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WASHINGTON

August 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR COOPER HOLT  
V. F. W.

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Speeches at VFW Convention

Enclosed is a copy of Judge Clark's speech given to your 1982 convention in Los Angeles. Mrs. Dole does not have a final copy of her speech -- in fact she asked that we check with you to see whether a tape was made from which she could get a final copy of her own talk.

We have asked Mrs. Dole about providing you with a draft copy for use in your publication and will let you know the outcome.

Enclosure

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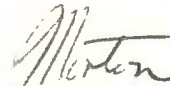
Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for sending the magazine in which your article appeared. It is certainly good to see that the Veteran's of Foreign Wars magazine included your fine article.

The recent election seems to have reduced the liberal hype on El Salvador. Even the press was unable to ignore such an outstanding success for democracy.

Please feel free to send any other articles you write in the future. I look forward to reading them.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Mr. Phelps Jones  
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National Security and Foreign Affairs  
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April 8, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Lifting liberally from Secretary Tom Enders and Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, I put the attached piece on Central America together some weeks back.

I hope it helps with the White House mail ratio.

We'll do our best.

Most cordially,

*Phelps*  
Phelps Jones

PJ/mmt  
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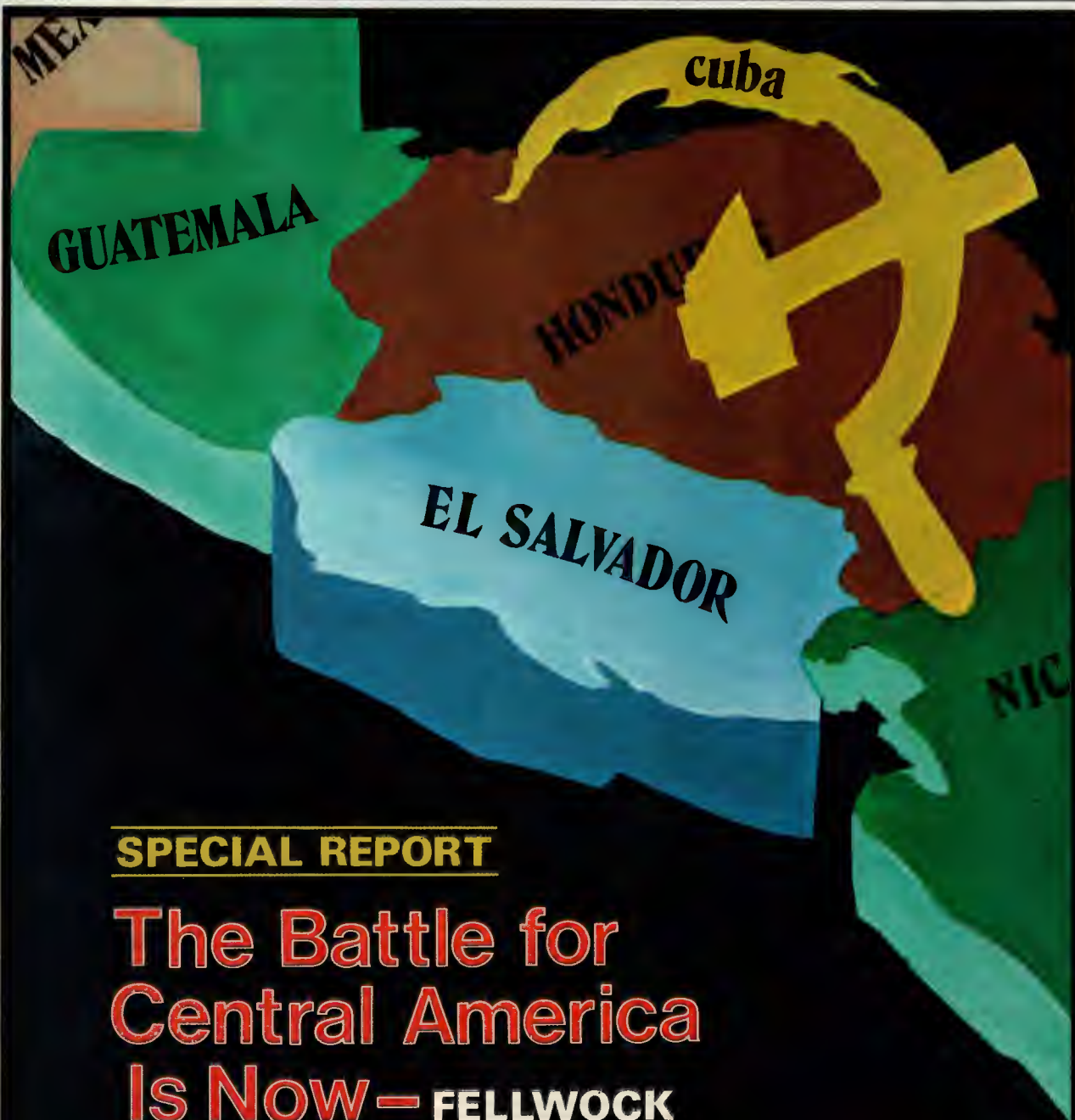
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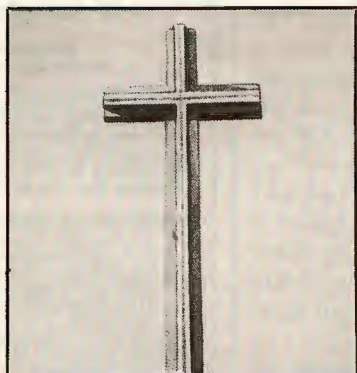
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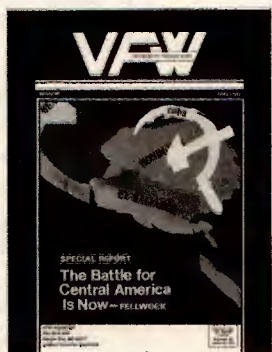
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**Cover**

The threat to the United States and Central America posed by Soviet, Cuban and Nicaraguan-backed guerrillas in El Salvador is dramatically illustrated by this month's cover. The blade of the sickle, Cuba, is striking toward El Salvador, as the handle is based in Nicaragua. In an article by the Commander-in-Chief beginning on page 12, the problem is laid out. A sidebar on page 14 profiles El Salvador. David F. Gray, VFW Magazine art director, designed the cover.



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## MAIL CALL

### Freedom Now for POWs/MIAs

*(This letter, with a Christmas theme, was written by Harry P. Strahley, POW/MIA Committee Chairman of Post 1754, Huntingdon, Pa. 16652, as if from a POW in Southeast Asia to call attention to the plight of the men whose freedom or an accounting of whom the VFW has long demanded. Its eloquence and imagery transcend seasonal considerations.)*

Another year has passed and I am still being held against my will by my Communist captors. This will be the eighth Christmas for some of us and up to 17 for the rest.

I can close my eyes and picture the preparations that have been done for the holiday season. Gifts have been carefully selected and gaily wrapped; the tree has been trimmed with lights, tinsel, colored ornaments, with a shining star on top; the stockings have been hung on the mantel and a fire is softly dancing in the fireplace.

A huge turkey with all its trimmings has been purchased, pumpkin pies and goodies galore have been baked and nuts and fruit are in bowls around the rooms. Families and friends are wishing each other a joyous holiday while church bells ring out the music of Christmas.

*(See Mail Call page 3)*

## Exposed to Agent Orange? Call VA for Testing

The VFW advises that every Vietnam veteran who thinks he was exposed to Agent Orange during the fighting in Southeast Asia call the VA for an examination.

The VFW 82nd National Convention adopted three resolutions dealing with herbicide exposure. No. 615 calls for a VA program of "fee basis genetic and psychological counseling;" No. 624 urges "accurate and timely" completion of studies on herbicide exposure "independently of the VA," and No. 716 pledges VFW support for pending or other legislation providing for a "presumptive period for any chronic disease or disorder determined through medical research" to have resulted from exposure to Agent Orange or other toxic substance used in Southeast Asia.



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## MAIL CALL

(Continued from page 2)

When I open my eyes, I face the reality that I am still a forgotten prisoner-of-war. No tree with all its glitter—only a cold cell, so dark and damp; no turkey with all its trimmings—just a small bowl of rice with seaweed broth and a bit of weak tea; no dancing fire—only a threadbare blanket to wrap my shivering body in. I silently sing songs of Christmas to myself and pray to God to help me endure the loneliness that engulfs me.

If only I could receive a picture from home. My children are no longer the toddlers I last saw. They have grown so much I cannot picture what they must look like now. My lovely wife—how I long to hold her close and tell her that I love her. And my dear parents—the two wonderful people who taught me love, respect and faith. How my dear family must suffer, not knowing whether I am really dead as the government declared or if I am still alive and rotting away in this forgotten land. Oh, please, God, take care of them for me and let them know in some way that I am still alive and love them very much.

Fellow Americans, I fought for you, so please fight for my release from this cell, so I may return to the country and family I love so much. As you send out your Christmas cards this year, send one to the President and all other elected officials, urging them to take immediate action to bring us home. Our condition is deteriorating rapidly. Will we ever spend another Christmas with our loved ones? Our fate is in your hands.

### Remember the Poles

I read your article "Two Poles Who Helped America" (February) and I will always love and remember these great people. When I was on duty with the Army of Occupation in 1946 in Germany, I met this fine Polish lady and her daughter. They nursed me for weeks because my outfit had only a small dispensary and a medic and I had rheumatic fever. We here in Georgia will always have a special place for Gen. Pulaski. We have a Fort Pulaski in the Savannah River and a county named for him. Let there always be a Poland and God bless her.—*Carl B. Towler, Box 73, Good Hope, Ga. 30641.*

(See Mail Call page 16)

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### LEGISLATIVE

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED \$24.4 BILLION VA BUDGET IS 3.2% OF TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET IN OUTLAYS, AN INCREASE OF \$222 MILLION OVER 1982. CONTAINS PROPOSED COST-SAVINGS OF \$328.6 MILLION. ON PLUS SIDE: A PROPOSED 8.1% BOOST IN COMP AND DIC EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 1982, AND THE ASSURED INCOME LEVEL FOR VETERANS AND SURVIVORS RECEIVING PENSIONS UNDER PL 95-588. MEDICAL CARE AT \$7.5 BILLION UP \$530 MILLION; EMPLOYMENT IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY DEPARTMENT BY 1,167; MEDICAL, PROSTHETIC RESEARCH AT \$138 MILLION BOOSTED BY \$9.6 MILLION AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS AT \$37.7 MILLION BY \$4.8 MILLION (INCLUDES OPENING NEW CEMETERIES AT QUANTICO, VA., AND INDIANTOWN GAP, PA.). GRANTS TO STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES TO BE HIKED \$2 MILLION FOR \$18 MILLION TOTAL. ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES SAVING \$135.3 MILLION BY ELIMINATING EXTRA BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS RATED 30% AND 40% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED, \$19.7 MILLION BY ENDING SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, \$28.8 MILLION BY DELAYING PAYMENT OF COMP OR PENSIONS UNTIL FIRST FULL MONTH AFTER ENTITLEMENT AND \$3.2 MILLION BY CHANGING THE END-OF-THE-YEAR RULE TO END-OF-THE-MONTH RULE AS IS DONE WITH SOCIAL SECURITY, \$94.6 MILLION BY CHARGING A "USER'S FEE" OF .5% (ABOUT \$285) TO VETERANS GETTING VA HOME LOANS AND \$5.6 MILLION BY ENDING VIETNAM VETERANS' CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. OTHER CUTS WOULD BE IN TRAVEL PAY TO VA FACILITIES BY VETERANS, \$17 MILLION, AND LOWERING AGE OF A CHILD UNDER PENSION PROGRAM FROM 23 TO 19 FOR A \$30.3 MILLION SAVING. VFW TESTIMONY OPPOSED THE MAJOR CUTS AND POINTED OUT LACK OF FUNDING FOR EXPANDED GERIATRIC CARE AND RESEARCH PROGRAM AND NURSES' SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED BY PL 96-330.

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NOT INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED VA BUDGET FOR 1983 IS ONE THAT WOULD REDUCE COMP TO VETERANS RATED 100% DISABLED BECAUSE OF THEIR BEING UNEMPLOYABLE AND REDUCE THEM TO THEIR SCHEDULAR RATING OF BETWEEN 60% AND 90% IF THEY ARE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME OR FEDERAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS. NATIONAL PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN THIS PROPOSAL BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. ALTHOUGH NOT IN THE 1983 PROPOSED VA BUDGET, IT MAY APPEAR IN THE ONE FOR 1984. IF IT DOES, THE VFW WILL OPPOSE IT VIGOROUSLY.

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PROPOSALS SENT TO SENATE AND HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEES WOULD SAVE \$6.5 BILLION IN ONE YEAR BY ELIMINATING OR SLASHING BENEFITS FOR WARTIME VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS. GONE WOULD BE PENSION PROGRAM FOR VETERANS IN NEED BECAUSE OF NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES, COMP FOR VETERANS RATED LESS THAN 40% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED. CLOSED WOULD BE 30 VA HOSPITALS. COMP PAYMENTS TO SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX. IF SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, THESE WILL BE FOUGHT BY VFW WITH EVERY MEANS AT ORGANIZATION'S DISPOSAL.

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VFW HAS LONG SUPPORTED A SEPARATE PENSION FOR THE 300,000 REMAINING WORLD WAR I VETERANS. REP. SAM B. HALL, CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION, PENSION AND INSURANCE, TOLD VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I WHEN THEY PRESENTED THEIR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM TO HOUSE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HE WOULD MARK UP HR 1918, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE WWI SERVICE PENSIONS OF UP TO \$150 A MONTH AND FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN. IN PRESENT FORM, HR 1918 PRESENTS PROBLEMS BECAUSE PENSION PAYMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS. THIS DOES NOT ASSURE IT EVER WOULD BE PAID EVEN IF IT BECOMES LAW



AND SETS DANGEROUS PRECEDENTS POTENTIALLY AFFECTING ALL VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS IF SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS. HR 1918'S FIRST YEAR COST HAS BEEN PUT AT MORE THAN \$1 BILLION.

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## SERVICE

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AFTER A DECADE OF VFW URGING, VA HAS ORDERED DECENTRALIZATION OF COMPUTER AND AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING RESOURCES TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL LEVEL TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY IN AGENCY'S MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM. VA'S ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PLAN WILL IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION AND PATIENT COUNSELING AND SPEED UP PHARMACY AND LABORATORY PROCESSES.

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REJECTED BY VA AND VARIOUS PANELS, ORIGINAL PROTOCOL DESIGN FOR THE HERBICIDES STUDY HAS BEEN REVIEWED AGAIN AND APPEARS TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. MODIFICATIONS ARE NEEDED. A PILOT STUDY WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO INSURE EFFECTIVENESS AND ACCURACY OF A LARGESCALE STUDY. VA IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH REVISED PROTOCOL AND IS PREPARING FOR PILOT STUDY, SAID TO BE READY TO BEGIN EARLY IN JUNE. IT WILL HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. NAVY CAPT. PETER A. FLYNN, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, TOLD VFW HE AND HIS STAFF ARE READY TO HANDLE PILOT STUDY. PILOT PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE 1,800 OF THE 36,000 IN THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY GROUP.

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VA SAYS NOW IT IS ILLEGAL TO PROVIDE MEAL TICKETS FOR OUT-PATIENTS HELD OVER MEALTIME AT VA MEDICAL FACILITIES, THOUGH PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED FOR 15 OR 20 YEARS. AUTHORIZATION IS CONTAINED IN VA DIRECTIVES. MEALS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WHEN APPOINTMENTS WERE DELAYED BECAUSE DOCTORS COULD NOT MAINTAIN CLINIC SCHEDULES OR TREATMENTS OR TESTS PREVENTED A PATIENT FROM EATING AT NORMAL TIMES.

