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## U.S. Navy's 236<sup>th</sup> Birthday-13 October



**The United States Navy** traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on 13 October 1775 by authorizing the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.

The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.



**First Navy Jack**

After the American War for Independence, Congress sold the surviving ships of the Continental Navy and released the seamen and officers.

The Constitution of the United States ratified in 1789, empowered Congress “to provide and maintain a navy.” Acting on this authority, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates in 1794, and the War Department

administered naval affairs from that year until Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

Not to be confused with the Navy Birthday or the founding of the Navy Department is Navy Day. The Navy League sponsored the first national observance of Navy Day in 1922 designed to give recognition to the naval service.

The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy’s birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents.

Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.”

**Happy Birthday Navy!**

*This column has appeared annually since 2002.*

### 9<sup>th</sup> LST 1156 Reunion

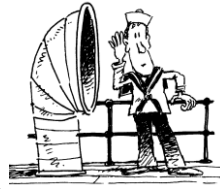


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**May 16 – 19, 2012**



## A Call of Tribute To Flag & Country



As we all are aware, for the past several years, Americans have been abused, assaulted and called names for just trying to get our country going in the right direction again.

Now is a good time to stand up to be counted as a patriot. It's time to show the world that Americans stand together by displaying on your property the symbol that stands for freedom, the American flag known as "Old Glory"

We should never tire of seeing the colors red, white and blue, or take what it represents for granted. We have the most beautiful flag ever conceived so why not put it up and let it wave at your home, and every home in America.



**We display the flag on special occasions. Isn't freedom every day a special occasion?**



of the flag going by in a parade or other event brings a lump in the throats of true patriots.

Many over the years have displayed our flag at special occasions. But isn't everyday that we are free a special occasion? Sure it is and every American patriot and veteran should display Old Glory and again show the world that we are still strong and that freedom still rings in the United States.

Many T-bone Association members display the American flag every day outside their homes. And we all should. If you don't right now is a good time for every former LST 1156 crewmember and other readers of this newsletter to display the flag each and every day.

If you don't own a flag, visit a local retail or specialty flag store in your area and purchase one to display. If you don't have a flagpole in the ground, then just use a standard attachment to the front of your garage door, or front porch area to fly our flag.

This visible show of patriotism and respect for our country's traditions is more important now than ever before.

It's also what keeps alive the memory of those who served in the armed forces to protect our freedom.



As a reminder, veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect in October 2008.

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# Keel is Laid Down for New Virginia-class Sub Minnesota

Submitted by *Ralph "Eddie" Reynolds, FT3, ('68)*

*Bedford, Va.*

**NEWPORT NEWS, Va.** - The nation's largest military shipbuilder is celebrating the keel laying for Virginia-class submarine Minnesota.

Huntington Ingalls Industries hosted a ceremony on May 22 in Newport News.

Ellen Roughead is the ship's sponsor and served as the keel authenticator for the ceremony. She is a Minnesota native and wife of Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead.

The Minnesota will be the 10th of a projected 30 Virginia-class submarines. Construction began in February 2008 and the submarine is about 60 percent complete.

Officials say the name Minnesota was selected to honor the state's residents and their continued support of the U.S. military. The state is home to 46 Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the Vietnam War.

SOURCE: *Roanoke Times*

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## *Military Retiree Pay Dates to Change*

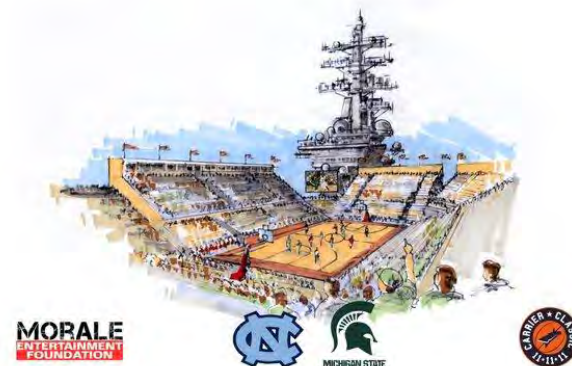
Paydays for military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay are changing for the months of September and December to comply with a provision in the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act.

The law requires military retiree pay to be processed on the first day of the month. When that day falls on a weekend or national holiday, the pay date is moved to the previous business day.

This year payments normally scheduled for Oct. 3, 2011 will be issued on Sept. 30, 2011, and payments normally scheduled for Jan. 3, 2012, will be issued on Dec. 30, 2011.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has issued a notice that the change will mean military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments in calendar year 2011 and this could change the tax liability of some retirees and those who receive portions of their retired pay.

## *College Hoops Game to be Played on Vinson*



The first college hoops game aboard an aircraft carrier is a go, with Carl Vinson set to host the North Carolina-Michigan State matchup on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, according to the Navy's Chief of Information.

