'm from Newtown, where the shooting was," she remembered the child asking. "Is it possible that Santa can bring extra presents so I can deliver them to the families that lost kids?" Sara, just 13 herself, gathered her thoughts quickly. "If I can get hold of him, I'll try to get the message to him," she told the child.

Other questions required the volunteers to think fast: "How do reindeer fly?" "How many elves does Santa have?" "Does Santa leave presents for dogs?" "How old is Santa?" The answer to that one is in the FAQs that NORAD hands out to volunteers: "It's hard to know for sure, but NORAD intelligence indicates Santa is at least 16 centuries old."

One little boy phoned in to ask what time Santa delivered toys to heaven, said volunteer Jennifer Eckels, who took the call. The boy's mother got on the line to explain that his sister had died this year. "I think Santa headed there first," Eckels told him.

NORAD suggested that its volunteers tell callers that Santa won't drop off the presents until all the kids in the home are asleep. "Ohhhhhh," said an 8-year-old. "Thank you so much for that information," said a grateful mom.

A young boy called to ask if Santa was real. Air Force Maj. Jamie Humphries, who took the call, said, "I'm 37 years old, and I believe in Santa, and if you believe in him as well, then he must be real." The boy turned from the phone and yelled to others, "I told you guys he was real!"

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SGT Jill Stevens is much more than a pretty face and a firm body. While serving in Afghanistan she is quoted as saying; "Seeing how women are treated was sad. In the villages, I'd take my helmet off to show I'm a woman and I'm respected and that women do have worth."



Clerk's Note: This is one of those stories that got lost in the shuffle and is a few years old, but we thought you should know about it. These days, Jill Stevens Shepherd is a Registered Nurse near Salt Lake City, Utah.

And If The Above Story Was Good...

Commanders and supervisors in all corners of the U.S. Air Force started to conduct a widespread sweep of all work spaces and public areas on December 5th, looking for pictures, calendars and other materials that objectify women.

VA Offers Mobile App To Responders



VA is offering a mobile app to mental health personnel - including VA providers - who provide "psychological first aid" to children and adults affected by natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is publishing a proposed regulation in the *Federal Register* that would change its rules to add five diagnosable illnesses which are secondary to service-connected Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Employer Sued For Firing Army Reservist



The U.S. Government has sued a New York communications company president and his company, saying they violated the law by firing an Army reservist because of military obligations. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan sued Cohere Communications, Llc., and its president, Steven T. Francesco. They said the company refused to restore the job of William Pfunk when he returned from a 4-day training event in April.

Pfunk is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. The lawsuit seeks back pay.

U.S. Marines And Sailors To Face Random Blood Alcohol Tests



U.S. Marines and sailors will be subject to random blood-alcohol tests twice a year in what is billed as the toughest anti-drinking policy in the U.S. military, starting on Jan. 1.

Guam Medics Resuscitate Baby Girl

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services (FES) medics resuscitated a 1-year-old civilian girl who was brought to Station 2 on the Naval Magazine Site in Santa Rita on Dec. 24.

Upon arrival, the girl was unconscious, unresponsive and had acute cyanosis from lack of oxygen. Medics performed approximately 10 back blows in an attempt to dislodge the piece of food. Once her airway was clear, medics then delivered oxygen and the patient's condition improved.

NBG FES personnel Capt. Nick Perez, Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Andrew Babas, Firefighter J.P. Taimanglo, Firefighter Ted Borja and Paramedic Gregory Simon were the first to treat the infant, said NBG FES Fire Chief Robert Green. "After back blows and oxygen was delivered, she was able to move her hands initially and cyanosis eventually went away," Green said.

First Qualified Female Submarine Officers Receive Dolphins



Three sailors assigned to *USS Maine* (SSBN 741) and *USS Wyoming* (SSBN 742) became the first female unrestricted line officers to qualify in submarines, December 5th.

Lt. (j.g.) Marquette Leveque, a native of Fort Collins, Colo., assigned to the Gold Crew of *Wyoming*, and Lt. (j.g.) Amber Cowan and Lt. (j.g.) Jennifer Noonan, of *Maine's* Blue Crew received their submarine "dolphins" during separate ceremonies at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., and Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash.

In order to receive their dolphins, Leveque, Cowan and Noonan were required to qualify as Officer of the Deck and Engineering Officer of the Watch, perform damage control functions, and demonstrate satisfactory qualities of leadership.

Leveque, Cowan and Noonan are three of 24 women - 17 line officers and seven supply officers - assigned to *Maine*, *Wyoming*, *USS Ohio* (SSGN 726) and *USS Georgia* (SSGN 729). *Maine* and *Ohio* are homeported in Bangor, Wash., while *Wyoming* and *Georgia* are homeported in Kings Bay, Ga.

Prior to reporting to their boats beginning in November 2011, Leveque, Cowan, Noonan and the other women assigned to *Ohio*, *Maine*, *Wyoming* and *Georgia* graduated from the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, Conn. In addition, the submarine line officers under instruction graduated from the Naval Nuclear Power School at Charleston, S.C., and underwent naval nuclear prototype training.

New Hampshire Police To Get Three Bomb-Sniffing Dogs From The USMC



Three Labrador retrievers trained by the U.S. Marine Corps to sniff out bombs overseas are being donated to the New Hampshire State Police. The Marines are downsizing their Improvised Detector Dog program, which trained a force of about 650 working dogs.

"Taxpayers... Good Sports!"[®] Little Progress In Monitoring Kabul Airport Cash Flow, Despite U.S. Aid

Afghan officials are stonewalling U.S. efforts to help regulate the billions of dollars in cash being flown out of Kabul airport every year, a U.S. watchdog said in a report today. The officials are apparently not using cash-counting machines at the airport more than a year after they were provided by the U.S. Government to try to get some oversight of the currency fleeing the country, said the report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Afghan VIPs still get to by-pass Customs screenings altogether.