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VA ADMINISTRATOR HAS APPOINTED A 10-MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO AID HIM IN DIRECTING VA REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. CONGRESS ESTABLISHED THE GROUP. VFW, VITALLY INTERESTED IN COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES, IS REPRESENTED IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

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DEFENSE BUDGET FOR 1983 OF \$216 BILLION IS UP 18% OVER 1982. BUDGET FOR 1983 WILL TAKE UP 29.2% OF FEDERAL SPENDING, COMPARED WITH 1982'S 24%. BY 1986, IT WILL RISE TO 37.2%. HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT 1983 BUDGET WILL BUY: \$23.1 BILLION FOR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES, INCLUDING \$4.8 BILLION TO CONTINUE B-1 BOMBER DEVELOPMENT AND TO BUY FIRST SEVEN PLANES; 10-WARHEAD MX MISSILE, DOUBLING IN COST TO \$4.5 BILLION NEXT YEAR AND INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASE OF NINE MISSILES; TWO MORE TRIDENT SUBMARINES, EACH CARRYING 24 MISSILES; \$3 BILLION; DOUBLING OF ARMY ANTI-MISSILE RESEARCH TO \$754 MILLION. CONVENTIONAL FORCES: 182 AIR FORCE JET FIGHTERS AND ATTACK PLANES AND 146 FOR NAVY AND MARINES THAT ARE PART OF \$106 BILLION FOR GENERAL PURPOSE FORCES, A 20% INCREASE OVER 1982; ARMY GETS 600 NEW INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES FOR \$965 MILLION AND 776 M1 TANKS FOR \$2 BILLION; CHEMICAL WARFARE, \$337 MILLION. MILITARY WILL GET 8% PAY RAISE, COMPARED WITH 5% FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN WORKERS. NO PLANS FOR INCREASING SIZE OF ARMY, BUT OTHERS ARE NAVY, 16,000; AIR FORCE, 19,000; MARINES, 3,000, AND SELECTED RESERVES, 54,000. BESIDES TWO CARRIERS AND TWO MORE TRIDENT SUBS, NAVY WILL GET THREE NEW CRUISERS, TWO MORE NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBS AND NINE OTHER VESSELS FOR \$18.6 BILLION. PRESIDENT REAGAN IS CALLING FOR \$96 BILLION, FIVE-YEAR SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM TO GIVE U.S. "MARITIME SUPERIORITY." THIS MEANS 133 SHIPS TO BOOST FLEET TO 600, UP FROM TODAY'S 450. MORE THAN \$11 BILLION IS ALLOCATED TO MOBILITY FORCES FOR TRANSPORT AND TANKER-CARGO AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO CONVERSION AND CHARTING OF VESSELS TO PRE-POSITION EQUIPMENT OVERSEAS.

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A SAMPLE STATE LEGISLATIVE POW-MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY RESOLUTION FOR JULY 9 APPEARS IN WASHINGTON ACTION REPORTER APRIL ISSUE. PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION IS TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO PRESS FOR RETURN OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS AND FULL ACCOUNTING OF MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. EACH STATE LEGISLATURE IS BEING ASKED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN HOPES THAT IT WILL GENERATE SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.



## CBO Moves Show Need For 2 Million

**You may be certain that the VFW will fight these recommendations and any others that threaten the VA itself, its medical programs, compensation and pensions.**



**Commander-in-Chief  
ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK**

The need for an increased VFW membership to protect veterans' benefits and entitlements is underscored by recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) proposals that pose a clear and present danger to veterans' compensation and pensions and the VA's medical care system.

Service connected disabled veterans would be stripped of their compensation payments unless they are rated above 30%. This could affect 1.3 million. CBO refers to these veterans as having "limited disability."

In effect subjecting compensation payments to an income test, the CBO proposal argues that the less severely disabled are able to work and earn an income.

CBO also suggests eliminating compensation payments to those rated 10% or less for their service connected disabilities. Payments would end for 700,000 veterans.

Another proposal by CBO is that if VA compensation cannot be changed through one of these methods, then it should be taxed. To offset the taxation, CBO also proposes that compensation to veterans rated 50% or more disabled be increased 10%.

On VA medical care, CBO recommends a 10% reduction and closing of 30 of the smallest and least crowded VA acute care facilities. It argues that many VA hospitals do not operate at full capacity and could care for veterans turned away by the projected closures.

The VFW, of course, knows that many VA facilities are not full because the VA does not have enough money to treat all the veterans eligible for admission. The VFW knows, too, that many veterans cannot travel possibly hundreds of miles to a VA hospital or clinic because they do not have the money and the VA exhausts its reimbursing funds.

CBO's last proposal is that Congress

end veterans' pensions. The argument here is that they overlap welfare programs for the needy. More than 3 million veterans and their dependents and survivors would be affected. To this recommendation, the VFW replies that the veteran is special, his service was special and he deserves special programs. He should never be allowed to become a recipient of general welfare.

The VFW position is that disability awards are compensation for the pain and suffering caused by a service-related injury or disease suffered while performing special service. It is highly unlikely it would have occurred unless the veteran were defending his country.

In addition, how many veterans were improperly rated? How many failed to put in a claim for compensation either through ignorance or a fear that its processing would delay their discharge?

CBO is no fly-by-night organization. It was established by Congress and its proposals are given serious consideration.

You may be certain that the VFW will fight these recommendations and any others that threaten the VA itself, its medical programs, compensation and pensions.

But in these days of budget-slashing, it will require an even greater VFW membership to protect veterans' rights, entitlements and benefits. A 2 million-membership is our goal for this year and all of us must work to reach it.

As it stands now, we are in a position to register the best membership year in recent VFW history. We went into the Washington Conference with the largest numerical gain—35,525—recorded in the past seven years. Only nine Departments at the end of February were trailing their February, 1981, totals.

So you see, the picture is bright, but remember we must all pitch in TOGETHER FOR AMERICA. **VFW**



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A true measure of friendship is the sharing of good things.

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This form, along with any additional names you may wish to forward, should be mailed to: VFW Membership Department, National Headquarters, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

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# national headquarters

General Orders No. 7 1981-82 Series

1. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Report of Election of Post Officers forms have been mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete and return the forms to the Department and National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers. Post Officers shall be installed into their respective offices at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed.
2. Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Council at the same time the annual election of Post Officers is held. Posts are entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof; and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof; not to exceed eight (8) delegates and eight (8) alternates from any Post. Delegates and alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular Post meeting held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide. Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the

Department By-Laws may provide.

3. Section 317 of the Manual of Procedure provides that elective County Council Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed at the first meeting after April 30, due notice of such election to be mailed to all members. Said officers will not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed.
4. Pursuant to Section 405 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such Convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.
5. The sales of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the sale of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the sale of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.
6. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, Form P-113, Trustees Report of Audit, must be prepared in detail at the close of each Quarter, one of which ends March 31.
7. Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention (Section 222). Advance registration for the 83rd National Convention is six dollars (\$6.00) and should be mailed, with delegate's name and address, to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 83rd National Convention, Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel, Fifth & Figueroa Streets, Los Angeles, Calif. 90071.
8. National ritual competition will be held at the 83rd National Convention providing three (3) teams, having won their respective states ritual contest, notify National Headquarters by July 10, 1982, that they plan to enter National competition.
9. The following appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF: Norman Eckhart, Post 1079, Elyria, Ohio; ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL: Glen Rohr, Post 9795, Canal Fulton, Ohio.
10. Announcement is made of the consolidation of Mineral Post No. 3347, Bayard, N.M., and Silver City Post No. 3683, Silver City, N.M.; the consolidated Post to be known as Silver-Bayard Post No. 3347, Bayard, N.M.
11. Announcement is made of the consolidation of The Grand Strand Post No. 3101, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Myrtle Beach Post No. 5730, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; the consolidated Post to be known as The Grand Strand Post No. 3101, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
12. Announcement is made of the consolidation of North Fork Post No. 1390, Saint Maries, Idaho, and Worley Post No. 9090, Worley, Idaho; the consolidated Post to be known as North Fork Post No. 1390, Saint Maries, Idaho.
13. Announcement is made of the correction of the location of Egg Harbor City Post No. 1289 from Egg Harbor to Egg Harbor City, N.J.
14. Announcement is hereby made of the authorization of charters for the following Posts: Post 28, Philadelphia, Pa.; Post 1482, Gordon Heights, N.Y.; Post 2710, East Chicago, Ind.; Post 2836, Tempton, Calif.; Post 3237, Rohnert Park, Calif.; Post 3643, Goleta, Calif.; Post 3924, Mountain View, Calif.; Post 4568, Crossett, Ark.; Post 4717, Evergreen Park, Ill.; Post 4739, Hickory Hills, Ill.; Post 4772, Highland, Ark.; Post 5085, Amboy, Ill.; Post 5784, Erial, N.J.; Post 7000, Gladstone, Mo.; Post 7467, Hendersonville, N.C.; Post 8004, Ashford, Conn.; Post 8421, Gueydan, La.; Post 9037, Due West, S.C.; Post 9237, South Toms River, N.J.; Post 9342, Ansbach, West Germany; Post 10221, Anchor Point, Alaska; Post 10511, Sayner, Wis.; Post 10639, Junction City, Ore.; Post 10643, Leland, N.C.; Post 10644, Nehalem, Ore., and Post 10645, Markesan-Kingston, Wis.

By Command of:  
ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK  
Commander-in-Chief

OFFICIAL:  
Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.  
Adjutant General

## VFW Service Office Success Story

Through the assistance of Carl Digrazia, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Office staff at the Chicago VA Regional Office, Carol Waltrip was awarded a 100% service connected rating by the Veterans Administration.

However, disagreement ensued over the VA's failure to assign an effective date of the award prior to Dec. 4, 1978. It was argued by the Veterans of Foreign Wars that a 100% evaluation should have been granted effective Sept. 28, 1976, the date Waltrip entered a Veterans Administration hospital for long term care of his service related disorder.

Unfortunately, the Chicago VA Regional Office would not accept the argu-

ment. So, with the guidance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an appeal was perfected and the case transferred to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) in Washington.

During the course of its review of Waltrip's case at the appellate level, the Veterans of Foreign Wars staff observed that the Chicago Regional Office had ruled that the disability for which the veteran was hospitalized on Sept. 28, 1976, was not part of the recognized service related problem.

The staff vehemently disagreed with the Regional Office conclusion, offering arguments to BVA and effectively show-

ing that the symptoms evident during the period of hospitalization could not be separated from the established service connected disorder.

BVA was persuaded by the arguments raised and thus a 100% rating was assigned from Sept. 28, 1976, resulting in a retroactive payment of nearly \$20,000.

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'Unlike Vietnam, which was then and there,  
Central America is here and now.'

**EL SALVADOR**

# The Battle For Central America Is Now

By VFW Commander-in-Chief  
Arthur J. Fellwock

**T**he title for this article is no flashy hype to achieve effect.

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas O. Enders recently made the same point repeatedly before Senate and House committees.

Before the House Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, Secretary Enders asserted:

"The decisive battle for Central America is underway in El Salvador."

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane J. Kirkpatrick is on record as declaring:

"Central America is the most important place in the world for the United States today."

I will not dwell long on either what might have been or what should have been.

On Feb. 12, 1823, President James Monroe enunciated the famous doctrine that bears his name.

Drafted by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, the Monroe Doctrine warned European powers that any attempt "to extend their political system to any portion of this hemisphere" would be considered "dangerous to our peace and safety."

Unequivocal support for the Monroe Doctrine has been a long-standing VFW

position and is currently embodied in National Security Resolution 402, "Restore American Primacy in Central America, the Caribbean, and South America," and has been carried forward as a Priority National Security Goal.

For more than a century and a quarter the Monroe Doctrine served as a policy shield for all the Americas.

Fidel Castro shattered historic hemispheric serenity when he seized power in Cuba in 1959. Always a Marxist-Leninist, Castro in 1970 abandoned any pretense of being a Tito-like figure in the Caribbean and for the last 12 years has accepted the Soviet Union as his permanent protector and provider.

Castro paid back Godfather Brezhnev by flooding Africa and the Middle East with Cuban military "advisers" and positioning at least 3,200 Cubans in Nicaragua, turning that hapless land into a platform for an indirect Soviet attack on Central America, the land bridge linking the North and South American continents.

Surely, the poor nations of Central America, once contemptuously dismissed as banana republics, have real social and economic problems that cry out for compassionate solutions. Poverty is a fact of life for the 20 million people in this part of our hemisphere, as the accompanying figures attest.

## Profile of Central America

Country	Population (Millions)	Literacy	Life Expectancy	Infant Mortality Per 1,000 Births
Costa Rica	2.228	90%	69.7 years	22
El Salvador	4.825	62%	62.2 years	51
Guatemala	6.975	46%	57.8 years	77
Honduras	3.649	57%	57.1 years	103
Nicaragua	2.654	50%	55.2 years	122





**CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE AREA'S CURRENT TROUBLE SPOT, EL SALVADOR, ARE CLOSE TO HOME. JUST HOW CLOSE TO MAJOR UNITED STATES CITIES AND THE PANAMA CANAL IS SHOWN ON THIS MAP BY DAVID F. GRAY.**

(I have not included Belize, formerly British Honduras, which considers itself more Caribbean than Central American or the Isthmian nation of Panama straddling the continents.)

Now, if Cuba or the Soviet Union truly wants to help Central America, the poverty indicated in those figures clearly shows where their efforts should go.

Fact is that the Soviet Union and Cuba are turning Nicaragua into a Central American version of North Korea or North Vietnam, a privileged sanctuary for explosive area-wide aggression.

Consider that during the so-called bad old days of the Somoza regime in Nicaragua, there were 12,000 men in the National Guard of Anastasio Somoza Debayle. Today, the Nicaraguan Army and the armed militia are building towards a force of some 250,000 people under arms, one of every 10 Nicaraguans. In the U.S., this proportion would mean nearly 24 million Americans under arms, rather than slightly over 2 million.

Now, as we know, the Somoza regime was a repressive dictatorship, but one friendly to the U.S. and one constituting no threat to its neighbors. The Sandi-

nistas, as has been pointed out by Ambassador Kirkpatrick, are not only a repressive dictatorship that threatens its neighbors, but one line of their national anthem describes us Americans as being the "enemies of mankind."

So much for the goodwill bought by the \$120 million in assistance furnished by the United States to Nicaragua since the 1979 revolution.

The Cuban-instigated growth of Nicaraguan military power is a clear and now threat to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, whose combined armed forces total only 32,500 men. Soviet tanks have been moved to Nicaragua. Jet aircraft soon will follow, as Nicaraguan airfields are being prepared for MiGs.

By the time you read this article, El Salvador may well have been lost. If successful models of counter-insurgency were followed, the Salvadoran army should total some 50,000 rather than 13,000 to root out and destroy the 5,000 terrorists roaming the villages and the countryside.

The interim government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte is, at this time of writing, the only hope for a peaceful and

democratic future for El Salvador.

The carnage continues between murderous traditionalists, imperfectly controlled by the Duarte junta, and murderous guerrillas, totally controlled by their Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan supporters and instigators.

The elections of March 28 were an attempt to set up a nationwide constituent assembly. A president will be elected in 1983.

The terrorists refused to participate in the March elections and threatened to kill anyone running for office.

Secretary Enders pointed out: "One thing is for certain. If, after the loss of Nicaragua, El Salvador is captured by a violent minority, who in Central America would not live in fear? How long would it be before major U.S. strategic interests—the Canal, sea lanes for our oil imports, and Mexican oil deposits—would be at risk?"

The answer must be: Let's never find out how long.

Yet today a popular U.S. TV actor, Ed Asner, is playing a Jane Fonda-type role in opposing U.S. efforts to save what  
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## Central America Is Now . . . .

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is left to be saved in El Salvador. The prestige media are busy type-casting the Salvadoran insurgents as high-minded rural reformers. (Remember when Fidel Castro was described by the New York Times's Herbert Matthews as a sort of Robin Hood in the Sierra Maestra mountains?)

Ambassador Kirkpatrick has a thought here worth recalling.

"In short, the Salvadoran terrorists have behaved, not as chivalrous Robin Hoods emerging from some Central American Sherwood Forest to comfort the oppressed, but as well-armed political freebooters inspired by anti-democratic ideology, a consuming will to power, and no inhibitions about the use of violence."

Finally, Western Hemisphere nations are getting the message.

Mexico is training a 4,000-man quick reaction force to protect her oil fields.

The protocol-ridden Organization of American States supports the Salvadoran government in its call for free elections.

The bishops of El Salvador last September called for self-determination and the end of "foreign" (translation: Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan) intervention.