A plan to distribute tickets for the 7,000 or so seats hasn't been created yet, said Rear Adm. Denny Moynihan, but they will go to sailors and their families, wounded warriors and representatives of the two universities.

"We are very excited," Moynihan said. "We believe that this game will be a celebration of service for all of our veterans."

The game will be paid for by Morale Entertainment Foundation and won't cost the Navy anything, Moynihan said.

The foundation has set up a contingency plan in case of rain.

Michael Rowe of Positive Impact, a sports consulting group based in New Jersey, told The Associated Press in June that two courts will be built for the game, one for the flight deck and one for the hangar deck. There will also be a wind screen to create a controlled environment for the teams to play in.

The Carl Vinson was used to bury Osama bin Laden at sea after he was killed by Navy SEALs in May.

SOURCE: *Navy Office of Information*



## *Decommissioning Crewmember And Plankholder Meet in W.Va.*



Photo by Donna Erisman, Assoc. Member

**BUCKHANNON, W.Va. – Plankholder and Association VP, Bill McKnight, CSSN, ('52-'54), left, and Ship's Historian, Rick Erisman, RM3, ('70-'71) met at the Buckhannon Huddle House Restaurant on Sept. 8. Rick and his wife Donna were traveling in the area and took the opportunity to get together with Bill. Former ship's radioman, Rick, and ship's ex-cook, Bill, had a great time reminiscing over waffles and coffee about their tours of duty aboard the T-bone, and the several Association reunions that they attended together. Bill, Rick and Donna look forward to seeing each other again at the Savannah reunion in May.**

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## **Army Settles on Site For National Museum**

Army officials have selected the north post of Fort Belvoir, Va., as the location for a national museum highlighting the service's history.

Construction on the museum will begin in 2012, while an opening is set for June 2015. The Army predicts the facility will receive 740,000 visitors annually, with up to 4,800 people visiting on peak days.

Located on a 41-acre site near the Fairfax County Parkway, the museum will feature exhibit halls, a theater, a veterans' hall and an experiential learning center, according to the plans. Currently, the Army is the only branch of the military without a centralized museum.

## **Now the Lighter Side of Navy SEALs News**



The Navy SEALs, who have traditionally been best known for keeping a low profile, are having to adjust to their newfound fame. The elite stealth force, thrust into the spotlight after the successful raid of Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, are so hot that:

- The SEALs are in the market for Web-hosting services to accommodate the sudden interest in their operations and the Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman training. Recent events have demonstrated that SEALSWCC.com, as the authoritative voice for SEAL and SWCC training, makes the website vulnerable to significant spikes in traffic," a solicitation released May 20 states. "It is imperative that SEALSWCC.com not experience periods of downtime."
- Websites run by former SEALs are in high demand, civilians looking to experience the notoriously brutal training that SEALs must endure are turning to people like Mark Divine, a former SEAL commander who offers training camps for the curious and the hardy. Ever since Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden, Divine's business has been booming, both at his Encinitas gym and on his website navySEALs.com.
- Even dating websites are seeing some SEAL action. Since the death of Osama bin Laden, increased numbers of men have been claiming to be US Navy SEALs on dating websites.

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## Circus Nostalgia

By **Don Snyder, YN3,**  
*USS CAMBRIA (APA 36) ('55-'57)*

*Anderson, Indiana*

Looking back in time, I recall as a youngster in my hometown of Peru, Indiana taking my trusty slingshot (homemade) and along with a friend going to a lumber yard and hunting for pigeons to prove our expertise at sharp shooting that unfortunately didn't prove to be fruitful in that neither of us could hit a pigeon!

That same lumberyard is now the site of the Peru Amateur Circus which is held every year by daring, talented amateur performers that give audiences a three-ring show of their hard work, dedication and showmanship.

### Step Back in Time



Take yourself back in time to a period in your youth when a visit to the circus was something you waited all year to come to your town or near you. It was an era in which attending a big extravaganza with clowns, bareback riders, trapeze artists, animal trainers, lions, tigers, elephants, zebras and many, many other animals to gawk at in amazement was a thrill of a lifetime.

Peru, Indiana was the circus winter quarters where the International Circus Hall of Fame is located (established by Ben Wallace in 1892).

Circus wagons were repaired, painted and carvings gold leafed. A thousand horses roamed the fields and hundreds of exotic animals were housed and trained in numerous barns.

The "old timers" tell that it was not unusual to see zebras and camels grazing on snow covered ground. Visitors passed by daily just to see what was going on.

Today, visitors to the old circus winter quarters become a part of its "past and present" as they journey through the Magical World of Circus.



**The World's Most Famous Clown –  
My Neighbor**

I remember, during that grade school period in my life that some people moved into the house next door, which I soon discovered were circus people wintering in Peru until time to hit the circus circuit.

These folks, I met and became acquainted with were the family of the famous sad faced clown Emmett Kelly (the World's Most Famous Clown - "Weary Willie").

