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We served our  
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**Chili Dinner**  
**Fundraiser Planned**

It's time again for 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. A donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 children for all you can eat.

The date is set for **Saturday, October 24th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM**. Raffle Items are:

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Plan to come for some great food, fellowship, door prizes and raffle items.

**Dates To Remember**

- October 12 Columbus Day
- October 13 US Navy Birthday (1775)
- October 20 Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM
- October 22 Bingo @ Cedars 6:30PM
- October 24 Chili Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 PM**
- October 24 United Nations Day
- October 28 40&8 Mtg. 6:00 PM
- October 31 Halloween
- November 1 Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 3 Election Day
- November 10 US Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- November 11 Veterans Day

- November 17 Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM
- November 26 Thanksgiving Day
- December 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 15 Bill of Rights Day
- December 15 Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM
- December 25 Christmas Day

**Death**

James (Jim) O. Rieck, a 20 year member of Post 95, was born September 7, 1924 passed away September 3, 2015. Jim lost his battle with cancer.

Jim was one of the regulars to help with the spaghetti and chili dinner fundraisers.

**Sickness**

Ray Thompson is battling cancer and is pretty much confined to his home being assisted by his wife Grace.

John Gibbs is continuing his fight with cancer.

Robert Beatty is awaiting surgery for leg pain.

LeRoy Coe's wife is in the nursing home recovering from back surgery.

**Birthdays**

- September 6, 1967 Stephanie Ebner
- September 20, 1915 Lester Brown
- November 28, 1923 Ira Hunter
- December 11, 1922 Ray Merrell

**Anniversaries**

- September 12, 1967 Larry & Mitsuko Allen

**New Member**

Welcome to a new member to Post 95, Jim Roberts transferred to our post.

**Quote**

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits." ~Albert Einstein

**Question**

What has no beginning and no end and nothing in the center? Answer – A donut.

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**Commander's Corner**

Judi Samborski

Well, summer is officially over. Gone are hot, humid days and nights (hopefully), and it's now autumn; warm days and cool evenings. And coming soon is our annual Chili Dinner! I can almost taste it. So mark your calendars for October 24 at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Tighe Hall. Bring family and friends for some great food and fun.

Veteran's Day is November 11. It is on a Wednesday this year. Once again Post 95 will be participating in the program at the New Hope/Fairview Cemetery at 1200 (noon). If it was like last year, it may be cold, so bundle up and join us for the event. Like last year we will be honoring two veterans from our area. Tentatively the two honorees served during the Korean War.

I'm going to touch on the subject of membership. Last year we fell short of our goal for membership in our Post. Like most years, because we lost members. Our goal set for us this year is 277. As of our last meeting we have 181 paid members. I realize how hard it is to recruit new members as well as getting current members to renew their dues. Currently our dues are \$28. National has raised its dues by \$5 and will take effect January 21, 2016. It is fair to guess that the Department will also raise the dues. And like most domino effects, posts will raise their dues to compensate. Our October meeting, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing raising our dues. So we need to try hard to get members to either renew or sign up new ones. Ok, end of sermon.

Fall is when the trees begin to turn into beautiful colors. School has begun and the days are getting

shorter. Kids are outside taking advantage of the last bit of outdoor fun before getting stuck inside. Please keep an extra eye out for them. Halloween is also coming up. It is also time to make preparations for the cooler weather around the house and for our vehicles.

Have a great Autumn!

God Bless our Troops. God Bless America.

**Chaplin's Corner**

Ray Nichols, Post 95 Chaplin

I have read a book "This Side of Peace". This is a personal account from the Palestinian side of the ongoing war in Israel. This is a conflict of hatred between the Israelis and Palestinian's going back hundreds of years. In Iraq there is hatred, Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds who hate one another and kill one another daily. In Syria fighting is now among factions and a whole country at war. In our country there is an authority problem. This quote from the Upper Room book from the Methodist Church applies here. "In our Christian faith, we need people who will take time to guide and teach us. At the same time we have friends who hold us accountable and encourage us. Perhaps most importantly, we can bear one another's burdens and share our faith with others. That way we all help each other grow in faith." Something is definitely needed for a more peaceful process in the world.

**Facts**

The 30.06 rifle was named for its 30 mm ammunition and 1906, the year it was introduced.

