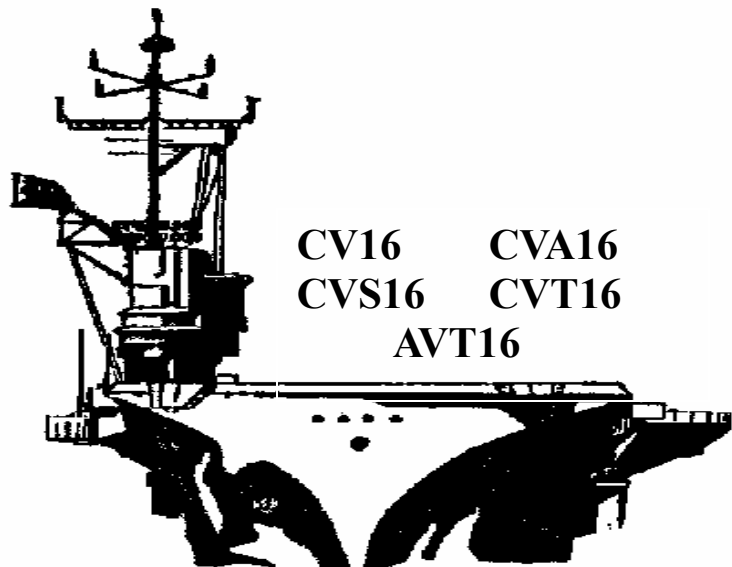









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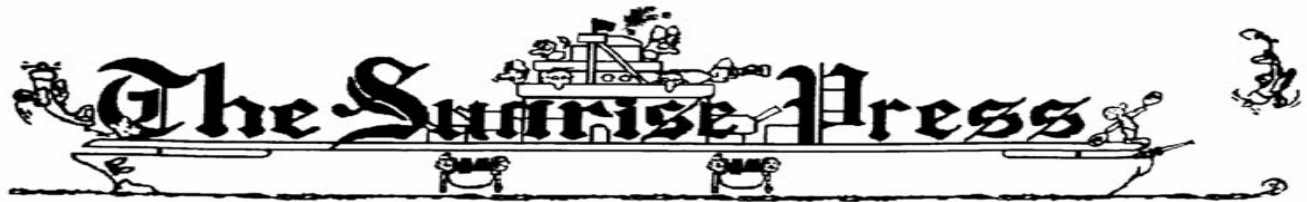
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April, 2010



A Word from Lance Wagner:

Look at the list of new members; if you see someone you once knew and want his address and phone number, write to me and I'll get it to you. If you know someone who served on the Lex, let me know and I'll send them some information about our group.

Please remember if you move to send me your change of address and new telephone number. Please be sure to include the area code, as many have changed.

Another thing, **look at the date after your name on the label that was used to mail you this newsletter. It is the date your dues are paid to. If it is 2009 or before, you are behind on your dues.**

**Send dues to: Lance Wagner,
71-21 73rd Place
Glendale, NY 11385**

Remember that dues are **\$15/yr**; make checks payable to: USS Lexington Association.



If anyone has any articles they'd like to see included in the newsletter, please send them to me and I'll put them in, space permitting, including a byline to credit you with the submission. My postal address is in the return address area on

the front of the newsletter if you prefer that method, otherwise for electronic submissions, my e-address is gplante@gulftel.com. PLEASE put USS LEXINGTON or even just LEX in the subject area so that my spam filtering software won't delete it on me. Thanks, Greg Plante. *Editor, Sunrise Press*

WELCOME ABOARD

NAME	SPOUSE	DIVISION	YRS. ON LEX
Mark E Balcom	Carol	OE	1957-1959
Paul Hamilton	Sara	ENG	1966-1967
Albert Erwin		V1	1943-1945
Rodney C Langston		1st	1943-1945
Gene Martin			1955-1957
John Ross	Angela	1st	1056-1960
Charles Sayre		VF151	1956
Douglas Wendell	Mary Ann	OP	1975-1976
Joel Boone	Carlene	A Div	1960-1964
Charles Franke	Verna	3rd and X Divs	1956-1958



TAPS



Josef Fletcher Rule

Robert O Behr

Nicholas "Nick" Ignatuk Sr.,



Getting to knowww you!!