His main routine was to have a spot light on him and with a broom he would keep sweeping the ray until it dissipated into a speck which he would sweep into a dust pan - and weep over it.



If anyone is interested in pursuing a period back in time, I highly recommend a visit to the International Circus Hall of Fame guided by circus greats. These are performers, owners and working men and women who have shaped the American Circus with their talents and skills, their laughter and tears.

Your journey wouldn't be complete without seeing



the museum and menagerie. The museum is filled with exciting and educational exhibits, colorful wagons, posters and costumes, a fantastic miniature circus with old

fashioned street parade.

Visit the menagerie which houses elephants, other exotic animals, horses and ponies.

Be assured there is nothing "dusty" or dull on your journey through the Magical World of Circus at the International Circus Hall of Fame.

For more information, visit their website at [www.circushof.com](http://www.circushof.com), or call 800.771.0241.

# IN MEMORIAM



**Richard D. Malone, YNT3**  
**1938 – 2011**



Shipmate **Richard D. Malone**, YNT3, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Ill. on July 21.

A life-long resident of Illinois, Richard was a resident of Sullivan.

He reported aboard the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) in 1955 and served as a Yeoman Third Class in the ship's office for three years.

Richard had been a supervisor at Firestone in Decatur for over twenty years. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and woodworking.

He had been a member of the T-bone Association and a member of the Sullivan American Legion Post # 68.

Celebration of Life services were held on July 26 in Sullivan, followed by military rites conducted by American Legion Post # 68.



**Ronnie C. Kelley, RMC, USN, (Ret.)**  
**1945 - 2011**



**Ronnie C. Kelley**, RM2, ('69-'70), a resident of Chesnee, S.C., passed away on August 20, while in Oslo, Norway.

He served on board the LST 1156 as a Radioman from November 1969 to November 1970, and had been a member of the LST 1156 Association.

Ronnie retired as a Chief Radioman from the Navy after 24 years of service.

He also retired from the U. S. Foreign Service after 20+ years and continued to perform contract work until his death.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted in Spartanburg, S.C. on September 10.



**Burgess M. Brightman, Jr., SN**  
**1938 – 2011**



Shipmate, and T-bone Association member, **Burgess M. Brightman, Jr.**, CSSN, ('58-'62), of Merrimack, N.H. passed away at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, N.H. on February 24.

Following his naval service he worked at Raytheon as a Computer Operator until his retirement in 2000.

Burgess was a 50-year member of the Cochickewick Masonic Lodge as a Master Mason, a member of the Shriners-Aleppo, and the American Legion of Merrimack. In his spare time, he enjoyed karaoke, traveling, hiking, and cross country skiing.

Burial was in Andover, Mass on February 24.

**Richard R. Spade, DCFN**  
**1949 - 2010**



The T-bone Association has just learned of the passing of shipmate **Richard R. Spade**, DCFN, ('68-'71), on August 12, 2010. Richard was a member of the ship's decommissioning crew in 1971 and a 30-year employee of Kodak before retiring.



**Robert F. Niewoehner, YN3**  
**1940-2011**

Shipmate **Robert F. (Bob) Niewoehner**, YN3, ('65-'67), died on Wednesday, Aug. 3, in Galveston, Texas.

Bob, a ten-year Navy veteran, served two duty tours in Viet Nam.



He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and following his military service in 1968, Bob completed his education with an Engineering degree.

Private burial services were held at the Veterans Memorial National Cemetery in Houston.



## Distance Support

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### The Power of Words

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



*Flushing, N.Y.*

“And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the fiery hell” (Matthew 18:8,9, NASB).

The above is not a call to self-mutilation for the kingdom of God. Rather, it is a classic example of “The literary device called hyperbole”. Jewish rabbis and Greco-Roman teachers alike used deliberate exaggerations to grab the attention of an audience and to make their point unforgettable.

Jesus' words here are not soon forgotten. They invoke a picture that is on the surface quite grotesque.

One cringes at the thought of lopping off a hand or foot, or gouging out an eye! But Matthew's Jewish audience would have been revolted at those images for another reason: They were utterly detestable to a Jew. Self-mutilation was practiced among pagans. Think of the 450 prophets of Baal who cut themselves in a desperate and frenzied act of worship (1 Kings 18:28). Likewise, Paul no doubt shocked the Judaizers when he referred to this practice to underscore how deeply he abhorred his opponents' insistence on circumcision in the Galatian church (Galatians 5:12; see also Philippians 3:2).

Why, then, would our Lord use such offensive language and imagery in His teaching? The shocking character of His words underscores the vital importance of the issue at hand. Looking at the immediate context we know that Jesus is

teaching about how to enter the kingdom of heaven. This is Matthew's preferred way of referring to the kingdom of God. Jesus points out the necessity of childlike humility for entrance into the Kingdom (Matthew 18:3,4), then warns of God's judgment on anyone who causes a child to stumble. The Greek verb (skandalidzo) means to "cause one to fall," usually by means of a snare. The New Testament often uses it to refer to a temptation or enticement to sin, as it does in this passage (v. 7).