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As some of you may know, finding the Veterans Post News at the James Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, FL has been difficult at best since July 2012.

We at the Post were unaware of the problem until late September when we found out that the Director, Kathleen R. Fogarty had ordered the Post removed from the Haley Campus. Thousands of copies were trashed. We even made attempts to find out if the papers were at least donated to charity for a paper drive fund raising.

We made contact with her office from mid September 2012, throughout the month of November and were told; Ms. Fogarty is out of the office; Ms. Fogarty is on vacation; Ms. Fogarty is in a meeting...

We did speak with more than a dozen employees who advised (unofficially) that some of the articles in the Post about the current political administration were not acceptable.

We tried to point out that the people in the articles created the story by doing the activity or event being covered... It was suggested that we don't do that.

We also realize that this very article that you are now reading could also be dangerous... Not to your health, but to ours. We just wanted you to know the truth.

We contacted Congressman Gus Bilirakis to speak on our behalf as we were not getting any response to our calls for SIX Weeks...

Well now that the Post is no longer at Haley, maybe they will return the four Metal Racks that they have hidden from us.

Since we have not heard of any large ladies singing... YOU can voice your opinion on how much in fear for your safety you were with the Post lurking on racks and tables... But don't call us as we have very little say in the matter.

This January 2013 Issue begins our 23rd Year of Giving Away Information and News to Veterans, Military and their families that could be useful in getting Services and Benefits through various agencies.

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Below is the letter signed by 'R. Hawkins Jr.' for the Director Kathleen R. Fogarty;

VA Registers 'GI Bill' As Trademark Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that "GI Bill" is now a registered trademark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and VA is the sole owner of the mark.

On April 26, Obama signed Executive Order 13607, directing the VA, the Department of Defense and the Department of Education to undertake a number of measures to "stop deceptive and misleading" promotional efforts that target the GI Bill educational benefits of service members, Veterans, and eligible family members and survivors. One of the key components of the order was for VA to register the term "GI Bill" as a trademark in order to protect individuals and ensure they are directed to the right resources to make informed decisions.

In addition, VA obtained the rights to the *GIBill.com* web site after the original owners agreed to give up the site. VA is taking a proactive approach in continuously taking action to eliminate fraudulent marketing and recruiting practices.

For more information on GI Bill programs, please visit www.gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-GI-Bill-1 (1-888-442-4551) to speak with a GI Bill representative.

Biting The Hand That Feeds...

In order to earn a living, many Palestinians in Gaza work in Israel, under an agreement made years ago... Israel takes a percentage of the Palestinians Pay and gives it to the Palestinian Authority of Gaza.

But now, since the new muslim brotherhood does not recognize Israel as a legal nation, Israel is keeping the tax money... About \$100 Million a month.

Israel is using the money to make repairs from the hostile rockets that are fired almost daily from the Palestinians side of the border.

The Gaza Strip's prime minister has appealed to Arab states and friends of the Palestinian people to help pay for reconstruction after a week of Israeli aerial attacks on the enclave inflicted damage assessed at between \$250 million and \$545 million.

"We urge Arab brothers and the international community to stand beside the Palestinian people and Gaza in order that we can reconstruct what has been destroyed by the occupation forces [Israel] and to rehabilitate the infrastructure," Ismail Haniyeh told Reuters Television.

The Arab brothers are slow to respond as they realize that if the Palestinian Authority does not control those who fire rockets at Israel, or stop doing it themselves... Israel will once again bomb the Gaza Strip into dust.

They also realize that for every dollar sent for repairs, half will only be taken by the corrupt govt either for personal use or for weapons.

Your Government At Work

As a service to taxpayers, the IRS' longtime policy is to pay tax refund claims promptly and only later to refer the refund files for possible audits and collection in the event of overpayments or fraud.

This policy, though, means that ordinary taxpayers are treated better than the nation's wounded warriors who file disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs. VA's assumption seems to be that wounded Veterans are cheating - and thus most Veterans must get at least five evaluations, and reviews, over a several-year period, before full benefits can be awarded. Even though some temporary financial relief is available before final determination, Veterans complain that the amount is almost never enough.

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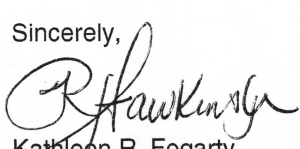
Dear Congressman Bilirakis:

This letter is in response to your inquiry on behalf of Philip Meskin of "Veterans' Post News" regarding the request to have his publication "Veterans' Post News" continue to be distributed at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH).

The Safety Office at the JAHVH completed a safety inspection approximately four months ago and as a result of their inspection, recommended that the volume of publications in various areas of the hospital presented a safety hazard to the facility. The recommendation was to have some of the various publications removed from the hospital to prevent fall risks for patients and employees.

The Public Affairs Officer made contact with representatives of the affected publications, which included "Veterans' Post News," and informed them of the change in policy with regard to patient and employee safety. However, representatives of the affected publications were unhappy with the information.

Your interest on behalf of "Veterans' Post News" is appreciated. While this may not be the answer they were looking for we feel this is in the best interest for patient and employee safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Fogarty
Director

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Be bold in what you stand for, but careful in what you fall for.

Only in Chicago; A federal appeals court overturned the bribery conviction of a city of Chicago zoning inspector on the ground that the bribes he was convicted of taking were too small to be covered by federal law. Dominick Owens, 46, was convicted of taking four bribes of \$600 each to issue certificates of occupancy, but the law applies only to bribes of \$5,000 or more.

