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<u>Chili Dinner</u> Fundraiser Planned

At the August meeting, members decided to hold the annual Chili and Hot Dog Dinner.

The menu will include Chili, Hot Dogs and buns, veggies, dessert, and drinks. The normal "fixings" and crackers will also be provided. The cost will be \$6.00 for all you can eat.

The date will be Saturday, November the 19th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. We will have our normal raffles and Door Prizes provided by our Newsletter Advertisers. Bless them all.

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The blue field on the U.S. Flag is called the "union."

On Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), to honor all who died in battle, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.

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Bland's Income Tax Service

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Post Meeting Times

Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Memorial Hall is the Home of American Legion Post 95 and VFW Post 4043. It is located at the junctions of Highways H and B just past William Jewell College.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

By Paul Ellison

The Post has been discussing Sons of the American Legion for awhile now and hopefully we can get it off of the ground this year. We need someone who is eligible to take leadership for this project. If you would do this to at least get the ball rolling others will join in to help.

According to the information I have membership eligibility is as follows: All male descendents. adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendents of veterans who died in service during WW I, WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and Persian Gulf during the delimiting periods set forth in article IV, section I of the national constitution of the American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service shall be eligibility in "The Sons of the American Legion"

Suggested programs are: assisting the Post in all activities, Veteran programs, VA home and hospital volunteering, fund

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raising, support to The American Legion baseball, soccer, Boys State, Junior Shooting Sport program, and a vast range of activities involving Americanism, and children and Youth.

Just as each post determines the extent of its service to the community, State and Nation, so each squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs to meet their needs.

Please search you heart and think strongly about helping with this worthy project. Once we get it started the programs will fall in line.

Grandparents

A 6 YEAR OLD WAS ASKED WHERE HIS GRANDMA LIVED. "OH," HE SAID, "SHE LIVES AT THE AIRPORT, AND WHEN WE WANT HER WE JUST GO GET HER. THEN WHEN WE'RE DONE HAVING HER VISIT, WE TAKE HER BACK TO THE AIRPORT."

Grandparents have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

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We'd all like to get one of these! The term was originally used in the document issued to a ship that showed the port of departure had no epidemic or infection at the time.

Before the mast

This is literally the position of the crew whose living quarters on board a ship were in the forecastle (the section of a ship forward of the foremast). The term is also used to describe seaman as compared with officers in phrases such as "he sailed before the mast."

Coxswain

A coxswain or cockswain was the swain, or boy servant, in charge of a small cock or cockboat that was kept aboard for the ship's captain and used to row him to and from the ship.

Duffle

The duffel or duffel refers to a seaman's personal clothing and seabag in which he carried his possessions. The term comes from the town of Duffel, Belgium, and denotes the rough woolen cloth that is made there.

Fathom

That's a nautical unit of length equal to six feet, but its origins have nothing to do with boats or

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the sea. It was once defined by an act of Parliament as "the length of a man's arms around the object of his affections." That from the Old English word *Faethm*, which means "embracing arms." It could also be said that for some men the object of their affections is their boat!!!!

Fouled Anchor

An anchor becomes fouled when rope or chain is entangled or wrapped around its flutes and/or shank. It's the anchor seen in so many of the Navy's designs and insignia. The fouled anchor was adopted as the official seal of a British Lord High Admiral in the late 1500s

Down the hatch

This is a drinking expression that seems to relate to sea freight, where cargoes are lowered down into the hatch

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submarines by small warships. **SoNaR**

Port and starboardPort: too much of the drink and

vou'll miss the direction! "Port" is a shipboard term for the left side of the ship. The starboard was the steering paddle or rudder on the right side of the back of the vessel, thus, starboard came to mean the right side of the ship. The left side was originally called the "larboard." the side on which the ship was loaded. However, in the extreme noise of wind and waves, "larboard" and "starboard" sounded too much alike. Since the word "port" means the opening in the left side of the ship from which cargo was unloaded, sailors eventually started using the term to refer to that side of the ship.

