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Bronze Star Award Recipient To Speak at 8th Reunion



Colonel Brennan T. Byrne,

USMC, a recipient of the Bronze Star - the military's fourth-highest award for combat heroism - will be this year's guest speaker at the *Eighth LST 1156 Reunion* Banquet Dinner at Harrah's Las Vegas on September 17.

The Bronze Star "with combat distinguishing device" Citation for Colonel Byrne's award reads as follows:



Citation

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force from March to April 2004, in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II.

"During this period Lieutenant Colonel Byrne was instrumental in the battalion's success. Throughout the intense urban fight, the battalion

operated 24 hours a day, testing the limits of endurance.

"On 5 April 2004, the battalion was ordered to cordon off Al Fallujah, Iraq, prepare to conduct destruction raids and seize Regimental Combat Team 1 Objective 4. Lieutenant Colonel Byrne personally led the battalion's follow on attack on 7 April that had the battalion advance to Phase Line Violet, which allowed the battalion to take the remainder of the entire industrial district of the city.

"Following the attack to Phase Line Violet the battalion was in possession of fully one third of Al Fallujah south of Main Supply Route Michigan, which was substantial and allowed the battalion to capture additional weapon's caches and kill enemy combatants. On 13 April one of the companies had a mechanized rifle squad get trapped deep in the heart of Al Fallujah more than 1000 meters from friendly lines.

"Knowing the potential for disaster he reacted coolly and led the battalion to defeat enemy fighters that were descending upon and encircling the separated squad, as well as rescue the squad.

"By his zealous initiative, courageous actions, and exceptional dedication to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Byrne reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

Colonel Byrne was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1985 upon graduation from the University of Maryland. As an infantry officer he has commanded Marines at every level from platoon to infantry battalion. During his military career he has served in a variety of global assignments, and is currently the Commanding Officer, School of Infantry (West), Camp Pendleton, California.

Colonel Byrne is married to the former Miss Kathryn Zink of Turon, Kansas. They have two sons Killian 16 and Sheehan 13.



On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event that eventually led to the formation of the United States.

Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: “Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.”

Lee’s words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies’ case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two – Pennsylvania and South Carolina – voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name “with a great flourish” so

England’s “King George can read that without spectacles!”

IN MEMORIAM

**Chaplain Larry “Rocky” Adcock, RD2,
1933 – 2010**



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3

Larry Adcock, right, shown with his former Division Officer, LT(jg) George McClure, in Pensacola during our 5th Reunion in 2006.

Larry “Rocky” Adcock, RD2, Association Chaplain, passed away on June 18, 2010 in Birmingham, Alabama. “Rocky” served in the Operations Division as the lead Radarman aboard the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) from 1953 to 1956.

Following his Navy service, Larry attended and graduated from the University of Alabama. He was employed by Crawford Broadcasting Company, the Christian Radio Broadcasting Station in Birmingham, and served for many years as the station’s General Manager.

Larry is survived by his wife Lois; sons Larry Trace Cooper (Rebekah) and Lamar David Adcock; daughters Reeva Adcock Spalding and Lori Adcock Kirkpatrick (John); eight grandchildren; brother Lamar Adcock (Sybil) of Florida.

“Rocky” was the first Chaplain of the LST 1156 Association, and in that role provided an important spiritual link to our membership. He will be deeply missed by all of his former shipmates, officers and crewmembers, and T-bone Association members.



Fair Winds and Following Seas



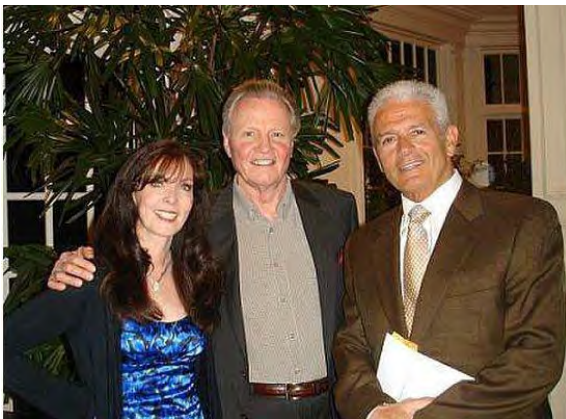
Lubin Hammers Boone



Pat Boone singer, songwriter and actor, and LT Ed Lubin, SC, ('58-'60) following a friendly tennis match in Beverly Hills, Calif. last month. Ed wins this set. Pat and Ed have been business partners for over 30 years. Ed, a University of Michigan grad, is embarrassed to wear his alma mater's tee around LA these days, because of the Wolverines poor performance in football in the NCAA, the Big Ten and against their traditional rival - Ohio State.