The Reagan Administration has put together a \$246 million aid package of \$165 million in economic and \$81 million in military assistance to turn the tide.

The stakes, not alone for El Salvador or even Central America, are mortal. The United States is now on the front line.

In a recent Joint Chiefs of Staff paper, the military chiefs asked, and then answered, a central question for the decade of the 1980s:

"Will Moscow be more inclined to confront the United States in a developing crisis?"

Their answer is bleak:

"They will be more willing to do so where they enjoy significant military and geo-strategic advantages."

In the same paper, the Joint Chiefs noted that 60% to 70% of U.S. oil imports move through the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean and that Soviet and Cuban forces in the Caribbean pose a clear threat to U.S. reinforcement of Europe in a crisis situation.

Clearly, the Moscow-Havana-Managua Axis is seeking, in the United States' own back yard, to create conditions of

fering these significant military and geo-strategic advantages to the Communist powers.

And, should they succeed, Katie, bar the door!

What should and can the United States do?

My answer follows:

The Administration and Congressional leadership must agree on a single course of action and stick to it.

Unlike Vietnam, which was then and there, Central America is here and now.

No U.S. military involvement of any sort should even be considered at levels designed to produce protracted indecision. Once again, as with Vietnam, the U.S. would be fated to fail. The U.S. should be in to win or should stay out.

This point is clearly set forth in National Security Resolution 436 which states that if the United States has to defend itself or its national security interests by going to war "we fight with the unconditional objective to win and that our trained military leaders be authorized and expected to conduct the war toward this goal in the shortest possible

time."

The key, of course, is Cuba and Cuba's flooding of Central America with Soviet arms.

A wide range of options is open to the United States to halt the flow of arms from Cuba.

They include diplomacy, economic pressure and other alternatives currently under study.

A possible U.S. action if other measures fail is to mine Cuban and Nicaraguan harbors. Mining is not an act of war; blockading is.

Finally, as the supreme U.S. national interest is directly involved, the U.S. should advise every nation that sends ships through the Panama Canal that unless or until stability has been returned to Central America, this country will halt further implementation of the treaties affecting the canal.

For too long the United States virtually ignored developments in Central America—immersed as the nation was in combating threats to freedom in other parts of the world. Now is the time to defend its interests close to home. **VFW**

## El Salvador at a Glance

The strategic importance of tiny El Salvador to the United States is underscored by its location less than 750 miles northwest of the Panama Canal, as well as its nearness to major cities in this country.

The difference between El Salvador and Vietnam, recently asserted William J. Casey, CIA director, is that the Central American republic is at the United States' "doorstep" and "insurgency there is beamed at Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras."

El Salvador, a little more than 1,200 miles south of Houston and New Orleans, is 1,000 miles from Miami, 1,900 from Washington, 2,000 from Chicago, 2,100 from New York and 2,400 from Los Angeles.

It is also a few miles closer to Houston than Houston is to Washington.

A third of the country's exports are to the U.S. and 29% of its imports come from this country.

One of the world's most densely populated nations, El Salvador has a popula-

tion of nearly 5 million living in an area of 8,260 square miles, the size of Massachusetts, or 582.32 persons per square mile.

This compares with neighboring Guatemala, 7.26 million people, 42,042 square miles and 172.68 per square mile, and Honduras, 3.69 million population, 43,277 square miles and 85.26 per square mile.

Only Honduras, with a per capita income of \$528, is poorer than El Salvador, which had \$639 in 1978, the most recent year for which figures are available.

El Salvador is divided into four regions, the northern mountains, the southern mountains, the plateau and the Pacific coastal plain.

The northern mountains area is rugged, containing 6% of the population and no large towns. This is where the guerrillas have been the most active. It comprises 15% of El Salvador's territory.

Most populous is the area of the southern mountains where 63% of the Salvadorans live. It is 30% of the country and is composed of some 20 volcanoes ranging from 4,000 to nearly 8,000 feet. This region produces 90% of El Salvador's coffee, tobacco and manufactured goods; two-thirds of its grain, fruit, veg-

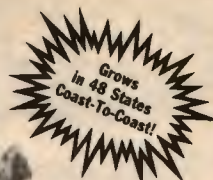
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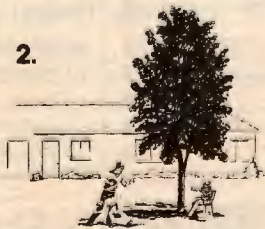
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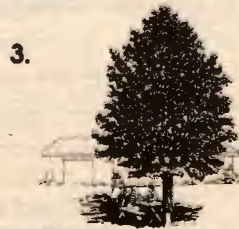
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He was transferred to a nursing home, but his federal benefits were exhausted. Danielson was told he could not be admitted to the State Soldiers Home at Orting, Wash., though eligible, because of budget cuts.

VFW Posts in Washington and one in Moscow, Idaho, a Bible bookstore and a Holiday Inn raised the \$1,140 to assist Danielson and Shipley made an all-out effort to achieve his admission to the Orting facility.

"All veterans must band together to continue to fight for the rights that have been taken away and for what is left," Shipley commented.

Posts that assisted in the Danielson campaign were 1040, Lynnwood; 2554, Sultan; 1561 and 992, Walla Walla; 2586, Stanwood, and 2995, Redmond. The VFW in Moscow, Idaho.

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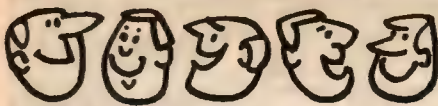
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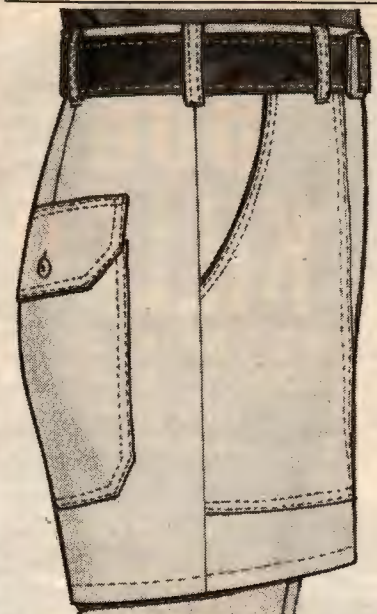
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## El Salvador . . . . (Continued from page 14)

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The plateau region is one of deep valleys containing 45% of El Salvador's area and a fourth of its population. It is dry and ranges from 700 to 3,500 feet in altitude. Ten percent of El Salvador is along the Pacific coastal plain, which is home to 6% of its people. It produces beef, cotton, sesame and rice.

Nearly 90% of El Salvador's population is mestizo—mixed Indian and European—while the balance is 10% Indian and 1% Caucasian.

El Salvador has the distinction of being the first in Central America to defy the Spanish colonial rulers and declare its independence in 1811, although it was not until 1839 that it became free. It is also the sole Central American country with only a Pacific coast.

Heightened by Nicaraguan, Cuban and ultimately by Soviet involvement, the present strife in El Salvador is another bloody chapter in the country's volatile history.

The five guerrilla groups most readily identifiable, under the overall command of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, named for the founder of El Salvador's Communist Party who was executed in 1932 after an unsuccessful revolt, are:

FPL, led by Salvador Cayetano Carpio, a former baker with strong ties to Havana. Known as "Marcial", he formed his own group in 1970. Murders of two cabinet ministers and a Swiss diplomat, seizures of three embassies and numerous bombings of buses and power stations are attributed to the FPL.

ERP, under Joaquin Villalobos, a one time university student, has attracted recruits from urban areas and developed from FPL in 1977.

FARN, an offshoot of an attempt at leftist unity in 1974, is led by Fermin Cienfuegos.

Communist Party of El Salvador, allied with Moscow since before the death of Stalin, is headed by Jorge Schafik Handal, whom Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig traced last year traveling through Eastern Europe in quest of arms.

PRTC, a Trotskyite faction which has the clandestine Radio Liberation.

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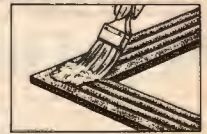
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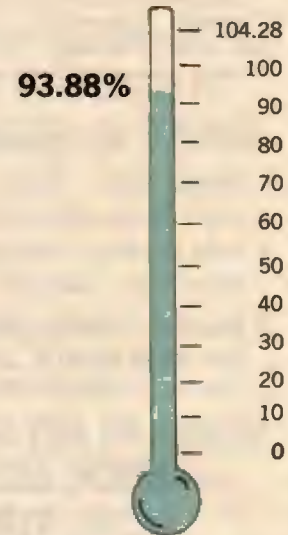
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39	9619	Morningside, Maryland	1472	90	3777	Houston, Texas	1177	142	2716	Weirton, West Virginia	1017
40	2704	South Omaha, Nebraska	1460	91	8790	Indianapolis, Indiana	1169	144	1990	Greenville, Tennessee	1015
41	2754	West View, Pennsylvania	1452	92	1120	Lake Charles, Louisiana	1163	145	7069	Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania	1012
42	7175	Millington, Tennessee	1444	93	2130	Russell, Kansas	1160	146	1754	Huntingdon, Pennsylvania	1009
43	2012	Abilene, Texas	1439	94	6240	Hopkins, Minnesota	1156	147	1383	Klamath Falls, Oregon	1008
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47	1	Denver, Colorado	1399	98	2093	Spokane, Washington	1143	151	992	Walla Walla, Washington	1002
48	549	Tucson, Arizona	1389	99	1474	New Albany, Indiana	1141	152	5108	Marietta, Ohio	1001
49	1857	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1385	100	1693	Sayre, Pennsylvania	1140	153	2999	Indianapolis, Indiana	1000
50	1736	Alexandria, Louisiana	1381	101	1536	Amarillo, Texas	1139	153	137	Duluth, Minnesota	1000
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52	7119	Indianapolis, Indiana	1376	103	668						



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### For Claims

**Base A HQ (Milne Bay, October, 1944)**—Need to contact Inspector Gen. (Capt.) Philip M. Blum (2nd Lt., AGD).—Lewis G. Healy, 95 B Galyan Dr., Bremerton, Wash. 98312.

**Hammer Field (Fresno, Calif., 1942-43)**—Need to contact Pvts. Roger Gamble and L.C. Robinson and 2nd Lt. Henry S. Hall, others recalling when I captured a civilian who was wanted by the police as he attempted to enter the base without military identification.—Grady Blackshear, 2572 Hollins St., Apt. 1, Baltimore, Md. 21223.

**I Corp MACV (Vietnam, December, 1960-December, 1967)**—Need to contact Col. John P. Hennigan, Maj. Van Stratton, Capt. Gall Burchell and Sgt. Homer Duggar or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Eugene Bakalar, 216 Wooddale Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28403.

**Yalu River Advance in Korea**—Need to contact anyone that participated in the early advance to the Yalu who served with my father, 1/Sgt. Darrell Colley.—D.E. Colley, Jr., HQS USAREUR & 7th Army, ATTN: ODCSRM, APO N.Y. 09403.

**1st Armd. Div., 6th Armd. Inf., Co. G**—Need to contact these men who were captured with me in North Africa on or about Feb. 1, 1943: Dan V. Bogdon, Curtis Hardy, Daniel M. Sadinka, Earl Keen, Bruce Lacock, Louis Gattuso, Morty Morris, Raymond E. Williams, Everett Roach and Robert Beatty or persons knowing their whereabouts.—James V. Dambrell, E. 2955 Riverview Dr., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

**1st Inf. Div., 18th Rgt., 2nd Bn., HQ and HQ Co. (Tunisia, 1942-45)**—Need to contact anyone remembering my injured left hand, especially Sgt. Gray, Sgt. Moore of Texas, Herman Haber of Bronx, N.Y., or Herman Stein of Woodbine, N.J.—Richard F. Veit, Rt. 1, Box 368, Franklinville, N.J. 08322.

**1st Div., 26th Rgt., Co. B (April, 1945)**—Need to contact others injured when the tank we were riding on ran over a mine.—Muriel H. Hutchison, Rt. 3, Box 495, Shelbyville, Ky. 40065.

**2nd Inf. Div., 12th FA, Btry. C (WWII)**—Need to contact Johnny C. McConnell of Texas and Paul Corrier or anyone knowing their whereabouts.—George Litcheck, 226 Brookfield Rd., Aron Lake, Ohio 44012.

**3rd Brgd., 4th Bn., Co. D (Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., July-October, 1967); AIT (Fort Gordon, Ga., November, 1967-January, 1968); Jump School (Fort Benning, Ga., January-February, 1968); and 173rd Abn. Brgd., 503rd Abn. Inf., 1st Bn., Co. D (Base Camp LZ Uplift, Brgd. HQ Anh Khe, Vietnam, March, 1968-March, 1969)**—Need to contact John Mayfield or persons knowing his whereabouts.—Joe R. Paul, PO Box 144, Wyaconda, Mo. 63474.

**3rd Inf. Div., 7th Inf. Rgt., Co. H (Korea, November, 1950-January, 1952)**—Need to contact Perkins (Maine), Turner (Lansing, Mich.), others remembering me.—James J. Cart, 921 Highland Ave., Apt. 14, Covington, Ky. 41011.

**4th Div., 8th Inf., 2nd Bn., HHC, Cos. A, B and C (Vietnam, 1967-68)**—Need to contact 'recon,' others who witnessed or knew of my leg injury from dismounting an APC near Dac Toe just after Tet offensive; also must contact Capt. Beach, Sgt. Black, others.—Steve E. Wilkins, 1325 114th St. NE, Marysville, Wash. 98270.

**5th Mech. Inf. Div., 77th Armor, 1st Bn., Co. A (Vietnam)**—Need to contact Gerald DuBois of Calif., who was wounded Jan. 15, 1969, or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—R.R. Rushforth, 36 N. Chestnut, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561.

**7th Armd. Div., 38th AIB (Holland, October, 1944)**—Need to contact Sgt. Kupitch and Sixto Rivera or persons knowing their whereabouts.—James Crass, 512 Woodland Rd., Shawano, Wis. 54186.

**8th Armd. Div., Svc. Co. (Fort Knox, Ky.)**—Need to contact Sgt. Ralph A. DeMuth or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—N.N. Krause, 2408 Concord Dr., Louisville, Ky. 40217.

**8th Armd. Div., 7th Armd. Inf. Bn., HQ Co. (ETO, 1944-45)**—Need to contact 1/Sgt. Buford Lee Brooks or M/Sgt. Applegate of the 78th Medical Bn., or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Lennon C. Parker, Box 175, Cotton Plant, Ark. 72036.

**8th Div., 8th Sig. Co. (ETO, July, 1944-1945)**—Need to contact Sgt. Gilbert of Dansville, N.Y., others remembering me.—Al Bala, 59 Arch St., Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010.

**8th AF, 94th BG, 332nd Bomb Sqdr. (England, WWII)**—Need to contact Phillip H. Bradbury and Luke Blanche or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Ken Oseth, 947 Center Point Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.

**9th AF, 65th Airborne Sqdr., Comm. Sec. (attached to 1st Air Transp. Grp., ETO, 1944-45)**—Need to contact former members.—Jack DiGeorgio, 4409 Forrestal Ct., Veterans Village, New Port Richey, Fla. 33552.

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**T**he Greater Los Angeles area has more attractions than any other locality in the United States, so Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock advises VFW members to register early for the 83rd National Convention which will be held in the "City of Angels" from Aug. 13 to 19.

He also reminds officers of Posts that each Post is required by VFW By-Laws to register two or more delegates to National Conventions.

Early registration can be expedited by filling out and sending in the accompanying coupon.

Disneyland as an attraction, of course, is a magnificent accomplishment, an answer to the fantasies of both child and adult.

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NBC Studios offer continuous tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, where you can visit the home of the Johnny Carson Show and the Bob Hope specials. Tickets are available to watch the taping of many TV shows at many other studios, although it is advisable to reserve tickets far in advance.

Beverly Hills is home to most of the screen luminaries. Their favorite shopping is on Rodeo Drive, called the most expensive street in the world.