Also in Chicago, Mayor Rahm Emanuel disbanded the city's Ethics Board after a 25-year run in which it never found an alderman in violation - even though, during that time, 20 aldermen were convicted of felonies.

Health Canada announced that Avmor, Ltd., had agreed to recall one lot of its Antimicrobial Foaming Hand Soap - because it was contaminated with microbes. The recall did not disclose whether the danger was due to too many microbes overwhelming the soap or due to the inability of the anti-microbial soap to kill any microbes.

Runner up for the Darwin Award; Tyller Myers, 19, was killed in a collision near Norwalk, Ohio, when he was rammed by a tractor-trailer, who did not see any stop sign. Afterward, police found three stolen stop signs in Myers' truck.

Old age is scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

Why I Like Retirement!!!

Q: How many days in a week?

A: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it might take all day.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

A: Tied shoes.

Q: Why do retirees count pennies?

A: They are the only ones who have the time.

Q: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

A: NUTS!

Q: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

A: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Q: What do retirees call a long lunch?

A: Normal .

Q: What is the best way to describe retirement?

A: The never ending Coffee Break.

Q: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Q: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

A: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

And, my very favorite....

Q: What do you do all week?

A: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory.

Marriages are made in Heaven, but so are thunder and lightning.

Do not regret getting older. It's a privilege denied to far too many.

My high school was so tough the school's newspaper had an obituary section.

Psychiatrists say girls tend to marry men like their fathers. That's probably the reason mothers cry at weddings.

Definition of a Senate Committee; Individuals who do nothing by themselves and meet to agree that nothing can be done by committee.

A woman's work that's never done is the stuff she asks her husband to do.

Politeness is making company feel at home, when you wish they were home.

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

When It Rains...

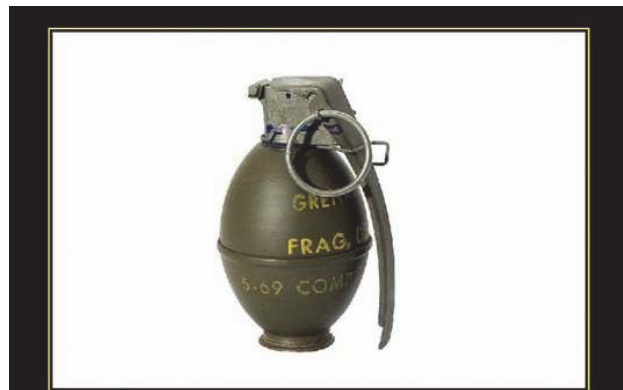
A 35-year-old man was shot to death in Wilkinsburg, Pa., when he took a break from a game of dominoes on a second-floor balcony around 11 p.m. and urinated over the rail. Unfortunately, an unidentified man was walking below. He yelled, "Yo! Yo!" and fired several gunshots, killing the urinator.

If the workers at a cucumber farm go on strike, does that put the owner in a pickle?

You stop believing in Santa Claus when you start getting clothes for Christmas.

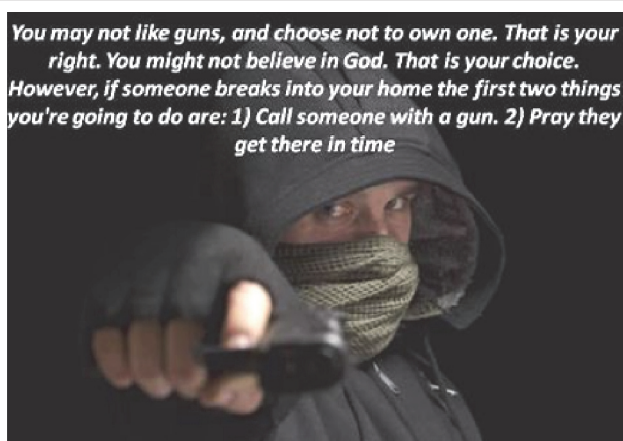
If Jesus lived in Israel today, would he and his family be safe in Bethlehem? More importantly, does anyone remember that they were Jews?

A sharp dagger only wounds the flesh, but a sharp tongue can wound the spirit.



THE HAND GRENADE

A bullet may have your name on it, but a grenade is addressed "to whom it may concern".



I'm learning to speak Spanish by calling my bank and pressing the No. 2 button.

This One's True:

A male prostitute who killed a university lecturer by stabbing him 114 times before trying to ignite an explosion to cover his tracks has been jailed in Scotland for 12 years.

Clerk's Note: He would have gotten only 5 years if he kept the stabbing under 50. So if a long time enemy suddenly decides to invite you for a trip to Scotland...

Now if you cut someone once in NYC; A Portuguese male model was sentenced to the maximum 25 years to life in prison in the grisly castration killing of a TV personality in a New York City hotel room.

You can't always control who walks into your life, but you can control which window you throw them out of.

What liberals do when they have no conservatives to complain about: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) petitioned Irvine, Calif., to create a roadside memorial for the truckload of live fish that had perished in a recent traffic accident. After all, fish, like humans, use tools, tell time, sing, and have long-term memories, wrote PETA. On the other hand, the traffic casualties that day were en route to the Irvine Ranch Market - to be sold as food.

It must have taken a lot of courage do discover that frog legs are edible.

Real Woman Don't have Hot Flashes... They have Power Surges!

Only in America, can a Vietnam Veterans live on the street in a cardboard box, while those who refuse to serve live in the White House.

The hardness of the butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.

So if smoking takes five years off my life, how many cigarettes would I have to smoke to be 18 again?



Rules Of Washington

If it's worth fighting for, it's worth fighting dirty for.