Paparazzi



Jean and Ed Lubin, with actor, producer and director Jon Voight get together at a business meeting in Beverly Hills in April.



Going Ship to Shore

Submitted by **Rick Erisman**, RM3, ('70-'71),
Ship's Historian

Pittsburgh, Pa.

In reading a recent issue of the Navy League's *Seapower* magazine, I came across the following article about the Amphibious Navy, written by their columnist **Roxana Tiron**, that I thought would be of interest to our readers.

Industry teams are gearing up to compete for an estimated \$4 billion contract to build a future craft that would transport Marines and their heavy equipment ashore during amphibious landings.

The companies interested in the lucrative contract for the Navy craft, known as the ship-to-shore connector (SSC), are positioning themselves to bid on the program in September, when the Navy is expected to issue a request for proposals...

The Navy is expected to issue an award for detail design and construction of the SSC in fiscal 2011, with the first detachment of six SSC's ready to deploy in fiscal 2019, said Cmdr. Chris Davis, the Navy's connector requirements officer.

The SSC is envisioned as the replacement for the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC's), which are nearing the end of their life. The average life of an LCAC is 17 years. While the Navy initiated the extension of the life of the LCAC's by an additional 10 years, the service also has thrown down the gauntlet to industry to build the new connectors...

"The SSC leverages 20 years of LCAC operations and lessons learned and will incorporate design improvements targeted at reducing historically high maintenance costs with the current LCAC's," Davis said.

"The SSC will be capable of carrying a Marine Corps M1A1 main battle tank (about 74 short tons) from over the horizon to the beach in sea states 3 and 4," Davis said. The LCAC, by comparison, is designed to carry an M-60 tank (60 short tons)."

"The SSC maintains approximately the same footprint as the LCAC and will remain interoperable with today's amphibious ships," Davis said... The Navy is planning to buy about 80 next-generation landing craft. The number of SSC's will be equivalent to roughly the number of LCAC's in the Navy's inventory," said Davis. SOURCE: *Seapower*

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By *Dave Bader* in Columbus

FY '11 Membership: 125

We have 115 regular members and 10 associate members who have come aboard for Fiscal Year, 2011 (6/1/2010 – 5/31/2011).

FY 2011 membership received since our last **NEWSLETTER**. *Welcome Aboard!*

Regular Members

- **Leonard Sobilo**, GMSN, ('54-'56), Hamburg, NY
- **Jerry Deardorff**, EN3, ('63-'67), Medford, OR
- **Richard Broyles**, SH3, (1960), Mena, AR
- **Gary Benson**, YN2, (12/54-9/56), Hudson Falls, NY
- **Alan Schlesinger**, LT(jg), (7/68-7/70), Newton, MA
- **William Spivey**, BM3, (10/64-1/66), BMC, USN (Ret.), Cocoa, FL
- **Fred Hubbard**, RM3, (9/63-9/66), Barnegat, NJ
- **112. E. Wayne Smith**, DK2, (9/70-8/71), Fuquay-Varina, NC
- **Robert Andrews**, ET3, (10/54-7/57), Littleton, NH
- **Fred Kraemer**, QM2, (9/58-6/62). Bristol, RI
- **Raymond "Nick" Nichols**, YN3, (59-'61) Corfu, NY

Associate Members

- **Louise Carney**, Cedar Knolls, NJ (*In memory of LT(jg) John Carney, Engineering Officer*) ('68-'71)



USS Iwo Jima Takes Part in Fleet Week in New York



A commuter ferry passes the USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) as she sails up the Hudson River during the Parade of Ships on May 26, 2010 in New York. The parade up the Hudson River marked the beginning of the Fleet Week celebrations which took place throughout Memorial Day.



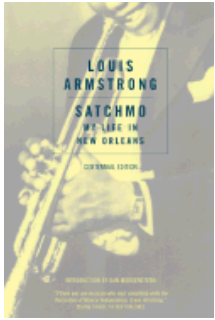
Marines line the railing of the USS Iwo Jima as it docks during the Parade of Ships on May 26, 2010 in New York. LST 1156 *First Annual Reunion* attendees will recall touring the Iwo Jima in 2002.

America Celebrates July Fourth





Bookshelf



➤ *Satchmo*, by Louis Armstrong, Prentice Hall, 1954

The greatest American musician was also a funny writer. This memoir, which Louis Armstrong typed himself without a collaborator, tells how he grew up hard but juicily, in New Orleans.

“In my entire career the Brick House was one of the toughest joints I ever played in. It was the honky-tonk where levee workers would congregate every Saturday night and trade with the gals who stroll up and down the floor and the bar. Those guys would drink and fight one another like circle saws.