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The Bill Of Rights

The United States Constitution. adopted in 1788, contained few personal guarantees. In fact, there were some initial opposition to the new Constitution—much of it based on the lack of specific guarantees of individual rights. It was Father of the Constitution and future President James Madison, then a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. who in December 1791, led Congress to adopt the ten constitutional amendments that became know as the Bill of Rights.

The Bill Of Rights, which became law on December 15, 1791, comprise the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution (1787) and is meant to guarantee individual liberties.

Most of us know the amendments that are quoted frequently such as the First and Second Amendments but do not know the less quoted ones.

The Ninth Amendment, which is one that many Americans are probably unable to cite, is an important one nevertheless. It states that simply because a right is not enumerated in the Constitution, it does not mean

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that the people do not retain that right.

The Tenth Amendment relinquishes to the state governments those powers the Constitution did not expressly grant the federal government or deny the states. In other words, it limits the power of the federal government to that which is granted in the Constitution.

It is the job of the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether or not a law impinges upon the liberties listed in—or implied by—the Bill of Rights. This is why it is so controversial when a President appoints a Supreme Court Justice, which is a life time appointment.

Two Words, One Controversy

In a document that is only 31 words long, every word is important. The Pledge of Allegiance is powerful and concise. It should come as no surprise that two of those 31 words are the focus of a major controversy in U.S. courts.

If you were born after 1950, you probably have no memory of the Pledge of Allegiance without the phrase, "under God." It constitutes an important part of the Pledge, because it reminds us that there are things greater than ourselves and our nation.

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In our nation, there are many such reminders: the Pledge and a prayer begin each day in the U.S. House of Representatives; words of religious significance are inscribed in the Congress, above the Supreme Court and on our currency; God is acknowledged in patriotic songs - like *God Bless America*; and our Declaration notes that men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

A California court case has challenged the words, "under God," and raised the collective national consciousness about how even secular references to God are under fire in the public arena. The Ninth Circuit Court is a handmaiden to this dirty business, ruling that reciting the Pledge in schools, "impermissibly coerces a religious act" and "places students in the untenable position of choosing between participating in an exercise with religious content or protesting." That is to say, the court thought that it is so conspicuous for a student to not recite those two words of the pledge that it then becomes a protest.

Yes, they are two important words, but in a room of 20 Americans reciting the Pledge of

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Allegiance, I could not tell you if one person omitted them. It would hardly be conspicuous, and it would certainly not be a protest.

Earlier this month, another federal judge in Sacramento upheld the 2002 ruling. How anyone could accept this argument is beyond my understanding. A child who refuses to recite the Pledge of Allegiance for personal reasons can certainly not participate without staging a protest of the Pledge. Neither does speaking or listening to the words "under God" coerce a religious act, no more than we are coerced to use currency with, "In God We Trust," imprinted upon it.

Our Pledge and our currency, like the rich role of religion in our nation's history, are the proverbial coin of the realm in America. These things are patriotic, honorific references to our American culture - and parts of our culture are based on faith. We cannot, and we should not, scrub references to God from our history and our public way of life.

Last year, on Flag Day, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the parent of the student bringing the suit did not have the right to

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speak on his child's behalf in the matter. But this most recent challenge to the inclusion of, "under God," in the Pledge may very well get to the high court. All kinds of patriotic organizations, not the least of which is the American Legion, will show their support for the Pledge in the coming year. We should all join them.

While the courts have fiddled, the legislative branch of federal government has shown absolute support for the Pledge of Allegiance. On multiple occasions I have cast votes for resolutions and bills to show the support of the American people for our Pledge. I am a cosponsor of a legislative effort this year to protect the Pledge from challenges and alterations in the courts.

Why go to such trouble for these two small words? Say the Pledge of Allegiance without them, and see if you feel the same.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them?" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available."

How To Call The Police in Mississippi

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed

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when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who ask, "Does someone live in your shed?" He said no. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

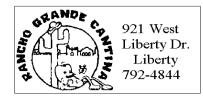
"Hello I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now, cause I've just shot them all." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, and Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them?" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available."

