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Family Dinner Planned

Again this year, Post 95 is holding a family Christmas Dinner. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 P.M. The Post will provide the meat dish, while members are ask to bring a covered dish. This is a chance for the ladies to show-off their favorite Holiday dish.

Legionnaires are ask to bring pictures of their time in the service and wear your old service cap (we doubt that anything else would still fit). This event is always a lot of fun.

If you know of anyone that is home and still on active duty or reserve status, bring them along.

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Military Wisdom

"Aim towards the Enemy." - Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend. - U.S. Marine Corps

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." - Infantry Journal

"Try to look unimportant; they may be low on ammo." - Infantry Journal

Fly the flag proudly every day.

Did You Know?

VA records indicate that more than 42.3 million people have served in the U.S. military during wartime since the Revolutionary War, and 1.2 million died in service. The United States has 16.5 million living wartime veterans, plus another 8.2 million from various peacetime eras.

In WWII there were 400,000 killed, the only place all of the names are listed in one place is in the Veterans Museum in Branson. Recently I went to the museum and found it extremely interesting. I noticed that with each war the list of casualties of American Soldiers reduces. In Iraq after 2 years of fighting there have been 225 casualties.

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What Is A Veteran

By Sabrina Storms

Throughout the wars of the United States hundreds and thousands of soldiers have died to keep freedom in our country. What do we call these heroic soldiers today as they are living their lives not as soldiers but as citizens? We call them veterans.

Every year America honors these veterans with a few ceremonies and one holiday. But is this really enough for someone who risked life and limb so we could have freedom?

You could ask a veteran if he or she thought this is really is something that makes them feel honored, some might say yes but it really seems like we should do more for our veterans.

Soldiers didn't fight so they would be rewarded; they fought for our country so we would be safe and free. But what do these retired soldiers think about the country they fought for now with all the litter, crime, hate and other many bad things that some people do? They're probably dying inside because they wish people would respect themselves and their country more. Is this the

impression that we want people to have on America? Veterans deserve better and so do the American citizens. I think the best way to honor these soldiers is to make America a better place so that the veterans of today as well as the veterans of tomorrow will feel that the rest of us are doing our part to preserve our country's greatness.

We could do this by cleaning up highways, parks, and other public places, so that veterans will know their part in keeping America free was a big part.

To me another way we could honor veterans is by raising Social Security benefits so that they will be financially fit for the future. After all the veterans did for our country, they don't deserve to be on the streets. So we should help them with whatever they need. Veterans fought for the flag of the United States and one of the best things you can do is to honor that flag that gave them hope and strength during the tough times and the good times. So next time you see the American flag remember who kept that flag alive.

Note: Sabrina Storms is a sixth-grader at Reeds Spring, Mo. She entered the essay in a contest for the Vietnam Veterans of America Branson chapter. -Dave Clark - President

A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS POEM

Author Unknown

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

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wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it
tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't
quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps
outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I
struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see
who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the
dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face
weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty
years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here
in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up
and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my
wife and my child.
"What are you doing?" I asked
without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's
freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the
snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold
Christmas Eve!"
For barely a moment I saw his
eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow
blown in drifts..
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a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its
really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here
every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front
of the line,
That separates you from the
darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or
implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my
fathers before me.
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a
day in December, "Then he
sighed, "That's a Christmas
'Gram always remembers."
My dad stood his watch in the
jungles of 'Nam',
And now it is my turn and so,
here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more
than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures,
he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent and he carefully
pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an
American flag.
"I can live through the cold and
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Away from my family, my house
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another,
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sister and brother..
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any and all,
To ensure for all time that this
flag will not fall."
"So go back inside," he said,
"harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be
all right."
"But isn't there something I can
do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or
prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that
you've done,
For being away from your wife
and your son."
Then his eye welled a tear that
held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and
never forget.
To fight for our rights back at
home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no
matter how long.
For when we come home, either
standing or dead,
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WHAT IS PEACE?