“Bottles would come flying over the bandstand like crazy, and there was lots of just plain common shooting and cutting. But somehow all that jive didn’t faze me at all, I was so happy to have some place to blow my horn.” So says Louis Armstrong, a tough kid who just happened to be a musical genius, about one of the places where he performed and grew up.

This raucous, rich tale of his early days in New Orleans concludes with his departure to Chicago at twenty-one to play with his boyhood idol King Oliver, and tells the story of a life that began, mythically, on July 4, 1900, in the city that sowed the seeds of jazz.

Then there’s this anecdote about dieting for the sake of investment that ends with Armstrong vowing: “I’ll probably never be rich, but I will be a fat man.”



Veterans’ Corner



TRICARE Offers Electronic Fee Payment

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries can now pay annual enrollment fees electronically. Retirees can sign up to have the fees automatically withdrawn from their bank accounts via electronic funds transfer (EFT).

All beneficiaries can download and complete an enrollment fee allotment authorization letter or EFT payment authorization from the Web site of their regional TRICARE provider, and submit them by mail to the provider. (Electronic submissions are not available).

Once the requests are authorized, TRICARE will deduct the enrollment fees from retired pay or a bank account each month. Electronic fee payment does require beneficiaries to pay three months of fees in advance. TRICARE contractors will continue to accept payments by mail

SOURCE: Armed Forces News



BALTIC SEA (June 18, 2010) The amphibious command ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) and the Russian navy landing ship Kaliningrad (LSTM 102) are underway in formation during Baltic Operations - 2010. The exercise is intended to improve interoperability with partner nations by conducting realistic training both on land and at sea.

Personal Impressions

By Sue Carney, Ph.D.



Academic Advising



Frederick, Md.

Among the many roles that come with being a college professor, academic advising is one of the newest to me.

First-year professors are given an exemption from advising students, until they have some time to figure out the curriculum themselves. Throughout the past academic year (my second at Hood), I was assigned to be the advisor for approximately 25 students.

As their advisor, I am the contact person if they run into problems with their schedule and need to make changes. In each semester, there is an entire day free from classes called "Advising Day", when our task as advisors is to meet with each of our advisees individually to determine their schedules for the following semester.

As you can imagine, this can be quite challenging. Students register for classes in order of seniority, so by the time my advisees, who are mostly freshmen and sophomores, are able to register, a lot of courses are filled. This requires a lot of creativity on my part and flexibility on the students' part.

Students have a prescribed list of courses to take for their intended major(s), and since we are a liberal arts college, they also have core courses to fulfill to expose them to a diversity of topics in the humanities and sciences.

The most difficult part of the process often comes with advising students whose goals do not mesh with their strengths. For example, last year I

met with a second semester freshman during her spring advising appointment to set classes for her sophomore year.

This student had a rather weak academic record, including low SAT scores, a low high school GPA, and she did not do well during her first semester at Hood in very basic courses (less than a 2.0 GPA), including a D in introductory chemistry and a C- in introductory biology. As we started to plan out her schedule, I asked her what her goal was after Hood. Without hesitation, she replied "I want to be a neuroscientist".

I hope that my face didn't reveal what I was really thinking in response to that declaration. I gently tried to point out that science didn't appear to be her strong point, and I asked her if she knew what kind of GPA medical schools typically like to see in their applicants.

She wasn't sure, and when I told her that she would probably need at least a 3.5 or higher to have a reputable medical school even look at her application when that time came, she was shocked. But, she replied "Well, I think I'm doing better in my classes this semester. I have at least a C in chemistry and biology".

Apparently math wasn't one of her strengths either, because she didn't seem to realize that a C, worth two points on the GPA scale, was not really going to bring up her GPA. We ended up deciding on a fall schedule that would move her towards completing a lot of the college core requirements, and I'll have to wait until next year to see if she finally accepts the fact that she needs to have a different career goal.

Dr. Sue Carney, is the daughter of deceased shipmate LT(jg) John Carney, former LST 1156 Engineering Officer ('68-'71). She is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Biology & Environmental Biology at Hood College.



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Maintaining the freedom of the seas.



'HOY - NOW HEAR THIS'

Vegas: Where Anything is Possible

By Ship's Historian *Rick Erisman, RM3, ('70-'71)*



Archives Update

Pittsburgh, Pa.

In our last *Newsletter*' in preparation for our 8th LST 1156 Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada September 15-18, I provided brief histories of the creation of the Lake Mead reservoir and the construction of Hoover Dam.

In this issue, I want to share with you some excerpts on the history of the *City of Las Vegas* from its official website.

Ten thousand years ago Paleo-Indians first visited the Las Vegas valley. They lived as nomads, traveling and camping in different locations. These people left behind petroglyphs that help us tell our early history.

