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Next meeting – February 23, 2012

E. Stroudsburg VFW

SEMPER FI

February 22, 1952 six new Marine Battalions and Marine air groups were activated on the west coast, giving the Corps the full authorized limit of three divisions and three wings.

February 23, 1815 Marines assisted USS Horne's capture of the HMS Penguin off Tristan de Cunha

February 23, 2003 the deadly battle of An Nasiriyah was joined in the Iraq War. 18 Marines KI'A in one company

The New York Times

VOL XCI. No. 30,708. NEW YORK TIMES MONDAY February 61, 1942 THREE CENTS

***SINAPORE SURRENDERS
UNCONDITIONALLY; CHURCHILL ASKS
UNITY IN HOUR OF DEFEAT; FOE POURS
INTO SUMATRA, STRIKES IN BURMA***

78% REGISTERED HERE ON FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD
DRAFT

***Some people make headlines while
others make history.***

Philip Elmer–Dewitt, TIME MAGAZINE.

“Marines do both “

R. P. Fitzpatrick, Pocono Marines

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Don't forget there is no newsletter being printed this month so you will actually have to read this one. The meeting is on Tuesday, February 21st. I hope everyone is doing OK in the bad weather. I am not sorry that I am not there to experience it with you.
Raymond Fitzpatrick S/F

Birthdays

Jay Rake, 1/11, John T Camaeari, 3/28.

Welcome aboard

Odell Jones

Marine Aviation Centennial

Mark your calendar; this is a major Marine Corps event. Submitted by Allen Weiss , President, Marine Corps Squadron 361 Association.

As part of the Marine Aviation Centennial observances, there will be a Commemoration and re-dedication of Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham's, USMC first flight out of Marblehead, MA from the Burgess Aircraft Factory slipway on **20 August of 1912**. This celebration will be hosted by the Marine Aviation Association's Boston Squadron from **3-5 August, 2012** in Marblehead, MA. To that end, planning is well underway which has now included a site survey/visit hosted by the Boston Squadron on 16 November, 2012. Master Technical Sergeant, USMC (HD) Don Humphreys, a WW-II Marine and one of the few enlisted former Marine pilots, hosted the kick-off meeting. Don is also the instigator of this great event. He and Drew provided the kickoff information below. Present at the meeting were: Col Andrew (Drew) Ley, USMC, (Ret)-CO, Boston Squadron, Master Technical Sergeant, Don Humphreys, USMC, HD, Boston Squadron, LtCol Dwight (Buck) Grader, USMC, (Ret), Mr. Tony Sasso, Town, Administrator (Mayor), Maj Vic (Poco) Abelson, USMC, HQMC ASM, Maj Matt (Waldo) Gioia, USMC, Rotary Wing Safety Officer, HQMC (CMC) Safety Division, LtCol Raul (Art) "Mad Mex" Sifuentes, USMC, (Ret)-Exec. Dir, MCAA. With the exception of the

above active duty officers and me, the local Marblehead planning committee will include: Maj Jenna Dolan, USMC, (Ret), former AV-8 Pilot, GE Co., Lynn , MA, Mr. James Nye, President , National Grand Bank in Marblehead and Chair, Board of Selectmen, Mr. David Rodgers, Navy veteran- Veterans' Agent for Marblehead and former Commander, VFW 2005, Lt Donald MacAulay, former USMC (VMF 232 Korea) and editor of major boating magazine (well-versed in public relations) As a little background, Don and the Boston MCAA Squadron developed and maintain an AA Cunningham Commemorative Park at the Marblehead site, complete with benches, landscape and brass plaques. Marblehead is located about an hour north of Boston and has a population of nearly 20,000. The Boston Squadron Planning Committee has the lead on the planning and execution, with HQMC and MCAA National assisting as necessary. The Boston Squadron has conducted some preliminary planning and a concept of operations. The suggested events are: **Friday, 3 August:** Flyover of aircraft and positioning of ground equipment public concert by USMC Band at local school. **Saturday, 4 August:** Flight demonstration (repelling, assault landing, etc.?) static displays exhibits Marine Band and parade to Cunningham Memorial Re-dedication of Cunningham Memorial Evening VIP Dinner. **Sunday, 5 August:** Departure. The concept of operations is to have flight demos and static displays of a V-22, CH-46, CH-53E, UH-1 and AH-1 and crews; a fixed wing flyover; an assault demo; ground equipment (LAV, AAV, eg.) and a platoon+ demonstration of Marines. I may even be able to dig up an H-34... Based on past celebrations, it is anticipated an attendance of 15,000 to 20,000. Fundraising has \$10,000 committed. Moreover, the above Planning Council anticipates strong local (funding) support. A site survey was conducted by Majors Gioia and Abelson from HQMC and a suitable landing and static display site has been identified at a local school's athletic fields. The Planning council has past experience in these events and will coordinate with local