Don't lie, cheat or steal... unnecessarily.

There's always one more son of a bitch than you counted on.

An honest answer can get you into a lot of trouble.

The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.

Chicken little only has to be right once.

"NO" is only an interim response.

You can't kill a bad idea.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you ever tried.

The truth is a variable.

A porcupine with his quills down in just another fat rodent.

You can agree with any concept or notion in principle, but fight implementation every step of the way.

A promise is not a guarantee.

If you can't counter the argument, leave the meeting.

A Guide to U.S. Newspapers

1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country.

2. The New York Times is read by people who think they run the country.

3. The Washington Post is read by people who think they should run the country.

4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand the Washington Post. They do, however like the smog statistics shown in pie charts.

5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time, and if they didn't have to leave L.A. to do it.

6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country.

7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country, and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.

8. The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's running the country either, as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.

9. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure there is a country, or that anyone is running it; but whoever it is, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions if the leaders are handicapped minority, feminist atheist dwarfs, who also happen to be illegal aliens from ANY country or galaxy as long as they are democrats.

10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country, but need the baseball scores.

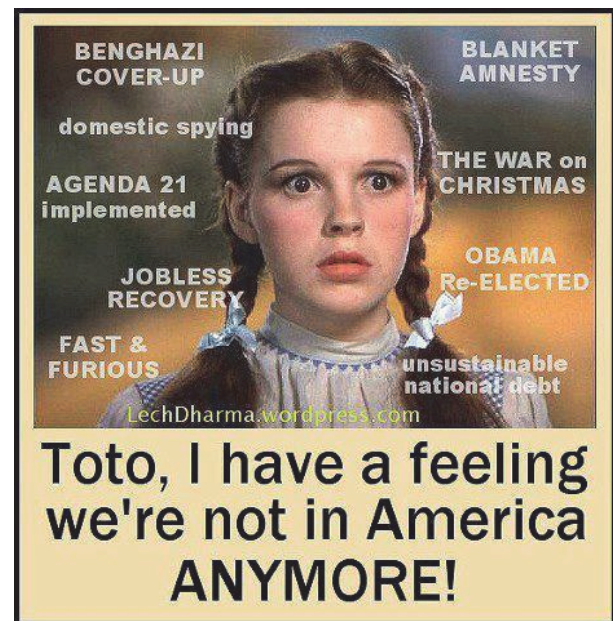
Truths You Cannon Argue With:

1. You cannot legislate the poor **into** prosperity by legislating the wealthy **out of** prosperity.
2. What one person receives **without working** for, another person **must work** for without receiving.
3. The govt cannot **give** to anybody anything that the govt does not first **take** from somebody else.
4. You cannot **multiply** wealth by **dividing** it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do **not have to work** because the other half is going to **take care of them**; and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they worked for... **That is the beginning of the end of Any Nation!**

A New Toy



A talking Muslim Doll. Nobody knows what the Hell it says, Because no one has the guts to pull the cord.



What Is Politics?

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What is politics?" Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I'm the breadwinner of the family, so let's call me capitalism. Your Mom, she's the administrator of the money, so we'll call her the Government. We're here to take care of your needs, so we'll call you the people. The nanny, we'll consider her the Working Class. And your baby brother, we'll call him the Future. Now, think about that and see if that makes sense," So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what dad had said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper. So the little boy goes to his parents' room and finds his mother sound asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now." The father says, "Good son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "Well, while Capitalism is screwing the Working Class, the Government is sound asleep, the People are being ignored and the Future is in deep poo."

Political differences are wholesome, it's political indifference that hurts.

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

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Off-Base Boozing Ban Placed On U.S. Forces In Japan



Japan's Kyodo news agency quoted U.S. forces in Okinawa as saying that an order banning all military personnel there from drinking outside the base had now been extended to cover all U.S. Marine Corps personnel throughout the country.

From New York's Streets To Afghan Skies, NYFD Crew Saves Lives

By Master Sgt. Russell Martin, USAF, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs



Four New York City firefighters, four airmen, four friends, one team, one HH-60 Pave Hawk - one crew - deployed together with the 26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron to Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, bringing a unique flavor of the New York Fire Department with them.

Capt. Shaun Cullen, Capt. Tripp Zanetis, Tech. Sgt. Erick Pound and Tech. Sgt. Jim Denniston are all members of the 101st Rescue Squadron, of the New York Air National Guard, and they are all firefighters when not activated. Cullen, the aircraft commander, is assigned to Engine 54, in Midtown Manhattan; Zanetis, the co-pilot, is assigned to Ladder 11, in Lower East Manhattan; Pound, the aerial gunner, is assigned to Engine 58, in Harlem; and Denniston, the flight engineer, is assigned to Engine 285, in Queens. Back home, they're all from a different "ladder" and a different "engine" designation, but at Camp Bastion they share one, *Pedro 24*.

"This is a first," said Zanetis. "An entire rescue crew made up of New York City firefighters. We may have different jobs to do, but we all know what each other are capable of and what to expect when we fly together."

U.S. Navy Reserve Slashes 6,000 Billets



The U.S. Navy Reserve is cutting roughly 6,000 billets over the next three years as the force reorganizes as part of the Afghanistan draw-down.

Big Brother Really Is Watching You



The FBI records the e-mails of nearly all U.S. citizens, including members of Congress, according to NSA whistle-blower William Binney. He warns that the government can use this information against anyone.

Binney, one of the best mathematicians and code breakers in the history of the National Security Agency, resigned in 2001. He claimed he no longer wanted to be associated with alleged violations of the Constitution, such as how the FBI engages in widespread and pervasive surveillance through powerful devices called "Naris."

