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2024 Veterans Day poster contest: And the winner is...

by Terrri Evans

Veterans Administration

For the 2024 Veterans Day Poster Contest, the Veterans Day National Committee called on professional and amateur artists to create picture perfect designs that reflect the theme of this year's Veterans Day observance, "A Legacy of Loyalty and Service."

The competition was tough. There were more than 150 entries from people ranging from school-age children to graphic designers with decades of experience. When all ballots were tallied, the VDNC selected the design created by Myisha Godette.

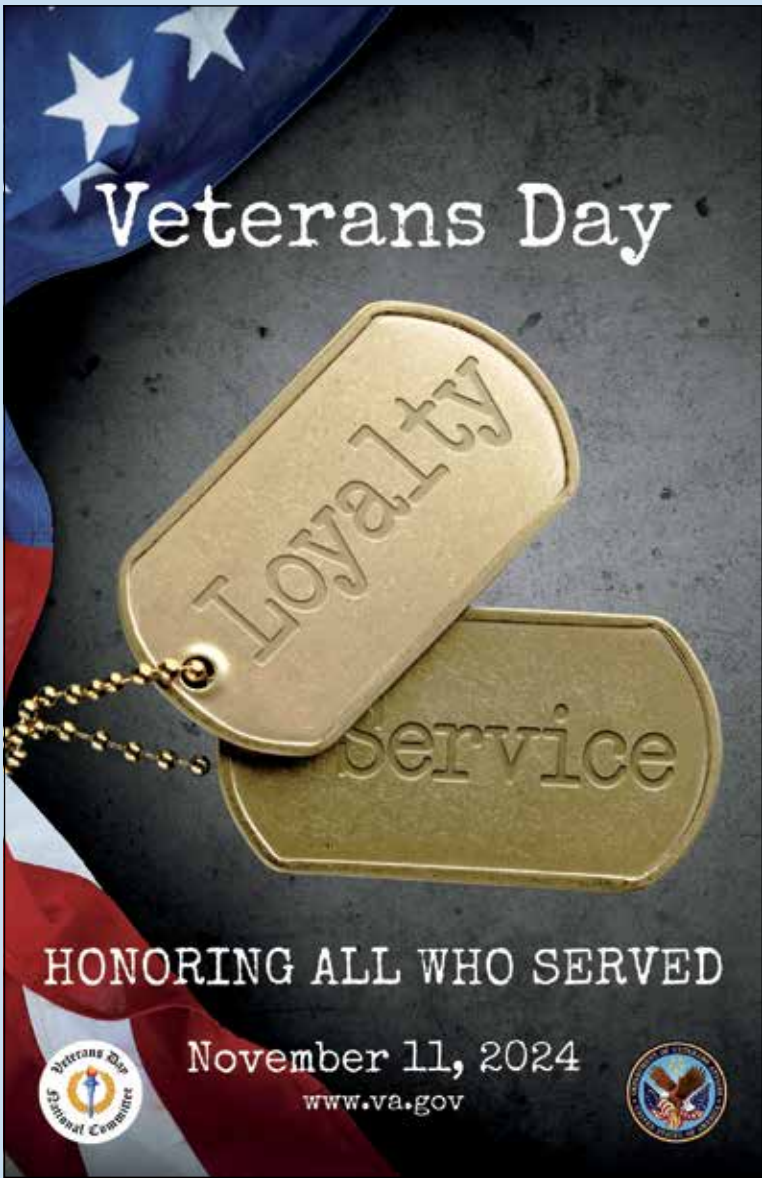
A retired, disabled Army Veteran from Queens, N.Y., Myisha's design was driven by a desire to represent all who have served.

"As a veteran, I've sometimes felt underrep-

resented, prompting me to consider how best to incorporate inclusivity and the essence of loyalty and service," she said. "Ultimately, I chose to symbolize the shared experience of service members—past, present, and future -- with elements like the American Flag, military "dog tags," and the enduring strength of Veterans, embodied by a solid, dark concrete background in my design."

The Veterans Day poster will be displayed in VA facilities, military installations, and municipal buildings across America. It will also serve as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 11.

Thank you to all who used their creativity to show appreciation for our Veterans. We welcome you to enter the 2025 Veterans Day competition and we look forward to seeing your future artistic creations.



Veterans Day

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HONORING SERVICE TO THE
NATION, YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

Five facts to know about Veterans Day

by Katie Lange

DOD News

Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday, but there are also a few misconceptions about it — like how it's spelled or whom exactly it celebrates. To clear some of that up, here are the important facts you should know.

Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.

A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.

Veterans Day is NOT the same as Memorial Day.

A lot of Americans get this confused, and we'll be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there.

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

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Veterans Day, not Veteran's Day



Army photograph by Sgt. Ken Scar

LEFT: A U.S. Army Reservist reads some of the 58,307 names etched into "the Wall" of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as the sun rises in Washington, July 22, 2015.



Courtesy photograph

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs HR7786, June 1, 1954. This ceremony changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day.



Photograph courtesy of Timothy Hale

LEFT: Spectators and veterans hold up "Thank You" signs during the Fayetteville Veterans Day parade in Fayetteville, N.C., Nov. 10, 2012. The annual parade featured U.S. Army Reserve Command soldiers and service members and equipment from the XVIII Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division, high school bands, decorated floats, veterans organizations and Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps marching units.



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For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 "Remembrance Day." Canada's observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memorial Day.

The United Kingdom calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence around the country to honor those who lost their lives in war. As in Canada, many citizens wear red poppies to honor their dead.