Our passage is an extension of that warning, dramatically emphasizing how dangerous it is to entertain a stumbling block in one's life. Jesus' point is shockingly clear.

Deal decisively, radically and immediately with those things that cause you to stumble. Cut them out of your life. What is at stake is nothing less than failing to enter God's eternal kingdom. As unpopular as the thought may be today, the eternal fire of hell (vv. 8, 9) is the consequence of that failure.

What are those "things" of which Jesus warns? We should note that Jesus chose three parts of the body that are necessary and provide vital functions. Jesus is not talking about specific sins. If that were the case, the passage would simply call for repentance and the obedience of faith. Jesus' words project a more subtle and pervasive warning that covers and challenges the totality of our lives.

We need to exercise discipline to identify and radically deal with anything that undermines our commitment to live as citizens of God's kingdom here on earth under the lordship of Christ.

These "things" could be people or possessions, associations or relationships, habits or practices. Even good things can become stumbling blocks apart from childlike humility, Holy Spirit discernment and a Kingdom perspective. No, Jesus is not calling you to literally cut off a limb. But He is absolutely calling you to cut out of your life anything that would move you toward sin. Let the Holy Spirit give you that discernment and instruct you through God's Word to see those "things" that compete for Kingdom supremacy in your life.

Let Him empower you to put God's kingdom above every earthly pursuit or pleasure and "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33, NKJV).

*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 [revgfox77@aol.com](mailto:revgfox77@aol.com), or by phone at 718.762.7895,(C) 917 749 7895. 7*

# Personal Impressions

By Sue Carney, Ph.D.



## The Classroom: There's More to it & Less Of it

*Frederick, Md.*

I'm not THAT old, but times sure have changed since I was a student. Gone are the days when a textbook, a notebook, and pen/pencil were the primary course materials.



**Blackboard** Blackboard or another online course management system, now serves as a place where students in each class can access all course materials, including the syllabus, assignment guidelines, reminders, notes and other documents.

Today's textbooks usually come with companion websites where students can go to view animations and videos, take practice quizzes, and use other, interactive features. Many current textbooks are available in electronic form to be viewed on a computer or iPad. (Surprisingly, though, most of my students still prefer to have a traditional textbook, although many rent them now instead of buying them).

Also passed are the days when students showed up to class to write down for themselves, from a chalkboard or overhead projector, what the instructor covered that day.



Today, most instructors flip through slides of a PowerPoint file connected to an LCD projector. Nowadays, students are used to getting at least a partial set of an instructor's notes ahead of

time (and they are upset if they do not have access to these notes); many of them simply follow along (*sometimes* annotating) printed copies of PowerPoint slides.

Some professors record their lectures as podcasts, so that students can listen to them again. Many students take notes on laptops (when they are not surfing the web, instant messaging with their friends, or checking their friends' Facebook status).

They are bored if professors simply talk at them for the entire class; instead, they expect (and yet sometimes complain about) an active learning environment classroom, where they are encouraged to participate in discussions and do in-class activities.

They expect to be able to access their professors nearly all of the time; I am always still amused by students who send me an email at 2:00 a.m. the morning that an assignment is due expecting an instant reply to their question(s).



What to make of all of these changes?

On one hand, advances in technology allow students and professors to cover more material in greater depth, from many more angles, and with more valuable supporting visual aids than before.

On the other hand, students, in a way, seem to have to do less to get information, so some of them seem to have a hard time learning it.

Many of them do not know how to take good notes because they are typically given, or can access, them from their instructors. Students today learn differently, having spent most of their lives in front of an electronic screen of some sort.

Their brains are used to a constant overload of visual stimulation, and their attention spans typically seem to be rather short.

Mature students can be disciplined enough to resist the temptation of distractions, but for others, it becomes my challenge to keep them engaged in my courses. It makes me feel old to think that I grew up in a time that is so different from the 18 to 22-year-olds of today, but it keeps me young to continually have to learn new ways to connect with members of this generation.

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



# 'AHoy, NOW HEAR THIS'

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



## *On the Road*



Donna & Rick at Machu Picchu, Peru

*Pittsburgh, Pa.*

In June, Donna and I finally made a postponed destination to Machu Picchu, the Incan citadel high in the Peruvian Andes.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its discovery on July 24, 1911 by Hiram Bingham III.

We flew to the capital city of Lima where we were met by our driver and guide who accompanied us to the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu and the historical Incan city of Cusco. It was a great trip!

### **A Visit to Lake Winnepesaukee**

In July we visited my nephew near the lake port of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. He took his family and us on a cruise of Lake Winnepesaukee in a 22" 250 HP outboard craft.