This year, Binney received the Callaway Award, an annual prize that recognizes those who champion constitutional rights and American values at great risk to their personal or professional lives.

Full story: <http://rt.com/usa/news/surveillance-spying-e-mail-citizens-178/>

American Hunters – Last Line of Defense

Submitted by Donna Manning

A blogger added up the deer license sales in just a handful of states and arrived at a striking conclusion: There were over 600,000 hunters this season in the state of Wisconsin... Wisconsin's hunters became the eighth largest army in the world.

More men under arms than in Iran. More than France and Germany combined.

These men deployed to the woods of a single American state, Wisconsin, to hunt with firearms, and none were killed.

That number pales in comparison to the 750,000 to 1,000,000 who hunted the woods of Pennsylvania and Michigan's 700,000 hunters, all of whom have now returned home safely.

Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia then add, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, the Carolina's, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee... It literally establishes the fact that the hunters of those states alone would comprise the largest army in the world. In 2011, there were just over 14 Million 'Registered' Hunters in the United States.

In some states, certain groups Do Not have to register to hunt. American Indians, American Veterans meeting the criteria for that state, etc.

The point of this article... America will forever be safe from a foreign confrontation just with people protecting their personal property. If these 'Hunters' organize they will be able to put down and destroy any invasion.

No other nation comes close. American stats say that almost 50% of Americans have access to guns, there are about 270 Million guns in America.

In a nation with 10,000 gun deaths a year, which include, law enforcement, military accidents and civilian crime... Is not even on the top fifteen categories for Cause of Death in 2010;

- Heart Disease – 597,689
- Cancer – 574,743
- Lower Respiratory Diseases – 138,080
- Stroke – 129,476
- Accidents – 120,859
- Alzheimer's Disease – 83,494
- Diabetes – 69,071
- Nephritis, Nephrotic Syn & Nephrosis – 50,476
- Influenza & Pneumonia – 50,097
- Suicide – 38,364*
- Septicemia – 34,812
- Liver Disease – 31,903
- Hypertension & Renal Disease – 26,634
- Parkinson's Disease – 22,032
- Pneumonitis from Solids or Liquids – 17,011

*of the 38,364 suicides, half are by firearms, which is about 6 deaths per 100,000. (data from CDC)

So as our govt spends money and time creating referendums, balloting, polls, new laws , restrictions, licensing, etc, about gun control... They could have stopped more than half the suicides by using insight education and access, plus put Billions of dollars NOT Spent in Gun Legislation and put to better use in Diabetes, Cancer & Heart Disease Research.

There are several sites on the web that show clear statistics that almost ALL of the civilian crime deaths by firearms (gangs, inner city youth, former felons, etc.) were caused by persons who have appeared before a liberal judge who was willing to risk public safety by giving the offender a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and even a 5th chance back into society. Of course since these judicial systems controls the laws, the rules say we cannot hold the judge liable for the bad judgments they made. We can only vote them out of office, but of course they will get a full pension for life.

That's why all enemies, both foreign and domestic, want to see United States Citizens disarmed. Food for thought, when next we consider gun control.

Overall it's true, so if we disregard some assumptions that hunters don't possess the same skills as soldiers, the question would still remain... What army of 2 million would want to face 30, 40, 50 million armed citizens???

Now you may understand why the UN considers America the leading stronghold 'Against' the New World Order and their control our country.

So the next time you see a Red Neck, thank him or her and remind them to keep their guns clean and their powder dry. Even if you don't understand this, they will... And that is what matters in the end.

Not even counted above but from an article by the Journal of the American medical Association (JAMA) stated that Doctors Are "The Third Leading Cause of Death in the US, Killing over 200,000 People Every Year!" Also not counted above are Vehicle Accident deaths, which are over 40,000 a year, with another million more injured by vehicles.

If they are so worried about our safety and health... There would be more political action and oversights on doctors, hospitals, auto manufacture's and auto repair places.

Is Any Woman Safe in Afghanistan? Senior Afghan Female Official Shot Dead

Unknown gunmen shot dead a senior female government worker, officials in eastern Afghanistan said, five months after her predecessor was killed in a bomb attack. Violence against women appears to be on the rise in Afghanistan, which activists and some lawmakers blame on what they say is waning interest in women's rights on the part of President Hamid Karzai's government, claims he denies.

Elections Are Over: Truth of Job Cuts

No matter what any politician told you about the recovering economy or how hundreds of New Jobs were being created each day, here are some facts about thousands of jobs that were being cut in America each day;

- 4,000 Google
- 4,300 MetLife
- 4,000 Morgan Stanley
- 5,500 JC Penney
- 5,700 Proctor & Gamble
- 2,000 Pepsi
- 4,600 Citi Group
- 14,000 American Airlines
- 18,500 Hostess Brands
- 11,500 Hewlett-Packard

The US Postal Service has cut 110,000 jobs over the past 4 years and is now proposing to cut another 120,000 jobs AND no longer cover health plans.

AT&T in the first quarter of the year announced that it had cut 5,900 jobs. And now that it is merging with T-Mobile... Thousands more will be cut from payroll.

Of course if you have been reading the Post, you already know how DoD is reducing the size of our Military with almost a quarter million positions cut.

Current Administration Allows China to Pay Back Bail-Out Money... But Not The Way You Think!



A group of Chinese companies, including the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), is in talks to buy nearly all of American International Group, Inc.'s aircraft leasing unit for about \$5.5 billion, AIG said.

The deal was expected to be announced just before Christmas, a source familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity. AIG has been selling its assets to pay back a \$182 billion U.S. Government bail-out loan.