Two thousand years ago Anasazi Indians moved into southern Nevada and lived along the Muddy and Virgin Rivers. The "Lost City" are ruins of the Anasazi community that can be found in Overton, Nevada, northwest of Las Vegas. The Paiute people also explored the Las Vegas area.

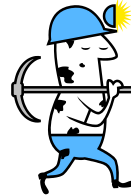
In 1829 a young scout named **Rafael Rivera** was the first person of European ancestry to look upon the valley. His discovery of a valley with abundant wild grasses growing and a plentiful water supply reduced the journey by several days. The valley is named Las Vegas, Spanish for "The Meadows."

In 1844 **John C. Fremont** arrived in Las Vegas and kept a journal describing two springs he found.

These writings were very popular and lured many individuals to the area.

In 1855 members of the Mormon Church chose Las Vegas as the site to build a fort halfway between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, where they would travel to gather supplies. The remainder of the Mormon Fort can still be seen at the intersection of Las Vegas Blvd. and Washington Ave. The fort was abandoned several years later.

In 1864 Nevada was admitted into the union as the 36th state. This day is recognized annually as a state holiday.



In the late 1800's the discovery of minerals, including precious metals, led to the beginning of the mining industry.

The State Land Act of 1885 offered sections of land at \$1.25 per acre. Farmers moved in and agriculture became the dominant industry for the next 20 years.

In the early 1900's the completion of the main railway, linking Southern California with Salt Lake City, established Las Vegas as a railroad town. The availability of water made Las Vegas an ideal refueling point and rest stop.

Las Vegas was founded as a city on May 15, 1905, when 110 acres of land situated between Stewart Ave. on the north, Garces Ave. to the south, Main St. to the west, and 5th St. (Las Vegas Blvd.), were auctioned off.

The Nevada Legislature created Clark County on July 1, 1909. The new county was named after William Clark, who brought the railroad to southern Nevada. Las Vegas became the county seat.

Las Vegas was incorporated on March 16, 1911. The population was 800. Clark County population was 3,321.

In 1911 divorce laws were liberalized in the State of Nevada, making residency easier to attain. A "quickie" divorce could be attained after six weeks of residency. These short-term residents stayed at "dude ranches" which were the forerunners of the sprawling Strip hotels. In 1930 the Las Vegas population was 5,165.

Beginning in 1931, the construction of Hoover Dam brought an influx of construction workers which started a population boom and boosted the

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Valley's economy, which was in the grips of the Great Depression.



While gambling took place illegally for many years, it was officially legalized in March 1932 by the state legislature.

In the 1940's Las Vegas' population grew to 8,422. The outbreak of World War II brought the defense industry to the valley. The isolated location, along with plentiful water and inexpensive energy, made Las Vegas an ideal site for military and defense related industries.

The site for Nellis Air Force Base was located in the northeast, and the Basic Management Complex, which provided raw materials, was located in the southeastern suburb of Henderson.

In 1945 following World War II, lavishly decorated resort hotels and gambling casinos offered top-name entertainment. Tourism and entertainment took over as the largest employer in the valley.

In 1955 the Moulin Rouge, Las Vegas' first racially integrated hotel, opened. In 1957 topless Showgirls debuted on the Strip with "Minsky's Follies."

In 1959 the Nevada State Legislature created the Nevada Gaming Commission.

In 1960 Las Vegas encompassed 25 square miles and had a population of 64,405. Clark County had a population of 127,016.

During the 1960's, a phenomenon led by **Howard Hughes**, occurred in Las Vegas. Corporations built and/or bought hotel/casino properties. They had the capital necessary and the profitability made entrance into the casino industry extremely attractive. Gambling became "gaming" and started the transition into legitimate business which occurred in 1970-1980



In 1969 **Elvis Presley** opened at the International Hotel, now known as the Las Vegas Hilton.

Unprecedented growth began in the mid-1980's to 2000 almost doubling the population due in part to an increase in the number of hotel rooms.

The 180-acre Las Vegas Springs Preserve, a cultural and national historic site near downtown Las Vegas opened in June 2007. It is commonly referred to as the "birthplace of Las Vegas."

Part of my research on Las Vegas included the following additional, what I call, *Fun Facts* about the city:



Vegas Fun Facts

By **Rick Erisman**, RM3, *Ship's Historian*

When **Paul Anka** first played Vegas he was too young to be allowed in the casino.

Bugsy Siegel named his casino the Flamingo after the long legs of his showgirl girlfriend.

In Nevada it is mandatory that video slot machines pay a minimum of 75 percent on average.

Vegas Vic, the enormous neon cowboy that towers over Fremont Street, is the world's largest mechanical neon sign.

Camels were used as pack animals in Nevada as late as 1870.

Over 37.5 million people visit Las Vegas each year.