I was "First Mate" and believe it or not, I did put some of my knot-tying training and nautical skills to good use when we docked for lunch at Shibley's in Alton Bay and return to the Goodhue & Hawkins Navy Yard marina.



I even assisted with scrubbing down the decks following our excursion.

### **Archives Update**

I wanted to share with you an article I came across about the history of cruise books. While aboard the "T-Bone" I received two cruise books which I donated to our archives at the Regional Military Museum in Houma, La. They were from our Carib 1-70 cruise and Med 3-70 cruise.

Many shipmates have their own personal collections of cruise books they received during their tours aboard LST 1156 and other duty stations. Some were responsible for editing and printing them. Some of you may recall the mimeograph machines.

The Plan of the Day (POD), Tee Pee News and port visit information during our cruises were printed on them. I think you will find this cruise book history very interesting as I did.

### **Cruise Books Document Naval History**

At this time of the year, the Naval Historical Foundation's Historical Services Division receives numerous requests for copies of cruise books and ship photos.

With offices at the Washington Navy Yard, the foundation's researchers have ready access to the Navy Department Library's large collection of cruise books and the million-plus images in the Naval History and Heritage Command's photographic archives.

Cruise books date from the latter 19<sup>th</sup> century. Quasi-official government publications, they often were compiled and organized by members of a ship's crew in conjunction with an event such as the voyage of the Great White Fleet or the presence of a dignitary traveling on a diplomatic mission.

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Some books were published following deployments during World War I. However, the tradition truly came into its own at the end of World War II.

The Navy Department Library holds more than 700 World War II-vintage books. Many cover the deployments of ships to the Atlantic and Pacific, others focus on the activities of air squadrons, Seabee units, training stations and hospitals.

Some were do-it-yourself publications, printed on mimeograph machines. Others were printed with the help of commercial presses ashore.

Following World War II, the deployment patterns of the U.S. Navy served to foster a growing cruise book industry that saw printing companies vying for the rights to publish books that would keep memories alive for shipmates long after a ship was decommissioned. Central to these books were group photos of Sailors posing with their divisions or squadrons.

The Navy Department Library has several thousand books dating from the Cold War through the present. The vast majority of the collection has come - and continues to come - thanks to the generosity of the families of deceased crew members and ship reunion groups.

The Naval History and Heritage Command's photographic archives predate the cruise book collection by several decades. When James R. Soley assumed duties as the Navy Department librarian in 1882, he started collecting prints and photographs of naval warships and battles.

As part of his initiative to publish a multi-volume series that would become known as the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion, Soley collected naval images from this important era of American history which became the genesis for the present collection.

Designated as the Office of Naval Records and Library (NR&L) in 1915, the Navy's history branch focused on capturing past records.

Adm. William F. Sims soon thereafter formed a Historical Section within his U.S. Naval Forces in Europe Command to document U.S. Navy involvement in "The Great War." Eventually, this Historical Section and its staff came to Washington at the end of the war.

On Aug. 1, 1921, retired Capt. Dudley Knox was appointed to serve as head of both the Historical

Section and Office of Naval Records and Library. In 1927, the two organizations were merged.

Under Knox's leadership, and with the cataloging skills of photo staff, the collection was organized into an old NR&L series (pre-1910) and modern NR&L series (post-1910). NR&L photo numbers were assigned to images received up until 1968, when a new consolidated NH numbering system was instituted.

The Office of Naval Records and Library were merged in August 1949 with the Office of Naval History, which had been formed during World War II. The vast scope of World War II led to the formation of what became the Naval Photographic Center, responsible for receiving and maintaining the Navy's contemporary photographic images.

Beginning in the 1950's, much of this collection was retired to the National Archives, while the remainder is now held by the Defense Visual Information Center.

However, the photographic collection at the Naval History and Heritage Command-the successor organization to the Office of Naval History and then the Naval Historical Center-has continued to grow from internal Navy sources and external contributions.

Though contemporary photographs are now being digitally archived by the Department of Defense, more than 1 million print images from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries retained at the Naval History and Heritage Command will serve as research treasure for generations to come.

SOURCE: *Seapower*/December 2010 Historical Perspective



### Living 100...

**More than 3,400 Sailors and 50 veterans gathered at Ross Field at Naval Station Great Lakes to form the "Living 100" on Flag Day. Ross Field is the original location where all new Sailors graduated from boot camp to enter the Navy. Naval Station Great Lakes is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.**



## Bookshelf

➤ *The Profession*, by **Steven Pressfield**, Crown Publishers, June 2011, 300 pages

### Futuristic Soldiers of Fortune



**The year is 2032.** The third Iran-Iraq war is over; the 11/11 dirty-bomb attack on the port of Long Beach, California is receding into memory; Saudi Arabia has recently quelled a coup; Russians and Turks are clashing in the Caspian Basin.