Clerk's Note: Will they change their name to CIG? Chinese International Group, Inc? And where other administrations have not allowed foreign govt's to build U.S. Military Aircraft... See Next Story:

Russian Firm To Bid On USAF Tanker



In another twist to the ongoing saga to replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of aerial refueling tankers, the United Aircraft Corp. of Russia is planning to bid on the \$40 billion contract, according to a person familiar with its plans.

United Aircraft, an aerospace consortium owned by the Russian government, will seek to offer a tanker version of its Ilyushin Il-96 wide-body jetliner, dubbed the Il-98, this person said. The planes would be largely built in Russia, and assembled in the U.S., this person says. United Aircraft will partner with a "small U.S. defense contractor," which will be renamed United Aircraft Corp. America, Inc., this person said, declining to name that contractor.

"UAC will publicly announce by Monday morning the signing of the joint venture agreement for the first of what is hoped to be many opportunities in the U.S.," said John Kirkland, a Los Angeles-based attorney representing the UAC.

A Pentagon spokeswoman said, "The Department of Defense remains committed to a fair and open competition and welcomes proposals from all qualified bidders."

Newspaper Sues for Names of Criminals



The Boston Globe has filed a federal lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security for refusing to disclose the names of thousands of criminal immigrants it released in the United States over the past four years, sometimes with tragic results.

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The Shining Moment Of A Pearl Harbor Survivor

Art Clymer was born in the small southeastern Missouri town of Commerce in October, 1914. When he was 13, the family moved to St. Louis. Shortly thereafter, Art quit school and went to work on the Mississippi River. He was a deckhand on the barges. Tohose were the days before highways, and good moved by river or on the rails. A kid with an 8th-grade education and a good work ethic could do fine.

In 1940, Art joined the Naval Reserve. "I figured we were getting close to something," he said, and the Navy seemed like a good place for a river man. Toward the end of 1940, his reserve unit was activated. The week before Christmas, Art caught a train to San Diego. He expected to be gone for a couple of months. In San Diego, he was given orders for Pearl Harbor. He sailed there on an aircraft carrier, *USS Lexington*. That was not going to be his ship, though. A reservist would have to settle for something less grand.

Something less grand turned out to be the *USS Chew*, a destroyer that had seen service in World War I. Art worked in the boiler room.

The couple of months stretched into a year. Art didn't mind. Hawaii was good duty. One night on the Big Island, an MP got out of his jeep and left it running. Art hopped in and away he went. He got away with it, too. If history had taken a different turn, that might have been Art's best Pearl Harbor story.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, *USS Chew* was berthed close to Battleship Row. Closest to the *Chew* was *USS Nevada*. Next was the *USS Arizona*. Most of Art's shipmates were on liberty. He was below deck, getting ready to go on liberty himself. He heard explosions. He figured it was the Army, but as the explosions grew louder and closer, he rushed up to the deck. He saw Japanese planes. Lots of them.

The *Chew* had a 3-inch gun. That is, it fired 3-inch projectiles "Can you handle this gun?" an officer shouted toward Art. Art was a boiler tech, but he figured if somebody was shooting at him, he could handle the gun. But there was another problem. The 3-inch rounds had fuses and they were sealed. There was a setting tool somewhere to take off the seals, but Art had no idea where it was. He started yanking those seals off with his teeth, much like he used to open beer bottles with his teeth back home. Who'd have thought that trick would come in handy?

All this was happening in the middle of mayhem, with the Japanese planes so low that Art could see the faces of the pilots. In a sense, that was a good thing. "I could throw a potato higher than that gun could shoot," he would say years later. But it shot straight. In the official after-action report, the *Chew's* 3-inch gun was credited with three hits. One direct hit disintegrated a plane in mid-air, a second demolished a plane's tail assembly.

Although the Japanese planes strafed the *Chew*, they hadn't flown all the way to Hawaii to attack a World War I destroyer. The bombers went for the nearby ships on Battleship Row, and Art had a front row seat for the carnage. He saw men on fire jumping from their ships into the oily, fiery sea. He saw the *Arizona* shudder and go down.

Then it was over. The U.S. involvement in the war was not yet official, and Art Clymer, a boiler tech, a reservist, had downed two airplanes. Plus, of course, he had survived the Day of Infamy. Two of Art's shipmates did not. Both were reservists from St. Louis. Matthew Agola was killed while engaged in rescue work on the *USS Pennsylvania*. Clarence Wise was reported missing. His body was never found.

You might wonder: What happened next to the boiler tech hero? He went back to the boiler room, and the *Chew* stayed in the Hawaiian islands, steaming around on unremarkable patrols. Sometimes it escorted ships from Hawaii to the mainland. Prior to one of those trips, Art called his St. Louis sweetheart, Mary Tatalovich, and invited her to meet him in San Francisco. They were married there. They raised two children after the war. Art worked a number of blue-collar jobs and lived a quiet life. He had one brush with history, and he handled it with remarkable courage.

Study: Wind Blew Deadly Gas On U.S. Troops During The Gulf War



Winds apparently blew sarin gas from bombed Iraqi factories to U.S. Military and other bases in Saudi Arabia, a new study shows.

Clerk's Note: Goes to show that the study on the 'Gulf War Syndrome' by the VA a decade ago which showed that there was no credible evidence between what our Veterans were complaining about and their Tour Of Duty in Southwest Asia... Was filled with false statements and tests.