Seventeen of the 20 biggest hotels in the U.S. are in Las Vegas.

Viva Las Vegas

COLA Count Still Negative

Through eight months of the count toward the January 2011 COLA, the count remains in negative territory at -0.6 percent, following a rise of 0.1 percentage points in May in the inflation index used to set the COLA.



Health Insights

Dog Walking Sheds Pounds

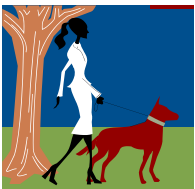


By *Beverlee Keels, CMA*

Columbus, Ohio

Your dog might truly be your best bud when it comes to losing weight.

Researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia loaned dogs to a group of volunteers.



The "dog walkers" started out by walking 10 minutes a day for three times a week and then built up to 20 minutes a day for five days a week.

Though 26 weeks of this less-than-par exercise according to a recommendation from the Surgeon General of 30 minutes a day didn't result in significant weight loss, 50 weeks of walking produced an average weight loss of 14 pounds for the humans.

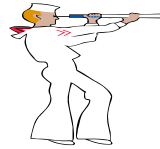
We can't bark at those results.

Eighth LST 1156 Reunion



**Las Vegas, Nevada
September 15 - 18, 2010**

Registration Deadline July 7, 2010



Naval History

1805 - Naval forces capture Derne, Tripoli; raise first U.S. flag over foreign soil.

1813 - U.S. Navy and Army forces capture York (now Toronto), Canada.

1853 - Five Navy ships leave Norfolk, Va., on three-year exploring expedition to survey the far Pacific.

1861 - President Lincoln extended blockade of Confederacy to Virginia and North Carolina ports.

1865 - Body of John Wilkes Booth brought to Washington Navy Yard.

1881 - USS Jeannette crushed in Arctic ice pack.

1927 - USS Memphis arrives at Washington, D.C., with Charles Lindbergh and his plane, Spirit of St. Louis, after his non-stop flight across the Atlantic.

1967 - Operation Great Bend in Rung Sat Zone, Vietnam.

Navy Lore

- By *Jimmy Reece, GM2, ('61-'64)*

Between the Devil & the Deep

Meridian, Miss.

In wooden ships, the "devil" was the longest seam of the ship. It ran from the bow to the stern.

When at sea and the "devil" had to be caulked, the sailor sat in a bo'sun's chair to do so. He was suspended between the "devil" and the sea the "deep" a very precarious position, especially when the ship was underway.





A Civil War Anomaly



By **Paula Johnson**, Historian

Columbus, Ohio

April 1865: Wilmer McLean, a prominent sugar broker, was strolling down the main street of his adopted home town, Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on a bright spring day.

He is approached by a young Confederate officer who is looking for an appropriate site for a meeting between two important generals. Lt. Col. Charles Marshall explains that he has been ordered to find a suitable location for Generals Lee and Grant to meet to discuss the surrender of the Confederate Army.

McLean shows Marshall several vacant properties in town, but the front parlor of McLean's own home is selected. Ironically, Wilmer McLean is no stranger to this awful war. In fact, you might even say that the American Civil War started and ended with Wilmer McLean!

Born in 1814 to an important Alexandria, Virginia family, Wilmer McLean followed his father into the family wholesale grocery business. He married wealthy widow, Virginia Beverly Mason in 1850 and took over the management of her family's plantation in Fairfax County. "Yorkshire", as the 1200-acre farm was known, was located next to Bull Run Creek near the village of Manassas, a strategic location due to its north-south railroad connection and into the Shenandoah Valley.

In July 1861, Wilmer felt that he was too old to rejoin his Virginia Militia unit and decided that the best way for him to help the Confederate "cause" was to loan out his property to the army.

The farmhouse was used as a headquarters for Brig. Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard; the barn was to be used as a military hospital. This meant that the McLean family had to relocate. Virginia and her five children stayed with various relatives for the next two years. Wilmer worked for the army as a quartermaster for a time.

First Major Battle

During the Battle of 1st Bull Run/ 1st Manassas, the first major battle of the war, the McLean farm

was shelled constantly. The Union needed to take possession of the railroad junction, cutting off the supply-lines to the Confederacy.

Beauregard's headquarters in the McLean farmhouse was a major target. During one of the attacks, a shell tumbled down the chimney into the kitchen, ruining a stew that was being prepared for General Beauregard's lunch.

Confederate occupation of the property and the constant bombardment by Union forces rendered the property uninhabitable following the battle, which was a Confederate victory. Even the large barn, clearly marked by the yellow hospital flag, was shelled by the Union Army, much to the disgust of General Beauregard.