FAA and municipal agencies to assist for proper clearances/information/coordination. VIP quarters for visitors have been reserved at the local Yacht Club and local residences will be available as desired. Aircraft would RON at nearby Hanscom AFB for security. The Council has the appropriate forms for requesting USMC non-aviation support. MCAA National Hqtrs will request the aviation support desired. Invitations will be made to all General Officers. It is notable that Gen Dunford is from that area. Check out the new MCAA PX Link on the MCAA website. Stay tuned as there will be more goodies to come in the future!!...and have a CAVU Day!!
For more information contact me via E-Mail

Senator Pat Toomey

January 27, 2012

Dear Larry,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about TRICARE. I appreciate hearing from you. I understand how important TRICARE is for military personnel, military retirees, and their families and value your input about this program. As you may know, the Senate passed the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012 on December 15, 2011 by a vote of 86 to 13.

You may be interested to know that this legislation did not mandate any increase in TRICARE enrollment fees, deductibles, co-payments or retail pharmacy cost shares. Under current law, the Secretary of Defense already has the authority to adjust TRICARE Prime annual enrollment fees. There is no congressional approval required. The NDAA, however, would limit future increases in TRICARE Prime enrollment fees for military retirees and their dependents to the annual cost-of-living adjustment for military retirement annuities beginning in Fiscal Year 2013. Consequently, if the Secretary of Defense raises TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, the NDAA would limit the increase to \$260 per year (from \$230) for those who enroll as individuals and \$520 per year (from \$460) for those who enroll their families. Please be assured that I will keep your concerns about TRICARE in mind as Congress

begins the budget process for Fiscal Year 2013. Thank you again for your correspondence. Please feel free to contact me in the future if I can be of any assistance. Sincerely,
Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator, Pennsylvania

Good to know for winter

Keep your **headlights clear** with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

Streak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems solved!
Senator

Does Drawdown Mean Benefit Cuts?

Week of December 26, 2011

Military pay and benefits have enjoyed record growth over the last decade. However, given the current budget problems the benefits boom may soon end. The 2012 National Defense Authorization Act includes several provisions to ease the coming reduction in forces, but the defense bill also includes a provision for increasing the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee each year at a rate equal to the retiree cost-of-living-adjustment percentage. Vets4Warriors Hotline

Week of December 26, 2011 The National Guard recently unveiled its Vets4Warriors servicemembers' counseling program. Vets4Warriors is a toll-free, peer-to-peer counseling hotline that provides Guard members and Reserve component members with the ability to speak with counselors on the phone or online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once the servicemember reaches out to Vets4Warriors, the counselor will try to match them to any of the resources available. To learn more about Vets4Warriors, or to speak with a counselor, service and family members can call the Vets4Warriors toll-free

Navy Purple Heart Policy Update

Week of December 26, 2011
The U.S. Navy recently updated its policies concerning the now awarded the Purple Heart for certain mild traumatic brain injuries that were caused by enemy action. If they suffered a loss of consciousness, or had to be given the disposition of 'not fit for full duty' by a medical officer for a period greater than 48 hours after a concussive event, they may qualify for the Purple Heart. Purple Hearts awarded for MTBI will continue to meet the historical standards of severity applied to all types of wounds. For more information, read ALNAV 079/11. For more Navy news, visit the Military.com News Center hotline at 1-855-VET-TALK (838-8255) or visit the Vets4Warriors website.

VFW, WASHINGTON WEEKLY

January 6, 2012 in This Issue

1. Pentagon Unveils New Strategic Guidance
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3. VA Expands Mobile Vet Centers
4. Korean War MIA Identified

1. Pentagon Unveils New Strategic Guidance: President Obama, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey unveiled new strategic guidance at the Pentagon yesterday for a U.S. military of the future that will be smaller and leaner, but still agile, flexible, ready, and technologically advanced to respond to global threats. Initial plan details won't be known until the FY 2013 budget request is unveiled in a few weeks, but the president did say the defense budget will continue to grow over the next 10 years, albeit at a slower pace, now that today's wars are ending. Eight principles will help set funding levels and priorities as DOD must reduce its overall budget by \$487 billion over the next decade. The eight principles are:

1. Maintain a broad portfolio of military capabilities to counter terrorism and irregular warfare; deter and defeat aggression; project power; counter weapons of mass destruction; operate in space and cyberspace; maintain a secure and effective nuclear deterrent; defend the homeland and support civil authorities; provide a stabilizing presence abroad; conduct stability and counterinsurgency operations; and conduct humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.
2. Differentiate between those budget investments that should be made today and those that can be deferred to tomorrow.
3. Maintain a ready and capable force, even as we reduce overall capacity.
4. Reduce the cost of doing business, to include reductions in the growth of compensation and healthcare costs, while still keeping faith with those who serve, and especially to the 46,000 wounded and families of the 6,200 who lost their lives.
5. Examine how this strategy will influence existing campaign and operational contingency plans.
6. Examine the proper mix of Active Duty and Reserve Component forces to best suit the new strategy.

7. Retain and build upon key advancements in networked warfare, which over the past decade has produced a truly interdependent and interoperable joint force.

8. Maintain an adequate industrial base and investment in science and technology. To read a PDF copy of the Defense Strategic Guidance, go to:

[http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense Strategic Guidance.pdf](http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Strategic_Guidance.pdf).

2. TSA to Ease Military Screening: President Obama signed into law this week the Risk-based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act, which gives the Transportation Security Administration six months to develop and implement a plan to expedite the airport screening of service members traveling on orders and in uniform. TSA also seeks to accommodate family members who would like to accompany a deploying service member to the boarding gate or greet them upon their return. Family members should contact airline representative at the airport about local procedures to receive passes into enter the secure area. Read more at

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=66674>

3. VA Adds 20 Mobile Vet Centers: The VA announced an additional 20 Mobile Vet Centers will be on the road to help increase counseling service access to veterans and their families residing in rural or underserved communities. Almost 200,000 veterans and their families made more than 1.3 million visits to a VA Vet Center in FY 2011. For more information or to find a Vet Center near you, go to www.vetcenter.va.gov.

4. Korean War MIA Identified: The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced the identification of remains belonging to Army Sgt. Joseph A. Bowen, 19, of Augusta, Ga. On Nov. 30, 1950, Bowen was assigned to the 31st Regimental Combat Team when it was attacked by Chinese forces on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Bowen was one of more than 1,000 soldiers reportedly killed, missing or captured during the battle. Read more at

http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/news/news_releases/.

Humor in uniform

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?" The tower responded, "Who is calling?" The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?" The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference... If it is a commercial flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."

Question of the month, who made this and when?



Engines: 8 x Centaurus, 1864kW (2,650 hp)
Wingspan: 70.1m 230 ft
Length: 53.95m 177 ft
Height: 15.24m 50 ft
Wing area: 493.95m² 5,317 sq ft
empty weight: 65816kg 145,100 lb
takeoff weight: 131542kg 290,000 lb
Max speed: 483kph, 299 MPH, cruise speed: 402kph, 250 MPH
Ceiling: 7620m 25,000 ft
Range: 8850km 5,500 miles
It was as big as a 747. It had a bar, a lounge, a movie

theater, seating for 100 passenger, 80 of which were sleeper berths. It had 16 Sq feet per passenger.

January meeting 2012

Lt General Richard C. Zilmer USMC (Ret) was at our last meeting on January 17, 2012 and gave us a briefing on the direction of the Corps in the future, it is not as bad as it was at the end of WWII, but the reduction is quite severe for the Corps to do its job. So if we look at the cost of doing business now and during WWII. Comparing the total cost of one year in this war and the total cost of WWII are not the same this war is in the billions and that total war was in the millions per year. If you look at the Corps in 1950 when the Korean War started, there were only 95,000 active duty Marines. The reserve became a cohesive part of fighting in that war; whole reserve units were activated with some units having significant numbers of Marines who had not even gone to boot camp. Some were pulled out and sent to boot camp but others left with their units and went to war. If the current cutbacks continue we may be in the same situation again. However training by reserve and Guard units is set at a higher level so they can be integrated with active duty units or as fighting units on their own.

Military History

Below is an excellent summary of the effort required in WWII. It focuses on the American side of things, but the British, Germans and Japanese expended comparable energy and experienced similar costs. Just one example for the Luftwaffe; about 1/3 of the Bf109s built were lost in non-combat crashes. After Midway, the Japanese experience level declined markedly, with the loss of so many higher-time naval pilots. This piece is worth saving in hard copy.

