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FROM THE COMMANDER

Our next meeting is on **April 5th, 6:30** p.m. sharp at the N.L. American Legion Clubhouse.

---Doc Borchardt, Cmdr.

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY



Happy Easter to one and all and may you and your family have a wonderful day and, for those of the Jewish faith, a joyous Passover. Remember that Jesus died for us and was risen on this day. We should have joyous feelings to all.

The month of April is, in itself, special, also. This is the first full month of Spring. The weather is getting warmer and, you know what they say about April showers.

April 1st is April Fools Day and is celebrated in most countries around the world. It is a fun day to pull harmless pranks on friends and family alike. The main thing here is to do 'HARMLESS' pranks. You don't want to get anyone angry or hurt. It is supposed to be a fun day. Be careful not to lose your temper with anyone pulling a harmless prank on you!

---Bob Dessort - editor

MEMBERSHIP

There are still 3 members not yet renewed; please renew soon! There is a **X** on your label ---Bob Dessort, V-Comdr/Membership



We will be dining at the Hilby's on April 5th, at 5:00, before the meeting. Aux. Dept. Pres. Darlene Hempel will be joining us. Hope to see you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

April 22 – 4th District Spring Dinner and meetings at Hahn-A-Lula Resort, Fremont, dinner at noon, meetings at 1:00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

AMVET members – Butch Hanson, John Chapman, Charles Vanderplas, Armin Conrard, Rollin Tews, & Jim Jaeger
Aux. members – Helen Dessort, JoAnn Brietrick

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next monthly meeting will be on April 5th, at 6:25. at the American Legion Clubhouse; please be prompt.



Aux. 45 will still be hosting the 4th Dist. Aux. project for one more year for the Assisted Veterans Home at King. We will probably be doing a cook-out in May. We will know more details in April at the Dist. Meeting on April 22nd. The cost for the dinner will be \$13.50 per person.

Our Dept. president will be joining us for our April meeting. Be sure to wear your red Aux. shirts. We will be eating at Hilby's at 5:00 before the meeting which will be held at the American Legion Clubhouse on April 5.

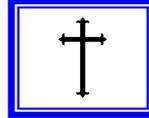
Service reports are due at the April meeting. Ladies, please bring your report with you.

Keep on saving those milk caps, coupons, pop can pull tabs, greeting card 'face page', empty ink jet cartridges; hearing aids; eye glasses and parts; also, used cell phones and, we no longer collect DVDs for our troops.

---Helen Dessort, President

POINTS TO PONDER

- Friends are the kind of folks who excuse you when you accidentally make a fool of yourself.
- If only our minds instead of our waist-lines would grow with the passing years!
- The highest reward for someone's hard work is not what he or she gets for doing it, but what her or she becomes by it.
- Worthwhile advice gets ignored when given with arrogance.
- To deceive deceivers is not deceit.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"So, you would like to interview me." God asked.

"If you have the time." I said.

"My time is eternity. What questions do you have in mind for me?" God replied.

"What surprises you most about humankind?"

"God answered, "That they get bored with childhood; they rush to grow up and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die and die as if they never lived." God held my hand and we went silent for a while.

Then I asked Him, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile, "To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. To learn they cannot make others love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved. To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most but is one who needs the least. To learn that it takes but a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and it often takes years to heal them. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but they must forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly. Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

"God replied, "To learn that I am here... always!"

---Author Unknown---

I used to think I was just a regular guy, but I was born white, which now, whether I like it or not, makes me a racist.

I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist.

I am heterosexual, which according to gay folks, now makes me a homophobic.

I am non-union, which makes me a traitor to the working class and an ally of big business.

I am a Christian, which now labels me as an infidel.

I believe in the 2nd Amendment, which now makes me a member of the vast gun lobby.

I am older than 60, which makes me a bit less than I used to be.

I think and I reason, therefore I doubt much that the main stream media tells me, which must make me a reactionary.

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive American culture, which makes me a xenophobe.

I value my safety and that of my family and I appreciate the police and the legal system, which makes me a right-wing extremist.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's

merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I believe in the defense and protection of the homeland for and by all citizens, which now makes me a militant.