By REV Donna Warren,
Chaplain

My guess is that if you took a poll and asked people what they thought of when they thought of peace, they would probably say things like: tranquility, and calm, and quiet. Maybe they'd say something about being able to get off by themselves for a while and relax. Maybe they'd say that peace is watching the sunset, and enjoying nature. We imagine peace as being at ease, relaxed, without stress, and without conflict.

Many of our ideas of peace involve being off by ourselves. There's nothing wrong with that. Everybody needs to get off by themselves once in awhile, once in awhile it is necessary and helpful. But that in itself is not the answer. Even the most independent-minded person needs to have at least some contact with other people. We don't work very well by ourselves. Without contact with others, we go flat and stagnate. We need the interplay of life to develop and thrive. The trouble is that that is not particularly peaceful, the way we normally think of it.

We are fond of saying that all people are called into the give and take of daily life, into the heart and pulse of events of the world. But the heart and pulse of the world is the last place you'd expect to find peace.

So what do we do about finding peace? Do we just accept that we're not going to have much of it? Do we just figure that we can't have it both ways? We can't be in the world and be at peace at the same time, so you just accept that and go on and cope with the conflicts of life as best you can?

But maybe peace isn't what we think it is. Maybe peace is really not being off by yourself, separated from the hurly-burly, and nitty-gritty, and hustle and bustle of life. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." But it does not necessarily mean calm and tranquility. It doesn't mean the absence of struggle or conflict, even though most of us would probably be happy to settle for that, if we could get it.

No, it means "well-being." It means the fullness of life. It means thriving and relish and rest and delight. It means, "Peace, prosperity, happiness, growth and abundant life be with you."

Jesus' peace is lived, and then it

is passed on - passed on wherever we happen to be, and pretty much whatever we happen to be doing. When a business is run in a way that affirms its people and its customers, when a neighbor is greeted with respect and dignity, whenever people encourage and stimulate, support and inspire, there is the Peace of Jesus Christ with us.

Some day, all people and all the world and all creation may sing together - "The peace of Christ be with you and with us all." Until that great day, may the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Commander's Corner

By Paul Ellison

The Clay County memorial is a reality and what a beautiful tribute it is.

After countless hours that run in to years (8 years to be more specific) we have the best local memorial to our war dead that I have ever seen.

This memorial has a listing of all Clay Countians that have lost their life in the defense of our country. Included are the deaths of all military people dating back to the Civil War and up to the present war in Iraq.

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Space has been left to honor others who may meet the same fate in future years. Endowment money is being set aside to insure the memorial is kept in good repair which will be needed as time passes.

Those of you have seen the eagle sculpture that rested on the clay county court house south steps for several years haven't seen anything until you see him at the memorial site. Flying free and majestic he is forever guarding the entrance to the plaques on the curved wall. With lights trained on the eagle from below; the shadow cast is beyond description.

We all need to be proud of this great work of art. We all need to be double proud of one our members and Past Commander Marvin Mendenhall was chairman of this project. He and his committee worked hard to make this happen by raising money, securing land, getting various contractors to build it.

On the floor of the memorial is a star made up of bricks with the names of people honored, both military and non military. Bricks are still available for \$100.00 each. If you want to honor some one or you want your own brick

there is still space to place it among the others.

Make an effort to go by Vivion Road and N. Oak traffic way the memorial is located in the park with the fountain, stop spend awhile to reflect, and to pay homage to the names on the wall.

THANKS MARVIN FOR A JOB WELL DONE

I love Grandmas

Here's a quote from someone who witnessed a recent interaction between an elderly woman and an antiwar protester in a Metro station in DC.

"There were protesters on the train platform handing out pamphlets on the evils of America. I politely declined to take one.