As the years pass it happens that we often don't make the reunions. I've been a member for over 6 years now, and I'm sad to say that I haven't made but only one yet.

I served on Lexington in the mid eighties. Her gun tubs housed A/C units by then, instead of guns. Thus, many of us don't have the whole story on what made Lexington so highly decorated and of such

high reputation during her years of service. We need to change that and get to know our fellow shipmates. Let us hear from you, our fellow shipmates. It'd be nice to know what you're doing now sure, but more so, we'd like to know what you did on Lexington and when.

Peacetime or wartime, we all have been a part of her. Do you have a particularly fond memory of

anything that happened aboard her? Or...maybe it wasn't fond, but maybe it impacted you so strongly that you carried the lesson or memory with you for the rest of your life.

It can be just a few paragraphs, maybe more. I'll give you a whole page if need be.

My contact information is at the top of page two of this newsletter. I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible.

Greg

Getting To Know... Bruce Williams, A.G. 16

This was sent to me by shipmate George Birchell as a clipping from the Salem, Oregon Statesman Journal. I apologize to the author, but could not find his name anywhere on the Xerox copy I was given to credit his work. I cannot even tell you the date it was published. Sorry.

As a child, he remembers riding street cars along Center and Sate streets and watching the Ku Klux Klan parade through downtown on horseback.

As a young man, he remembers helping pave Waller Street SE near Bush's Pasture Park and watching a fire destroy the state Capitol.

"There probably aren't many of us," said Bruce Williams, a life-long Salem resident who turns 90 today.

The listening to Williams reminisce is fascinating and mesmerizing. He is connected to so much of this city's history.

He talks about the days when

no drinking, smoking or dancing were allowed on the Willamette University campus and when the Salem Senators were the coast of the town.

He talks about helping establish Illane Country Club and about working on high-profile murder cases during a 50 year career practicing law.

"He's kind of a renaissance man," said Ralph Spooner one of his former law partners. "He's a totally unique person who is kind of larger than life."

Bruce Wade Williams was born January 19, 1919, in Grants Pass. His father was a lawyer and his mother a homemaker. They moved to Salem when he was just a couple months old. He attended Englewood Elementary School, Parrish Junior High, and Salem High School.

Around the mid 1920's,

about the time Williams was a first grader at Englewood, he said the KKK was active around Salem and that his father often took him to Marion Park to watch Klansman gather on horseback and ride through downtown.

"He wanted me to see it," Williams said. "He had seen persecution and wanted me to see it firsthand."

Williams was enrolled in law school in Willamette in 1940 - 41, when he joined the Navy Air Corps and became a fighter pilot. He served in the Pacific during WWII and earned Ace status by shooting down seven enemy planes. He was awarded the Navy Cross, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Air Medal some of which are displayed in a large case on the wall of his home, along with the corresponding citations.

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Getting to Know Bruce Williams
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Much has been written about Williams' return to the aircraft carrier Lexington on 21 October, 1944, in one of the most battle damaged Hellcats of the war. The Hellcat is noted for its durability, but he was considered lucky to have made it back. His right wing was shredded, the tail surfaced warped and a foot-long clump of wooden plank lodged in the engine.

He became known as "Willie Mohawk" because of the call sign "Mohawk" used in the time.

"He knows he's in trouble when I call him Willie Mohawk," said Carol, his wife of 37 years.

After the war, Williams returned to Salem to finish law school, and he set up practice in Salem. One of his early partners was childhood friend Otto Skopil, until Skopil became a judge. Williams said he never wanted to move to the bench, perhaps because he was so good in the courtroom.

He worked on many high-profile murder cases, including the successful defense of Casper Oveross a Silverton laborer who was accused of killing his wife's alleged lover in the 1950's.