The Arctic Circle is the line above which the sun does not set on the summer solstice, and does not rise on the winter solstice.

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### **Who Has Precedence: Navy or Marines?**

Source: Navy Historical Center

The Marine Corps has had precedence over the Navy since 1921 because the Marine Corps has been very consistent in citing its origins as the legislation of the Continental Congress that established the Continental Marines on 10 November 1775. In contrast, the United States Navy until 1972 gave various responses to the question of when it was founded, often citing legislation dating from its reestablishment in the 1790s. At the time the order of precedence of the U.S. services was established, the Navy was using the dates from the 1790s, as its founding, and hence was viewed as a younger service than the Marine Corps. Despite several efforts to reverse the Marine Corps/Navy order of precedence in recent years, it has not occurred.

In fact, the Continental Navy was created before the Continental Marines. On 13 October 1775 Congress enacted the first naval legislation providing for the outfitting of two warships. This marked the beginning of the Continental Navy, the forerunner of the United States Navy. Almost one month later, 10 November 1775, as an extension of that naval legislation, Congress resolved that "two Battalions of marines be raised." Following the Revolutionary War, both services went into abeyance. When they were reestablished in the 1790s, the reestablishment of the United States Navy preceded the reestablishment of the Marine Corps.

An order by the Marine Corps Commandant in 1921 designated 10 November 1775 as the birthday of the Marine Corps. Over the years, the U.S. Navy cited two other possible dates as founding events, the legislation of 27 March 1794, "to provide a naval armament," authorizing the construction of six frigates under the War Department, and the act

of 30 April 1798, which established the Department of the Navy.

Despite the existence of these alternatives, the U.S. Navy for fifty years celebrated "Navy Day" on 27 October, as proposed in 1922 by the New York Navy League, in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt's birthday. The Navy had no officially recognized birthday until 1972, when Admiral Zumwalt, Chief of Naval Operations, with the advice of Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper, Director of Naval History, authorized observance of 13 October.

### **Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity in RETIREMENT**

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars, and watch them slow down!
2. On all your check stubs, write, 'For Marijuana!'
3. Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.
4. With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
5. Sing along at The Opera.
6. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'
7. When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'
8. Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go....'
9. Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is. And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity: My Favorite:
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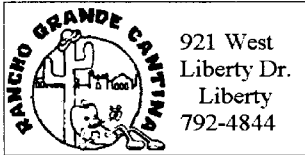
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### Navy Turns 240

The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775 the Continental Congress, established a small naval force, hoping that a small navy would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power.

The early Continental navy was not expected to take on the British navy for control of the seas. This small naval force was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships--frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs hunting British commerce ships and transports like prey, avoiding whenever possible fights with Royal Navy men-of-war.

The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution – mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775 remains the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with.

### Origins of the Navy Flag

The Department of the Navy Seal, created in 1957, was to serve as the main feature of the official United States Navy flag, adopted two years later. The flag did not pass through an evolutionary development as was the case with the Navy seal.

Ships of the earliest period in the Nation's naval history wore a variety of flags, including the striped Grand Union, and those bearing a pine tree or rattlesnake. However, these various banners may be considered steps in the genesis of the national ensign, the "Stars and Stripes," rather than forebears of a specific flag for the Navy.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century the Infantry Battalion flag was introduced for use by naval landing forces. This was a blue flag with a white diamond shaped device in the center and a blue fowl anchor superimposed on the diamond. For more than sixty years, the Infantry Battalion flag served as the unofficial Navy flag in drill formations and parades and at other ceremonies. An official Navy flag, truly representative of the Navy's operating forces at sea, was authorized by Presidential order 24 April 1959:

The flag for the United States Navy is 4 feet 4 inches hoist by 5 feet 6 inches fly, of dark blue material, with yellow fringe, 2 1/2 inches wide. In the center of the flag is a device 3 feet 1 inch

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overall consisting of the inner pictorial position of the seal of the Department of the Navy (with the exception that a continuation of the sea has been substituted for the land area), in its proper colors within a circular yellow rope edging, all 2 feet 6 inches in diameter above a yellow scroll inscribed "United States Navy," in dark blue letters.