By 1863, Wilmer had taken a job as a sugar broker, travelling mostly in southern Virginia. He was able to purchase a farm in Appomattox Court House, a small town about 150 miles south of Manassas and a long way from the war which was still raging.

At last, Virginia, Wilmer and their five children could live peacefully together without the fear of war in their midst. That is, until the day Wilmer went for a walk and encountered Charles Marshall.

Signing the Surrender



The McLean home

On the afternoon of April 9, 1865 a battle-weary Robert E. Lee arrived at the McLean home on his freshly groomed horse, Traveler. Lee was resplendent in a clean, freshly pressed uniform, highly polished cavalry boots, an ornamental sword at his side.

Ulysses S. Grant arrived late for the meeting. Coming directly from the field, he was dressed in a mud-spattered, mismatched uniform and dusty boots. His hair and beard were disheveled.

The generals chatted amicably for a short while, recalling a time long before when they had met.

They discussed the extremely generous terms of surrender, signed the document after it had been drafted, shook hands and departed, never to meet again.

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Following the surrender, members of the Army of the Potomac made off with most of household furnishings and even pieces of the house as souvenirs of this historic event.

General Phillip H. Sheridan took the table on which the Articles of Surrender had been drafted and presented it to Elizabeth Custer, General George A. Custer's wife. The McLean home was emptied of most of its contents.

An astonished Wilmer McLean was given a handful of cash to compensate for his belongings. He later said, "These armies tore my place on Bull Run all to pieces ... so I came here ... hoping I should never see another soldier again. Now, just look around you! Not a fence-rail is left on the place, the last guns trampled down all my crops, and Lee surrenders in my house".

The Union Army remained on site for another two weeks. General John Gibbon used the McLean home as his headquarters. Wilmer assisted other local citizens in establishing a Confederate cemetery nearby. They dug fresh graves, reinterred bodies and placed new headstones. The McLean family remained in the Appomattox house until 1867.

Unable to keep up the mortgage payments, they returned briefly to the Yorkshire plantation, and then moved on to Alexandria. Wilmer worked for the Internal Revenue Service from 1873 until 1876, and transferred to the U.S. Bureau of Customs until 1880. He died June 5, 1882 and is buried in Alexandria, Virginia, at St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery next to his wife, Virginia.

The Appomattox Court House property was sold at public auction to a private owner and sold again in 1891. The house was dismantled, the intention being that it should be rebuilt as a museum in Washington D.C. Funding for this venture, however, was never obtained and the building

materials were left to rot until the National Park Service stepped in.

The McLean home was rebuilt on its initial site with many of the original materials, including about 5000 of the bricks. A dedication of the museum took place in April 1950 with Robert E. Lee IV and Ulysses S. Grant III in attendance.



Sadly, the Yorkshire Plantation exists no more. An historical marker is located where the McLean farm-house once stood.

The marker can be found in the parking lot of a CVS Pharmacy near Manassas.

Fiscal Year „11



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Four Goals in Life



By *Sarah Martin*

Delaware, Ohio

Everyone has always told me that time flies by and to enjoy high school while you can. They are the best years of your life. However, I think they are wrong.

High school does fly by, but it is not the best years of your life, it's what makes you who you are in life. Good, bad or otherwise, if it was supposed to be the best, why continue on, it is not going to get any better than it already is? I've learned that it is what builds you as a person. You are forced to think, ask, and discover on your own. It leads from a small beginning to hopefully a huge future.

High school is best described as the Animal Kingdom. There are the prowlers who thrive on gossip and the less fortunate. There are the cheetahs using bursts of energy to show off their athletic ability. There are the wise owls who are silent, but not to be mistaken for lack of intelligence.

All sorts of animals and people make up the Animal Kingdom of high school. It is not the best years of your life, because the best years may have not been lived yet.

I think the best years will come with hard work and dedication in high school that will lead to an amazing future. Personally, the best years of my life are just getting started.

Stephen Covey wrote in a book, *First things first*, "to live, to love, to learn, to leave a legacy" are things that everyone needs to do in life. I had heard this statement before many times and never thought much about it.

Looking back on high school I have learned from a beloved teacher, **Mark Ellwood**, that everyone is either a "plus" or a "minus" in your life, no one is ever neutral. He explained that everyone

you meet is either better off to have met you, or they are better off never knowing you and only you get to decide which one it is going to be. So between what Covey and Ellwood have said, I learned more about myself and the people around me.

Goal #1

I have learned to take a new approach on life, I learned to LOVE it. Every day is a gift that I will not take for granted. Believe it or not, that approach has made the difference. I slowed down, stopped trying to overwhelm myself with studies, and started "living." I took up cake decorating as a relaxing hobby, something I never thought I would do. I make time to read a book every night. I stopped sleeping in until eleven in the morning and rise at seven to get all I can out of my day.