"He was one of the finest trial attorneys in the legal history of the state of Oregon, and I'm not just saying that," Spooner said. "He was truly one of those rare individuals, kind of like the Perry Mason of his day."

Spooner started working with Williams right out of law school and considers him his mentor. "He won cases in the courtroom that even good lawyers would lose, and you can quote me on that," Spooner said. "He'd win cases that you shouldn't win."

Williams, who has a daughter and two grandchildren, focused on insurance defense work later in his career and handled actions against some of the major insurance companies, such as the State Farm Insurance. He retired in 1998.

Beyond the court room, Williams always has had many diverse interests. In addition to his military background, he has been a baseball broadcaster and a thoroughbred owner. He did radio broadcasts for the Salem Senators for several years and had horses that raced at Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

He also used to collect butterflies. "when Carol and I first married, I read somewhere that butterflies would be a commodity," he said.

And so they went about purchasing small collections from boy scouts around the country who had collected the insects to earn merit badges. Williams donated their collections several years ago to Candalaria Elementary School, not far from their home. The butterflies, about 65 of them, are on display in a case in the hallway.

"it's passed by two read a lot hundreds of kids," said principal Clinton Gertenrich, adding this some teachers have incorporated lessons on butterflies into their curriculum.

Williams also has left an impression in Willamette University, where he donated an oak and fused glass sculpture to the J.W. Long Law Library. The sculpture once hung in his law office.

And at Illahe Country Club, Where he was one of the founding members, in 1960, Williams remains a member, although he no longer plays golf.

He uses a cane to get around the house, but that doesn't keep him from gardening, one of his passions.

He invited me back to see his prized dahlias in bloom, which I'm sure would lead to more fascinating discoveries about a man connected to nearly half a century of Salem history.

Getting To Know... RM3 (Plank Owner) Edgar Coker

My name is Edgar Coker. I joined the Navy July 8th, 1954. I attended Boot camp in San Diego, then went to Radioman school on the base.

After school I received orders to go to Bremerton, WA, and at that time, on August 15th, 1955, we Recommissioned the Lexington.

After a year I transferred to ComCarDiv3 and served on different carriers.

I had the opportunity to attend teletype repair school back in San Diego. After school my orders were to be stationed on Naval

Station Midway Island for 14 months. After this tour, it helped me to get out of the Navy.

One of my big joys was on August 15, 1990, I got to fly out of Corpus Christi, Texas to the Lexington which was in the Gulf of Mexico at the time, and spend the day. I always wondered what it felt like to land and take off from the carrier, so I found out. That was a great trip.

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I KNOW WE CAN DOUBLE THE NUMBERS...

The cost of publishing the newsletter, printing and postage, is growing.

Obviously, a decrease in the number of newsletters mailed out will *greatly* help, and this can be solved with one simple act. **We are looking for people who have a computer with e-mail, or access to e-mail, and are willing to receive their newsletter in their e-mail.**

The Press can be stored and read on your machine at your leisure, or printed to take with you, whichever you prefer. It is

also better than the print version, with color graphics, pictures, all sorts of stuff including 2 - 6 bonus pages not in the print version.

We put our dues to some really good causes; The Peacoat Memorial, the Navy Memorial, the Lexington Museum, even our nation's future, through scholarships. This will free up more of them.

We currently have 215 members doing this, and are saving over \$850/yr. Imagine if we can get only 400 members to take their newsletter electronically !

AND IT'S FREE!

PLEASE give this some real consideration !!! To give you an idea of what you're missing, go to the Association website where the last several issues are posted and see for yourself. That's www.usslexingtoncv16.org

Please take just a minute today and send me your e-mail address at gplante@gulfel.com. Please remember to put **Lexington** or **Lex** in the Subject line so my virus filter will leave it alone.

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME

I received my Sunrise Press today - most enjoyable to read! It always revives my interest in obtaining the ships patch that we had in the years I was aboard the Lex. It was an octopus with arms out showing the ship's squadrons on our WestPac cruises.

