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Post 95 is having their annual BBQ May 16, 2006. This is a family affair so bring the family and a covered dish, Post 95 will provide the meat, drinks and table service. This is our regular meeting night. Come out and enjoy the good food and fellowship. If you haven't attended lately we have several new members you should meet. EAT AT 6:30 PM. There will be a short meeting after we eat to wrap up some loose ends. Please give Commander Paul a call at (816) 792-5785 or Larry Allen at (816) 628-1278 and let us know how many in you will have in your party. Hope to see you there!!

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About Post 95

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Flag Etiquette for students in the 5th and 6th grades.

What Is A Veteran for students in 5th & 6th grades.

Sponsoring Girl's State and Boy's State attendees.

Military Honors team (funeral detail).

Color guard for parades and programs.

Citizenship awards for high school students.

Bingo at Cedars in Liberty (we have some members there).

Proper flag disposal for anyone with an old flag.

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Annual chili and spaghetti

dinner for post members, their families and public.

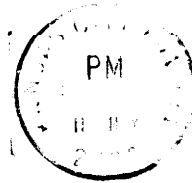
We also meet every Saturday morning at 7:00 AM at HyVee for breakfast and socializing, bring the wife and enjoy.

We would like to have you come and take part in any way you choose. Come to a meeting and give us a try.

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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COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Paul Ellison

This issue of our newsletter I would like to take this space to thank a very valuable member of our organization.

This special person, Jim Rieck, has provided a very valuable service to Post 95 for several years. He is the person who has worked in the kitchen to prepare the fund raising meals. Preparing a meal for these events is more than showing up on the day of the event. Time spent also buying, chopping, seasoning the ingredients, making sure we have containers in which to cook the chili or spaghetti. Jim's food is excellent by the time it hits the serving line.

He is busy all day and evening of the event watching over the progress of the food. He has endured those of us non-cookers on the serving line when we yell for more food to serve.

Fred Cox has been a very capable in assisting Jim, along with others, in the preparation process.

Jim has said he wants someone else to take over this station. Larry Allen has said he will step

up to the stove and take Jim's place. THANKS LARRY. I am sure Jim will tutor you well.

Jim's hands in the kitchen will be missed but maybe we can get him to browse through from time to time.

From all members of Post 95, THANK YOU JIM for a job well done.

The Gorgeous Redhead

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says her body hurts wherever she touches it. Impossible says the doctor, show me. The redhead takes her finger, she pushes on her ear and screams, she pushes her elbow, and screams in even more agony. She pushes her knee and screams, and then she pushes on her thigh, and more screaming. She pushes her ankle, more screams, and anywhere she touches, she screams. The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "Well, no," she says, "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," the doctor says. "Your finger is broken."

Quote

The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how

to serve.--Albert Schweitzer 1875 -- 1965

Actual Newspaper Ads

Free Yorkshire Terrier. 8 years Old. Hateful little dog. Bites Free Puppies. ½ cocker spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbor's dog. Free puppies. Part German Shepherd, part stupid dog. Free German Shepherd, 85 lbs. Neutered. Speaks German.

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Springfield National Cemetery

The Springfield National Cemetery was established in 1867 because of the critical need for suitable burial space for the remains of men who fell at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861. Other remains removed from original burial sites at Forsyth, Newtonia, Carthage, Pea Ridge and Springfield were also among the early interments. By 1868, a total of 1514 deceased Union Soldiers had received honored burial in the cemetery. Of those 795 were known while 719 were interred as unknown. The exact number of Confederate dead in the cemetery is unknown. There are 566 gravesites in the Confederate Section and most of the interments are unknown. Of the original 501 buried here, 238 were killed at the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Most of the remaining 263 died from wounds or sickness. Some were killed in the Battle of Springfield, the last burial of a Confederate soldier took place on June 12, 1939.