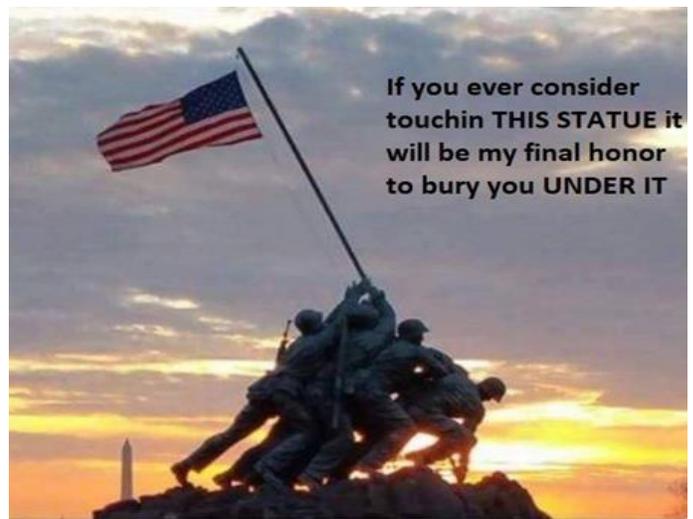
Recently, a sick old woman called me and my friends a "basket of deplorables".

I need to thank all my friends for sticking with me through these abrupt, new found challenges in my life and my thinking!

I just can't imagine or understand what has happened to me so quickly!

Funny . . . it's all just taken place over the last 7 or 8 years!

And if all this wasn't enough to deal with, I'm now afraid to go into either public restroom!



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Enigmas

(1) Isn't it weird that in America, our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our benefits don't?

(2) How can the federal government ask U.S. citizens to pay back student loans - when illegal aliens are receiving a free education?

(3) Only in America are legal citizens labeled "racists" and "Nazis," but illegal aliens are called "Dreamers."

(4) Liberals say, "If confiscating all guns saves just one life, it's worth it." Well, then, if deporting all illegals saves just one life, wouldn't that be worth it?

(5) I can't quite figure out how you can proudly wave the flag of another country, - but consider it punishment to be sent back there.

(6) The Constitution: It doesn't need to be rewritten, - it needs to be reread.

(7) William F. Buckley said: "Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other points of view, and are then shocked and offended when they discover there are other points of view."

(8) Joseph Sobran said: "'Need' now means wanting someone else's money. 'Greed' means wanting to keep your own. 'Compassion' is when a politician arranges the transfer."

(9) Florida has had 119 hurricanes since 1850, - but some people still insist the last one was due to climate change.

AMEN!!

MALE LOGIC... FLAWLESS

This is a conversation between a man and his wife. Please note that she asks five or six questions which he answered quite simply, but then she is speechless after answering only one question

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about three

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip (this is where it gets scary!)

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose

Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have three beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000 correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought an airplane?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No.

Man: Where is your airplane?

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The History of AMVETS – Truly AMVETS was born in the midst of war. For it was in August 1943, with victory still two years away, that a new organization, later to be known as American Veterans of World War II, had its beginning. Overseas the tide of battle was turning. The Allies had swept through North Africa and Sicily. In the Pacific, fighting raged in New Guinea. Thousands of Americans had made the supreme sacrifice. Thousands more were being mustered out of uniform with battle wounds and medical discharges. These men who fought in history's greatest war found it natural to seek each other's company. They were united by similar experiences – in jungles, in the Arctic, in deserts, in mountains, at sea, and in the skies. Thus, out of such comradeship, AMVETS came to be.

Two independent veterans clubs in Washington, D.C. – one formed on the campus of George Washington University, the other among veterans employed by the federal government – joined together to sponsor a serviceman's party. By September 1944 other such veterans clubs organized throughout America. On Nov. 11, 1944, Veterans Day, an article titled "12,000,000 in Search of a Leader" appeared in *COLLIER'S* magazine. This story, written by Walter Davenport, introduced the clubs and outlined their mutual aims: 1) to promote world peace, 2) to preserve the American way of life and 3) to help the veteran help himself.

In December, 18 leaders, representing these groups, met in Kansas City, Missouri. There, on Dec. 9, 1944, a national organization was formed known as the American Veterans of World War II – or AMVETS, as newspaper headline writers took to calling it. The White Clover, meaning "remember me", was chosen as the official flower of AMVETS. Found not only in America but throughout the world, it symbolizes the states from which U.S. Armed Forces were drawn and the worldwide battlefields on which they fought.

In October 1945, two months after the end of World War II, the first national convention was convened in Chicago. The next year AMVETS petitioned Congress for a federal charter. In the words of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the organization being "organized along sound lines and for worthy purposes . . . having demonstrated its strength and stability, is entitled to the standing and dignity which a national charter will afford." On July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the AMVETS charter.

A TEACHER'S PEEVE

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said: "Let me see if I've got this right.

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages and instill in them a love for learning.

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a check book, and apply for a job.

You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and ensure that they all pass their final exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicap and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Arabic or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for "New Start."

You want me to do all this, and then you tell me....

I CAN'T wear a necklace with a little cross, mention God, or say "Merry Christmas" because someone might take offense? "

Well, you know what you can do with your job.....

This should be posted in every school in America and all countries.

Think about it!