When I returned home my kids also liked them and soon they were gone! (Also the cruise patches with the jacket) Is there any way to have reproductions made of those cloth patches? I've tried several things but they always seem to be dead ends.

If you could help me out with any suggestions, please let me know. I tried the San Diego Chamber of Commerce etc.

Thanks,
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Wamic, OR 97063
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IN MY E-MAILBOX

This from shipmate Ken Minkus. Maybe one of our members can help him with this? His e-mail address is: Kenminkus@aol.com

Thanks for the newsletter. I have misplaced the patch that you show on your cover page and being a member of our local American Legion post, I'd like to see how I can get one and put it on a jacket I am doing up? Thanks and hope you can find out about the patch.

Also, I was aboard 11/61-8/63. I thought I was originally on The Lex as a CVA, then a CVS and then a CVT. I lost track. Do you know or could find out, when the dates changed the designations from those 3 callouts?

LOOKING FOR INFO - Clarence Verschoor - Anyone who has any information on Clarence Verschoor from Portland Oregon contact Lloyd Friedli at (309) 846-5707 or Shipmate Billy Burrows at 1619 Varner Rd, Hixson, TN 37343 who is looking for any information anyone may have about him.

I wonder if you could do a piece about the **1963 Cuban Missile Crisis**. Asking if those crew members that were aboard Lexington during that time period would write me about the situation and everything THEY remember about it. No matter how unimportant they may think it was. The Navy has not released any information. Maybe we can put the stories together and come up with some info and facts for the ship's Museum to do a piece on it. We can't tell the story unless we have the facts.

They can write me aboard ship. **Lexington Museum - Judith Whipple - PO Box 23076 - Corpus Christi, TX. - 78403**

LOOKING FOR CRUISE BOOK: Roger Giddings is looking for a 1958 Cruise Book. Anyone having one they are willing to part with e m a i l lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org or call (309) 846-5707.

LOOKING FOR SHIPMATE: A Grandson is looking for information about his grandfather who served on the USS Lexington in 1945. Anyone with information about Oscar Walton REYNOLDS, SN1 serving during WW II send an email to lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org or call (309) 846-5707. Also if anyone has information on a Navy man named Jack Reed, San Francisco, CA let us know.

A zippo lighter has been found (in Jeffersonville, IN) with this inscription on the back LEE BOUNDS; MAJ USMC 1000; 21 FEB 1979. Anyone knowing how to contact MAJ Bounds call Lloyd at (309) 846-5707.

LOOKING FOR Richard Cloyd is looking for a 1959 USS Lexington CVA 16 cruise book. Anyone who has one, and is willing to part with it contact Richard at rcloyd@frontiernet.net or Lloyd Friedli at (309) 846-5707.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

USS Lexington CV16 Association Sponsored

The Association Scholarship Award is a one time award to a graduating high school senior in the amount of \$1,000 to assist them in furthering their education at a college of their choice. It is open to any senior who is a family member (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, etc.). Complete this form and send it to the address shown at the bottom of the form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

High School Name: _____

GPA: _____

PSAT Score: _____ (or circle) Did Not Take

ACT Score: _____ (or circle) Did Not Take

Attach a typed essay of 250 words or less concerning the United States Navy of a historical nature or more topical with respect to the current US Naval fleet.

Applicants Signature

Date

USS Lexington CV16 Association Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Association Member Signature

Mail this form and essay to: Allen R. Zellers;
728 E. Maple;
Lebanon, PA
17046

All submissions must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2010

LEXINGTON GETS MODERNIZED AGAIN?!?

Well, sort of. Modern technology is helping us become a better Association of shipmates. We have the newsletter going to MANY email addresses now, enabling us to give you a much better newsletter to enjoy.