U.S. Army Dismissing Soldiers Who Do Not Meet Fitness Standards



Under intense pressure to trim its budget, the U.S. Army is dismissing a rising number of soldiers who do not meet its fitness standards, drawing from a growing pool of troops grappling with obesity. Obesity is now the leading cause of ineligibility for people who want to join the Army, according to military officials, who see expanding waistlines in the warrior corps as a national security concern. Between 1998 and 2010, the number of active duty military personnel deemed obese more than tripled. In 2010, 86,183 troops, or 5.3 percent of the force, received at least one clinical diagnosis of obesity, according to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Wreath's Across America

Photos by Paul Branesky

On December 15th, at Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida, thousands of Volunteers gathered to lay wreath's on Gravesites.

The Veterans Post News Staff took part in this meaningful event. And for the first time ever, a group of Special Bicyclists made a 34 mile trip to take part.



"Taxpayer's... Good Sports!"

Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi will visit the United States in 2013, a presidential spokesman said, in what would be the Islamist leader's first visit to Washington since he was elected in June.

The spokesman, Yasser Ali, said no precise date had been set for the visit. The United States gives Egypt about \$1.3 billion a year in military aid to bolster the U.S.-brokered peace treaty Cairo signed with Israel in 1979. Former President Hosni Mubarak, a close U.S. ally, upheld the treaty for 30 years until he was overthrown in a popular revolt in February 2011.

Clerk's Note: So this guy tries to re-write Egypt's constitution to become all powerful, is backed by the muslim brotherhood and al quida terrorist groups and will come visit Obama to see if he can get the \$1.3 Billion we use to give the Non-Terrorist government each year.

Little Progress In Monitoring Kabul Airport Cash Flow, Despite U.S. Aid

Afghan officials are stonewalling U.S. efforts to help regulate the billions of dollars in cash being flown out of Kabul airport every year, a U.S. watchdog said in a report today. The officials are apparently not using cash-counting machines at the airport more than a year after they were provided by the U.S. Government to try to get some oversight of the currency fleeing the country, said the report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Afghan VIPs still get to by-pass Customs screenings altogether.

Money Isn't Everything

While the U.S. recently held an election between two multi millionaires as president, Uruguay's chief executive, Jose Mujica, declared his personal wealth in 2010 as the equivalent of about \$1,800 and gives away 90 percent of his \$12,500-equivalent presidential salary in order to remain true to his political roots with the leftist guerrilla Tupamaros.

He has rejected the government-provided mansion and instead lives with his wife at her family's farm house, where he helps work the land, according to a November BBC News profile from Montevideo. "I have to do this," he told a reporter, "because there are many Uruguayans who live with much less."

In America It's Called Spring Break

At the religious festival of Pon, thousands of Muslims travel to Gunung Kemukus, on Indonesia's main island of Java, to have the required sexual intercourse with a stranger. The experience, which supposedly brings good fortune, has become heavily commercialized, but nevertheless, about half the participants are "pure," in that no money changes hands. More than a quick tryst is involved.

C-17 Pilot Not Guilty In Airdrop Death



A court martial has cleared C-17 pilot Capt. Jared Foley of all charges in the case of a West Virginia National Guard soldier killed during a parachute drop over Montana in 2011.

The 10-officer court martial panel rendered its verdict on Dec. 14.

Foley, assigned to the 62nd Airlift Wing, at JB Lewis-McChord, Wash., stood accused of reckless endangerment and dereliction of duty for continuing a drop mission on July 10, 2011, after a paratrooper drifted outside the designated landing zone. During the trial, the Army's drop zone safety officer testified that he had cleared Foley to continue the mission despite the drift and that ground conditions appeared to be safe. But on a subsequent pass, another soldier, Sgt. Francis Campion, drifted off course and died when he struck a building.

Lt. Col. Eric Carney, the former commander of Foley's 7th Airlift Squadron, testified that Foley was a competent pilot and excellent officer.



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Sunday Laws are Coming! On Friday, June 15, 2007 in the Weekend Edition Opinion Journal page W-11 of the *Wall Street Journal* appeared an article by Mollie Ziegler Hemingway entitled: "The decline of the Sabbath in America: Less praying, more working and playing." This article was circulated worldwide to over 2 million people promoting Sunday-keeping and Sunday closing laws as necessary for saving our culture. The Wall Street Journal's editorial perspective is one sided. The *USA Today* endorsed Sunday observance in an article written by Gladys Edmunds on Oct. 24, 2007 entitled: "Better Take a Break, Or You'll Break Down."

Similar articles have appeared in daily newspapers across America and the rest of the world: *Associated Press*, July 15, 2008 "Sunday Shopping banned in Croatia," Associated Press, May 27, 2008 "Louisiana Barber Ticketed for Working on Sunday," Time Magazine, Dec. 17, 2008 "Sunday Shopping? France Says No," *CBS News Sunday Morning*, Feb. 1 2009, "A History of Sunday," Associated Press, December 5, 2008 "Auto Dealers to ask Legislature for Sunday Sales Ban." These are just a few headlines from different publications who have recently been endorsing Sunday observance. We should welcome an intelligent, healthy discussion on issues that will affect both the morality and economy of our nation.

These are just a few examples of how the Sunday movement is gaining momentum around the world. Many more examples can be cited. History tells us that Sunday legislation, regardless of how sincere it may appear, always brings persecution to small minorities. Prophecy declares that such religious intolerance will again be revived to the point that "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the **MARK***, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. 13:17. From this prophetic insight we can see that church and state will unite and all of our most cherished liberties will be lost. God have mercy on us all when these days shall "come to pass" John 14:29.

Sabbath from the Biblical Perspective

Jesus — "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16.