Unlike the national ensign, commission pennant, union jack, and admiral's broad pennant which fly from gaff, mast, or staff on board naval vessels, the flag of the United States Navy is reserved for display purposes and is carried by an honor guard on ceremonial occasions.

**Marine Corps Birthday**

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) Samuel Nicholas.

The first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, Nicholas remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine Commandant. The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli".

Marines took part in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans.

The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests around the world, in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra and off the coast of West Africa, and also close to home in operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.

**Marine Corps History: The Marine Corps Flag**

Source: Reference Branch, USMC History Division

Very little information is available regarding the flags carried by early American Marines, although indications are that the Grand Union flag was carried ashore by the battalion led by Captain Samuel Nicholas on New Providence Island, 3 March 1776. It is quite possible that the Rattlesnake flag was also carried on this expedition.

The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an anchor and eagle in the center. (See next page)

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Prior to the Mexican War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezuma."

During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field apparently carried a flag similar to the national flag, comprised of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design. Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the national colors (the Stars and Stripes) with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe.

At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, a more distinctive standard was carried by Marines. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S. Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis."

Orders were issued on 2 April 1921 which directed all national colors be manufactured without the yellow fringe and without the words "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered on the red stripe. This was followed by an order dated 14 March 1922, retiring from use all national colors still in use with yellow fringe or wording on the flag. Following World War I, the Army practice of attaching silver bands carrying inscriptions enumerating specific decorations and battles was adopted. This practice was discontinued on 23 January 1961. Marine Corps Order No. 4 of 18 April 1925 designated gold and scarlet as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps. These

colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps standard until 18 January 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps standard.

For a brief time following World War I, the inscribing of battle honors directly on the colors of a unit was in practice, but realization that a multiplicity of honors and the limited space on the colors made the system impractical, and the procedure was discontinued. On 29 July 1936, a Marine Corps Board recommended that the Army system of attaching streamers to the staff of the organizational colors be adopted. Such a system was finally authorized by Marine Corps Order No. 157, dated 3 November 1939, and is currently in practice

#### New Windows

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Hellloooo,.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Hellloooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up.

He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

#### Quotes

Politicians and diapers need to be changed often, and for the same reason. – Ronald Reagan

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The Washington Monument is an obelisk on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., built to commemorate George Washington, once commander-in-chief of the early Continental Army and the first American president.

The monument, made of marble, granite, and bluestone gneiss, is both the world's tallest stone structure and the world's tallest obelisk, standing 555 feet 5 1/8 inches (169.294 m) tall. Taller monumental columns exist, but they are neither all stone nor true obelisks.

Construction of the monument began in 1848, was halted from 1854 to 1877, and was finally completed in 1884. The hiatus in construction happened because of co-opting by the Know Nothing party, a lack of funds, and the intervention of the American Civil War. A difference in shading of the marble, visible approximately 150 feet (46 m) or 27% up, shows where construction was halted. Its original design was by Robert Mills, an architect of the 1840s, but his design was modified significantly when construction resumed. The cornerstone was laid on July 4, 1848; the capstone was set on December 6, 1884, and the completed monument was dedicated on February 21, 1885. It officially opened October 9, 1888. Upon completion, it became the world's tallest structure, a title previously held by the Cologne Cathedral. The monument held this designation until 1889, when the Eiffel Tower was completed in Paris, France.

The monument stands due east of the Reflecting Pool and the Lincoln Memorial.

The monument was damaged during the 2011 Virginia earthquake and Hurricane Irene in the same year and remained closed to the public while the structure was assessed and repaired. After 32 months

of repairs, the National Park Service and the Trust for the National Mall reopened the Washington Monument to visitors on May 12, 2014.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

On September 20<sup>th</sup> Lester Brown celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ray and Helen Nichols made the arrangements with the nursing home in Excelsior Springs where Lester now resides.

There was a good turnout to help Lester celebrate with cake and punch.

Many of you know Lester who has attended our meetings, even though he is a member of another post. His post meets at Indian Hills Country Club and he has been unable to attend there due to health.

Lester was in WWII and received a Purple Heart for wounds he received.

Thanks to Ray and Helen for making this memorable occasion happen for a great man.

### **Brains of Older People**

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. SO THERE!!

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