Lloyd is updating the website to perk it up a little, and now *The Lexington Association is now on Facebook*. Now I know that not everyone is on Facebook, but there are a few of us brave old souls that have ventured out and tried it. We're finding we like it, too. I encourage you to sign up for a Facebook page (or have your grandkids do it for you and show you up). Then, seek out USS Lexington CV16 Association in the friends utility, and send a friend request. (You can also look it up using the e-mail address cv16crew@gmail.com) I'll try to check it at least twice a week while I'm on the road to accept friend requests. After that, the success of the site is up to you. Connect with friends, share thoughts and ideas, etc.

I intend to post any pertinent info on the page as well as we get closer to things like our reunions. I really see this as a way to help us become a closer and more tightly knit Association of shipmates.

I hope to see you online!!!



Original Message ----

From: michael givens (chuckroast1982@gmail.com)

To: "lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org"

lex16@usslexingtoncv16.org

Sent: Tue 29/12/09 4:03 AM

Subject: Fwd: looking for information

Hi I'm looking for people who served with my friend, (deceased) CDR Doyne R. Wills on the USS Lexington, Or if anyone has any pictures or memorabilia or stories to share with me. He was my friend 20 years. Picture above included to help in identifying him. thank you, Michael Givens

Rapid City Reunion 2010

September 7 – 12, 2010

Deadline

For Reunion, Hotel & Tour Registration: August 7, 2010

A fantastic reunion is planned for your enjoyment. Come to Rapid City; visit Mt. Rushmore which if you have not visited before you owe it to yourself to do so at least once in your life. If you have visited it in the past you know it worth doing so again. We will enjoy the Black Hills, Custer State Park and other great South Dakota sites. The lighting ceremony at Mt Rushmore will be the highlight of the week with its patriotic honoring of all veterans. See the tours listed below which outline a fun, informative week for all of us. Add to that the chance to visit with shipmates and friends, and we have the makings of truly outstanding reunion that you do not want to miss. The reunion hotel is the Grand Gateway and below is information to allow you to make your reservations, etc.

Reunion Hotel **The Grand Gateway**

1721 N. Lacrosse Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Hotel Reservations can be made directly by calling (605) 342-1300 or toll free to (866) 742-1300. Make sure to tell the Customer Service Representative that you are with the USS Lexington CV16 Association Reunion. The rate is \$72 + tax, per room, per night based on availability, room rates will be honored 2 days prior to and after the reunion. Complimentary transportation to and from the airport, as well as within Rapid City is available, and hotel parking is free.

TOURS: On the following pages are listings of the tours offered. All are designed, and priced, to show off Mt. Rushmore and South Dakota at a reasonable cost.

Rapid City, South Dakota Reunion

September 7-12, 2010

Tuesday	1200	Hospitality Room opens, reunion registration.
	1830	Welcome Aboard Reception, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, Opening and Welcoming remarks by:
Wednesday	0800	Hospitality Room opens, Registration continues
	0815	Gather in lobby for TOUR 1, Badlands/Wall Drugs
	1730	Gather in lobby for TOUR 2, Flying T Chuck Wagon Dinner and Show
Thursday	0800	Hospitality Room opens, Registration continues
	0815,	Gather in the lobby for TOUR 3, Crazy Horse Memorial / Custer State Park / Mount Rushmore
Friday	0800	Hospitality Room opens
	0815	Gather in Lobby for TOUR 4, Journey Museum / Prairie Edge Galleries / City of Presidents Walk
	1645	Meet in lobby for TOUR 5, Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony
Saturday	0800	Hospitality Room opens
	0800	Men's Business Meeting
	1800	Cocktail Hour preceding the Banquet, cash bar
	1900	Banquet (coat and tie requested)
Sunday	0900	Hospitality room open for one hour.

HOW ABOUT THOSE TOURS!?!?