In 1870, on a four-acre tract adjoining, but separated by a stone wall, the only Confederate Cemetery in Missouri was established. In 1911, the two cemeteries were united under the direction of the National

Government. In 1984, the old Confederate Cemetery was reopened for burials. On the south side of the monument of General Sterling Price is a plaque that reads "August 10, 1984". This tablet is dedicated by the Veterans Administration in grateful appreciation of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Missouri Division, for actions taken to remove deed restrictions on 485 unoccupied gravesites. The relinquishment of these graves for use by all veterans serves as a symbol of reunification of purpose for memorialized all who have honorably served this great nation without regard for past differences-Confederate and Union alike.

Over the years small additions of land have been made to the cemetery and today it is approximately 19.1 acres. As of July, 1996 a total of 13,248 burials have occurred. Burials in the cemetery include heroes of all the nation's wars. The remains of William Freeman, a Revolutionary War Soldier, was transferred here from its first burial site not a far distant in 1908.

The Cemetery is also the last resting place for five Medal of

Honor recipients. They are Capt. Patrick Pentzer, Cpl. Orion P Howe and Sgt Harrison Collins of the Civil War. CPM, Fred McGuire during Philippine Insurrection and PM3, Jack Williams during WWII.

Subject: Air Force staff

A C-130 was in route to a mission when a cocky F-16 pilot flew up next to him. The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, "watch this!" He went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb then finished with a sonic boom when he reached the speed of sound.

The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought.

The C-130 pilot responded "that was impressive, but watch this." The C-130 droned along for about 15 minutes then the C-130 pilot came back on and said

"What did you think about that?"

The F-16 pilot asked, "What did you do?" The C-130 pilot responded " I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back poured a cup of coffee and used the latrine."

Mark Your Calendar

On June 11, 2006 Post 95 will be the host of the quarterly district meeting. Come help our post have a good turn out. It is a carry in meal (covered dish). District furnishes meat. Eat at 12:00.

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Prelude To Flying Old Glory---

By Alvey Edward Eberle

In the few months after joining the Legion I have become acquainted with many good people within our organization. Some of them are from Iowa. As all states Iowa has good reason to be proud of their Veterans. This is a prelude into the article about such a young man I became friends with while waiting as a replacement into a combat division back in Jan. 1944.

We transferred into different units and I later learned of his fate. He was anxious to get into combat and get the war over, but as it ended up his only decoration was that of a white cross that marked his final resting place on the Island of Sipan.

Flying Old Glory For Patriotism And For Iowa Farm

Boy

Do we need a reason, or just a reminder to fly Old Glory?

Our flag was adopted June 12, 1777. With then only a circle of 13 stars to represent the 13 colonies that fought the British, and secured our independence and freedom.

Blood and sacrifices were the initial cost of our freedom. Blood

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has also been spilled in abundance to keep her flying.

My remembrance only dates back to World War II, having enlisted in the Marines in 1943. We received an accelerated training course in boot and line camps. This was to ready us physically and mentally as replacements for those already in combat.

After several weeks training our division was called on to engage the enemy on Saipan, and then Tinian. Afterwards, we settled in a make shift camp on the back side of the island of Saipan. Our training continued and a few weeks later while waiting in line at the mess hall, a comrade that I had shared the replacement tent with spotted me. After a slap on the back, I ask if he knew anything about the other replacements we came down with.

Four of our 10 didn't make it.

He then asked if I remembered so and so, a boy from Iowa.

"Sure," I replied.

He told me the farm boy got it while standing on a ridge early one morning. Got hit in the gut with a 50 millimeter star shell from a tank. Using a farmland expression he continued, "He

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rolled around the ground like a chicken with its head cut off, spilling his guts all over."

Seeing I was disturbed, the comrade shook his head while expressing, "What a way to go."

I had been warned there may be a price to pay if you became too friendly with any one of your comrades.