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ROTC – Reserve Officer Training Corps

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Army ROTC

The origins of military instruction in civilian colleges date back to 1819 when Captain Alden Partridge founded the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy in Northfield, Vermont. Today, it is Norwich University. In 1862, the U.S. Congress recognized the need for military training at civilian educational institutions, and the

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establishment of Army ROTC scholarships, the creation of the two-year program, and an increase in the amount of money ROTC students receive.

Air Force ROTC

The first Air Force ROTC units were established between 1920 and 1923 at the University of California at Berkeley, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Illinois, the University of Washington. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College (Texas A&M). After World War II. Air Force ROTC units (or detachments) were established at 77 colleges and universities. It wasn't until 1964 that the ROTC program was established for women at four selected universities, and then expanded on a national scope in 1970.

Navy & Marine Corps ROTC

The U.S. Naval ROTC program began in 1926. In 1932, the Marine Corps joined the programs, and in 1990, the first Navy Nurse Corps scholarships were awarded.

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Great Comeback

Author unknown One of my sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California. He called me vesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him and his troops, everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands and thank them for being willing to serve and fight, for not only our own freedoms, but so that others may have them also. But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way

He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha. He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the U.S. flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock. The cashier reached up and touched the pin and said proudly, "Yes, I always wear it and probably always will." The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi.

home from the base.

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The image of Iwo Jima

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The photo taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, was the most famous image to emerge from World War II. It derives its power from a simple, dynamic composition, a sense of momentum and the

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energy of six men straining toward a common goal – to raise the American flag at the top of Mount Suribachi during a bloody battle with the Japanese on Iwo Jima. The historic photograph taken on February 23, 1945 marks a defining moment in the history of World War II. The editors of *US Camera Magazine* noted, "In that moment, Rosenthal's camera recorded the soul of a nation."

It has been called the greatest photograph of all time and has been widely reproduced. It served as the symbol for a loan drive, for which it appeared on 3.5 million posters. It was used on a postage stamp and on the cover of countless magazines and newspapers. It served as the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia - a symbol forever of the valor and sacrifices of the U.S. Marines.

Cheers for the sailors that fought on the wave for it,
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~Arthur Macy, The Flag

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"Jobs" John Glenn

JOHN GLENN said this, but no proof it was said on the Senate floor, but occurred during a campaign run. Some people still don't understand why military personnel do what they do for a living. This exchange between Senators John Glenn and Senator Howard Metzenbaum is worth reading. Not only is it a pretty impressive impromptu speech, but it's also a good example of one man's explanation of why men and women in the armed services do what they do for a living.

This IS a typical, though sad, example of what some who have never served think of the military.

Senator Metzenbaum to Senator Glenn: "How can you run for Senate when you've never held a real job?"

Senator Glenn: "I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I served through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program.

It wasn't my checkbook, Howard; it was my life on the line. It was not a nine-to-five job, where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I

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ask you to go with me ... as I went the other day... to a veteran's hospital and look those men - with their mangled bodies - in the eye, and tell THEM they didn't hold a job! You go with me to the Space Program at NASA and go, as I have gone, to the widows and orphans of Ed White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee ... and you look those kids in the eye and tell them that their DADS didn't hold a job.

You go with me on Memorial Day and you stand in Arlington National Cemetery, where I have more friends buried than I'd like to remember, and you watch those waving flags.

You stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell ME that those people didn't have a job? I'll tell you, Howard Metzenbaum; you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men - SOME MEN - who held REAL jobs. And they required a dedication to a purpose - and a love of country and a dedication to duty - that was more important than life itself. And their self-sacrifice is what made this country possible. I HAVE held a job, Howard! What about you?"

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When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Prov. 17:22a)

The Canteen Spirit

I had the great pleasure of viewing this tape. My wife and I both enjoyed it very much. I highly recommend it. It tells the story of the North Platte Canteen of WWar II. See Ray Merrell

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