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Erin Trower
Local community members, along with Airmen from the 48th Fighter Wing, participate in a Remembrance Day parade in Lakenheath Village, England, Nov. 8, 2015. Remembrance Day observance was first held Nov. 11, 1921, and hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



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WWI sculpture captures ENDURING LEGACY OF SERVICE



by Joseph Clark

DOD News

More than a century after the fighting stopped in November 1918, the legacy of the more than 4.7 million U.S. service members who served in World War I has been brought to life through a towering display illuminated for the first time in late September at the nation's monument commemorating the Great War.

A Soldier's Journey, a complex story of triumph and sacrifice that defines America's involvement in the war through a series of scenes featuring a recurring figure: a soldier who answered the call to serve in battles that raged an ocean away.

In the first scene, the soldier's daughter hands him a helmet as he kneels in the embrace of his wife.

Next, the soldier moves toward a figure gesturing him toward battle as his wife grasps his arm in a bid to restrain him from answering the call to arms.

The remaining scenes follow the soldier through violent clashes alongside his comrades and the shock of battle portrayed through a bewildered stare before culminating in a proud march underneath the nation's flag before he is once again reunited with his daughter.

The sprawling 25-ton bronze composition combines 38 total figures to tell the story of the war, capturing the broad range of American men and women from all walks of life who answered the call.

"This mammoth, epic, 60-foot bronze is about humans," sculptor Sabin Howard said on Friday as A Soldier's Journey was illuminated for the first time in a sunset ceremony.

"It is a memorial about us, 'We the people,'" he said. "It is a project that represents the everyman, the ones who make this country possible."

During the ceremony, each section of



Navy photographs by PO2 Zachary Wheeler

A 58-foot-long bronze sculpture titled *A Soldier's Journey* is unveiled during an illumination ceremony at the National World War I Memorial in Washington, Sept. 13, 2024.

the statue was illuminated separately as Howard narrated each scene.

Howard said the legacy of those who served more than 100 years ago lives on to this day.

"This monument is a statement about what we can be as a country, as a nation," he said, adding that he, as the sculptor,

is "in service of something bigger than myself."

"I learned this from the combat veterans that posed for me," he said. "I used Army Rangers, Marines and Navy SEALs. All of them have experienced the horrors of war. Their faces are in this bronze forever. They are in direct lineage to those young

men and women that left our shores 106 years ago."

The sculpture serves as the centerpiece for the 1.76-acre National World War I Memorial situated along Pennsylvania

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Avenue, just steps from the White House.

In 2013, Congress authorized the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission to establish a national memorial honoring those who served in World War I.

The memorial first opened in April 2021, and Friday’s illumination ceremony marked the completion of the decade-spanning endeavor to honor those who served and the 116,516 U.S. service members who lost their lives in the first war to engulf the entire world.

In addition to the sculpture, the memorial features a statue of U.S. Army Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded the American Expeditionary Force during World War I, and a 10-foot-high wall containing battle maps from the war. It also houses the Peace Fountain, a water cascade on the reverse side of the wall bearing A Soldier’s Journey that bears text from Archibald MacLeish’s poem “The Young Dead Soldiers.”

Terry W. Hamby, chairman of the World War I Centennial Commission, said the memorial “comes to life in a way that few memorials could” with completion of the sculpture.

“The startling realism and

epic scale of this sculpture serve as a testament to the courage and dedication of every soldier who has served and continues to serve,” he said. “It captures the essence of their journey, the challenges they face, the strength they exhibit, the spirit that drives them forward and those they left behind and fought to return home to.”

In addition to the first illumination of the sculpture, last week’s dedication also included performances by the United States Army Band and the sounding of taps by buglers organized by the Doughboy Foundation, a group created to serve as a steward of the monument alongside the commission.

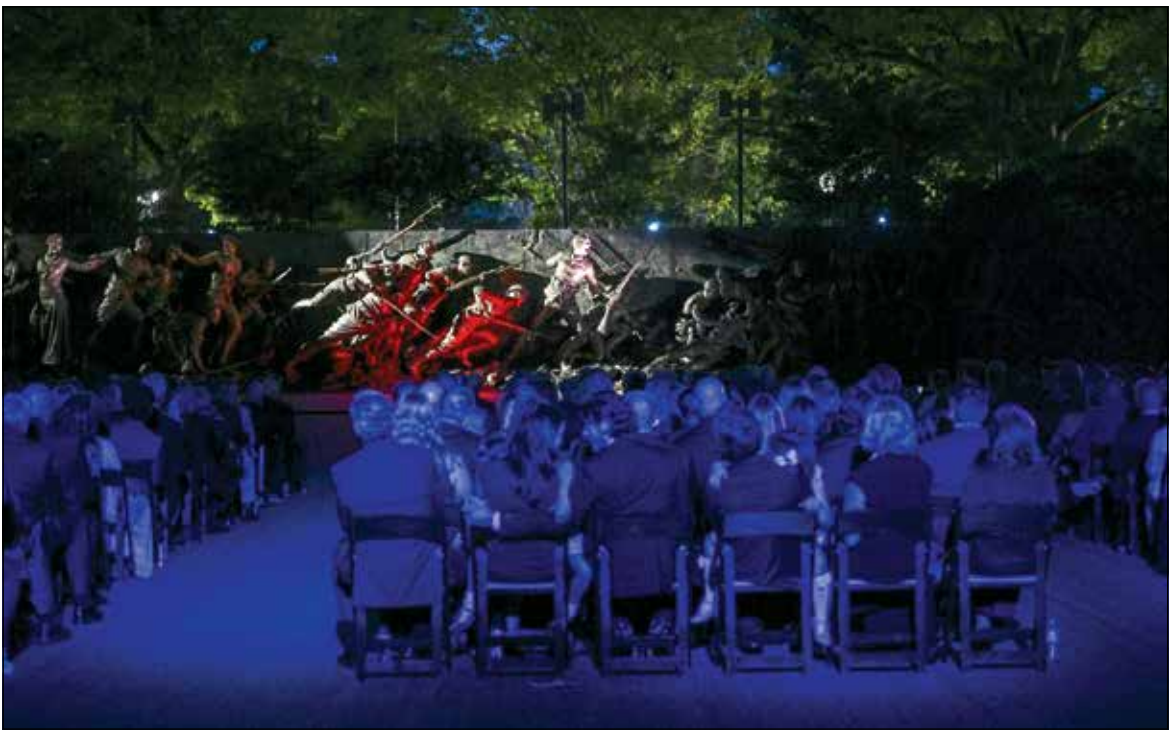
Members of the public lined the perimeter of Pershing Park, the site of the memorial, during the ceremony.