Everywhere military force is for hire. Oil companies, multinational corporations and banks employ powerful, cutting-edge mercenary armies to control global chaos and protect their riches.

Force Insertion is the world's mercenary monopoly. Its leader is the disgraced former U.S. Marine general, James Salter. A grandmaster military and political strategist, Salter deftly seizes huge oil and gas fields, ultimately making himself the most powerful man in the world. Salter's endgame is to take vengeance on those responsible for his exile and then come home - as Commander in Chief.

The only man who can stop him is the novel's narrator, Gilbert "Gent" Gentilhomme, Salter's most loyal foot soldier and as close to him as the son Salter lost.

Infused by a staggering breadth of research in military tactics and steeped in the timeless themes of the honor and valor of men at war that distinguish all of Steven Pressfield's fiction, *The Profession* is that rare novel that informs and challenges the reader almost as much as it entertains. It's a gripping techno-thriller.

## Health 1



By **Beverlee Keels**, CMA (AAMA),  
Associate Member

### Potassium More than o-K

Columbus, Ohio

When it comes to preventing high blood pressure, sodium is normally the first element that comes to mind. Reducing sodium levels in the diet often plays a big step in lowering blood pressure. However, potassium can have just as much of an effect in cardiovascular health dietary sodium, according to Weill Cornell Medical College's *Food and Fitness Advisor*.



Potassium helps negate some of the effects of excessive dietary sodium because it causes the kidneys to excrete extra sodium chloride from the body. In addition, potassium may also help relax blood vessels.

In addition to reducing sodium, try increasing your potassium intake by eating potassium-rich foods, such as cantaloupes, tomatoes, peaches, almonds (unsalted, of course), avocados, and, naturally, bananas. Unless recommended by your physician, avoid taking potassium supplements, and stick to fresh food for your blood-pressure needs.

SOURCE: CMA Today

#### Judy's BB Thought for the Day

*"Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing."*

- **Warren Spahn**, Hall of Fame Pitcher

~ **Judy Robinson**, Associate Member  
Kirkwood, Mo.

# FISCALLY FIT

By *Dave Bader*



**FY '12 Membership: 123**

*Columbus, Ohio*

Membership renewals for Fiscal Year 2012 (6/1/2011 – 5/31/2012) are underway. To date, we have 111 Regular Members, and twelve Associate Members who have renewed their individual membership dues.

Welcome Aboard to the following individuals whose memberships have been received since our last *Newsletter*:

## Regular Members

- **John Aller**, SHB3, ("64-"67), Holiday, FL
- **Frank Haybeck, III**, ENFN, ("66-"68), New Milford, CT
- **William Stone**, EN3, ("58-"62), Bushnell, FL
- **Richard Broyles**, SH3, (1960), Mena, AR
- **Gene Bahn**, SN, *Plankowner*, (8/52-11/53), Staunton, IL
- **Alva (Tom) "Doc" White**, HMC, USN, (Ret.) (6/59-2/62), Tulsa, OK
- **Michael Macierowski**, EM3, ("61-"65), Elizabeth, NJ
- **Ronald Raymond**, SK3, (9/65-10/67), Orlando, FL
- **Robert Dean**, SGT, USMC, (4/57-2/58), Brandon, VT

## Associate Members

- **Beverlee Keels**, CMA, (AAMA), Columbus, OH

**USMC**

**Semper Fidelis**

**1775**

**2011**

**236<sup>th</sup> Birthday - November 10**



**Honor Courage Commitment**

## 1st Woman to Command Royal Navy Battleship



Submitted by *Diane Bader-Lewis*

*Columbus, Ohio*

With women now on submarines in the U.S. Navy, I thought the following article that beeped into my computer last week would be of interest to former LST 1156 officers and crewmembers.

It looks like the Royal Navy is just catching up to our Navy Department when it comes to breaking the glass ceiling for command of a large ship.

An officer on track to be the first female commander in the British Navy is also on track to be the first woman to command a warship, officials said.

The Admiralty announced Lt. Commander Sarah West is to take command of the frigate HMS Portland (F79) in April 2012. She is scheduled to be promoted to commander at the end of the year.

West, who studied mathematics at the University of Hertfordshire and also has a law degree, joined the Royal Navy in 1995; five years after its ranks were open to women. She has commanded smaller vessels, participated in the evacuation of British citizens from Lebanon in 2006 and has been involved in naval planning in Iraq.

As commander of the Portland, West will be responsible for a crew of 185 and a vessel with more firepower than the entire fleet Admiral Horatio Nelson took into action at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Women remain barred from a few naval positions, including the Royal Marine Commandos and submarine crews. About 15 percent to 20 percent of most ship's crews are now women.

