



Newsletter

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ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER

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Are you an active member - the kind who would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along? Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?

Do you work on a committee to see there is no trick? Or leave the work to few and talk about the clique?

Do you come to meetings often and help with hand and heart? Don't just be a memberTAKE AN ACTIVE PART.

Think this over and remember, you know right from wrong.

Are you an active member or do you just belong?

STEPPING FORWARD AND DOING WHAT MUST BE DONE.

Donations totaled \$245.00 for Feb.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS MADE TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS LAST MONTH TO THE BUILDING FUND. WE ALL OWE THESE MEMBERS A BIG THANK YOU FOR STEPPING FORWARD AND GOING THE EXTRA MILE.

FRANK CUVELIER, DANA VERISSIMO, AMY VERISSIMO, DANIEL BRISCOE WILLIAM DE MATTE, DONALD PALMER, RICHARD SILVA, JOHN SULLIVAN SIMON KAUFMAN, JOHN BOYLE, PAUL WHITE, JOHN LYONS

And a special thank you to Mrs. Sally Gunn who donated \$20.00 in memory of her late husband Richard. Last I would like to personally thank Paul White again. I won't tell you what he donated but it was more than I asked.

They all didn't give 20.00 but they all gave what they could. That's all I asked.

Will you give what you can? Will your name be here next month?

OFFICER VS NCO

The Company Commander and the First Sergeant were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the First Sergeant said, "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said, "I see millions of stars."

1st Sgt.: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1st Sgt.: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

SENATOR SARBANES RE-INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO HONOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) has re-introduced legislation designed to grant a federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. The legislation recognizes and honors the 5.7 million Americans who fought and served during the Korean War. Joining Sarbanes in sponsoring this legislation are Senators John Warner (R-VA), Patty Murray (D-WA), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), Zell Miller (D-GA), Jeff Sessions (R-AL), and Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX).

The Korean War Veterans Association was originally incorporated in 1985 and, at present, is the only veterans organization comprised exclusively of Korean War Veterans (a membership of approximately 19,000) and one of the few such organizations of its size without a federal charter. Over the years it has established a strong record of service and commitment to fellow Korean War veterans. A federal charter would allow the Association to continue to grow its mission and further its charitable and benevolent causes.

See you at the next meeting April 8 2003. Please mark May 13 on your calendar. The May meeting is one of the most important of the year. All members should try and make the May meeting if they can. Just letting you know now so you can plan accordingly.

According to the New York Post, one of Saddam's newshounds asked Powell, "Isn't it true that only 13% of young Americans can locate Iraq on a map?" "That may be true," Powell countered. "You're probably right. But unfortunately for you, all 13% are Marines." It is not expected that Al Jazeera will be broadcasting that little exchange any time soon.

World War 2 Vets Stories Needed

The library of congress has initiated a program to interview and document Veterans stories from WW2. The contact in NY is Prof. Larry Elin of Syracuse University. His number is 315-443-3415. If you have a good story to tell or maybe something happened that you want known, give him a call. All you have to do is call and talk.

U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association

U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association is looking for members. Membership is open to all Ships company, Marine Detachment, aviation division, or flag personnel who served or are currently serving aboard cruisers. Contact Ronald Maciejowski at 508-824-0789 or E- Mail at clcanavy@aol.com for more info.

Pot of Gold

Name drawn: Raymond Battista
No winner pot stands at \$54.00

Coast Guard MIA may be found

Remains found in Laos that could be those of Lt. Jack Rittichier, the first Coast Guard combat casualty of the Vietnam War, will be repatriated to American soil in a ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base.

The U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawai'i, will seek to positively identify Rittichier, a helicopter pilot who also is the only Coast Guard MIA from the war.

Search and recovery teams of mostly Hawai'i-based personnel from the identification lab and Joint Task Force-Full Accounting are conducting recovery operations at the crash site where the HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter piloted by Rittichier went down.

"It's reassuring to the folks in the Coast Guard to know we're bringing our last one home from Vietnam," said Honolulu-based Petty Officer Lauren Smith, who spent two days at the crash site. "Hopefully, when the remains do return to American soil, it will bring a sense of closure to his family." Rittichier, who was from Ohio and served as an exchange pilot with the U.S. Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron in Danang, was shot down June 9, 1968, while trying to rescue a downed Marine pilot on the Ho Chi Minh Trail just inside the Laos border, and opposite the A Shau Valley in Vietnam.

Air Force crew members Capt. Richard Yeend, Staff Sgt. Elmer Holden and Sgt. James Locker also were on board. A forward air controller witnessed the helicopter falling to the ground in flames.

Smith, who visited the remote crash site Jan. 29 and 30, said it is about an hour and 15 minute helicopter ride from Savannakhet in Laos.

"It's very far-removed from civilization and there's not a whole lot out there — you'll see small huts and villages on your way to the site," Smith said. Personal effects including captain's bars were found, she said.

"A lot of people don't think of the Coast Guard going overseas to participate in conflicts," Smith said. "But it's a fact the Coast Guard has participated in every major (U.S.) conflict."

Coast Guard patrol boats primarily from the East Coast are being sent to the Middle East as the United States prepares for a war with Iraq.