Back home, I imagined I could see him squirming on the ground in pain, grasping for life, holding his guts and trying to push them back into his dying body. A couple of comrades huddled around trying to comfort him and another hurrying back to find a corpsman. If one was found he probably gave a quick shot of morphine, shook his head in sorrow, and hurried off to help someone who still had a chance for life.

Later the body would be gathered up and placed on a stretcher or poncho, then created off to be laid in a long trench, covered and a marker. Just one more added to a row of white crosses.

I could almost hear the screams of his mother in Iowa as the telegram of his passing delivered. Then the weeping eyes of the girl he was to marry. His life was

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gone and theirs had changed, but we all still live under the flutter of Old Glory.

I think I got a lump in my throat the day I heard of his death, but on that morning of remembrance, I arose with tears in my eyes. Yes, the first thing I did was fly Old Glory. As she unfurled, I saluted and muttered these words, "Boy from Iowa, this one flies for you today."

Obituary of an Old Friend

By Unknown

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense. Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge). His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were

set in place – Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge financial settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended

his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

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CHERISH OUR CHILDREN

By Rev Donna L. Warren

(This applies to all of us, whether or not we have been parents).

Parents, can you remember when your children were born and after cleaning up the little one, the doctor or nurse wrapped the infant in a blanket and handed it to you? Remember the joy, the awe, the tears as you received this gift of life crying for the first time in this world. Do you recall how fragile that life seemed, how delicate, how precious?

Now move ahead 12 or 14 months. You have cleaned up messes, been thrown up on, lost who knows how many hours of sleep, spent hours at the doctor's office frantic because of a fever that won't respond to normal treatment. On the downside, you would agree with the person who described a baby as a digestive apparatus with a loud noise at one end and no responsibility at the other. But on the positive side, you are humbled by this helpless little creation that needs you in every area.

Somewhere between infancy and the teen years, many of us lose that sense of awe, that sense of preciousness we felt when we first received our child in the delivery room. For many, the

child becomes a burden, a bother, a recipient of our anger and frustration at thing the child in no way caused. If a divorce has occurred, the children may have even become pawns between the mother and father, or be treated as a piece of property to be exchanged every weekend.

In an era when 1.1 million teens become pregnant each year, when one out of four children face a risk of being sexually or physically abused by the time they reach 18, when 20% of those hospitalized for depression are under the age of 18, **IT IS TIME THAT WE LEARN ONCE AGAIN HOW TO CHERISH ALL CHILDREN WETHER THEY BELONG TO US OR SOMEONE ELSE.**

And there is no better model than our Lord Jesus Christ who held every child in high esteem.

It isn't that our Lord treats children differently than he treats anyone else, but what is significant is that He treats them as special as everyone else. They are no less important and deserving of His love and attention merely because they are young. He esteems them as He esteems the poor, or the Samaritan woman, or the tax collector, or the common

fisherman. And it is this value He placed upon their worth that we have lost sight of today in many ways. It is easy for the children to become a burden and source of stress rather than a source of blessing. When they are hurting and we tell them to "grow up or stop that crying or we'll give them something to cry about", we are crushing the very spirit that God gave them which makes them special.

One gift that Jesus gave everyone, including the children, was that no one's pain is unimportant. Jesus takes time to stop what He is doing and cares for our pains. Likewise we are to do the same for all others., even if we have pains of our own.

Neil Harding Funeral

Neil Harding's funeral was April 7, 2006 at Leavenworth, Kansas. The rifle team was made up of both American Legion and VFW members. Donna Warren performed the grave site rites. Neil was a member of Post 95 and the VFW. He was 86 years old and had been a resident of Cedars in Liberty for the past several years.