SOURCE: United Press International



**HMS Portland (F79)**

# Celebrations!



## Birthdays

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

*Dahlonega, Ga.*

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

### October

- ❖ **Hilda Hoffman, Oct. 12**
- ❖ **Jack Delle, SN, ('68-'71), Oct.13**
- ❖ **Bill Laughlin, ET2, ('65-'67), Oct. 27**
- ❖ **Bill McKnight, CSSN, (,53-,55), Oct. 23**
- ❖ **James McNeil, FN, (,70-,71), Oct. 19**
- ❖ **Mark V.V. Nelson, CDR, CO, (,70-,71), Oct. 16**
- ❖ **Alan Schlesinger, LT(jg), (,68-,70), Oct. 10**
- ❖ **Bill Tillman, T/4, US Army, ('44-'46), Oct. 19**
- ❖ **Tom "Doc" White, HMC, (,59-,62), Oct. 29**

### November

- ❖ **Jeanne Crossland, Associate Member, Nov. 3**
- ❖ **John DiPofi, DC3, ('61-'62), Nov. 10**
- ❖ **Henry Hoggatt, HT1, ('70-'71), Nov. 18**
- ❖ **Charles Murphy, RM3, ('55-'57), Nov. 6**
- ❖ **Robert Slovey, YN3, (,68-'71), Association Secretary, Nov. 8**

### December

- ❖ **Gene Bahn, SN, Plankholder, ('52-'53), Dec. 28**
- ❖ **Nestor Bendza, Jr., SMSN, ('61-'64), Dec. 31**



## An American Folk Figure

# The Famous Waving Girl of Savannah-Tybee Island



The legends abound concerning Florence Martus and why she waved her large pillowcase, (some say a handkerchief) greeting ships as they entered the South Channel of the Savannah River.

Yet one legend has outlived all the rest. It tells of a sailor (a Navy Lieutenant) from Boston, who met Florence in 1888, on Cockspar Island, and after three days the two then fell in love. Soon after, his ship sailed but he promised to return to Florence.

He asked for her hand in marriage and she promised to be faithful to him, waiting for his return. Months went by and she heard nothing from him. Florence began to stand on the river's edge and wave her pillowcase by day and lantern at night, to each passing ship, hoping that one of them would be the vessel carrying her lover. She kept waving for fifty years, looking for him to return, but he never did.

A large statue of her, with one of her many faithful collies, stands on River Street in Savannah today, and ships now blow their horns when entering the river in honor of "Savannah's Waving Girl".

## *This Barn is Red, White and Viewed*

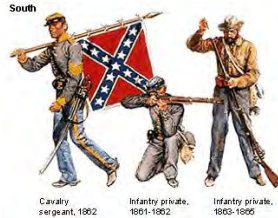


A large barn painted like an American flag is a landmark to motorists traveling in California's Central Valley. Its message is both personal and patriotic. It was painted a few days after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

# The Uniforms of the Civil War Soldier



By *Paula Johnson, Historian*



*Columbus, Ohio*

Forget the blue and gray - due to a variety of factors, the uniform of the Civil War soldier -both North and South - was anything but uniform.

The Confederacy had no regulation uniform when the war started in 1861 and the uniform later adopted by the Confederate Congress was probably never produced due to lack of materials.

Most officers, who tended to come from wealthy families, obtained uniforms in the newly adopted regulation gray wool. Most foot soldiers, however, left their homes in civilian clothing and it wasn't until much later that replacement uniforms were available in the regulation gray.

Shortages of textiles and the scarcity of mills and factories in the South made the gray uniform slow to appear and hard to come by. Shoes were often difficult to locate.

Mills and factories were located in most Northern states, making it easier to obtain the blue wool cloth of the Federal uniform. Regular Army personnel, mostly graduates of West Point Military Academy, already had regulation uniforms based on their rank and branch of service. However, clothing factories couldn't produce uniforms fast enough to clothe the thousands of volunteers.

Confederate uniforms were similar to their Union counterparts. The average regulation uniform consisted of: a wool frock coat or shell jacket, wool trousers, flannel shirt (though many wore civilian cotton shirts which were much cooler and more comfortable), and woollen undergarments.

Standard issue for headgear were a felt slouch hat, forage cap or kepi. Heavy black shoes known as brogans were issued to the foot soldier; knee-high boots with brass spurs for officers and cavalry,

as well as leather or buckskin gauntlets. A regulation leather belt completed the „ensemble“.

Confederate and Union uniforms were color-coded as to the specific branch of service. Artillery soldiers wore red facings on the jacket and a red stripe down the side of their trousers; the Cavalry wore yellow decoration and the Infantry wore sky-blue. Union soldiers were more likely to wear regulation uniforms than their Confederate peers.

Officers uniforms were often showy and ornate - the better to be noticed by their superiors. They often started out with a regulation frock coat and trousers, but added yards of elaborate gold lace and piping, frogging and shiny brass buttons to give themselves a unique look.



Adding a unique hat, like that of J.E.B. Stuart's with an jaunty feather, gave them a distinctive appearance. It also made them more visible to their men on the battlefield. Officers were allowed more freedom in their mode of dress.