Emerging to theatrical prominence, Los Angeles has been garnering awards for plays originating there. The magnificent Music Center with its three theater complex, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Ahmanson Theater and the Mark Taper Forum are sites of many a hit production that has gone on to Broadway from Los Angeles. The ABC Entertainment Center, the Pantages, the Huntington Hartford, the Shubert, the Hollywood Bowl, the Greek theater and the Universal Amphitheater, along with 50 smaller theaters, all house top notch entertainment. Mann's Chinese Theater, with footprints and handprints of the stars in the forecourt, is a popular tourist attraction.

Visiting the three ethnic communities of Olvera Street, Chinatown and Little Tokyo reveals a treasure trove of unique gifts and quaint restaurants. The Central Market in downtown Los Angeles is a bustling barterland with fresh produce and a wide selection of food stuffs. The more urbane Farmer's Market in Hollywood is a delightful assortment of food stalls, boutiques and souvenir shops.

The Griffith Park Observatory and the Los Angeles Zoo are two highlights of Griffith Park, set like an oasis in the middle of sprawling Los Angeles.

In the beach area, picture postcard Santa Monica Bay features miles of beach front, a bike path and the art colony of Venice. Will Rogers State Historic Park with the preserved estate of the late actor is open for touring.

In Marina del Rey, south of Venice, Fisherman's Village resembles an English village with its cobblestone walkways and craftshops.

Twenty-three miles from the mainland sits the Island of Catalina, with the charming settlement of Avalon, a fishing and swimming Shangri-La.

No trip to Los Angeles can omit the unique charm of the missions. Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana is a completely restored 18th century Spanish colonial mission in a splendid garden setting. Mission San Gabriel Arcangel is one of the finest examples of early California life and Mission San Juan Capistrano, the famed home of the swallows.

Lawry's California Center is an unusual enterprise, containing a top notch restaurant in exquisite garden surroundings, and it is also the production headquarters for Lawry's wide range of


products.

The museums of Los Angeles are varied and splendid. The renowned J. Paul Getty Museum is potentially the richest museum in the world today with an endowment in excess of \$700 million. The museum contains 38 galleries with the paintings concentrating primarily on 16th century Italian and 17th century Dutch and Flemish.

The Norton Simon Museum displays a remarkable collection, among which "The Resurrection of Christ" by Dierie Bouts was the most expensive acquisition at \$4.25 million. The Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and the Southwest Museum house exhibits and artifacts of natural history of the area, the Indian civilization and early European settlement. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has an extensive collection of Rodin sculpture.

Situated nearby is the George C. Page Museum, displaying fossils removed from the La Brea Tar Pits and spanning 30,000 years. The entrapment of the birds and mammals in the tar pits has produced an invaluable chronological account of their development.

The Huntington Library displays more than half a million books and 5 million manuscripts. They include the Gutenberg Bible (1450-55) and the Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

The California Museum of Science and Industry encourages visitors through audio visual and narrative techniques to take a "touch me" approach to the exhibits as Los Angeles Children's Museum which is called a "hands on" museum, an exploratory experience. 



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Though legally blind, Howard V. Logan counsels hospitalized veterans.



Robert C. Harris volunteers at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

# Disabled Volunteers Help Veterans

## BY KAREN DRAPER

Many handicapped people not only are able to take advantage of America's limitless opportunities to be productive and useful citizens, they also take time from their own lives to serve others, a fact highlighting National Volunteer Week, April 18-24.

Like able-bodied volunteers, they seem to live by the familiar adage that those who give also receive.

Of the 75,000 volunteers who assist in

the VA's network of hospitals and nursing homes, several thousand are handicapped. The VFW provides 4,566 of these volunteers and more than 673,532 hours of service each year.

This army of volunteers is administered by the VA's Voluntary Service founded in 1946. The VFW and seven other organizations assisted in its establishment. The National Advisory Committee of Voluntary Service is composed of 45 member organizations, including

the VFW and its auxiliary.

"Handicapped volunteers share a common bond with hospitalized veterans," says Ed Rose, director of Voluntary Service, "as they, too, have been on the receiving end of medical care and know the value of a cheerful, helpful volunteer."

In Indiana, veteran Howard V. Logan, a life member of VFW Post 908 and legally blind, is a volunteer at the VFW Medical Center in Indianapolis, where



## Of the 75,000 volunteers who assist in the VA's network of hospitals, several thousand are handicapped.



Mrs. Gladys M. Lossing checks with patient R. B. Durr on hospital service.



Patient Herman Kemp appreciates Mrs. Elizabeth (Bess) Janker's interest and encouragement.

he counsels patients six days a week.

A strong desire to assist veterans led Logan, a retired electrician, to the hospital 14 years ago.

His assignment as a veterans' benefit counselor with more than 26,000 volunteer hours to his credit has won him the appreciation and admiration of patients and staff.

In Mississippi, Mrs. Gladys M. Lossing, a member of Auxiliary 6473 in Jackson, has volunteered more than 23,000 hours of service at the Jackson VA Medical Center. She was injured playing basketball as a youth and must wear an elevated shoe to compensate for one leg being three inches shorter than the other.

Despite this disability, she has led an active life and found fulfillment in volunteering her time and talent to assisting others.

Her experience as a military wife developed a keen sense of appreciation for the needs and concerns of servicemen and veterans. She cites this as the dominant reason she gives 100 days a year to volunteer work.

For several years she served as a hostess in USO clubs in the many cities where her husband was assigned. Returning to her native town in Mississippi, she became Gray Lady chairman for the county Red Cross chapter, which sponsors VA hospital visitations. Since 1950, she

has participated in the daily activities surrounding patient care and hospital services at the Jackson Medical Center.

The staff at the Jackson hospital credits Mrs. Lossing with instilling high patient morale through her courteous, helpful and tactful manner. She has also inspired others to become hospital volunteers by making them feel needed and welcome.

When asked her formula for volunteer work, she says, "We volunteers must be good listeners, be agreeable, but most of all, be ourselves."

In Texas, Robert C. Harris, though an amputee, has been a key volunteer in the Infection Control Program at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio.

A veteran of World War II, Harris began volunteer work at the VA hospital after retiring as a supervisor with a local F. W. Woolworth Co. store. He now processes microbiological data used in the hospital's Infection Control Program. This task requires great accuracy, organization and an enormous amount of patience and sensitivity.

While serving as a VA volunteer, Harris underwent a surgical amputation of his leg. He surprised hospital staff members when he appeared in a wheelchair to perform his usual task. Even when he was learning to use an artificial

leg, a period of frustration and discomfort, staff members say he continued to remain cheerful, optimistic and helpful.

In California, Elizabeth (Bess) Janker, 93 years old, is a United Voluntary Service volunteer at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center. Until three years ago, Mrs. Janker drove to the hospital seven days a week, volunteering up to 12 hours each day. Because of failing eyesight, however, she was forced to give up driving. But she refused to stop her volunteer work. To get to work now, she walks. As secretary in the hospital's Chaplain Service, she has amassed 27,000 hours of service over 22 years. During this lengthy period she initiated improvements in the operation of the chaplain program. When asked why she volunteers, Mrs. Janker replies, "I love the fellows and they love me." Her dedication has earned the love, respect and admiration of all who come in contact with her, say hospital employees.

In spite of their own personal disabilities, Logan, Harris, Mrs. Lossing and Mrs. Janker have managed to serve others. Their only payment is the gratitude they receive from staff and patients and the personal satisfaction and the knowledge that they are needed.

These four are only a few of the many handicapped Americans who have made their own lives richer by helping others.



## PHILIPPINES

# When

*(Few survivors of the fighting and subsequent "death march" on Bataan 40 years ago will ever forget it. One who didn't is Cornelius C. Gallegos, of Los Vegas, Nev., a veteran of the Battle on Bataan. He served in the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Composite Group, Provisional Air Corps-Infantry. The experience of the men on Bataan was a foretaste of what American prisoners would endure in Korea and Vietnam.)*

BY CORNELIUS C. GALLEGOS

Still reeling from the shock of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States was jolted by the Japanese invasion of the Philippines.

Their planes began bombing and strafing all military installations on the main Philippine island of Luzon and on Dec. 22, a large Japanese invasion force landed at Lingayen Gulf north of Manila. Two days later another landing was made southeast of the city.

Both of these forces heavily outnumbered the 16,000 United States and 60,000 Filipino defenders who made up what became known as the "Battling Bastards of Bataan."

The first defense line established on Bataan, the Abucay Line, was the scene of heavy fighting during January, 1942, but about the end of that month, the Bataan defenders were forced to retreat and establish a new defense line to the south. It ran east and west across the Bataan Peninsula from Manila Bay to the South China Sea. It was the Pilar-Bagac Defense Line.

Heavy fighting went on along this line in February, as the Japanese landed troops on the west coast of Bataan behind the Filipino and American positions. Despite the heavy shelling, strafing and bombing, they could not force the defenders back.

Japanese who managed to land on the west coast behind the lines were cleaned out. By March the fighting had become a stalemate and a lull developed.

From the last of December, 1941, to March, 1942, the health of the American and Filipino troops deteriorated. Rations had been cut by half in January and re-

duced to a third in February. It got to the point where the horses of the Filipino 26th Cavalry were fed to the troops. Some of the troops killed birds, iguanas and even monkeys for food when they got the opportunity. Bataan was made up of jungles and mountains heavily infested by malaria and dengue fever mosquitoes. When medical supplies became low and quinine ran out, malaria and dengue fever affected practically everyone.

The reason for the March lull was that the Japanese were waiting for reinforcement by the combat troops who captured Singapore from the British. When they arrived, they regrouped and prepared for a major offensive against the Pilar-Bagac Line for a second time. This time fresh, healthy Japanese troops were to fight the half starved and physically weakened, malaria-wracked "Battling Bastards of Bataan" who could not expect any replacements. Not only were food and medicine in short supply but so was ammo.

The new Japanese offensive started during the first couple of days in April, 1942, just before Easter Sunday. Heavy bombing, strafing and shelling preceded the assault. By April 6, the attackers' penetrations of the line created all kinds of confusion. The Japanese took advantage of the break by pouring in more troops. By April 8, the situation became so hopeless that Bataan's commander, Maj. Gen. Edward King, Jr., surrendered on April 9. Corregidor was not included.

All units on Bataan were ordered to destroy their equipment and surrender to the Japanese. Exploding ammunition dumps shook the southern part of the peninsula. Our unit was ordered to surrender by tying something white around our arm and march to the port city of Mariveles.

This order was hard to bear as it gave one a sick feeling of hopelessness. Not knowing what to expect, except our loss of freedom. When we arrived, the Japanese lined us up, searched us and took what they wanted. Most of the men had buried their valuables before reaching

Mariveles. Those who did not lost them to their captors. We were given an idea of what to expect when without reason they hit you with a rifle butt or with a fist or slapped you on side of your head or face.

We were placed in a column of 300 to 400 men and marched to a river where we stayed for two days. This was on April 10 and the start of the infamous "Bataan Death March" which was to cover anywhere from 60 to 90 miles depending on the location where the surrender took place. Generally, the death march is considered to be from the town of Mariveles to San Fernando.

Our column started the Death March from a river valley somewhere northwest of Mariveles. We proceeded southeast back through Mariveles and on to what had been one of our airfields at Cabcaben. We arrived during darkness and were allowed to sleep. The Japanese had moved in an artillery battery next to the north side of the airfield and began to fire on Corregidor. When the firing started, there was a mad scramble to get to the road and head north away from the gun positions before Corregidor's guns answered. It was not long before they fired back. Soon after this, we were reorganized into a column and headed north.

April was in the hot, dry season and the road had been so heavily used, it had been churned up into a powder about 8 inches deep. As I recall, we had not been fed for three days and had begun to run out of water in our canteens.

We began to meet Japanese convoys of troops and equipment moving south and kicking up a dust storm as they went by. Soon the water gave out and the sun and dust caused a craving for water. Some men left the column when they saw water. As they moved out of the column, guards yelled to them to get back and began to hit them with rifle butts or clubs. The sun and dust took their toll of the starving and thirst-crazed men. They began falling along the side of the road, as sadistic guards hit and kicked them back into the column. If the prisoners were unable to get up, they were killed by get-



# Bataan Fell



This monument, nearly 300 feet high, is to all the Americans and Filipinos who died defending the Bataan Peninsula during the early days of United States involvement in World War II. After a stubborn defense, the starving, wounded and disease-wracked troops were forced to surrender in April, 1942. This was followed by the infamous Bataan Death March in which thousands were killed. The survivors spent the next three years as Japanese prisoners under horrifying conditions. The monument is on Mt. Samat, a key to Bataan's defense. It was painted by VFW Magazine Art Director David F. Gray.

ting their heads caved in, bayoneted or shot. The farther north we went, the more fell by the wayside and were killed. When the column reached the sugar cane country several days later, the men watched for a chance to break out for artesian wells when the column got strung out or rounded a curve. If the guards saw them, they would fire into the men. Some would get shot, but most would make it back into the column with some water which they shared with their buddies. About the eighth or ninth day, we came to the town of Lubao where we were fed a little and given water. We still had a day or so to go before reaching San Fernando, the end of the march. Making this last stretch was very difficult. You felt as if your joints had run out of lubricant. Weight loss was so bad that the men began to look like skeletons. Those who were able to helped drag along their buddies.

When we arrived at San Fernando, we were herded into a large compound where we were given water and fed rice. This was not the end of the brutality. A day or so later, we were jammed into small box cars for a ride to Capas. The guards packed the cars so tightly with men that no one could sit down. Then they closed the doors in the sweltering tropical heat, causing more deaths. At Capas we were unloaded and marched to a former Filipino camp named O'Donnell.

At Camp O'Donnell we were fed a skimpy ration of rice twice a day. To get water you had to stand in line for hours. No bathing or washing of clothing was

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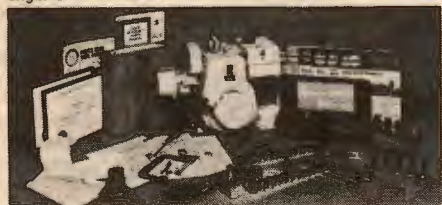
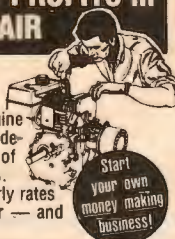
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14th Inf., Co. L (Panama CZ, 1937-40)—Need to contact anyone remembering me as a cook.—Elmer H. Williams, 616 Schiller Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08610.

15th AF, 376th Bomb Sqdr. (Italy, 1943-45)—Need to contact Capt. Russell, the cooks who worked with me, others.—Milton V. Brumble, Tavern Rt., Box 158, Dixon, Mo. 65459.

17th Inf. Svc. Co. (moved from Fort Crook, Neb., to Ford Ord, Calif., September, 1940)—Need to contact James Turk, Dick Homes, Frank Frank, others remembering me.—Leo Livingston, 15803 E. 25th St., Independence, Mo. 64055.

21st Trans. Med. Fort Bn. (Korea, 1950-52)—Need to contact William Hubbard, Everett Akins, Milford Adams, Wells, Hugo-Smith, Krause, Scherbarth and Capt. David Rose regarding my back problem.—Henry E. Kamps, 11414 Lebanon Rd., Apt. 34, Sharonville, Ohio 45241.

25th Inf. Div., 27th Rgt., 1st Bn., Co. A (Vietnam, 1966-67)—Need to contact Lt. Roy Williams, Alvin Smith, Brown, Eblevns, Leo Smith, others remembering the night ambush in mid-July, 1966, when a booby trapped grenade exploded between several men, leaving me with a head wound and impaired hearing.—William J. Frabotta, PO Box 11037, St. Louis, Mo. 63135.

30th Inf., Co. H (San Francisco, Calif., 1936-38)—Need to contact anyone remembering me.—Tony Freitas, 5745 N. Valentine, Fresno, Calif. 93711.

34th Div., 168th Rgt., Co. G, 1st Pltn.—Need to contact anyone who was with me in a truck which overturned on or about Oct. 17, 1944, as we were en route to the front; also anyone knowing Otto Cello of Dover, N.J., and Bennit Boy from Ga.—Mancel G. Kirk, Finger, Tenn. 38334.

39th Gen. Hosp. (Aukland, N.Z.)—Need to contact anyone who was a patient in ward s-6 between June and December, 1943, also, hospital personnel who served there during this time.—Lee Augustine, 3219 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60618.