These slight changes have made a huge difference for me. I feel like I've accomplished Covey's first goal; "to live."

Goal #2

Shakespeare said it best, "love all, trust few, do wrong to no one." I have always stood by this motto, and it only holds true the longer time goes on. Everyone you meet will be in need of a friend. Everyone you meet is fighting a battle in some way, shape, or form.

I have learned that you can never look down on someone unless you are helping them up. Just because the mighty have fallen does not mean that it is deserved or not a lesson learned. To be a plus in someone's life, you must learn "to love."

Goal #3

That leaves Covey's third goal, "to learn". First my thought was "to learn what?" Then the more I thought about it, it means to learn from everything and everyone. You can learn from a textbook, you can learn from experience, and you can learn from one another.

About three years ago I started working at Worthington Pizza Primo. Who would have thought that's how I would meet Dave Bader. Little did I know that I would be honored with writing articles for the LST 1156 bi-monthly *Newsletter*. I have learned so much from him as a person, as my editor, and as my friend.

People are amazing, and the more you get to know them, the more you learn about them and

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yourself. Covey's third goal is fulfilled. I have learned.

Goal #4

So last but not least, "leave a legacy." I guess, I will have to wait and see. Personally I do not feel like I have accomplished that nor do I believe my best years were in high school, but they are both yet to come.

Shortly following graduation, I learned all of these lessons and understood them, high school is not the best years of your life, but what makes you who you are. It doesn't matter where you start in life, but where you finish.

High school is just the beginning of the journey we call life. It's what's in the middle that matters. Many people refer to this as "the dash". The dash means, what is on your tomb stone. The date you were born, dash, the date you died.

Mother Teresa 26 August 1910- 5 September 1997. It did not matter when Mother Teresa was born or when she died, it's what she did in between, the dash, it made her who she was. She lived, loved, learned and left a legacy.

What will be your legacy?



Sarah Martin graduated from Thomas Worthington High School in June, and will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University in September. She is planning to major in Psychology.

Judy's Thought for the Day

"You gotta be a man to play baseball for a living, but you gotta have a lot of little boy in you too."

- Roy Campanella

- **Judy Robinson**, Associate Member
Kirkwood, Missouri



Fight Club



Photo courtesy of National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution

American women have contributed significantly to war efforts ever since Molly Pitcher carried water to soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Of course, credit is not always given when it's due. Recently, however, there's been some buzz about women's roles in the military – past and present.

The Navy in February ended its ban on women serving aboard submarines, while Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey has said he supports a review of the military's policy on women in combat.

But perhaps the most overdue recognition for service came during a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony on Capitol Hill this spring for the first women who flew and tested military aircraft in World War II. At the event honoring Women Airforce Service Pilots, Lt. Col. Nichole Malachowski, the first female Thunderbird pilot, described her initial encounter with the group at a "small display in a dusty little corner" of the Smithsonian in the summer of 1986. Their story helped write my story," she said.

Until the government granted them veterans status in 1977, WASPs weren't entitled to the same benefits as male pilots. Thirty-eight female aviators died in service.

SOURCE: Government Executive



A World of Support at Your Fingertips

Distance Support

By Rev. **George Fox, FT3**, ('59-'61)
Pastor, North Flushing Assembly of God



Flushing, N.Y.

Since its creations in 1994, the Assemblies of God National Prayer Center (NPC) has received millions of calls, e-mails requesting prayer, and request submitted to prayer.ag.org. Many of those requests have been prayed over by volunteers working the 1-800-4-PRAYER calling line and by other serving on the Intercessory Prayer Network who receive requests that come to the Web site, via e-mail, the phones and other means.

However, NPC Director John Meampa believes there are still many people who are missing out on the power of prayer in their lives - either too timid to share their needs with others or trying to somehow solve their own problems.

“Frequently, prayer is a last resort for people - not until they’re truly broken and desperate do they turn to God,” Maempa says. He says answers to prayer are regularly reported to the NPC.

Several years ago, I preached in a church in Sullivan, Ohio. At the conclusion of my sermon I requested that anyone with a need come up for prayer. A lady came up, asked for prayer for her carpal tunnel syndrome which rendered her right hand immobile. Immediately after prayer she said “I feel a warmth in my wrist, I just felt something go snip.” Instantly she regained use of her hand.

God heals and answers prayer. The substance of this article and other inspiring stories can be accessed on line at pe.ag.org. This article was taken from the weekly publication Pentecostal Evangel June 27, 2010.

*Rev. **George Fox's** column provides Association members with a single place to learn about spiritual support, or request, distance support services. He can be contacted by e-mail at gfox9@nyc.rr.com or by phone at 718.762.7895 or Cell: 917 749 7895.*

Navy Exchange Launches Info Center

Navy Exchange customers can now use the Internet to compare products they are considering for purchase.