Nick Watts, a 20-year-old student at Xavier University, flew with his father from Ohio to attend the ceremony.

“I think World War I, especially, needs this sculpture because people often don’t know a lot of details about it,” Watts said.

He said he has been interested in World War I history since childhood, which his parents have encouraged and supported.

In 2017, he organized a gather-



Navy photograph by PO2 Zachary Wheeler

A 58-foot-long bronze sculpture titled A Soldier’s Journey is unveiled during an illumination ceremony at the National World War I Memorial in Washington, Sept. 13, 2024.

ing for his classmates to mark the 100th anniversary of the United States entering the war. He and his parents also flew to Washington for the centennial in November 2018.

After watching the illumination, he said he was moved by the level

of detail and the story captured by the sculpture.

“I think it does justice to how much our country sacrificed during the war,” he said.

Watts’ interest in the war has stuck with him through college. He’s enrolled in Xavier’s Phi-

losophy, Politics and the Public program, a four-year, interdisciplinary, honors-track study that encompasses his interests in history and politics.

“Events like these just inspire me to keep learning more,” he said. “You can never learn enough.”

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VETERANS DAY AND ARMISTICE DAY IN AN AMERICAN FAMILY: SECTION 18, GRAVE 1345

by Dennis Anderson

special to Aerotech News

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY — Our kinsman, Joseph Otto Turley, was 24 years old when he was shot on the last day of World War I, one of hundreds dying in the final hours of the Great War before the guns went silent.

The former football player and student body president at Auburn High School in Washington State had come so far, serving on a machine gun team in three of the bloodiest battles of history's bloodiest war to date.

He had survived the charge at Soissons, the bloody ascent at Blanc Mont, and America's biggest battle in World War I, the Meuse-Argonne campaign. Unless you knew a Doughboy or a Marine, or had one in your family, these battles have faded with the mists of time.

Otto Turley had come so far, and would fall, a few hundred yards short of the finish line.

Nov. 11, 1918, was the final day of what was up to that time history's biggest and most lethal war, that war ending between the Allies and the Central Powers led by Germany on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month.

By that time my great uncle, my grandmother Hattie's brother, was bleeding out and would die the next day in a church converted to field hospital.

My son, who served in combat with Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan, was certain that our ancestor suffered an agonizing and slow death. Turley's "Died of Wounds" record indicated GWS, initials standing for "gunshot wound, severe."

Our great Uncle Otto was mortally wounded in one of the final actions of the war, the crossing of the Meuse River, in which some hundreds of Marines wobbled across a makeshift wooden bridge cobbled together on the night of Nov. 10 by Army combat engineers.

Some of the Marines feared making the crossing, but most walked on after the captain who said, "I'm crossing that bridge, and I expect you men to follow me."

Most did, and some were shot off the bridge, falling into the river and dragged under swift currents by heavy gear, drowned. The ones who made it to the far shore faced a steady hail of fire from Germans who were nearly beat, but still commanded high ground with machine gun and accurate rifle fire.

That fire continued past 11 a.m., the hour agreed for the Armistice, until a German officer and adjutant appeared with a white flag of truce, the German telling a Marine officer, "The Armistice has been in effect for hours. Will you tell your men to stop shooting at my men?"

Within hours, Germans and Americans were trading cigarettes, cigars, sausage "like long lost brothers," one Marine recalled. Gen. John Lejeune, the Marine legend who was namesake of Camp Lejeune, lamented that so many were dead and dying on "the evening of peace," our kinsman among them.

Two brothers served with "Uncle Otto." They were Tom and Jess Turley, Marines all. By the time the war ended, Tom was evacuated with a gunshot wound to the chest, from which he would recover. Jess Turley and his Marines marched into Germany to begin a short occupation.

That was the Armistice that ended World War I, to be commemorated as Armistice Day. And it remained that way until 1954, 70 years ago. We were in a fiery chapter of the long Cold War that consumed U.S. national security since shortly after the end of World War II.

Armistice Day would become Veterans Day. The United States retained a big draft military of millions of troops with global commitments, all serving to deter the prospect of a nuclear war with the Soviet Union.



Courtesy photograph

Marine Pvt. Joseph Otto Turley.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of D-Day in World War II, and architect of NATO, and the nuclear strategy of the Cold War, signed legislation in 1954 changing the commemoration to Veterans Day.

I have been for many years an American veteran, but my son was in active and highly hazardous service when we resolved to solve the mystery of our kinsman's death at Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918. We decided by long distance call from California to Iraq. My son and I discussed this just as Lance Cpl. Garrett P. Anderson was heading into a fright show of combat at close quarters called "The Second Battle of Fallujah." Fifty-two of his unit brothers would be killed in Iraq.

On a last phone call from Camp Fallujah, the staging area, my son said, "We have to find out about Uncle Otto. I think it's important."

My early childhood memory was my grandmother telling me "Your Uncle Otto was killed on the last day of the war."

My guess was that Otto was a Doughboy, meaning an Army soldier, not a Marine. My son rebuffed that in our phone call from Camp Fallujah.

"Uncle Otto was a 'Devil Dog,' old man," he said. "He was a Marine."