Amazing WWII Aircraft Facts

Most Americans who were not adults during WWII have no understanding of the magnitude of it. This listing of some of the

aircraft facts gives a bit of insight to it. 276,000 aircraft manufactured in the US. **43,000 planes lost overseas, including 23,000 in combat.** 14,000 lost in the continental U.S. The US civilian population maintained a dedicated effort for four years, many working long hours seven days per week and often also volunteering for other work. WWII was the largest human effort in Statistics from Flight Journal magazine.

THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS

---- **The staggering cost of war.**

THE PRICE OF VICTORY (cost of an American aircraft in WWII dollars)

B-17 \$204,370. B-24 \$215,516. B-25 \$142,194.

B-26 \$192,426. **B-29 \$605,360.** P-38 \$97,147.

P-40 \$44,892. P-47 \$85,578. P-51 \$51,572.

C-47 \$88,574. PT-17 \$15,052. AT-6 \$22,952

PLANES A DAY WORLDWIDE

From Germany's invasion of Poland Sept. 1, 1939 and ending with Japan's surrender Sept. 2, 1945 --- 2,433 days

From 1942 onward, America averaged 170

planes lost a day. How many is a 1,000 planes? B-17 production (12,731) wingtip to wingtip would extend 250 miles. 1,000 B-17s carried 2.5 million gallons of high octane fuel and required 10,000 airmen to fly and fight them.

THE NUMBERS GAME

9.7 billion gallons of gasoline consumed, 1942-1945.

107.8 million hours flown, 1943-1945. 459.7

billion rounds of aircraft ammo fired

overseas, 1942-1945. 7.9 million bombs

dropped overseas, 1943-1945. 2.3 million

Combat sorties, 1941-1945 (one sortie = one

takeoff). 299,230 aircraft accepted, 1940-

1945. 808,471 aircraft engines accepted,

1940-1945. 799,972 propellers accepted,

1940-1945.

WWII MOST-PRODUCED COMBAT AIRCRAFT

Ilyushin IL-2 Sturmovik 36,183, Yakolev

Yak-1,-3,-7, -9 31,000+ Me Focke-Wulf Fw-

190 29,001 Messerschmitt Bf-109 30,480,

Supermarine Spitfire/Seafire 20,351 Convair

B-24/PB4Y Liberator/Privateer

18,482. Republic P-47 Thunderbolt 15,686,

North American P-51 Mustang 15,875

Junkers Ju-88 15,000, Hawker Hurricane
14,533 Curtiss P-40 Warhawk 13,738, Boeing
B-17 Flying Fortress 12,731
Vought F4U Corsair 12,571

**"History does not entrust the care of
freedom too the weak or timid."
-General Dwight D. Eisenhower USA
[Ret.]**

Editors Book review

Two books that I have recently read are "McArthur's Hidden War" and "Iwo Jima". "McArthur's War" deals with his spies in the Pacific theater of operations. If you are looking for a nonfiction historical book about WWII this is one that you should put on the top of your list. I did not know most of the content. I have been a student of the Second World War since I read "A Day of Infamy". There are very few books that deal with this part of the history of McArthur's involvement in the Philippines.

Iwo Jima World War II Veterans remember the greatest battle of the Pacific. Written by Larry Smith, it is an oral history of survivors up until 2007. It also deals with some historical updates. One of the more repugnant issues happened after most of the fighting was done and the burial and memorial services started. Rabbi Ronald B. Gittelsoh, the first Jewish Chaplain the Navy provided to Marine Corps, was asked to hold morale services. Other chaplains complained that they did not wish to have a Jew performing a memorial over predominantly Christian dead. There was a combined service performed but Rabbi Gittelsoh's comments were read into the Congressional Record and still remains famous in the Corps to this day.

Combat Veteran's Issues

WASHINGTON -- Does climbing behind the wheel of the family SUV make you nearly as nervous as you were behind the wheel of a military vehicle in Afghanistan or Iraq? Do you get anxious at intersections or stopped in

heavy traffic, jittery when you pass garbage strewn across the road? Erratic driving by combat veterans is increasingly a problem on American roadways, The New York Times reported on Wednesday, citing a report by USAA, a leading insurer of active-duty troops. The study found that accidents in which the servicemembers were at fault went up by 13 percent after deployments. The riskiest period appeared to be the six months after returning from a deployment. The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs are aware of the problem and have launched studies into the link between wartime service and either overly aggressive or overly defensive driving, the story noted. Army statistics show that 48 soldiers died in auto accidents last year while off duty, the highest number in the last three years.

"I can't talk with somebody who is a returned servicemember without them telling me about driving issues," Erica Stern, an associate professor of occupational therapy at the University of Minnesota, told the Times. Stern is conducting a national study of driving problems in people with brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder for the Pentagon.