An elderly woman was behind me getting off the escalator and a young (20ish) female protester offered her a pamphlet, which she politely declined. The young protester put her hand on the old woman's shoulder as a gesture of friendship and in a very soft voice said, "Ma'am, don't you care about the children of Iraq?"

The old woman looked up at her and said, "Honey, my first husband died in France during World War II, my second

husband died in Korea, one of my sons died in Vietnam, and a Grandson died in Desert Storm, all so you could have the right to stand here and bad mouth our country. If you touch me again I'll stick this umbrella up your ... and open it."

Deer Season

From Ray Nichols

A man and his friend were hunting deer in rural Texas near a blacktop highway. A huge buck walked by and the hunter carefully drew his bow and took careful aim.

Before he could release his arrow, his friend alerted him to a funeral procession passing on the road below their stand.

The hunter slowly let off the pressure on his bow, took off his hat, bowed his head and closed his eyes in prayer.

His friend was amazed. "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are the kindest man I have ever known."

The hunter shrugged. "Yeah, well, we were married for 35 years."

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Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

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When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a name, he glared at me and wrote another ticket for having worn tires.

So I called him a worse name. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care my, my car was around the corner and this one had a "Bush in '04" bumper sticker on it.

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at our age.

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Getting Older

"We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!"

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Humor Of Some Famous
People

- [1] Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, "Lillian, you should have remained a virgin." - Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)
- [2] I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall." - Eleanor Roosevelt
- [3] Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now ~~wish to~~ withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain
- [4] The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns
- [5] Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge
- [6] Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain
- [7] What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce. - Mark Twain
- [8] By all means, marry. If you

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- get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates
- [9] I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx
- [10] My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante
- [11] The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things. - Jilly Cooper
- [12] I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor
- [13] Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine
- [14] Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. - Mark Twain
- [15] My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Ed Furgol
- [16] Money can't buy you happiness... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan

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- [17] What's the use of happiness? It can't buy you money. - Henry Youngman
- [18] I am opposed to millionaires... but it would be dangerous to offer me the position. - Mark Twain
- [19] Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was shut up. - Joe Namath
- [20] Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. - Herbert Henry Asquith
- [21] I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope
- [22] I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - W.C. Fields
- [23] We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers
- [24] Don't worry about avoiding temptation... as you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill
- [25] Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty.. but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller
- [26] By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. Billy Crystal

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By Alvy Ed Eberie

How many of us remember Dec. 7, 1941? The suprising and sad news that came over our radios, "Pearl Harbor was attacked with heavy damage, ships ablaze or sunk."

We glued our ears to our radios, shared the news with our neighbors and listened as reports of heavy casualties were reported.

All battleships along the battleship row were damaged or sunk. The Oklahoma lay on its side. The Arizona was sunk upright and the water being shallow enough, left the mast of that now-famous ship above water. It is from the mast of the Arizona that Old Glory still flies as a symbol of that cowardly attack and the freedom we still enjoy.

Below the decks of the Arizona and other ships, hundreds of boys were entombed. During the frenzy of holiday shopping, let us not forget to share this day with our remembrances of prayers for those who lost their lives that day.

Many of the mothers who received word of their sons' supreme sacrifice on that day are themselves gone. But other

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mothers since have given their daughters and sons so we may maintain our freedom. Those of that era look proudly at our children and their children as they are living the freedom we as a country preserved for them.

On that day from the halls of Washington, our President Roosevelt proclaimed war, and our men sailed from California's shore to fight the enemy at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Mariana Islands, Midway, Okinawa and other points to retain our freedom.

Today the battleship Missouri permanently is docked as a memorial, just 300 yards away from the Arizona with its 16-inch guns seemly aimed over the Arizona as if symbolically protecting it.

May God continue to bless America.

Thank You

We would like to thank Joann and George Worley for the use of their trailer for the Fall Festival Parade again this year. We would also like to thank Glen Edwards, from the V.F.W., for the use of hay bales for the float. I am sure our members and their families enjoyed riding in the parade again this year

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