He was certain, and it turned out he was correct. With Garrett home

from the Post 9/11 wars, we found Uncle Otto's grave at Arlington and visited, Section 18, Grave 1345.

When we first visited Arlington National Cemetery together in 2007, both of us now veterans, we found Pvt. Turley's gravestone. We knew immediately that a grave error was contained on the stone. It listed our kinsman's death date as Nov. 2 — not the battlefield death known to our family as the end of the Great War.

It would take 11 years and a change in leadership at Arlington National Cemetery after the resolution of record-keeping scandals to get the error on the gravestone corrected.

On Nov. 11, 2018, 100 years to the day after the end of World War I, my son and I, with family and our Marine Corps war on terror battle brother, Col. Jeffrey T. Wong, gathered graveside at Arlington. Cemetery officials had done the right thing and struck a new marble gravestone with the accurate date of death.

Why do these things matter? Because, in this way, we ensure that our dead, our fallen brothers and sisters, are not forgotten. That is why they marked the Armistice, the end of the greatest war in history to date.

And that is why we remember our brothers and sisters, living and dead, fallen and serving, and veterans all on Veterans Day.

Editor's note: Dennis Anderson is an Army paratrooper veteran who covered the Iraq War for local and national media. He has served on the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission and works as veterans advocate at High Desert Medical Group.



Courtesy photograph

Army vet Dennis Anderson and Marine vet Garrett Anderson at corrected gravestone of Pvt. Joseph Otto Turley on Veterans Day, 2018, the 100th anniversary of end of World War I.



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VA awards grants to help veterans, service members participate in adaptive sports

Veterans Administration

On Oct. 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced the award of \$15.9 million in grants to fund adaptive sports, recreational activities, and equine therapy for veterans and service members living with disabilities.

VA's Adaptive Sports Grant Program will provide grants to 91 national, regional, and community-based programs for fiscal year 2024 across all 50 states and the District



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Brett Clashman

Ryan Pinnie looks for a teammate to pass to during a wheelchair basketball scrimmage at an Air Force Wounded Warrior Adaptive Sports Camp, July 31, 2013, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. More than 30 Air Force wounded warriors attended the two-day adaptive sports camp featuring wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, yoga, swimming, air rifle/pistol shooting and track and field, designed to help them overcome their challenges and enjoy an active lifestyle.



Air Force photograph by Shawn Sprayberry

Mark Shepherd, AFW2 wheelchair basketball coach, talks to wounded warriors about the finer details of how to maneuver in a wheelchair during the NE Region Warrior CARE Event at Joint Base Andrews, Md. The biggest moving part of the AFW2 Warrior CARE Events is the adaptive sports. It's dynamic and fast-moving, giving each warrior an opportunity to see what they can do versus what they cannot. These wounded warriors often come to the events with a prescribed lists of things they cannot do and the coaching staff work hard to move around those mental barriers to increase their restorative care for long-term success in their overall recovery.

of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. The programs will collectively provide life-changing opportunities for more than 15,000 veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

These grants help advance the administration's Unity Agenda for the nation through advancing veterans' well-being and opportunities. Adaptive sports are competitive

or recreational sports and activities customized to fit the needs of Veterans with disabilities, including paralympic sports, archery, cycling, skiing, hunting, rock climbing, and sky diving. These activities allow veterans to rehabilitate through recreation and encourage an active and fit lifestyle.

"These grants give veterans life-changing opportunities to participate in adaptive sports in the communities where they live all across the country," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "We know adaptive sports and recreational activities can be transformational for veterans living with disabilities, improving their overall physical and mental health, and also giving them important community with fellow heroes who served."

Marine Corps Veteran Jataya Taylor — who competed in wheelchair fencing at the 2024 Paralympics — was unhappy and struggling with mental health issues until she began participating in adaptive sports with an organization supported by the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program. She touts adaptive sports as a gateway to a new community and essential to her mental health.

"Getting involved in adaptive sports was a saving grace for me," Taylor said. "Participating in these programs got me on the bike to start with, then got me climbing, and eventually it became an important part of my mental health to participate. I found my people. I found my new network of friends."

By participating in adaptive sports and equine therapy, veterans can enhance their physical health, boost mental well-being, gain independence, and foster a strong sense of community. Grant awardees include various organizations, including Veterans Service Organizations, city and regional municipalities, and other community groups.

VA has awarded over \$119 million in grants through the Adaptive Sports Grant Program during the last nine years. This program is one of VA's many initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of those who have served.



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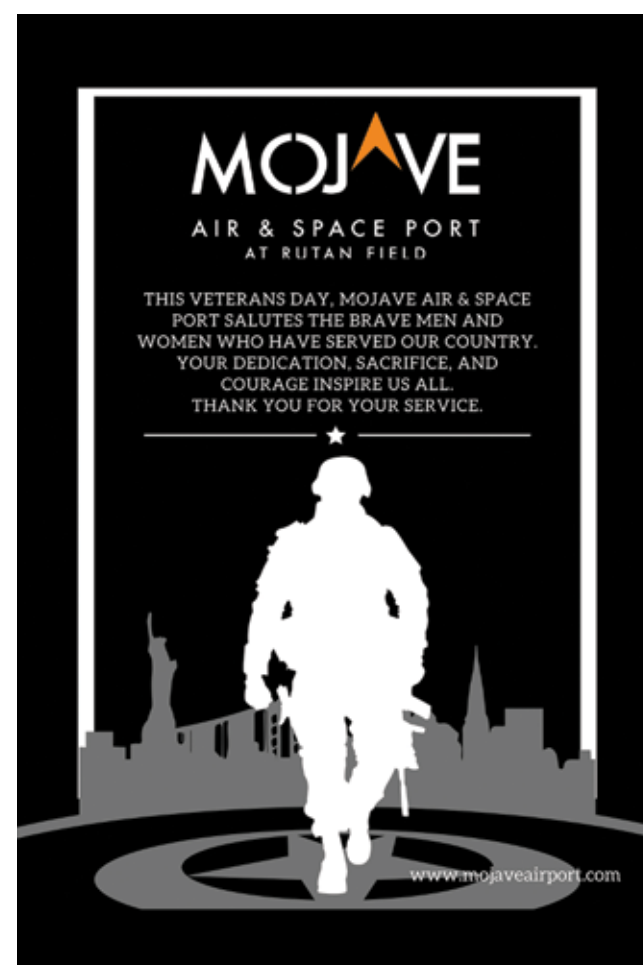
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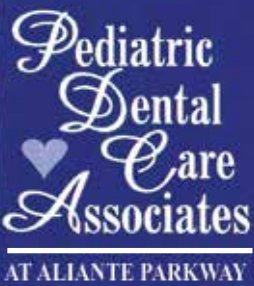
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Jeff Bridges, 'The Dude' in the film 'The Big Lebowski,' was in the Coast Guard