Susan Max, a 63-year-old* grandmother of four, deployed to Iraq in 2007 as an Army reservist. One of her jobs was to drive an unarmored vehicle through Baghdad, transporting large sums of cash destined for reconstruction projects. The hypervigilance that carried her through, she told the Times, manifested itself as extreme anxiety in the driver's seat back in the States. Before her deployment, she drove around northern California carefree in her maroon Mustang. Now, her Mustang replaced by a more conservative vehicle, she straddles the center line whenever possible, as if avoiding bombs on the road's shoulders. Small, cramped parking lots make her nervous.

"I used to like driving," she told the paper.

"Now my family doesn't feel safe driving with me."

Experts say the problem isn't limited to those suffering PTSD or other combat-related ailments. It can manifest itself in otherwise healthy veterans exhibiting reflexive driving

instincts adopted in combat zones. Problems tend to decrease with more time at home, but do not always disappear entirely. "There is no accepted treatment for this," Dr. Steven H. Woodward, a clinical psychologist with the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, told the Times. "It's a new phenomenon."

** Editor's note, unless she was a Warrant Officer regulation require the end of serves to your Country at age 60 so I am assuming that she was 59 at that time.*

Base Ends Lockdown Over Missing Gear

January 11, 2012

News Tribune, Tacoma, Wash by Adam Ashton

Joint Base Lewis-McChord on Tuesday ended a six-day lockdown of about 100 Stryker soldiers who were punished as a group while officers searched for \$600,000 worth of missing gear that belonged to their unit. The Army has not regained possession of the missing equipment, which includes night vision goggles, laser sights and rifle scopes. The soldiers were assigned to a single company in the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. "The restriction has served its purpose and there was nothing further to be gained by keeping the soldiers on post," said Maj. Jennifer Willis, spokeswoman for the brigade. The soldiers were allowed to go home about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday. They've generally been confined to barracks and their battalion headquarters since Jan. 4. "The Army takes property accountability very seriously," 4th Brigade commander Col. Michael Getchell said in a news release. "These restrictions have been an integral part of the investigation, and it is the professional response the American taxpayer expects when over \$600,000 worth of Army equipment is suspected to be stolen." The Army Criminal Investigative Division is still offering a \$10,000 reward for information that helps officers find the gear. It can be reached at 253-967-3151.

Lockdowns are normal part of military discipline, but the lengthy restrictions on the

soldiers drew criticism from 4th Brigade veterans involved in local anti-war groups. They said the lockdown should have focused on top leaders.

The brigade had planned a town hall meeting for soldiers and families to discuss the lockdown this weekend. It's not clear whether that discussion will still take place.

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Corps Reactivates 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

December 14, 2011

Marine Corps News | by Courtesy Story
MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP S.D. BUTLER, Japan -- The Marine Corps reactivated 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. Craig Q. Timberlake, Dec. 13 during a ceremony on Camp Courtney. The re-establishment of the permanent command element strengthens the Marine Corps' ability to prepare for and take action in numerous contingency operations that may occur in the Asian-Pacific region. 3rd MEB provides a scalable, standing, joint capable, forward deployed headquarters oriented on the Pacific Command area of operation that is capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations, to include enabling the introduction of follow on forces, and theater security cooperation in order to strengthen alliance relationships and support III MEF operational requirements. The permanent command element will have 95 dedicated personnel. 3rd MEB has recently participated in numerous operations and exercises to include Operation Tomodachi, Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand, and Amphibious Landing Exercise in the Republic of the Philippines. The Asia-Pacific region is prone to severe weather conditions and natural disasters. The re-establishment of a command element enables rapid response and the ability to execute any mission when a situation arises. The presence of 3rd MEB in the region is beneficial to maintaining

theater security and strengthening relationships with partner countries through participation in exercises and scheduled training. The 3rd MEB has played a significant role in maintaining stability within the Asian-Pacific region in the past, and will continue to do so in the future.

I Just Thought You Should Know!

As you open your pockets for the next natural disaster, please keep these facts in mind:

- The American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses.
- The United Way President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.
- UNICEF CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause!
- The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96% of donated dollars go to the cause!
- The American Legion National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
- The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
- The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!
- The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

Four boxes keep us free: the soap box, the ballot box, the jury box and the cartridge box.

No further comment is necessary. Please share this with everyone you can.

Did You Know

As incredible as it sounds, back in the “olden days”, women kept their hair covered while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. 'Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.