TOUR 1

Wednesday, 8 September, 2010

Badlands National Park Load 0815, Depart 0830



This scenic adventure takes us through the magnificent area of the Badlands National Park where rain, wind, and frost have carved steep canyons, sharp ridges, gullies, and pinnacles, providing a glimpse into the relentless pace of geologic change. "Included will be a short stop and tour at one of the discontinued Minuteman missile silos. Additionally, on this tour, we will visit the world's largest drugstore, Wall Drug. This unique shopping emporium is filled with many fun activities and displays. Lunch on our own. Arrive back at the hotel at approximately 3:30 p.m. Cost = \$45.00 per person"



TOUR 2

Wednesday, 8 September, 2010 Flying T Chuck Wagon Supper and Show Load 5:30pm, Depart 5:45pm

We will enjoy an original cowboy supper of Barbeque Beef, potatoes, beans, vegetables, biscuits, and dessert served on plates just like in the old campfire days. The fine folks of the Flying T guarantee we won't go away hungry. We will sit back and enjoy an authentic country music show with western comedy, and top-rated western hospitality with food and fun. We'll arrive back at the hotel at approximately 8:30pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person



TOUR 3

Thursday, 9 September, 2010 Crazy Horse/ Custer State Park/ Mt Rushmore Load 0815, Depart 0830

Travel via Hill City to Crazy Horse Memorial. This memorial is an awe-inspiring rock carving over 50 years in process. We will have a chance to see the great family story in the continuing development of this memorial.



Then, on to Custer State Park, which is home to buffalo and other protected animals. Lunch will be served buffet style at the State Game Lodge and is included as part of the tour cost.



We will continue on down scenic Iron Mountain Highway and



finally make a short stop at Mount Rushmore before returning to the hotel. We will arrive back at the hotel at approximately 3:30pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person.

TOUR 4

Friday, 10 September, 2010 Journey Museum/Prairie Edge Galleries/ Downtown Load 0815, Depart 0830



The Journey Museum takes you through the geologic forming of the Black Hills. It gives insight into the development of the Lakota Sioux culture, and the stories of pioneers who came to the Black Hills for gold.

The Prairie Edge Galleries is a unique gathering of South Dakota Merchandise. This tour allows free time for the City of the Presidents



Walk. Lunch will lunch on our own as we desire, and arrival back at the hotel will be approximately 12:45pm Cost will be \$24.00 per person.

TOUR 5

Friday, 10 September, 2010 Mount Rushmore Lighting ceremony Load 4:45pm, Depart 5:00pm

We will travel to Mount Rushmore with time for viewing, and evening meal, and the patriotic lighting ceremony. Vouchers for the evening meal are part of the package. This patriotic lighting ceremony is a fantastic way to see Mount Rushmore in all its splendor and glory. You do not want to miss this tour. Arrival back at the hotel will be approximately 9:45pm Cost is \$45.00 per person.



RAPID CITY, S.D. 2010 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Name: _____	Division _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____
Name: _____	Relation _____

If registering more than 5, please attach a sheet providing the additional names.

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|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| (1) TOTAL NUMBER in our Group | | _____ |
| (2) COST to register | | _____ x \$25.00 |
| (3) TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THOSE REGISTERING | (1) x (2) | _____ |
| | | |
| (4) NUMBER ATTENDING SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET | | _____ |
| (5) COST (per person) | | _____ x \$35.00 |
| (6) TOTAL BANQUET amount | (4) x (5) | _____ |
| (7) NUMBER for Badlands National Park | | _____ x \$45.00 = |
| (8) NUMBER for Flying T Chuck Wagon and Show | | _____ x \$35.00 = |
| (9) TOTAL for Crazy Horse/Custer State Park/Mt. Rushmore | | _____ x \$55.00 = |
| (10) TOTAL for Journey Museum/Prairie Edge Galleries/Downtown | | _____ x \$25.00 = |
| (11) TOTAL for Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony | | _____ x \$ 45.00 = |
| (12) TOTAL for Registration, Banquet, and Tour Package | (3+6+7+8+9+10+11) | _____ |

Send this form and a check for the amount on line (11) made payable to: USS Lexington CV16 Association
TO:
Lance Wagner
71 - 21 73rd Place
Glendale, NY 11385