by David Vergun

DOD News

Actor Jeff Bridges, aka "The Dude" in director Joel Coen's film "The Big Lebowski," served in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1967 to 1975 as a boatswain's mate, attaining the rank of petty officer 2nd class when he separated from the service.

Boatswain's mates are the service's experts in all aspects of deck seamanship and navigation. Because of their expertise, few things happen at sea without a Boatswain involved, according to the Coast Guard.

Bridges was assigned primarily to the Coast Guard Reserve Center in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Although he was never in combat, Bridges said he had some arduous experiences in the Coast Guard, such as chipping paint while aboard a buoy tender for weeks at a time and then painting the vessel.

Coast Guard cutters are notorious for lack of space, he recalled. Racks were stacked three- or four-high so there wasn't much privacy.

He remembers getting seasick, along with his other shipmates, during rough seas.



Coast Guard photograph

Jeff Bridges in 1967 in his Coast Guard uniform.

Despite those minor hardships, he said overall he had wonderful times, fond memories and plenty of friends.

The decision to enlist in the Coast Guard was undoubtedly influenced by his father,



Courtesy photograph

Jeff Bridges at the Independent Spirit Awards, Los Angeles, March 5, 2010.

actor Lloyd Bridges, who served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He was later made an honorary commodore in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, primarily for the publicity generated from the TV series "Sea Hunt," which aired from 1958 to 1961.

In "Sea Hunt," Lloyd Bridges was cast as the lead character, Mike Nelson, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Jeff Bridges and his older brother, Beau Bridges, also starred in the series.

Another influence on Jeff Bridges was his brother Beau, who enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1959 and served for eight years, working aboard the cutter Dexter as a cook and editor of the ship's newspaper.

Jeff Bridges, born Dec. 4, 1949, in Los Angeles, said his father and mother, actress Dorothy Bridges, were proud that he and his brother continued the family's Coast Guard tradition. He said his parents also encouraged the boys to get into acting.

All three Bridges — Lloyd, Jeff and Beau — received The Lone Sailor Award in 2011, which honors veterans of the sea services for their achievements in later life.

Jeff Bridges has been married since 1977 to Susan Geston. The couple has three daughters: Isabelle, Jessica, and Hayley.

Actor Gene Hackman served in the Marine Corps in China

by David Vergun

DOD News

Actor Gene Hackman, who starred in "The French Connection" (1971), "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972), "Get Shorty" (1995), and many other films, also served in the Marine Corps.

Born on Jan. 30, 1930, in San Bernardino, Calif., Hackman left home at age 16 to enlist in the Marine Corps, lying about his age so he could get in, which was a fairly common practice before the advent of computer records. He served from 1947 to 1952 as a field radio operator and then as a broadcast journalist.

In the 1940s, he was stationed in Qingdao, China, and then Shanghai. Part of his duties, he said, was destroying Japanese military equipment so that the communists couldn't obtain it.

Hackman participated in Operation Beleaguer, a major operation led by Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey. Rockey commanded 50,000 Marines of the III Marine Amphibious Corps which deployed to northeastern China



Marine Corps photograph

Gene Hackman in his Marine Corps uniform sometime between 1947 and 1951.

between 1945 and 1949.

The main objectives of the operation were the repatriation of more than 600,000 Japanese and Koreans who remained in China after the end of World War II, as well as the protection of American lives and property in the country. Over nearly four years, American forces engaged



Marine Corps photograph by Staff Sgt. David Vergun

Shanghai, China, in early 1985 before there were many cars. The scene looked the same in the late 1940s when actor Gene Hackman was stationed there in the Marine Corps.

in several skirmishes with the communists while the Americans successfully evacuated and repatriated thousands of foreign nationals.

The unit withdrew from China when the Red Army took control of the country in 1949. Hackman subsequently served in Hawaii and Japan.

Hackman used his GI Bill ben-

efits to study journalism and television production at the University of Illinois.

Success as an actor, he said, didn't come easy. He got a few bit roles, such as on the TV series "Route 66" in 1963 and performed in several off-Broadway plays.

"Bonnie and Clyde" (1967) earned Hackman an Academy Award

nomination as Best Supporting Actor and his film career took off after that.

A few of his films had military themes.

In director Tony Scott's 1995 film, "Crimson Tide," Hackman played Navy Capt. Frank Ramsey, in command of the ballistic missile submarine USS Alabama in the 1990s, shortly after the breakup of the Soviet Union.



White House photograph

Gene Hackman, right, and President Ronald Reagan in 1987 at the White House.