47th Gen. Hosp., Base A (Oct. 1, 1944)—Need to contact Maj. M.C. Evans or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Lewis G. Healy, 95 B Galyan Dr., Bremerton, Wash. 98312.

51st CA, 2nd Bn. (Borinquen Field, P.R., 1942)—Need to contact GIs or doctors who knew that I was in the Sta. Hosp., from Nov. 26-Dec. 6, 1942, for hookworm treatment, also Myron B. Swanson of Chicago, Capt. Harvey from Bn. HQ, 1st Sgt. of Btry. G, and men of HQ Btry.—Victor B. Elstad, SR 2, Pequot Lakes, Minn. 56472.

76th Inf. Div., 417th Rgt. (ETO, WWII)—Need to contact anyone who served with my father, Joseph Krohn, who was wounded by friendly action in April, 1945, and died in June that year. He was from Providence, R.I.—Arthur E. Rosen, 433 Kellington Dr., East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

80th Div., 318th Rgt., Co. H—Need to contact anyone who was captured and taken as a POW at the Moselle River, France, on Sept. 13, 1944.—John DeChec, 30 Colby Ave., Claymont, Del. 19703.

82nd Abn. Div., 456th FA, HHC—Need to contact any veteran who knew Ron Wheeler or who may have participated with him in the 1952 'Yucca Flats' atomic bomb testing in the Nevada desert; also, anyone familiar with Ron's medical history following the 1952 tests.—'Airborne,' Box 471, Garden City, Mich. 48135.

82nd Abn. Inf. Div., 505th Rgt., 2nd Bn., HQ Co. (Ft. Bragg, N.C., 1950-51)—Need to contact former members.—Floyd Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 215X, Custer, S.D. 57730.

83rd Div., 329th Inf. (Liege, Belgium, January, 1945)—Need to contact anyone who was with me when I was sent back to HQ for 24 hours' rest with frozen hands and feet, then sent on to the 4132nd Hosp. Plant at Market Laventon, England.—George L. Pittman, E. 4611 3rd., Spokane, Wash. 99206.

86th Inf. Div. (Legaspi, P.I., 1945)—Need to hear from anyone remembering my nervous breakdown.—Floyd Ledbetter, Rt. 3, Box 177, West Plains, Mo. 65775.

88th Sig. Bn., Co. A (Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago and Luzon, P.I.), and 171st Sig. Const. Co. (FJI Islands)—Need to contact Capt. Weeks, others recalling my falling when telephone pole broke and my breaking my back and arm.—Homer R. Broughton, Rt. 1, Box 244, Marengo, Ind. 47140.

346th AAF—Need to contact anyone who knew Lt. J. Mitchel Allemand of Houston, Texas, who died Jan. 12, 1944.—Sam Forbes, PO Box 761, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

351st BG, 511th Bomb Sqdr. and Stalag 17-B (WWII)—Need to contact John J. Yarush or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Henry C. Gates, Rt. 2, Box 303, Farmerville, La. 71241.

368th Ord. (AA), Co. M (Camp Stewart, Ga., 1943-44/ETO 1944-45)—Need to contact those remembering my hearing loss due to a bazooka con-

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cussion in May, 1944; also, must contact Robert Box or persons knowing his whereabouts and also Sgt. Cochrane who treated me daily for trench feet while stationed in Fraize (Vosges) during the Colmar Pocket with the 7th Army, January-February, 1945.—Nicholas C. Coretsopoulos, 118 Hazardville Rd., Longmeadow, Mass. 01106.

369th Air Svc. Grp., Hq Base Sqdr. (Guam, 1945)—Need to contact anyone with whom I served.—Landis P. Ickes, Box 252, Osterburg, Pa. 16867.

415th (Sep.) AAA Gun Bn., Btry. D (ETO, WWII)—Need to contact former members.—Everett E. Woolums, 108 Elizabeth St., Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

516th QM Trk. Rgt. (Persia, May, 1943-January, 1945)—Need to contact Joel W. Anderson, Edward Downer, Albert Keenan, Donald G. Smith, E.D. Vance and Ralph Viggers or anyone knowing their whereabouts.—George A. Thornton, 2010 S. Bunn St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

543rd Security Grd. Det., 543rd Trans. Co. (Lt. Trk., APO 96491, Vietnam, March 14-Sept. 27, 1967)—Need to contact Thomas Tucker, others who served in perimeter guard unit.—Charles R. Nuzum, Rt. 3, Box 45-B, Philippi, W. Va. 26416.

630th TD Bn. and 390th Med. Collecting Co. (Bad Mengersheim, Germany, 1945-46)—Need to contact former members.—Robert K. Simpson, 110 Canal Rd., Rt. 2, Beaufort, N.C. 28516.

800th MP Bn., Co. D (Kyoto, Japan, 1945-46)—Need to contact anyone with whom I served overseas who remembers that I was a patient in the U.S. Army hospital in Tokyo.—Werner J. Witt, 506 Pershing Ave. N., New Prague, Minn. 56017.

819th MP Co. (XX Corps, 3rd Army)—Need to contact Lts. David M. McClatchie and Carmine A. Porrazzo, Sgt. John E. Frey, others remembering my stay in the 664th Clnrg. Sta. Hosp. in May, 1945, or medical personnel there remembering me.—Edward Kazunas, 45 Ringtown Rd., Shenandoah Heights, Pa. 17976.

1781st Engr. Parts Supply Co.—Need to contact any officer, Earl W. Kirkpatrick, Marvin L. Hansen, Thomas J. Gables, Bernard J. Flood and 1/Sgt. M/Sgt. and the Co. clerk.—Lewis G. Healy, 95 B Galyan Dr., Bremerton, Wash. 98312.

1832nd Ord. S and M Avn. (Wadke Island, SWP, 1944)—Need to contact anyone remembering me.—Charles Klarman, 2808 Hillcrest Ave., Parkville, Md. 21234.

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### For Claims

LCT 713 (WWII)—Need to contact former shipmates.—Kenneth F. Jackson, 1610 Reynolds Rd., Lot 305, Lakeland, Fla. 33801.

LST 641 (1944-45)—Need to contact George Jones and Roy Utah who served during the Iwo Jima operation, or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Leo C. Jarrell, 1211 18th St., Orange City, Fla. 32763.

Need to locate former Navy diver Kenneth Whitacre or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—T. Krusell, 149 S. Evergreen Dr., Selden, N.Y. 11784.

USS Arthur Middleton (APA25/AP65, WWII)—Need to contact former shipmates.—John Tingvold, 3109 14th St., Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

USS Babee (PF46, 1950-52)—Need to contact anyone who served with my son, Robert L. Collins; also, any member of the PF fleet in Yokosuka, Japan.—Leon J. Collins, 503 3rd Ave. NW, New Brighton, Minn. 55112.

USS Canberra (CAG2), M-Div.—Need to contact Ronald Tatro, Carl Wayne and C.W. Jones or persons knowing their whereabouts; also Jack Bare who served with MI, 1st MP Co., 1st Inf. Div. (1968-69).—Dantel G. Brewster, 658 Northwood Ct., Ravenna, Ohio 44268.

USS Cotten (DD669, WWII)—Need to contact former members.—Walter Sholmlier, 1828 Parnassus, Memphis, Tenn. 38108.

USS Drexler (DD741/WWII)—Need to contact survivors.—Gene Brick, 1304 Loper Ave., Prineville, Ore. 97754.

USS Hektor (1944-45)—Need to contact Z.G. Black or persons knowing his whereabouts.—W.C. Gregory, 601 20th Ave. S., Birmingham, Ala. 35205.

USS Leddstown (APA75/WWII)—Need to contact Kenneth Donald Marriott, who went on to serve 30 years in the Navy and whose last known address was 41430 Erma Ave., Fremont, Calif. 94538, and who attended college in the Bay area, or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Clay K. Dyer, Rt. 1, Box 153, Cornersville, Tenn. 37047.

USS Lexington (CV16), 7th Div. (1944-45)—Need to contact William Vantunen of Detroit, Mich., or persons knowing his whereabouts.—Walter K. Robinson, PO Box 595, Selad Valley, Calif. 96086.

USS Omaha (September, 1942-November, 1944)—Need to contact Floyd Denham (Miss.), George Danzer (N.J.), Harold Stalder and Ray Wild (Iowa), and Minter Lynch and M.C. Garby (W. Va.), others.—Paul E. Power, Rt. 5, Box 88, Osage, Iowa 50461.

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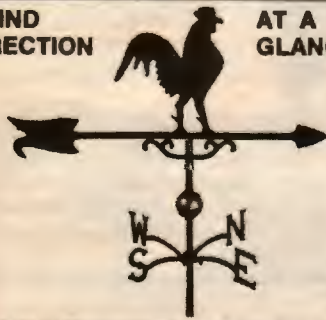
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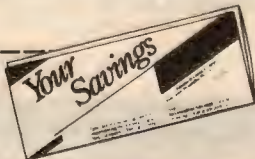
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**Vietnam Small Craft Division**—Need to contact "Pineapple," others remembering when Mike 8 hit a mine, Nov. 20, 1968, or persons aboard the hospital ship, USS Repose, who remember me as a patient.—Richard A. Pivonka, PO Box 1059, Oracle, Ariz. 85623.

**VPB-17 (WWII)**—Need to contact Ed Ross, Duane E. Guenther of Walla Walla, Wash., John L. Franklin of Birmingham, Ala., William Mahoney of Washington, D.C., and William Lee Taylor of Houston, Texas, or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Donald Kenney, 703 N. Jackson St., Brookhaven, Miss. 39601.

### MARINES

#### For Claims

**Inspector and Instruction Staff, MCRTC** (Portsmouth, Va., June, 1956)—Need to contact S/Sgt. Bob Miller and T/Sgt. Howard Flemming about my fall from a bridge support or persons knowing their whereabouts.—James H. Burchnell, 1157 Geneva Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43223.

**4th MAW (Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1943 or 1944)**—Need to contact LCDR H. Goldberg, MC-U(S) USNR and Capt. W.W. Strange, MC-U(S) USNR, others recalling when I hurt my back lifting a tub of potatoes while on mess duty, and could not straighten up for four months.—Hays McDowell, 150 S. Saturnino, Apt. F, Palm Springs, Calif. 92282.

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**Author needs eyewitness accounts** of those who participated in the carrier air battles of the Eastern Solomons and Santa Cruz, Aug. 23-25, and Oct. 26, 1942.—Eric M. Hammel, 1149 Grand Teton, Pacifica, Calif. 94044.

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**USS St Lo (ex-Midway, CVE63)**—Author needs photographs, letters, journals, personal accounts and other materials from St Lo crewmen and VC-65 personnel.—Michael F. McKenna, 11 Humboldt Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

**14th CAC, Btry. C**—Need to contact former members of this unit for information about Fort Whitman, Goat Island, Skagit County, Wash.—Harland Eastwood, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 2490, Lopez, Wash. 98261.

**45th Div. (WWII)**—Author needs to hear from line company veterans, especially those who fought in battle for Aachenburg-Schweinhelm during Easter, 1945, also those from 64th Ftr. Wing who participated above the action and from the 15th Rgt., Anti-Tank Co., need to contact Sid Dropkin, Sam Shapiro and LeRoy Wagner or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Bob Macri, 7 Stedwick Village, Budd Lake, N.J. 07828.

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the cadet's name was Nehring. Wish to return album to its owner or to his next of kin.—Myron D. (Ferry) Keys, PO Box 714, North Fork, Calif. 93643.

USS Reid (DD369)—Need to contact Johnnie Nettles of Ridgeland, S.C., or those knowing his whereabouts; I have some of his papers from the ship.—Warren Guest, Rt. 7, Box 824, Franklin, N.C. 28734.

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77th Inf. Div.—7, Fort Jackson, S.C.—Dick Strachan, 1422 Brentwood Dr., Columbia, S.C. 29206.

99th Sig. Bn., Co. C—23-25, Camden, Ark.—Robert Crossland, 3 Arborgate, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

702nd TD Bn., Co. G—15-18, Atlanta, Ga.—Earl F. Scholz, 4042 S. Caulfield Ave., St. Francis, Wis. 53207.

726th MP Bn.—23-25, Nashville, Tenn.—William C. McCleary, 213 Cornell Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229.

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33rd Inf. Div., 136th Inf. Rgt., Co. A—21-23, Fort Wayne, Ind.—Lyle Powers, 202 S. 7th St., Brighton, Mich. 48116.

71st AAF Tech. Trng. Det.—14-15, Charlottesville, Va.—F.H. Washko, 290 Solon Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146.

134th FA (WWII)—15, Portsmouth, Ohio.—Ernest Cole, Rt. 1, Minford, Ohio 45653.

307th (H) BG Assn.—29-30, Reno, Nevada.—307th Reunion Headquarters, 1923 Atkin Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84108.

307th Infantry Veterans Society (WWI, WWII, a memorial service only)—30, Central Park, NYC.—307th Infantry Veterans Society, PO Box 2181, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.

373rd FA Bn. Assn., Btry. B—20-23, Virginia Beach, Va.—Frank G. Andros, PO Box 55, Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538.

752nd BOB, Co. C—6-8, Seattle, Wash.—R.C. Trimble, Box 752, Newark, Ohio 43065.

3453th Ord. MAM Co. (WWII)—15-16, Richmond, Va.—Ralph Milley, 102 Glendale St., Everett, Mass. 02149.

#### June

Persian Gulf Command Veterans Organization—17-19, Cleveland, Ohio.—Anna E. Connelly, 6575 Princeton Ct., Unit E, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130.

1st Guard Co. USDB—26, Leavenworth, Kans.—M.E. Merritt, 104 E. Mary, Lansing, Kans. 66043.

9th AF, 1st Port Intransit Depot Sqr. (WWII)—18-20, Chicago, Ill.—Edward J. Sherby, 3 S. 180 Arboretum Rd., Glen Ellyn, Ill. 60137.

22nd Gen. Hosp.—25-27, Atlanta, Ga.—Raymond S. Hedquist, 2019 S. Muiford Rd., Rockford, Ill. 61108.

28th Inf. Div. (WWI, WWII, Korea)—24-26, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Leon H. Hancock, 105 Schar's Ln., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237.

39th Div., 115th Inf., Co. B—8, Hagerstown, Md.—George Penner, 214 Woodpoint, Hagerstown, Md. 21740.

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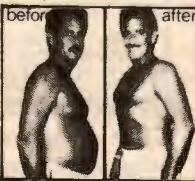
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45th Gen. Hosp. (WWII)—11-13, Williamsburg, Va.—Gerry Robinson, 4419 Cranford Rd., Richmond, Va. 23231.

51st Gen. Hosp. (WWII)—11-13, Dallas, Texas.—Alvin Wood, 2021 Patton, Garland, Texas 75041.

83rd Div., 331st Inf., Co. I (WWII)—11-13, Corbin, Ky.—William Cornehu, PO Box 48, Williamsburg, Ky. 40789.

86th Ftr. Grp., 525th Ftr. Sqdr. (ETO, WWII)—4-6, St. Louis, Mo.—Ray Anderson, 3000 N. Ocean Dr., 29-G, Riviera Beach, Fla. 33404.

86th Ftr.-Bomber Grp., 525th, 526th, 527th and HQ Sqdrs. (ETO, WWII)—4-6, St. Louis, Mo.—Sid Howard, 1011 Knobak Dr., No. 65, Houston, Texas 77080.

149th Assn. (formerly 38th Div., 149th Inf. Rgt., WWII)—4-6, Jeffersonville, Ind.—Marion F. Williams, 2005 Redleaf Dr., Louisville, Ky. 40222.

164th Inf., Co. L—25-28, Fargo, N.D.—Edward J. Murphy, 730 28th St. N., Fargo, N.D. 58102.

208th CAAA (WWII)—6, Middlebury, Conn.—Joseph Gubala, 107 Suffield St., Windsor Locks, Conn. 06096.

300th Gen. Hosp. (WWII)—4-6, Clarksville, Ind.—Austin E. Lutz, 1566 Meadow Ln., New Albany, Ind. 47150.

304th Rgt. Assn. (in conjunction with 76th Inf. Div.)—25-27, Baltimore, Md.—Edward Cain, 4509 159th St., Flushing, N.Y. 11358.

319th BG (WWII)—24-27, Grand Forks, N.D.—Harold E. Oyster, 662 Deering Dr., Akron, Ohio 44313.