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Samuel Wilson

Samuel Wilson was really born in 1766 in Massachusetts. After working as a brick maker, farmer, and distiller, he was appointed as a meat and pork inspector for the Army. That was what unexpectedly brought Wilson his fame. When he passed a shipment of beef intended for troops, he stamped it 'U.S.' approved, for United States. Till then, however, the United States was always abbreviated 'U. States', so there was some confusion. In the meantime, Wilson's many nieces and nephews called him 'Uncle Sam' (as did so many others in Troy, NY) and soon the U.S. stamp of approved beef was known as the 'Uncle Sam' stamp. Upstate New York soldiers reportedly ate only provisions marked with it, and

referred to themselves as 'Uncle Sam's soldiers'. The name came to represent the United States and its government.

Cartoon Character

Wilson was tall and lean with high cheekbones and his Uncle Sam character, before the Civil War, took on numerous guises. It wasn't until 1869 that cartoonist Thomas Nast drew an Uncle Sam figure that became the standard. He made Uncle Sam tall with white hair and whiskers and wearing striped pants, top hat, and a waistcoat. (Incidentally, Nast also is considered to be the originator of the modern political cartoon and the inventor of the Democratic Donkey and the Republican Elephant.)

As Uncle Sam's popularity grew, he often became the central subject of trade signs, weather vanes, whirligigs, and tin banks. He also endorsed political candidates on campaign badges. In World War I, he received his most important assignment - to recruit troops for war. James Montgomery Flagg painted the now famous picture of Uncle Sam pointing and saying 'I WANT YOU' - first as a

magazine cover, then as a recruitment poster. It became the best known poster in American history. The poster's image has become the standard appearance for Uncle Sam. Although Flagg's version of Uncle Sam is very similar to Nast's, some believe that Flagg's image actually is a self-portrait.

He's official!

Samuel Wilson died at the age of 88 in 1854. His alter ego, however, is still going strong after almost 200 years! In 1961, an Act of Congress made it official: Samuel Wilson was the originator of Uncle Sam. His legacy is legendary.

Boy's State

This year there will be ten boys from Liberty going to Boy's State. Post 95 is sponsoring three, and the VFW Post is matching that with sponsorship of three more. The Liberty Sertoma Club is sponsoring three and Liberty Lions Club is sponsoring one. This is a very good cause and we will be given feedback by attendees later at Cedars.

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Old Flags

By Berry Benson
Confederate Veteran
Written in 1880

Who knows but it may be given to us after this life to meet again in the old quarters, to play chess and draughts, to get up soon to answer the morning roll call, to fall in at the tap of the drum for drill and dress parade and again to hastily don our gear while the monotonous patter of the long roll summons to battle? Who knows but again the old flags, ragged and torn snapping in the wind, may face each other and flutter, pursuing and pursued, while the cries of victory fill a summer day? And after the battle, then the slain and wounded will arise, and all will meet together under the two flags, all sound and well and there will be talking and laughter and cheers, and all will say did it not seem real? Was it not as in the old days?

S.O.S.

From The Glendale Bugler
By C. Mark Brinkley
Do you know that for more than a hundred years, military cookbooks have included a recipe for at least one S.O.S. dish? There's chipped beef, creamed beef, or minced

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beef. The AFRS cookbook in 1969 came up with a creamed beef that starts with 24 pounds of ground beef, plus reconstituted dried milk! It made 100 one-cup portions. Memories are made of this?

Here's one legend about S.O.S. Marine forces during World War I were served meals made by the Army from field kitchens in the rear. During one battle, the Marines were advancing faster than the Army Mess Company could keep up with them. (You can tell this is a Marine version of the story!) That particular evening, Army cooks had prepared a meal of roasted beef with cream gravy. The mess men couldn't find the Marines till the following morning. Not wanting to waste the food, a Marine sergeant ordered that the meat and gravy be placed on dry bread and given to the men to eat out of hand. They liked it and requested it be served again with the correct utensils. Over the following years, the recipe changed depending on the availability of supplies and the mood of the cook. It's been served at dinner, as well as breakfast. It can be made for 300 or 100.

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A Billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into perspective in one of its releases.

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VCR - How Old

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