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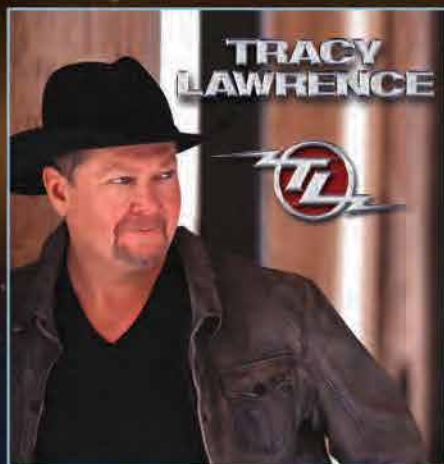
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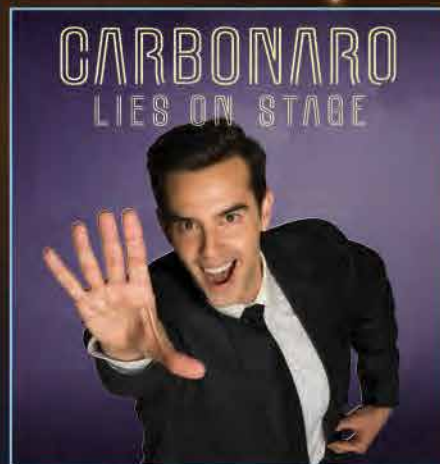
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USS Louisiana educator orientation visit

Torpedoman's Mate 1st Class Chris Marquez, from Tucson, Ariz., describes working in a torpedo room to visitors during a chief executive officer and Educator Orientation Visit aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743), Aug. 7, 2024.

USS George Washington Sailors prepare meals in the Ward Room



Navy photograph by PO3 Johnathan Meighan

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Aircraft Handling) Airman Lillianna Nolasco, from Phoenix, Ariz., assigned to supply department's general mess division, sets a table to serve dinner aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) while underway in the Pacific Ocean, Oct. 10, 2024.

Foreign humanitarian assistance



Marine Corps photograph by Lance Cpl. Jack Labrador
U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Aidan Vigneux, center, a Kihei, Hawaii, native, and Lance Cpl. Mickey Hernandez, a Gilbert, Ariz., native, both CH-53 crew chiefs assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, direct and guides cargo pallets during a foreign humanitarian assistance exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 1-25 at Kiwanis Park, in Yuma, Arizona on Oct. 7, 2024. WTI course is a seven-week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 which emphasizes operational integration of the six functions of Marine aviation in support of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, Joint and Coalition Forces.



Navy photograph by PO1 Aaron T. Smith

USS Greeneville sailors train at STFSD

Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) 1st Class Trevor Wise, left, from Yakima, Wash., observes Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 2nd Class Tynan Lopez, from Tucson, Ariz., assigned to Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772), uses a carbon dioxide (CO2) extinguisher during a firefighting trainer at the Submarine Training Facility, San Diego onboard Naval Base Point Loma, July 15, 2024.



Army photograph by Lt. Col. Michelle Lunato

Col. Gregory Glasow takes command of 98th Training Division

Col. Gregory C. Glasow, a Glendale, Ariz., resident, receives the 98th Training Division (Initial Entry Training) colors from Maj. Gen. William B. Dyer III, Commanding General of the 108th Training Command, during a Change of Command Ceremony in Marshall Auditorium, located on Fort Moore, Ga., Oct. 19, 2024. The 98th Training Division is a U.S. Army Reserve Division headquartered at Fort Moore, Georgia and includes more than 2000 Soldiers across the United States.

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Weapons and Tactics instructor course



Marine Corps photograph by Lance Cpl. Orlanys Diaz Figueroa U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jacob Carring, a Mesa, Ariz., native, and a KC-130J Hercules crew chief with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, signals a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System during Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 1-25 at Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah, Oct. 9, 2024. WTI is a seven-week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 which emphasizes operational integration of the six functions of Marine aviation on support of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, Joint and Coalition Forces.



Marine Corps photograph by Cpl. Iris Gantt

2nd MLG Marines practice animal packing skills

U.S. Customs and Border Protections Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Anthony D'Amico, a Tucson, Ariz., native, hitches a saddle onto a mule during Animal Packers Course 2-24 at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., Aug. 5, 2024. Animal Packers Course teaches personnel to load and maintain pack animals for military applications in difficult terrain with mission-essential gear.



Marine Corps photograph by Cpl. Alexis Sanchez

Marine air-ground maneuver exercise

U.S. Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Keith Porter, a Tucson, Ariz. native and the first sergeant of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, coordinates forces during a Marine Air-Ground Task Force Distributed Maneuver Exercise as part of Service Level Training Exercise 5-24 at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Aug. 13, 2024.

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Las Vegas native serves aboard Ralph Johnson



Navy photograph by PO1 Jamaal Liddell

Gunners Mate 2nd Class Joshua Fajardoortez, from Las Vegas, Nev., poses for a photo aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) in the South China Sea, September 27. Ralph Johnson is forward deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet's principal surface force.

Las Vegas native hones sewing skills aboard Boxer



Navy photograph by Seaman Tyler Miles

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Airman Apprentice Lorenzo Gordo, assigned to USS Boxer (LHD 4), and a native of Las Vegas, Nev., sews a uniform item in the aircrew equipment shop as the ship steams in the Pacific Ocean, July 21, 2024. Boxer is currently underway conducting routine operations in U.S. 3rd Fleet with elements of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Faces of RIMPAC



Air Force photograph by Staff Sgt. Christina Westover

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Abigail Limon, is the non-commissioned officer in charge of food safety and sanitation and a public health technician with the 15th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron. She has the critical role of inspecting all food in support of Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024, ensuring they meet the highest safety standards. She is originally from Las Vegas, Nev., and it's her first time participating in RIMPAC. Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands, June 27 to Aug. 1. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2024 is the 29th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) celebrates U.S. Navy's 249th birthday



Navy photograph by PO2 Jordan C. Brown

Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Jonathan Robinson, from Las Vegas, Nev., speaks during a celebration of the U.S. Navy's 249th birthday in the forward mess deck onboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) while in-port Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, Oct. 15, 2024. Ronald Reagan provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the United States, and supports alliances, partnerships and collective maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region.