351st (H) BG, 508th, 509th, 510th and 511th Sqdrs. (Polebrook, England, WWII)—16-20, Wichita Falls, Texas.—Ben Schohan, 398 Catawba Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081.

468th AAA AW Bn. (WWII)—21-22, Irving, Texas.—L.C. Sircoulomb, Box 301, Caney, Kans. 67333.

512th MP Bn.—25-26, Gatlinburg, Tenn.—George T. Mustin, 141 S. Mendenhall Rd., Memphis, Tenn. 38117.

522nd Engr. Hvy. Pont. Bn. Assn.—18-19, Monroeville, Pa.—Warren A. Snyder, 625 N. 19th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104.

634th TD Bn., Co. A—26-27, Elizabethtown, Ky.—Frank Oldorff, Illinois Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, Ill. 62301.

932nd/114th FA—18-19, Louisville, Miss.—Walter F. Scott, Box 552, Carthage, Miss. 39051.

1915 QM (Avn.) Trk. Co.—10-13, Eureka Springs, Ark.—Don Matsenbaugh, PO Box 25988, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125.

July

Americal Div., 164th Inf., Co. F (WWII, Korean War)—10-11, Carrington, N.D.—John Paulson, 80 2nd Ave. N., Carrington, N.D. 58421.

Dodge City (Kans.) Army Air Base (WWII)—30-31, Dodge City, Kans.—Joe Berkely, PO Box 760, Dodge City, Kans. 67801.

Korean War Ex-POWs and Civilian Internees—13, Colorado Springs, Colo.—SASE to Wilbert Estabrook, 43 Pinecrest Rd., Portland, Maine 04102.

Society of the 1st Div. (WWI, WWII and Vietnam)—7-11, Lake Placid, N.Y.—Arthur L. Chaitt, 5 Montgomery Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19118.

The Special Forces Assn.—1-5, Atlantic City, N.J.—Jim Santos, 23 Ralph Rd., West Orange, N.J. 07052.

4th Armd. Div. Assn.—15-17, Columbia, S.C.—Samuel A. Schenker, Sr., 2440 Victoria Dr., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

4th Inf. Div. Assn.—25-Aug. 1, King of Prussia, Pa.—Joe Motil, 827 E. 6th St., Bethlehem, Pa. 16602.

6th Armd. Div. Assn. (WWII)—28-Aug. 1, Louisville, Ky.—George F. Taylor, 40 Reservoir St., Brockton, Mass. 02401.

6th Armd. Div. Assn.—1-4, Chicago, Ill.—Henry B. Rothenberg, 180 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

8th Cav. Rgt., Hvy. Mortar Co. (1954-57)—30-Aug. 1, Wellington, Kans.—Monty L. Trefl, 810 S. C St., Wellington, Kans. 67152.

XIII Corps Assn.—23-25, Boston, Mass.—John Bitting, 10104 Quinby St., Silver Spring, Md. 20901.

18th AF, 321st Air Svc. Grp., 344th Air Svc. Sqdr.—10, Arlington, Va.—Keith E. Bee, 650 Gregg Ave., Bridgeville, Pa. 15017.

14th Armd. Div.—15-17, Indianapolis, Ind.—Merrill Vance, 813 Lone Oak Rd., Anderson, Ind. 46011.

15th AF, 464th BG—30-Aug. 1, Springfield, Ill.—H. Robert Anderson, 4321 Miller Ave., Erie, Pa. 16509.

17th ADG, 1704th Ord. (MM) Co. (WWII)—10-11, Lake City, Minn.—Donald Palmer, 301 N. High St., Lake City, Minn. 55041.

19th Combat Engrs. (WWII)—15-17, Milwaukee, Wis.—Earl Cottingham, 9018 Waterford St., Square S, Greenfield, Wis. 53226.

25th Inf. Div.—23-25, Washington, D.C.—Robert L. Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr., Takoma Park, Md. 20912.

20th Air Svc. Grp. (13th AF)—12-16, Clarksville, W. Va.—Frank Pace, 315 15th St., Dover, Ohio 44622.

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31st Ftr. Grp., 308th Ftr. Sqdr. (WWII)—9-11, Dayton, Ohio.—Ross E. Stober, 1841 W. Spring, Lima, Ohio 45805.

36th Photo Recon Sqdr. (WWII)—3-4, Denver, Colo.—Fran Bureau, Box 994, Eagle, Colo. 81631.

40th Div., 160th Inf., Co. A—22-24, Milwaukee, Wis.—William E. Bobbitt, 215 N. Walnut, Eureka, Kans. 67045.

40th Div., 100th Inf., Co. D—15-18, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Archie Johnson, 2242 E. 3rd St., St. Paul, Minn. 55119.

43rd Inf. Div., 169th Inf. Rgt., Medical Co. (October, 1950-October, 1952)—17, Appleton, Wis.—James J. Siebers, 390 Paul Blvd., Kimberly, Wis. 54136.

50th Engr. Combat Bn., Cos. A and C—30-Aug. 1, Worthington, Minn.—Norman Stangl, 6296 S. Sycamore St., Littleton, Colo. 80120.

63rd Sig. Bn. Assn.—29-31, Cleveland, Ohio.—Julius F. Jagson, 21364 Seabury Ave., Fairview Park, Ohio 44126.

66th Ord. Bn., Co. D and 3404th Ord. Bn. (Ice-land, WWII)—16-18, Toledo, Ohio.—Al Frederick, 233 Maplewynde Rd., West Bend, Wis. 53095.

70th Div., 315th Inf. Rgt. (WWII)—22-24, Pittsburgh, Pa.—George Kashmar, 840 E. Philadelphia Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44502.

94th Inf. Div.—29-31, San Diego, Calif.—Gilbert E. Kinyon, 5252 Chelsea Ave., La Jolla, Calif. 92037.

104th Ord. (MM) Co. (WWII)—17-24, Knoxville, Tenn.—Troyce O. Hampton, 539 Smith Ave., Magnolia, Ark. 71753.

106th AAA Bn., Btry. A (WWII)—9-11, Hopkinsville, Ky.—Lowe Johnson, Jr., 117 Gateway Ln., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240.

106th Inf. Div. Assn.—15-18, Milwaukee, Wis.—Charles H. Puskarich, 428 S. 70th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53214.

106th Inf. Div., original 106th Ren. Twp.—22-24, Columbia, S.C.—William W. Randall, 560 Pine St., No. 4, Royersford, Pa. 19468.

120th Sta. Hosp. (WWII)—22-24, Dearborn, Mich.—Bob Gardner, 26940 Lyndon Rd., Detroit, Mich. 48239.

134th Inf., Co. B (WWII)—30-Aug. 1, Falls City, Neb.—Lloyd Faller, RFD 2, Falls City, Neb. 68355.

190th FA Grp. Assn. (WWII)—23-25, Reading, Pa.—Wes Duttlinger, PO Box 111, Sunbury, Pa. 17801.

202nd Engrs. Combat Bn., Co. C (WWII)—23-24, Toledo, Ohio.—Bill Szlotnyak, 3707 Curtice Rd., Northwood, Ohio 43619.

238th Engr. (C) Bn. Assn.—17, Greenville, N.C.—Jesse E. Wolff, Box 5, Parlin, N.J. 08859.

274th AFA Bn.—16-17, Columbus, Ohio.—Bob Wittstruck, 3440 Touzalin Ave., Lincoln, Neb. 68507.

314th Inf. Assn. (WWII)—30-Aug. 1, Dayton, Ohio.—Richard M. Rairdon, 5975 Rd. 23N, Lewistown, Ohio 43333.

355th Engr. Rgt. (FS)—23-25, Columbus, Ohio.—Phil Rack, 2819 Westerville Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43224.

356th AAA SL Bn. (WWII)—3-5, Des Moines, Iowa.—Elmer J. Peters, Box 144, Glidden, Iowa 51443.

458th Ord. Evac. (WWII)—2-3, Hayti, S.D.—Lester Guggell, Rt. 2, Box 231, Meadville, Mo. 64659.

464th (H) BG, 776th, 777th, 778th and 779th Bomb Sqdrs. (WWII)—30-31, Springfield, Ill.—Darrel Holland, Box 205, Newton, Ill. 62448.

665th Ord. Co. Veterans Assn. (WWII)—2-5, Atlanta, Ga.—William B. Herndon, 2926 Brookside Ct., Marietta, Ga. 30067.

638th TD Bn.—24-25, Jasper, Ind.—Oscar Kalb, PO Box 36, Dubois, Ind. 47527.

741st Tank Bn.—17-18, Nashville, Tenn.—Verdie Guest, Jr., 1518 Corder Dr., Nashville, Tenn. 37206.

746th AAA Gun Bn.—9-11, Nashville, Tenn.—George W. Stewart, PO Box 495, Tonganoxie, Kans. 66086.

762nd MP Bn.—29-Aug. 1, Ottawa, Ill.—G.W. Grandgeorge, Rt. 2, Leland, Ill. 60631.

773rd FA Assn. (WWII)—13-15, Clarksville, Ind.—Edward M. Brook, Rt. 1, Box 144, Canisteo, N.Y. 14823.

866th Engr. Armor Bn.—22-24, Springfield, Mo.—Owen Marshal, 101 Aspen Cir., Nixa, Mo. 65714.

926th Sig. Bn.—20-22, Portland, Ore.—Raymond R. Mattson, 3428 N. Queen, Minneapolis, Minn. 55412.

926th Sig. Const. Bn., 332nd and 432nd Sig. Cos.—20-22, Portland, Ore.—R.L. Vanderzanden, 2812 18th Ave., Forest Grove, Ore. 97116.

1061st Port Const. Engrs. (WWII)—9-10, Collinsville, Ill.—Joseph Crkovich, 2724 Washington Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

117th and 1400th MP Cos.—15-18, Fort Mitchell, Ky.—Frank Farina, 18 Oriole Pl., P.O. Clementon, N.J. 08021.

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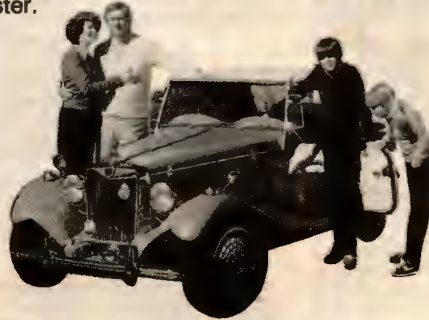
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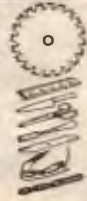


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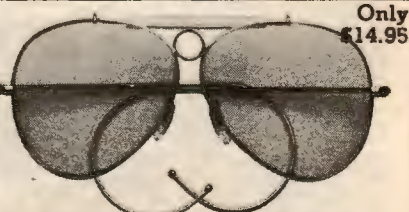
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**USS Pillsbury (DE133)**—7-9, St. Paul, Minn.—Patrick J. Donohue, 9480 Jewell Ln., Forest Lake, Minn. 55025.

**USS Patoka (AO9/AV6)**—18-20, Chula Vista, Calif.—Ken Stephens, 502 Anita St., Space 25, Chula Vista, Calif. 92011.

**June**  
**Naval Weather Service Assn.**—24-26, Washington, D.C.—Don Cruse, 587 N. Livingston St., Arlington, Va. 22203.

**U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII (Northeast Regional Chapter)**—24-26, Philadelphia, Pa.—Milton J. Brown, 325 Emily St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19148.

**USS Cloues (DE265)**—3-5, Louisville, Ky.—Carl Hanks, 2817 Millburn Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40220.

**USS Cowpens (CVL26)**—25-27, Cowpens, S.C.—Gerald Shaw, 7875 SW 98th St., Miami, Fla. 33156.

**USS Dashiell (DD659, 1951-55)**—19-20, Homer, Ill.—William Steffey, Rt. 1, Box 318, Homer, Ill. 61849.

**USS Iowa (BB61)**—25-27, Boston, Mass.—Matt Fawcett, PO Box 661, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561.

**USS Marblehead (CL12)**—30-July 4, Dallas, Texas.—E.R. Lauridsen, 6243 Rancho Hills Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92139.

**USS PC 1120 (WWII)**—11-13, Muscatine, Iowa.—Sherman W. Kirkley, 9568 Poinciana St., El Paso, Texas 79924.

**USS Princeton (CV37), V-1 Div. (Korea, 1950-54)**—17-19, Kansas City, Mo.—William A. Walker, 5421 Dosssett Rd., Eight Mile, Ala. 36613.

**USS Titania (AKA15, WWII)**—12-14, Middle Amana, Iowa.—Cliff Trumpold, Middle Amana, Iowa 52307.

**July**  
**CBMU 593**—9-11, Owensboro, Ky.—Leslie K. Martin, 1916 Windsor Ave., Owensboro, Ky. 42301.

**81st Special Seabees**—8-10, Laughlin, Nev.—Ray C. Jensen, 508 Baker Dr., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

**61st NCB**—15-17, Springfield, Ill.—Herbert N. Porter, 309 W. 4th St., Pana, Ill. 62557.

**302nd NCB**—15-18, Fort Wayne, Ind.—J. Ranck, 3101 W. Till Rd., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46818.

**NCDU/UDT/SEAL**—16-18, Norfolk, Va.—Henry A. Spiegel, PO Box 5365, Virginia Beach, Va. 23455.

**Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn. (Calif. and 1st District)**—25-Aug. 1, San Jose, Calif.—George L. Andrews, 63 Keyes St., San Jose, Calif. 95112.

**USS Benner (DD607)**—9-10, Easton, Md.—Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 511 Greenwood Rd., Lanham, Md. 21090.

**USS Chemung**—30-31, New Orleans, La.—Charles L. Webb, PO Box 5157, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37407.

**USS Hancock (CV19) Assn.**—19-21, San Diego, Calif.—Elmer P. Smith, PO Box 722, Julian, Calif. 92036.

**USS McGowan (DD678, WWII)**—16-18, South Bend, Ind.—Earl McCune, 54276 Terrace Ln., South Bend, Ind. 46635.

**USS Norfolk (DL1)**—23, Norfolk, Va.—James G. Ripley, 9505 Alpine St., Norfolk, Va. 23503.

**USS R.L. Wilson (DD847)**—9-11, Norfolk, Va.—Leon E. Paquette, 1419 Tartan Ln., Hampton, Va. 23663.

**MARINES**

**April**  
**2nd Amph. Trac. Bn. (WWII)**—16-18, Tulsa, Okla.—David Young, 12 Woodland Rd., Sapulpa, Okla. 74066.

**July**  
**2nd Marine Div., 10th Rgt., 3rd Bn., Btry. H**—8-10, La Crosse, Wis.—Don Chappell, Bloomington, Wis. 53804.

**3rd Marine Div. (WWII through Vietnam)**—21-25, San Diego, Calif.—Norm Sadowsky, 10237 62nd Dr., Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375.

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**May**  
**44th BG/Strat. Missile Wing and 66th, 67th and 68th Bomb/Strat. Missile Sqdrs. (Ellsworth AFB, S.D.)**—27-31, Rapid City, S.D.—Lt. Col. Bob Wilson, 448MW, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. 57708.

**June**  
**93rd Bomb Wing, 330th Bomb Sqdr.**—18-20, Castle AFB, Calif.—Mike Bogna, 525 Baker St., Atwater, Calif. 95301.

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**May**  
**USCG Avery Pt. (plankowners), Groton Trng. Sta.**—8, Groton, Conn.—George W. Hewitt, 99 Whitehall Ave., Mystic, Conn. 06355.

**USS Blisbee (PF46/WWII)**—7-9, Las Vegas, Nev.—William R. Finlay, 375 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, Mass. 02125.

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**Bataan . . . .**

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allowed. Because of filth and their run-down physical condition, the men began dying like flies with dysentery, malaria and beriberi, a disease caused by malnutrition that swells and bloats a person's body. Men were dying at the average rate of 50 a day. At first the men were buried in single graves, but soon the death rate increased and space became so limited that the dead had to be buried in mass shallow graves. It has been estimated that about 3,000 Americans died or were killed on the Death March and 2,000 were buried at Camp O'Donnell as a result of the march. About 7,000 Filipinos died on the Death March and about 20,000 to 25,000 Filipinos died at O'Donnell because of the march. After all is said and done, the brutal, sadistic Japanese got revenge for a loss of face for not taking Bataan according to their plans and for the losses inflicted by the Battling Bastards. In the next three years, the brutality and atrocities were to continue at the various POW camps in the Philippines, Formosa, Manchuria, Japan and aboard the "Hell Ships" that transported American POWs from the Philippines to Japan.