If Muslims can pray anywhere, why are Christians banned from praying in public and from erecting religious displays on their holy days?

What happened to our National Day of Prayer?

Muslims are allowed to block off major streets, in all American States and pray in the middle of the street! And it's a monthly ritual!

Tell me, again, whose country is this?

Ours or the Muslims?

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in having 'God' in our education system or the Lord's Prayer said in our government, schools or public meetings.

I believe it's time we stand up for what we believe! And people wonder why there are shootings in our schools?



SPECIAL MEMBERS PAGE

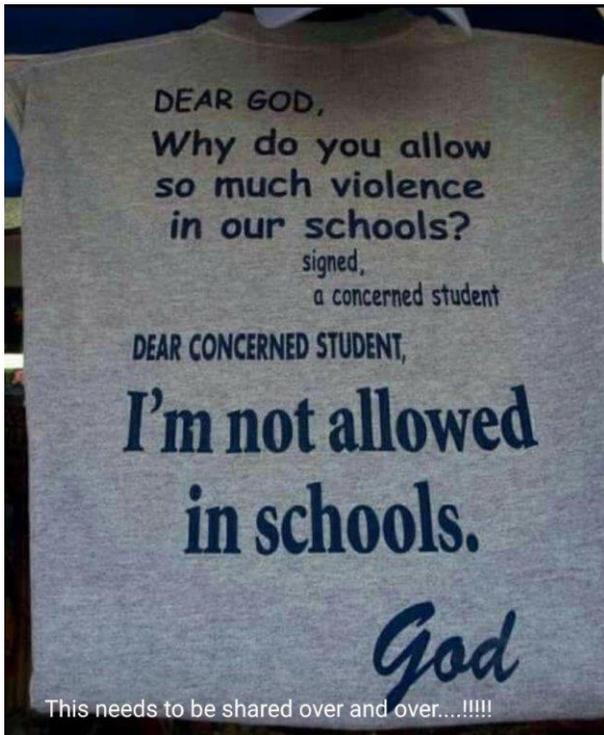
An extra page just for member's personal ads, announcements, and miscellaneous

Subject: Ole the Painter

Ole, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. His fame grew ... and soon people from all over the country were coming to Minnesota to have portraits done. One day, a stretch limo pulled up to his house. Inside was a beautiful woman and she asked Ole if he would paint her in the nude. This was the first time anyone had made this request of Ole. The woman said money was no object; she was willing to pay \$50,000. Not wanting to get into trouble with his wife, Ole asked the woman to wait while he went in the house and conferred with Lena, his missus. In a few minutes, he returned... And said to the lady, "Ya, shoot, you betcha. I'll paint ya in DA nude, but I'll hafta leave my socks on...so I'll have a place to wipe my brushes."

Submitted by member Don Huettner

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Just plain ole good info! (pt. 2)

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.



IT'S HUMOR TIME

*Heard a funny story?
Put it in The Liberty Press.*

MINNESOTA HUMOR: (maybe North Dakota humor, too.....)

FAMOUS INVENTIONS

The toilet seat was invented in Minnesota, but twenty years later an Iowan invented the hole in it.

OUTHOUSE PROBLEMS

When Ole accidentally lost 50 cents in the outhouse, he immediately threw in his watch and billfold. He explained, 'I'm not going down dere yust for 50 cents.'

THAT'S HER!

A Norwegian appeared with five other men in a rape case police line-up. As the victim entered the room, the Norwegian blurted, 'Yep, dat's her!'

SWIM COMPETITION

A Swedish woman competed with a French woman and an English woman in the Breast Stroke division of an English Channel swim competition. The French woman came in first, the English woman second. The Swede reached shore completely exhausted. After being revived with blankets and coffee, she remarked, 'I don't vant to complain, but I tink dose other two girls used der arms.'

VE COULDN'T AFFORD MORE

Two Norwegians from Minnesota went fishing in Canada and returned with only one fish. 'The way I figger it, dat fish cost us \$400' said the first Norwegian 'Vell,' said the other one, 'At dat price it's a good ting ve didn't catch any more.'

BAR RIDDLE

A Swede took a trip to Fargo, North Dakota . While in a bar, an Indian on the next stool spoke to him in a friendly manner ... 'Look,' he said, 'let's have a game if you answer it, I'll buy YOU a drink, if you can't, then you buy ME one, Okay?' 'Ya, dat sounds purty good,' said the Swede. The Indian said, 'My father and my mother had one child. It wasn't my brother. It wasn't my sister. Who was it?' The Swede scratched his head and finally said, 'I give up. Who vas it?' 'It was ME,' chortled the Indian. So the Swede paid for the drinks.

SomEbody stole my identity last week.

Today they showed up at my door

and pleaded for me

to take it back