Navy photograph by POC Diana Quinlan

Chief uniform fitting

Chief Hospital Corpsman Gabriel Avila, a native of Las Vegas, Nev., assigned to U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Sigonella, demonstrates the proper wear of a male chief full dress white uniform during a chief petty officer uniform fitting at the Navy Exchange on board Naval Air Station Sigonella, Aug. 26, 2024. Twenty-three Sailors and six U.S. Air Force airmen, assigned to various commands on board NAS Sigonella, who were selected for promotion, attended the uniform fitting as they undergo approximately six weeks of initiation and training to learn how to serve in their new roles as senior enlisted leaders.

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NSA Bahrain visits Bahrain Animal Rescue Centre



Navy photograph by PO2 Macadam Weissman

Builder 1st Class Mario Paniagua, from Las Vegas, Nev., left, and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Boady Marshall, from Holdenville, Okla., saw through a wood pallet at the Bahrain Animal Rescue Centre during a Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Community Relations event, June 28, 2024. Activities included dog walking, leveling terrain, and building cat towers from wood pallets donated by NSA Bahrain's Environmental Department. NSA Bahrain enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. and allied forces in support of the Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central mission to provide services to the fleet, warfighter and family.



Navy photograph by PO2 Kaitlin Young

Sailor sends JP-5 to flight deck

Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class Camille Cabuhat, a native of Las Vegas, Nev., releases a valve to send jet fuel (JP-5) from the JP-5 pump room to the flight deck of the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64), Aug. 2, 2024. The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is underway in the Atlantic Ocean completing integrated naval warfighting training. Composite Unit Training Exercises are an intense, multi-week exercise designed to fully integrate a carrier strike group as a cohesive, multi-mission fighting force, to assess their ability to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea, and drive future warfighting development.

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H&S Battalion, SOI-E conducts grenade training



Marine Corps photograph by Lance Cpl. Zachary Candiani
U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Justin Haish, right, a combat instructor at School of Infantry – East, demonstrates how to throw an M67 fragmentation grenade with Sgt. D'Anthony Banks, left, an operations chief with Headquarters and Support Battalion, SOI-E, and a native of California City, Calif., during a training event at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sept. 26, 2024. The Marines of H&S Battalion, SOI-E conducted an M67 fragmentation grenade range to increase unit combat readiness and morale.

Iron Wolf exercise underscores multinational force collaboration and interoperability



Army photograph by Sgt. Brett Thompson
U.S. Army Warrant Officer Jordan Calka, a native of Palmdale, Calif., and an AH-64 Apache pilot assigned to Alpha Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, discusses the importance of interoperability amongst the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Lithuania during the Lithuanian Griffin Brigade-led exercise Iron Wolf at Camp Herkus, Lithuania, Oct. 11, 2024. The 1st Cavalry Division's mission is to engage in multinational training and exercises across the continent, strengthening interoperability with NATO allies and regional security partners, which provides competent and ready forces to V Corps, America's forward-deployed corps in Europe.

USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class



Navy photograph by SA Jennifer Owens
Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Christopher Arreloa, a native of Santa Clarita, Calif., communicates through a sound-powered phone while conducting elevator operations in the hangar bay aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) while underway in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations. As an integral part of U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. 3rd Fleet operates naval forces in the Indo-Pacific in addition to providing realistic and relevant training necessary to flawlessly execute our Navy's timeless roles of sea control and power projection. U.S. 3rd Fleet works in close coordination with other numbered fleets to provide commanders with capable, ready forces to deploy forward and win in day-to-day competition, in crisis, and in conflict.

USS Alexandria chief pinning ceremony



Navy photograph by PO1 Aaron Smith
Chief Sonar Technician (Submarines) William Elizalde, from Palmdale, Calif., receives his chief petty officer anchors during a chief pinning ceremony for the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757) at the Roncador Memorial onboard Naval Base Point Loma, Sept. 24, 2024. Alexandria is part of Commander, Submarine Squadron 11, home to five Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines, which are capable of supporting various missions, including: anti-submarine warfare; anti-ship warfare; strike warfare; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

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High Desert Hangar Stories

'Operation Marine' and PFC John Anderson, hometown hero

by Bob Alvis

special to Aerotech News

When Veterans Day comes around, we think about our families and friends who served and sacrificed in each of America's wars and in peacetime.

I'm always looking for stories of inspiration with a tug at the heart, and I believe many times God is looking over my shoulder and guides me to the story I need to share. This story I will share is definitely one of those that I came across in an old hometown publication from the 1960s.

The Antelope Valley had its share of soldiers serving in the Vietnam War and we have heard countless stories of heroism, sacrifice and loss. There were also heartbreaking stories of those who returned home but never left those battlefields behind in their minds. Many times, it's the stories of war that make the heroes stand out, but every once in awhile a story emerges that has nothing to do with guns and bombs, but rather shows a path into the human spirit in wartime.

When Marine recruit John Anderson left Lancaster, Calif., to put his

shoes on the painted feet at the induction center, little did he know his contribution to the war effort would be less about the enemy, and more about the people who ended up as collateral damage.

Never knowing John, but reading about him, I can tell he was raised with a moral compass that would guide him to doing his best for others who needed help in one way or another. Here in the Antelope Valley, living in his average middle-American home, John always looked out for his younger brother and the kids in his neighborhood. When John arrived in South Vietnam in the war-torn city of Chu Lai the children who greeted him were anything but an enjoyable sight.

Almost immediately, the plight of all the orphans living in the streets came to rest on the shoulders of John. This was an activity which he requested and handled after completing the routine duties of a Marine in a combat zone.