Many Japanese were executed for war crimes, including the commanding general in the Philippines, Gen. Mashaharu Homma and the officers and men at the Tanagawa POW camp in Japan. However, the number sentenced to die never justified the number of deaths Japan was responsible for because of cruel, brutal and sadistic treatment.

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According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, "political" is an adjective describing an object "of, relating to, or concerned with the making as distinguished from the administration of governmental policy."

If the VFW is not concerned with making of governmental policy, especially policy affecting retirees' and survivors' income and veterans' entitlements, then what is its reason for being?

The VFW Political Action Committee specifically declares the objects and purposes of the organization: "to support legislation, rules and regulations beneficial to veterans, survivors and orphans; to oppose legislation, rules and regulations inimical to the interest of all veterans, survivors and potential veterans."

No individual or organization can "sponsor and support legislation" or "oppose legislation" without being political. In fact, no individual can participate in a democracy without being political, for a democracy is a government by the people.

Make no mistake about it, if you are concerned with the making of government policy, you are political. The VFW as an organization expresses concern with the making of government policy and, therefore, is political.

*The writer is a Past Department Commander of Oklahoma.*

As a political organization representing the collective concern of over 2 million individuals in the making of government policy on issues affecting the benefits of veterans, widows and orphans, we must assume the responsibility of fully participating in politics. We must do everything possible to see that our concerns are voiced and defended by elected officials who agree with our positions. And if we want support from elected officials, we must in turn support them. We must support the candidates of our choice with financial contributions, with volunteer assistance in campaigns, and with votes at the polls.

The VFW's current attempt to increase substantially the funds available to its Political Action Committee was designed to enable us to make financial contributions to candidates who are willing to voice our concern and support our goals in Congress.

VFW members throughout the country also are encouraged to volunteer assistance to candidates of their choice in their local areas. Few, if any, Congressional candidates would not welcome volunteers to answer phones, stuff envelopes, assist in voter surveys, type or help with the multitude of chores necessary to a successful campaign. This volunteer assistance can be organized and you can offer your own services as an individual. Do, however, let the candidates you are assisting know that you are a veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Volunteers usually are as needed and as important as

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And last, but certainly not least, you must support the candidates of your choice with your votes. No responsible citizen, regardless of income and regardless of ability or willingness to volunteer assistance, can find an excuse to withhold the support of the vote. In fact, VFW Posts can offer assistance in getting as large a voter turnout as possible to the polls.

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The determination of whom we support should not be based on party label. It should be based on the individual, the support he or she has given us in the past or the promise of support in the future. In doing all we can to help candidates of our choice to be elected, we must be non-partisan. But if we are concerned, we must be political.

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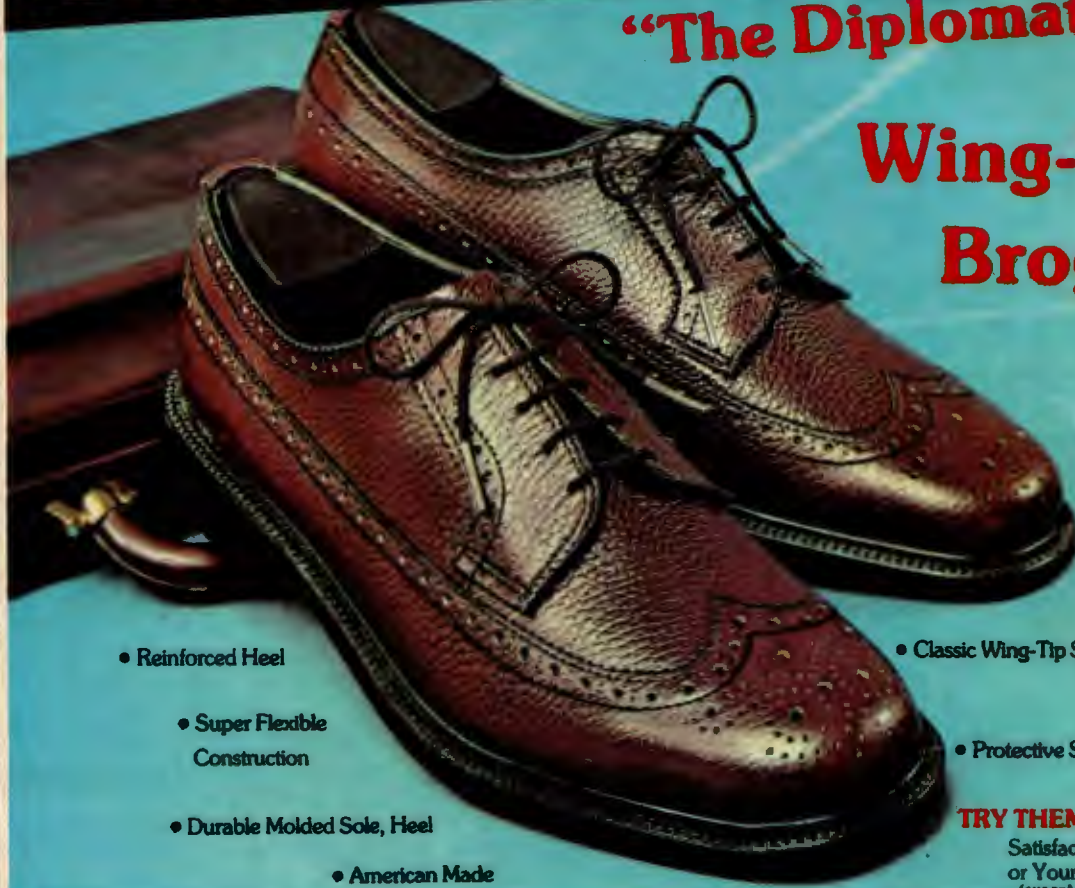
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Post 1435, Spokane, Wash.; Post 2111, Chula Vista, Calif.; Post 1716, Watsonville, Calif.; Post 3023, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Post 3937, Long Beach, Miss., and Post 5729, Medford, Wis., won Awards of Merit and bronze plaques.

"Why I'm Glad To Be an American," was the theme of the essay contest sponsored by Post 1435 in 17 elementary and junior high schools. All 792 participating students were presented certificates. First and second place winners from each grade received trophies.

An estimated 1,800 persons flocked to Post 2111's second annual Carnival for Muscular Dystrophy, where they enjoyed games, food, prizes and 31 continuous hours of western music. The event raised \$2,100, more than twice last year's total.

Post 1716 dedicated a one-ton granite monument in honor of all Americans who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Located in a county park near Watsonville, it will be viewed by thousands of visitors annually.

Hundreds of kidney patients treated each year at the St. Mary's Hospital dialysis unit in Grand Rapids will receive improved treatment, thanks to Post 3023's annual ox roast which raised \$3,700.

Following an auto crash which left four area teenagers trapped and seriously injured, Post 3937 raised the \$7,500 cost of a Jaws of Life hydraulic power tool for donation to the Long Beach Fire Department rescue unit.

A public brunch held by Post 5729 raised enough money to purchase 50 new American Flags to replace the tattered 48-star variety previously displayed in Medford's downtown business section.

Commander-in-Chief Fellwock joined the judges in praising the accomplishments of each Post and congratulated each on winning national recognition for its outstanding community service efforts.





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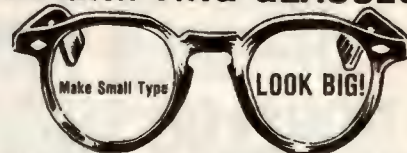
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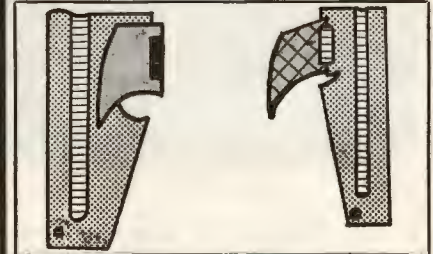
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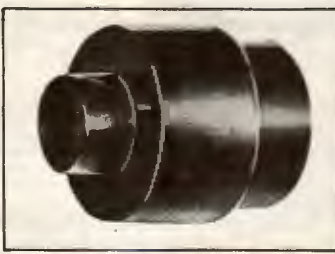
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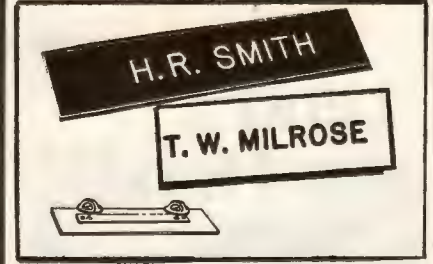
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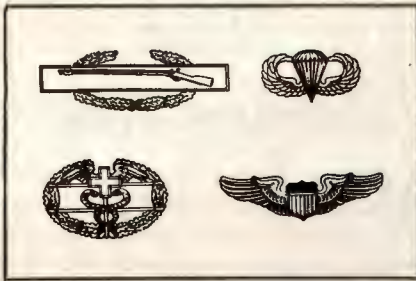
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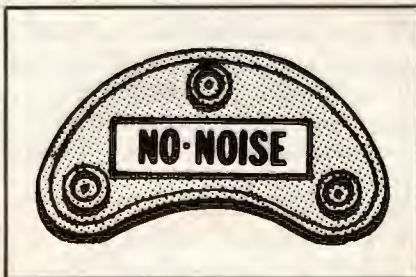
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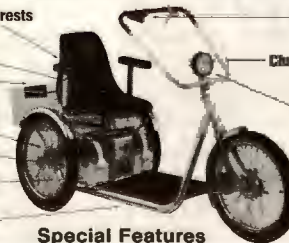
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It's called the Family Training Program at the Blind Rehabilitation Clinic. Since its introduction eight years ago, more than 125 families from throughout the United States have benefited from it. The goal of the program is to provide skills and confidence to those who have lost the gift of sight through illness or injuries.

In addition, it makes the veteran's family and friends aware of the constant problems and difficulties faced by the blinded. It is hoped that the result will be a productive member of society with a measure of richness instead of an institutionalized life, often at public expense.

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A member of the family, usually a spouse, travels to American Lake for specialized training. This includes involvement in the veteran's daily program, group discussions and meetings with health care professionals to better understand the difficulties of sightlessness.

According to Walter S. Werkhoven, ACSW, director of the Family Training

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## Blind Veterans . . . .

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Blind Rehabilitation Director Tom Specht has high praise for the family involvement in the rehabilitation process.

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## aides-de-camp . . . .

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The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class during the month of March, 1982. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

E.A. Bosarge, Post 49, Mobile, Ala.; Nick J. Campanotta, Post 668, Birmingham, Ala.; James M. Jayen, Jr., Post 3568, Atmore, Ala.; John J. England, Post 3568, Bay Minette, Ala.; Tom Seay, Post 4543, Haleyville, Ala., and Henry L. Hart, Post 9972, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Thomas W. Clark, Jr., Post 5225, West Memphis, Ark.; Anthony Joseph Lane, Post 90, San Francisco, Calif.; William C. White, Post 1679, Ventura, Calif.; W. Don Brooks, Post 2080, Campo, Calif.; J.D. Smith, Post 3935, Port Hueneme, Calif.; Anthony J. Caravelli, Sr., Post 3982, San Jose, Calif.; F. Joe Dwyer, Post 9631, Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Joseph O. Folske, Post 9756, Orange, Calif.

Arthur Burrass, Post 1, Denver, Colo.; Berkeley J. Strong, Post 665, Columbus, Ga.; Charles W. Ayers, Jr., Post 3281, New Albany, Ind.; Larry Burnett, Post 112, Wichita, Kans.; John W. Maxwell, and Harry Valeriani, Post 832, S. Portland, Maine, and George W. Colville, Post 3373, Moss Point, Miss.

Donald R. Turner, Post 4409, Harrisonville, Mo.; Glenn Henage, Post 1003, Jefferson City, Mo.; William Hambleton, Post 2445, Maple Shade, N.J.; Joseph E. Bobbie, Post 6590, Browns Mills, N.J.; Nicholas Cavallaro, Post 524, Corning, N.Y.; O.D. Travis, Post 1957, Hickory, N.C.; Mike Brown, Post 6143, Weatherford, Okla.; Joseph P. Fiaschel, Post 23, Myerstown, Pa., and Owen R. Ruede, Post 7175, Millington, Tenn.

Vincent Favata, Post 2397, Corpus Christi, Texas; Thomas E. Denison, Post 3278, Brownwood, Texas; Merlin L. Sorenson, Post 4376, Seven Points, Texas; Bill Miller, Post 5911, Ft. Worth, Texas; Samuel C. Lambert, Post 9696, N. Tazewell, Va., and Marvin L. Snyder, Post 3885, APO New York, N.Y.



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# Jest-a-minute



"It's about time they took the credit cards away from the federal government."

### Biting Repartee

An eccentric but powerful businessman assembled a group of ambitious junior executives around his swimming pool.

"See that big hungry shark?" he asked, pointing to the water. "The first man with guts enough to swim the length of the pool gets a promotion and a big bonus in cash."

Suddenly his elderly butler dove in, blasted across the pool, and leaped out just an inch away from the shark's teeth. The surprised man congratulated his sopping employee and offered to go inside for his checkbook. The butler responded with as much dignity as possible, "If it's all the same to you, sir, first I'd like a crack at the SOB who pushed me in."

—True, Quote



### Revised Edition?

They just deciphered another Dead Sea Scroll and this one could mean trouble. It says the world was created in six days—and 18 minutes.

—Bob Orben, Quote

### Clearly Indiscernible

A housewife went into a drugstore and told the clerk, "Give me two packs of invisible hairpins."

As the fellow began wrapping them the woman said, "Are you sure they're invisible?" He said, "Are you kidding? I sold \$10 worth this morning and we've been out of them for two weeks."

—Mickey Marvin, Parade, Quote



"The serviceman is here, dear."



"Go wash your hands!"

### Maybe It Joined a Circus

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of Lot. "Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt," she said. She looked around the class and one little girl tentatively raised her hand. "Yes?" said the teacher. "I was wondering," said the little girl, "what happened to his flea?"

—Quote







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# Lady Plugs In Zoysia Grass Saves Time, Work & Money.

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By Jack T. Johnson, Agronomist

Every year I see people pour more and more money into their lawns. They dig, fertilize and lime. They rake it all in.



Amazoy is the Trade Mark Registered U.S. Patent Office for our Meyer Z-52 Zoysia Grass.

They scatter their seed and roll and water it.

Birds love it! Seeds which aren't washed away by rain give them a feast. But some seed grows, and soon it's time to weed, water and mow, mow . . .

until summer comes to burn the lawn into hay, or crabgrass and diseases infest it.

That's what happens to ordinary grass, but not to Amazoy Zoysia.

## "MOWED IT 2 TIMES," WRITES WOMAN

For example, Mrs. M. R. Mitter writes me how her lawn ". . . is the envy of all who see it. When everybody's lawns around here are brown from drought ours just stays as green as ever. I've never watered it, only when I put the plugs in . . . Last summer we had it mowed (2) times. Another thing, we never have to pull any weeds—it's just wonderful!"

And from Iowa came word that the state's largest Men's Garden Club picked a Zoysia lawn as the "top lawn—nearly perfect" in its area. Yet this lawn had been watered only once all summer up to August!

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## For Slopes, Play Areas, Bare Spots

End erosion of slopes with Amazoy. Perfect answer for hard-to-cover spots, play-worn areas.

## NO NEED TO RIP OUT PRESENT GRASS PLUG AMAZOY INTO OLD LAWN, NEW GROUND OR NURSERY AREA

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## NO SEED, NO SOD!

There's no seed that produces winter-hardy Meyer Zoysia. Sod of ordinary grass brings with it the problems of seed, like weeds, diseases, burning out, other ills.

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*If it isn't Amazoy, you're not getting the plugs that made Zoysia famous.*

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



30 March

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 22, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

RE: VFW CONGRESSIONAL DINNER

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was pleased to receive your acceptance of his invitation to attend the Annual VFW Congressional Dinner honoring Members of Congress.