In fact, both Union and Confederate uniforms were of many varying colors and designs. State militia and volunteer regiments were not required to wear regulation uniforms on either side.

Some Confederate regiments had uniforms of blue, while Union regiments wore gray. It wasn't unusual to see regiments wearing completely different colors such as green, black or red.

Even as time passed, regulation uniforms were more often the exception than the rule. State regiments and militia were often locally outfitted - in a rainbow of colors. Often, wealthy community leaders provided unique custom designed uniforms to show off local units.



Regiments of Scottish descent, such as the 79<sup>th</sup> New York "Highlanders", wore tartan kilts. Elite units such as Cavalry scouts, Sharpshooters and Lancers often customized their uniforms to distinguish themselves.

One of the elite regiments famous for their unique dress was Custer's Wolverines. The Michigan Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

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Cavalry units were famous for wearing flowing red silk ties around their necks.



The Zouaves were a regiment of the French Light Infantry posted in North Africa who were known for their daredevil exploits during the Crimean War (1853-1856). Their uniform and “attitude” would be adopted by more than 70 regiments in the north and 25 regiments in the south during the Civil War.

The uniform consisted of baggy trousers or pantaloons; short, open jackets with flamboyant decorations of buttons and colorful ribbons; a colorful sash worn around the waist; and, a tasseled cap, fez or turban on their heads – all in a variety of colors.

The most famous Civil War Zouave regiments were the 5<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry (Duryee’s Zouaves) and the Louisiana Tigers, a particularly vicious regiment.

As the war continued, goods became scarcer in the south and the government-issued uniforms became a thing of the past. Confederate soldiers began wearing whatever they could get hold of, including Union uniforms from raids, prisoners and what they field-stripped from the battlefield. This was true to a lesser extent of Union soldiers. This caused great confusion during subsequent battles – including a fair number of casualties.

### Navy Uniforms

LST 1156 vets will be pleased to learn that the Navy had more standardized uniforms than the Army. Sailors were far fewer in number than soldiers, so the regulation uniforms were more readily available.

Confederate sailors had uniforms very similar to their Union counterparts. Union sailors wore navy blue in cold weather; white in warm weather. Confederate sailors wore gray.

Accessories, such as shoes, belts, and neckerchiefs, were black. The woolen uniforms were not adapted for the heat of the lower decks, so many sailors wore civilian clothing.

Metal dog tags were not available until late in the war and were initially difficult to obtain.



They were known as “identity disks” and were available at jeweler’s shops.

The Civil War soldier carried the items he needed in a knapsack or bedroll that he carried on his back.

Personal items such as a blanket, mess kit, frying pan, shaving gear, tobacco and pipe, writing paper, pen and ink, bible, deck of cards and family photos were among these items.

Ammunition and other equipment relating to their weapon were carried in leather boxes or pouches which attached to the belt – a fuse box, cartridge box, cap box and cleaning kit, as well as a scabbard for their bayonets or knives were worn at the waist. The rifle or musket was carried over one shoulder, while his canteen was carried over the other.

The next time you hear the soldiers of the Civil War referred to as the Blue and the Gray - think again.



### Rendering honor...

Crewmembers serve as rifle guards aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) during a burial at sea. The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group is on a scheduled western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf deployment.

### WORTH REPEATING

*"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened."*

~ Rev. Billy Graham

~ Suzanne Patzer, Ed.D., Columbus, Ohio

**- What's Ahead -**



***Ninth LST 1156 Reunion***

***„A Southern Revival“***

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012**

**- LST 1156 Reunion Kick-off Event –  
Ocean Plaza Barbecue**

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**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

**Group Tour**

**Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum Tour  
Lunch: Paula Deen's Lady & Sons Restaurant  
Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum Tour**

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**Friday, May 18, 2012**

**- Business Meeting -**



**Group Tour**

**Hunter Army Airfield: Base & Flight Line Tour  
Command Briefing  
“Lunch with a Soldier” @ HAA DFAC  
After Lunch Tour: USCG Air Station Savannah  
Search & Rescue Demonstration**

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**\* Reception & Banquet Dinner \***

**Group Photos**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Commander Timothy A. Tobiasz, USCG  
Commander USCG Air Station Savannah**

**Hunter Air Base Honor Guard**

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**Saturday, May 19, 2012**



**Riverboat Luncheon & Narrated  
Sightseeing Cruise aboard  
*The Savannah River Queen***

**Reunion Registration Deadline: 04/08/2012**

***Ninth LST 1156 Reunion HQ Hotel***

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**Room Rates:**

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**Ocean View: \$109.00 + Tax/Night**

**(Rate(s) for 2 adults per room)**

- **Room Rates Includes Hot Breakfast Buffet for 2 adults**
- **Free On-site Parking**
- **Motor Coach Friendly**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline for Group Rate:**

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