Jesus declared — "...The sabbath was made for man*." Mark 2:27 The word for man in this verse is the Greek word "anthropos," meaning mankind *and not just the Jews*. See also Isa 56:2-6. "The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." Matthew 12:8. Many say Revelation 1:10 is used to designate Sunday as the Lord's day: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." The Greek word is *Kuriakē (Lord's) hemera (day)*. So what is the day of the Lord's. Jesus answers this question himself: "The Son of man is Lord (Kurios) even of the Sabbath day" (Matt. 12:8). Lord's day is just another way of saying the day of the Lord. All through scriptures the seventh-day Sabbath is the Lord's "own day" (Isa. 58:13, Gen. 2:2-3, Exo. 20:8-11).

God commanded — "But the *seventh day* is the sabbath of the LORD thy God." Exodus 20:10.

Paul — "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures." Acts 17:2, 3.

"And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Acts 18:4.

Paul declared — "There remaineth therefore a *rest** [Greek: "sabbatismos" or "Sabbath-keeping"] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." Hebrews 4:9, 10.

"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day...And God did rest the seventh day from all his works," "and blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Hebrews 4:4.

Paul and the Gentiles — "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. And the next Sabbath came almost the whole city together to hear the Word of God." Acts 13:42, 44. The book of Acts records 84 Sabbaths on which the Apostle Paul and his associates held religious services (Acts 18:4, 11). Yet there is not ONE word in the entire Bible authorizing Sunday keeping in place of the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Disciples — "And that day was the preparation and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and ointments; *and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment*" (Luke 23:54-56).

Notice that Luke, a non-Jewish biblical writer, approximately 37 years AFTER the resurrection of Christ, still called the Sabbath (the seventh day of the week) a Commandment of God.

"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James...very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun... And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man...And he saith unto them, be not affrighted; Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen." (Mark 16:1-6). It is well known that Sunday was the resurrection day. "The Sabbath was past" when it dawned. Thus, it is evident that the Sabbath is Saturday, the day before Sunday.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill". "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17, 18). Throughout the New Testament, there are no fewer than 59 references to the Sabbath.

Sabbath in the New Earth — "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain; and it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 66:22, 23). According to Colossians 2:14-17, the sacrifices with the 7 annual festivals, or ceremonial sabbaths

[plural] as registered in Leviticus 23 and other texts, were nailed [abolished] on the cross, as Christ's life and work fulfilled the meaning of these annual Sabbaths. But not the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment that is Eternal, because it was given to man at Creation, even before sin was introduced into this earth (Gen. 2:2-3).

"Sunday in the Bible"

Millions of faithful Christians attend church each Sunday, the first day of the week. They do this thinking that somehow there was a change in the day of worship. Others keep Sunday because they are not conscious that God set apart the seventh-day as His holy day and not the first day of the week. It is true that there has been a change but by who? There are only 8 Bible texts in the New Testament that speak about the first day: (1) Matt. 28:1, (2) Mark 16:1-2, (3) Mark 16:9, (4) Luke 24:1, (5) John 20:1, (6) John 20:19, (7) Acts 20:7-8, (8) 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

The first five texts simply mention that the women went to the sepulcher early in the morning of the resurrection (Sunday) and that Jesus had resurrected. The sixth text reveals that they were gathered together "for fear of the Jews" not knowing if they would also be crucified as was their Savior. They were hiding Sunday morning, they were not having a worship service nor is there any mention of any change of the Sabbath. The seventh text is Acts 20:7-8: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together."

This was a Saturday night meeting—the dark part of the first day of the week. Remember, according to Biblical time, the day begins at evening. "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Gen. 1:5. In other words, at sunset (evening) is when the next day begins, not at midnight as we calculate today. The Bible registers the days from sunset to sunset. The Seventh-day, Saturday begins Friday evening at sunset. The first day of the week actually begins at Saturday evening at sunset. Paul was meeting on the first day of the week during the dark part of the day, which was actually Saturday night. Remember, Acts 20:7-8 speaks about how "there were many lights." Paul spent Sunday morning traveling to Assos. We do not see any change or command to keep Sunday holy.

The New World Translation says, "On *Saturday night*, in our assembling for the breaking of bread, Paul, who was to leave next day." Acts 20:7. The last text that mentions Sunday is found in 1 Cor. 16:1-2: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." This verse does not speak about a worship service in the church. Notice how the International Standard Versions translates the verse: "After the Sabbath ends, each of you should set aside and save something from your surplus in proportion to what you have, so that no collections will have to be made when I arrive."

After the 7th-day Sabbath is over the first day of the week is the best time to start saving your money so as not to spend it during the rest of the week. Paul told the church to do this so that when he came, which was always on the Seventh-day Sabbath (Acts 13:42, 44), the church wouldn't have to try to collect everything at once.

The argument is made that we should keep Sunday holy in honor of the resurrection of Jesus, yet this custom is based on man's tradition (Eze. 8:15, 16; Matt. 15:9, 14). However, the Bible commands us to commemorate His death, burial, and resurrection through baptism [immersion, not by sprinkling]. Please read Rom. 6:4, 5.

The Encyclopedia Britannica — "There is no evidence that in the earliest years of Christianity there was any formal observance of Sunday as a day of rest or any general cessation of work." 1911 Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Article: Sunday (www.1911encyclopedia.org).

Baptist: "Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources. But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of Paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, then adopted as sanctified by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism." Dr. E.T. Hiscox, author of the *Baptist Manuel*, from a photostatic copy of a notarized statement by Dr. Hiscox.

Roman Catholic: "Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Peter Geiermann, *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, 1957 edition.

Roman Catholic: "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act... And the act is a **MARK*** of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons. Nov 11, 1895.

While we are "saved by grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8), Jesus also said, "If you love me keep my commandments (John 14:15). God also says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, *is a liar*, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4, 5). God means all 10, not just nine (James 2:10). **Call for your free book!**

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