A complimentary ticket is enclosed for your use--please be certain to bring the ticket with you. Table assignments will be printed in a guest seating list booklet which will be available upon entrance to the Sheraton Washington Ballroom. This booklet will also be distributed at the reception.

May I remind you that the Dinner will be held in the Sheraton Washington Ballroom of the Sheraton Washington Hotel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. in Exhibit Hall B--the Dinner will conclude around 9:15 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

COOPER T. HOLT  
Executive Director









DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OF THE UNITED STATES

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March 10, 1982

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*Charles Fournier*

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Convention Director

JAMES LUND  
Legal Officer  
Legislative Chairman

President of the United States  
Ronald Reagan  
White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

It has been my pleasure in presenting you the 'Four Seasons International Award'. The State Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was good enough to have it packaged and I hope that it has arrived safe at the White House.

I will be flying into Washington, D.C. for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Conference March 26-31, 1982 and a meeting with the Director of Vietnam Memorial, Jan C. Scruggs.

I would like to set an appointment with your own representative in regards to the Minnesota dedication of its "Monument to the Living" statue to be erected at 1:00 P.M. on May 22, 1982.

As chairman, I look forward to these final commemoratives and to hear of your responses.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ojeda, State Chairman

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*from the desk of* ..... *Memo*  
COOPER T. HOLT

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April 19, 1982

Thought you would be interested in having copies of the enclosed letters to General Walters, Mrs. Dole, and Ambassador Kirkpatrick relative to our National Convention in August.

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



April 9, 1982

C  
Lt. General Vernon A. Walters, USA (Ret)  
Ambassador at Large  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear General Walters:

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It is with a great deal of personal pleasure I inform you that by unanimous vote of the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, you have been selected to receive the 1982 VFW Dwight David Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award and citation. This award is presented annually to an individual deemed to have made the greatest contribution to "American security, unity and world peace," and is contingent upon the recipient appearing in person to accept the award. With this award goes a \$1,000 check for any use you care to make of it, plus all travel expenses incurred in your visit to Los Angeles, California.

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This award was established in 1970. Previous recipients include former President Richard Nixon, former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Bob Hope, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Senator Strom Thurmond, former Senator Jim Allen, General Alexander Haig, and Ross Perot.

Y  
The Dwight David Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars can bestow on any individual. It is our desire to present this award to you at our Annual Distinguished Guests Banquet which will be the highlight of our National Convention to be held the evening of August 16 in the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. You will be the principal speaker for the Banquet at which we expect to have approximately 3,000 persons in attendance.

If you can be with us the evening of August 16, Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of our Washington Office, will be in touch with your office to work out the necessary details of your visit. In the meantime, if you should have any questions relative to the presentation of this award, Mr. Holt may be reached by phone at 543-2239.



In closing, let me congratulate you on behalf of the 1.9 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 660 thousand members of our Ladies Auxillary on your selection as recipient of this high honor.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK  
Commander-in-Chief



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



April 9, 1982

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I am most honored to invite you to address the delegates attending our 83rd National Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, during the period August 13-19, 1982.

Schedule permitting, we would like for you to address the delegates attending the General Business Session on Tuesday, August 17, at 11 A.M. in the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. With past Conventions as my certain guide, you may expect an audience of approximately 3,000 of your fellow Americans. We realize the Ladies Auxiliary to our organization will be honoring you with the presentation of its "United American Award" at 10 A.M. on the same date.

I realize, Mrs. Dole, the great demand on your time but I am hopeful you can arrange your busy schedule in order to devote a few hours to attend our Convention. If an acceptance is received from you, Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of our Washington Office staff, will be in touch with your office to work out the necessary details.

Looking forward to receiving a favorable reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK  
Commander-in-Chief



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



April 13, 1982

**C**  
Honorable Jeane Kirkpatrick  
United States Ambassador  
to the United Nations  
799 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Ambassador Kirkpatrick:

**O**  
I am most pleased to inform you that by unanimous vote of the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States you have been selected to receive the 1982 VFW Citizenship Award. This award is presented annually by our organization to an individual "for outstanding service contributing to American citizenship." In your particular case, this honor is bestowed on you for your outstanding loyalty and service to the United States as our representative to the United Nations.

**P**  
For your information, previous recipients of this award include Walter George, Sam Rayburn, Lyndon B. Johnson, Carl Vinson, John Connally, Gerald Ford, Hubert Humphrey and Melvin Price.

**Y**  
We would like to make the presentation of this award to you during the General Business Session of our National Convention to be held in the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, August 17, at approximately 10:40 A.M.

Once we have your acceptance a member of my staff will be in touch with you to work out the necessary details of your visit. The VFW, of course, will take care of all necessary expenses in conjunction with your visit.

We look forward to receiving an affirmative reply. Please accept my personal congratulations on being named recipient of this high honor.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK  
National Commander-in-Chief



**MONUMENT TO THE LIVING BY RODGER M. BRODIN**



**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**SOCIAL FUND-RAISER DANCE:** May 2nd 1982, 6:30 P.M. to Midnight.  
Registry Hotel Ballroom, 7901 24th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN

**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY:** May 5th 1982, 10:00 A.M.  
Governor Albert H. Quie signs Proclamation, State Capital, Saint Paul, MN

**STATE DEDICATION "MONUMENT TO THE LIVING":** May 22nd 1982, 1:00 P.M.  
Veterans Service Building Lawn, Columbus Circle, Saint Paul, MN

**Honored Guest Speakers**

General John W. Vessey, Jr. - Joint Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C.

Jan C. Scruggs, President - Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.

*Commemorating Those Veterans Who Served Their Country 1899 to Present*



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May 22, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Room 191  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

The State Dedication for the " Monument to the Living " on May 22, 1982 had worked out very well as planned.

The Chairman Joint Chief of Staff, General John Vessey and Mr. Jan Scruggs director of Vietnam Veterans National Memorial were delighted with the week-end.

As the State Chairman and VFW Public Relations, Our weather was in favor of the organization and all was secure.

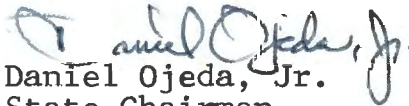
The Presidents letter would have added state ceremony and the M.C. used Mr. Gerald R. Ford's letter as the main theme.

He also read Mr. Bob Hope's telegram, the U.S.O. President, and the Governor's Proclamation.

I'm working on the After-Action Report and we will send the copies to you and to Mr. Reagan, when we receive the Presidents letter of acknowledgement for our State Historical Society.

I appreciate the concern you and the staff have given me in Washington, D.C., also the numerous phone calls and my Sincere Thanks for following up on my last phone call. In regards to our Presidents letter.

Best Regards,

  
Daniel Ojeda, Jr.  
State Chairman  
Public Relations



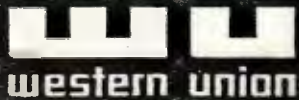


# Monument to the Living

## “MONUMENT TO THE LIVING” DEDICATION May 22, 1982

MUSICAL SELECTIONS.....	Minneapolis-Richfield Symphonic Band American Legion Post 435
INTRODUCTION: .....	John Erpelding
PRESENTATION OF COLORS.....	Minnesota National Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Minneapolis-Richfield Symphonic Band
INVOCATION.....	Chaplain of the Day
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.....	All Present
MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....	Charles Pinkham, Former Commissioner Veterans Affairs
• Recognition of Veterans and Veterans Organizations	
• Governor’s Proclamation.....	James Main, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs
• Greetings.....	Major General James Sieben Minnesota National Guard Jan Scruggs, Director Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER..	Senator Dave Durenberger
GUEST SPEAKER.....	General John W. Vessey, Jr. Chairman Joint Chief of Staff
RESPONSE.....	Rodger M. Brodin, Artist
UNVEILING.....	State Commanders: John Quint, Veterans of Foreign Wars Milo Cecka, American Legion
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	Charles Pinkham, Former Commissioner Veterans Affairs
BENEDICTION:.....	Chaplain of the Day
MUSICAL SELECTIONS.....	Minneapolis-Richfield Symphonic Band





# Telegram

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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WISH I COULD BE THERE TODAY TO WITNESS AND APPLAUD THE REALIZATION OF  
YOUR DREAM...A MONUMENT TO THE LIVING.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE DAYS WHEN WE ERECTED MONUMENTS ONLY TO

W.U. 1201-SF (RS-88)

THE DEAD. TODAY'S DEDICATION HONORS THE LIVING--AND AS SUCH IS TRULY  
A TOAST TO THE FUTURE.

MY CONGRATULATIONS AND MY APPLAUSE TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS WORTHY UNDERTAKING.

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May 20, 1982

Mr. Daniel Ojeda  
State Chairman  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Minnesota Department  
Veteran's Service Building  
Columbus Circle  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mr. Ojeda:

On behalf of USO and our 40,000 volunteers around the globe I would like to join you and your organization in honoring all the living veterans of our Armed Forces.

Because of the dedication and commitment of these men and women our great country has remained a shining example of freedom and democracy for all the world.

For over 40 years USO's sole purpose has been to insure the well being and improve the morale of America's servicemen and women. It is in that same spirit of appreciation that I congratulate you on this dedication. I am proud to add my voice to yours in saying "Thank you" to our living veterans for making America secure for our children and our children's children.

Best Regards,

William G. Whyte  
USO World President







ALBERT H. QUIE  
GOVERNOR

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ST. PAUL 55155

May 18, 1982

Mr. Daniel Ojeda, Jr.  
Public Relations Chairman  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
3rd Floor Veterans Service Building  
20 W. 12th Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Dan:

The Lieutenant Governor and I were happy to meet you and your group on May 11 when we signed the "Dedication to the Monument of the Living" proclamation.

Issuing this proclamation is a way for me, as Governor, to help bring attention to this worthwhile project.

Thank you for the photograph taken during the ground breaking ceremonies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Quie".

ALBERT H. QUIE  
GOVERNOR

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## Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER TO ALL THE GENERATIONS TO COME OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE VETERANS HAVE RENDERED TO OUR NATION; AND

WHEREAS: THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER TO ALL THE STATE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS STILL SERVING THEIR FELLOW COMRADES AT THE VETERANS SERVICE BUILDING; AND

WHEREAS: THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT WE DO NOT FORGET OUR VETERANS IN OUR TIME OF STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS: THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THE EVERYDAY TASKS THAT OUR UNSUNG HEROES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN OTHER FOREIGN SOIL; AND

WHEREAS: THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER TO THE NATION FROM 1899 TO THE PRESENT FOR THE SERIES OF EXPEDITIONARY CAMPAIGNS, THAT MINNESOTANS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN VALOR;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 22, 1982 TO BE

DEDICATION TO THE MONUMENT TO THE LIVING

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH.



*Albert H. Quie*  
GOVERNOR

*Lou Wangberg*  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Groux*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AT THE DEDICATION OF " A MONUMENT TO THE LIVING " ON THE GROUNDS OF THE VETERANS SERVICE BUILDING, THE STATE CAPITAL, SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA.

UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVE DURENBERGER OF MINNESOTA

MAY 22, 1982 13:00 HOURS

IT IS INDEED A RARE PRIVILEGE AND A DISTINCT HONOR FOR ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NATION'S TOP MILITARY MAN, GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. OF MINNESOTA. FROM THE TIME HE ENLISTED IN THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD IN 1939 THE STORY OF HIS LIFE, HIS APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF AND CONFIRMATION BY THE FULL SENATE, IS AN HORATIO ALGER ACCOUNT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS HELD EVERY RANK FROM PRIVATE TO FULL GENERAL, DURING HIS BRILLIANT CAREER HE HAS EARNED A REPUTATION FOR BEING A SOLDIER'S SOLDIER, AN ADVOCATE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICER AND ENLISTED MAN AND A STRONG PROPONENT OF PEACE WITH HONOR. ALONG WITH BEING A SKILLFUL ADMINSTRATOR AND A COURAGEOUS COMBAT LEADER IN THE NATION'S CONLFICTS, FROM WORLD WAR II TO THE PRESENT, HE HAS EARNED NUMEROUS ACADEMIC DEGREES, HONORS AND AWARDS. HE IS THE VERY FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS WHO IS NOT AN ACADEMY GRADUATE.

JOHN W. VESSEY IS PROVING TO BE A MOST POPULAR CHOICE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS. HE IS AN OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION OF THE INDIVIDUAL MILITARY MAN AND OF THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF VETERANS. HE IS THE " OMAR BRADLEY " OF THE 80's, WISE, EXPERIENCED, SENSITIVE, PERSUASIVE AND ARTICULATE.

AND FOR ME, THE SENIOR SENATOR OF MINNESOTA, JOHN VESSEY IS VERY SPECIAL. HE REPRESENTS EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD IN THIS STATE AND IN THE NATION. IT IS ESPECIALLY APPORPRIATE THAT HE WAS SELECTED TO MAKE THIS PARTICULAR DEDICATORY SPEECH FOR A STATUE OF A 19 YEAR OLD FIGHTING MAN IN FULL COMBAT GEAR TO REMIND ALL OF US THAT EACH OF US INDIVIDUALLY IS A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THOSE VALUES OF AMERICA THAT ARE INDEED WORTH FIGHTING FOR AND LIVING FOR.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ONE OF OUR VERY OWN PEOPLE, THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY OF MINNESOTA.

HISTORICAL FILE, MAY 1982



# Proclamation



WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey, Jr was named the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey is a native of Minneapolis, graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1940, enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in May, 1939 and was called to active duty in 1941 and rose to the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey was commissioned in the field artillery at the Anzio beachhead on May 6, 1944 as Second Lieutenant. He served in ground combat divisions 34th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy, the 4th Infantry and 3rd Armored Division in Germany and the 25th Infantry Division in South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey who is known for his closeness to our country's Troops, as well as for his wide range of knowledge of strategy, will be known to the Nation as a "Soldiers Soldier;" and


WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey, Jr. has been a credit to our Nation as an honorable soldier and exemplification of continued service by a combat veteran;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald M. Fraser, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 17, 1982, as

**GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. DAY**

in Minneapolis, and urge all citizens to honor General Vessey.



  
Mayor of Minneapolis



**ROBERT J. SCHMITZ**  
Senator 36th District  
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Jordan, Minnesota 55352  
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235 State Capitol  
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**Senate**  

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**State of Minnesota**  
May 14, 1982

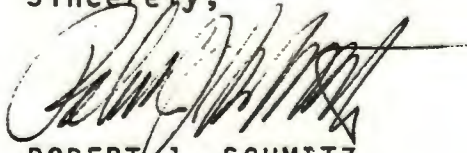
Mr. Daniel Ojeda, Jr.  
State Chairman  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Veterans Service Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your letter of invitation to attend the dedication services of the "Monument to the Living" on Saturday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to the dedication services of this statue by Roger Brodin. I have invited the entire Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to attend if they can.

Sincerely,



ROBERT J. SCHMITZ  
Chairman  
Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Memo

from the desk of .....

COOPER T. HOLT

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May 18, 1982

For your information.

*Cooper*



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



May 18, 1982

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

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ATTENTION: Mrs. Charlotte Ellis

Dear Mrs. Dole:

National Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock was delighted to learn of your acceptance of his invitation to attend the 83rd National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the purpose of addressing our Business Session on Tuesday, August 17.

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As indicated in previous correspondence, you are scheduled to address the delegates attending our Convention at 11:00 A.M. in the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. We have allotted 15 minutes for your presentation

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I have been assigned the pleasant responsibility of coordinating the appearance of distinguished guests attending our Convention and Commander Fellwock has asked me to assure you that our organization will do everything within its power to make your visit to Los Angeles as enjoyable as humanly possible.

As soon as your trip to Los Angeles is finalized I would appreciate receiving a copy of your travel itinerary. Upon receipt of this information I will make the necessary hotel reservations at the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel and will arrange for a member of my staff to meet you upon your arrival at the airport.

We are certainly looking forward to your visit to our Convention. If you should have any questions regarding this visit, please phone me at 543-2239.

Sincerely yours,

COOPER T. HOLT  
Executive Director

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CC: Fellwock, Vander Clute, Jewell, Burnham, Smith, Vater