Dinner selections are: (Please indicate the number desired):

Stuffed Porterhouse Pork Chop	_____
Baked Chicken Breast	_____
Sirloin Tips over Noodles	_____

The total number of meals should total the same number as shown on line (4)

In Case Of Emergency, Please Contact: (name) _____

(Phone) _____

Registration Deadline is 17 August, 2010

Military Engagement Rules by Service

This should explain it all to you who wondered the differences. My thanks to Betty Foor for sending it to me. Greg

Marine Corps Rules:

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a '4.'
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral & diagonal preferred..)
9. Use cover and concealment as much as possible..
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.



Navy SEALs Rules:

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.



US Army Rangers Rules:

1. Walk 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from 'Higher' to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.



US Army Rules:

1. Curse bitterly when receiving operational order.
2. Make sure there is extra ammo and extra coffee.
3. Curse bitterly.
4. Curse bitterly.
5. Do not listen to 2nd LTs; it can get you killed.
6. Curse bitterly.



US Air Force Rules:

1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on HBO.
4. Ask 'What is a gunfight?'
5. Request more funding from Congress with a 'killer' Power Point presentation..
6. Wine & dine "key" Congressmen, invite DOD & defense industry executives.
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
8. Declare the assets 'strategic' and never deploy them operationally.
9. Hurry to make 13:45 tee-time.
10. Make sure the base is as far as possible from the conflict but close enough to have tax exemption.



US Navy Rules:

1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Deploy Marines.



A nice poem contributed by Shipmate Pat Shanahan.

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life..
He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.
It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

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GOOD LUCK !!

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 air medal
 american legion
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 the grand gateway
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CRYPTOGRAM

For those who may not know, A cryptogram is a puzzle much like a code. Each letter stands for another letter in the alphabet. Look for patterns of known words, and with a few educated guesses, you'll deduce the other letters as well. When you figure out a missing letter, it is the same letter throughout the puzzle. To get you started, Here's a clue: Q = I and B = T. Have fun!!

"NO NH IM BUFMT, DQBH NU HQM EYUH UBLXMT TRHC BWT HQM

GXMBHMUH UYRXLM YO YRX UMLRXNHC NW B XMJRIKNL? HQM

BWUDMX DYRKT IM, BW NWZNYKBIKM XMUJMLH OYX HQM

LYWUHNHRHNYW BWT KBDU - HQM ONXUH GXYDNWG YRH YO HQM KBUH."



An up-through-the-ranks mustang lieutenant commander retired after 35 years and realized a lifelong dream of buying a bird-hunting estate in Nebraska.

He invited an old Admiral friend to visit for a week of pheasant hunting. The admiral was in awe of the mustang's new bird dog, "Chief". The dog could point, flush and retrieve with the very best.

The old flag officer offered to buy the dog at any price. The mustang declined, saying that "Chief" was the very best bird dog he had ever owned and that he couldn't possibly part with him.

The next year, the same admiral returned for another week of hunting and was surprised to find his mustang friend breaking in a new dog.

"What happened to "Chief?" he asked.

"Had to shoot him," the Mustang replied. "Another old shipmate came to hunt with me and couldn't remember the dog's name. He kept calling him 'Master Chief.'

After that, all the dog would do was sit on his ass and bark."

The phone rings at FBI headquarters. "Hello?"
"I'm calling to report my neighbor. He's hiding marijuana inside his firewood."

"Thanks you very much for the call, sir."

The next day the FBI descends on the neighbor's house. The search the shed where the firewood is stored and using axes they bust open every piece of wood, but don't find any marijuana.

They curse at the neighbors and leave.

The phone rings at the neighbor's house, and the caller asks, "Hey Adrian... did the FBI come over today?"

"yup"

"Did they chop your firewood all up?"

"yup"

"Great! Now it's your turn to call. I need my garden plowed."

Cheaters section. Okay, go ahead and tell yourself that you're just "checking your answers", but we all know better.



Alexander Hamilton

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