Using NEXCOM's Web store product information center, registered patrons can select from stateside or overseas menus, then click on product categories.

Besides product description and pricing information, the site also offers customers to post their own reviews of items they have purchased.

The site is viewable at
www.myNavyExchange.com.

VA Copay Update

On June 9, the Veterans Administration announced that veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities - referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 veterans - will now pay an additional \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications.

Taking effect on July 1, the increase to \$9.00 from \$8.00 is the first change in VA medication copay since January 2006.

Veterans in Priority groups 2-6 will have no increase in their copay. The prices will hold steady for the next 18 months and will again be looked at in JAN 2012.

Source: NAUS Weekly

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Celebrations!



Birthdays

By *Terry Rowe, SK2, ('59-'62)*

Dahlonge, Ga.

Here's wishing a "*Gator*" *Happy Birthday* to the following association members who are celebrating their special day during July or August this year:

July

- **Robert Andrews, ET3, ('54-'57), July 14**
- **Burgess Brightman, SN, ('58-'62), July 24**
- **Richard Broyles, SH3, (1960), July 7**
- **Denis Carter, EMC, ('69-'72), July 30**
- **Gary Crossland, RM2, ('57-'59), July 27**
- **James Gilbert, SM2, ('66-'69), July 29**
- **Clair "Dutch" Hinderliter, SK3, ('59-'62), July 22**
- **Richard Kunz, SN ('66-'67), July 26**
- **Stan Okin, RM3, ('55-'56), July 20**
- **Raymond Pfeiffer, RM3, ('70-'71), July 1**
- **Robert Rackleff, PN3, ('65-'67), July 12**
- **William Spivey, BM3, ('64-'66), July 31**
- **Charles Vores, CSSN, ('63-'65), July 17**

August

- **Ronald Bloss, GM3, *Plankholder*, ('52-'55), August 23**
- **Jerry Bolmarcich, BM3, ('52-'55), *Plankholder*, August 6**
- **Sam Portelli, SN, ('57-'60), August 9**
- **Lindsay Shuford, LT, ('58-'61), August 5**
- **Robert Swisher, FN, *Plankholder*, ('52-'54), August 16**
- **Harold Templet, PN2, ('70-'71), August 1**
- **Andrew Vyniski, FN, ('62-'63), August 12**
- **Carlton Warner, GMSN, ('57-'60), August 2**
- **Leslie Wise, EN3, ('59-'63), August 10**

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2010 Schedule

FOOTBALL



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/06/10	vs. Maryland	M&T Bank Stadium	4:00 p.m.
09/11/10	vs. Georgia Southern	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m.
09/18/10	at Louisiana Tech	Ruston, La.	7:00 p.m.
10/02/10	at Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colo.	TBA
10/09/10	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	TBA
10/16/10	vs. SMU	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m.
10/23/10	vs. Notre Dame	East Rutherford, N.J.	TBA
10/30/10	vs. Duke	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m.
11/06/10	at East Carolina	Greenville, N.C.	TBA
11/13/10	vs. Central Michigan	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m.
11/20/10	vs. Arkansas State	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m.
12/11/10	vs. Army	Philadelphia, Pa.	TBA

WORTH REPEATING

"One should not wait for storms to pass - we need to learn to dance in the rain."

- Audrey Bens Eule, Olmsted Falls, Ohio

- What's Ahead-



Eighth LST 1156 Reunion

„Viva Las Vegas“

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

- LST 1156 Reunion Kick-off Event -

**Thursday, September 16, 2010
Group Tour**

The Desert Princess



Lake Mead Cruise and the Mighty Hoover Dam

**Friday, September 17, 2010
- Business Meeting -**

*** Reception & Banquet Dinner *
Group Photos**

**Guest Speaker:
Colonel Brennan T. Byrne, USMC
Commander of School of Infantry West
Camp Pendleton, CA**

Nellis AFB Honor Guard

Saturday, September 18, 2010

**Legends in Concert Show
*„A Night to Remember“***



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Reunion Registration Deadline: 07/07/2010

Eighth LST 1156 Reunion

SPECIAL REUNION RATES

Hotel:

Harrah's

Las Vegas



**Phone Reservations: 800-901-5188
For Group Rate Use Code: SHUSS0
\$74.00 Sunday - Thursday + tax
Friday - Saturday \$89.00 + plus tax
(Rate(s) for 2 adults per room).**

For on-line reservations:

<https://www.harrah.com/CheckGroupAvailability.do?propCode=LAS&groupCode=SHUSS0>

**Hotel Reservation Deadline for Group Rate:
8/1/2010**

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