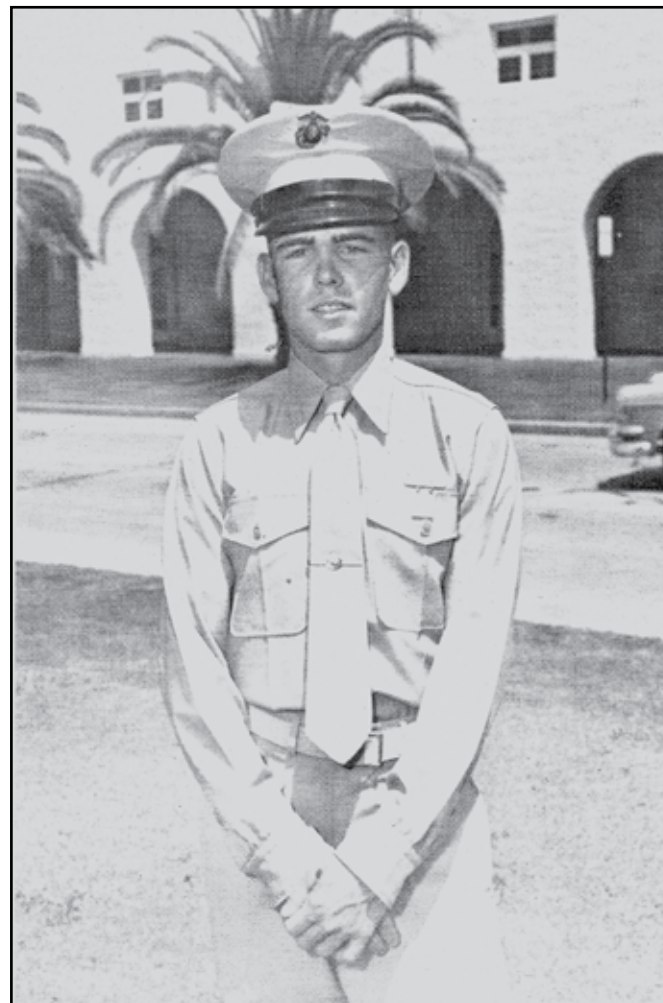
It wasn't long until John's mom, Mrs. Anderson, received a letter from her son outlining the sad situation of these youngsters and requesting that she urge the people of the Antelope Valley to contribute

much-needed articles to these children, many of whom had no clothes at all.

John's mother had recently joined the newly formed Antelope Valley Marine Corps Auxiliary, so it was her own son who set the stage for the first big project of the auxiliary. Mrs. Anderson contacted Mr. Marvin Brown, a state officer of the league who resided in Lancaster and soon "Operation Marine Anderson" was well on its way.

Barrels for depositing clothing were placed in locations across the Antelope Valley, and local radio stations and newspapers donated time and space to inform the public of the activities and drop-off locations where people could donate. General interest was so great that in a very short while 500 pounds of clothing had been collected. The garments were sorted and packaged by the women of the auxiliary, and Mr. Brown took the boxes addressed to Pfc. John Anderson to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Wing, where they were put on a plane and flown to South Vietnam.

As the program grew, money started to show up and Mrs. Anderson started to add simple things like chewing gum, baby food, stuffed animals, and candy. But it was the clothing and shoes that really made a difference in the quality of life for those Vietnamese kids.



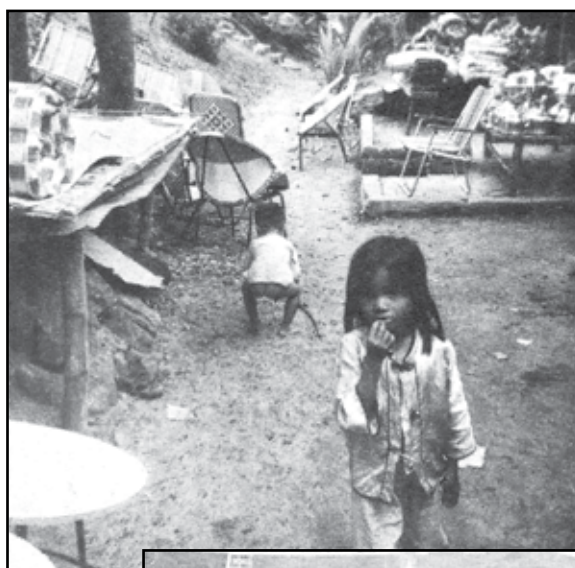
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Pfc. John Anderson.



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United States Marine Corps Pfc. John Anderson's mother poses with a collection barrel in front of Helen's Toy Shop on Lancaster Boulevard. Mrs. Anderson's Marine Corps Auxiliary started "Operation Marine Anderson" to gather toys and clothing for Vietnamese orphans.



Courtesy photographs

The South Vietnamese orphans who inspired Pfc. John Anderson to reach out and help them with toys and clothing, in photos he took.

As Mrs. Anderson was going about the program it gave her great pride to participate in "Operation Marine Anderson", because she knew she was sorting and packing boxes that halfway around the world her son would be unpacking.

What one private first class in Lancaster had started would live on long past John's service. When his deployment ended other Marines stepped up to carry on with Operation Marine Anderson. Over time the operation grew to include other counties, all the way up San Francisco. Amazingly it also grew to include requests for dog food to feed the many dogs left abandoned on the streets.

This Veterans Day, we take the time to remember and honor, but many times people do not realize that "remember and honor" are not always reserved for those who carried weapons. They are also for those who carried the heart and soul of caring soldiers. Soldiers like John, who in the middle of war, saw a need as children suffered. He called out to his hometown to please help him bring some of American childhood here, and do for these suffering children as we would for the children in our own hometown.

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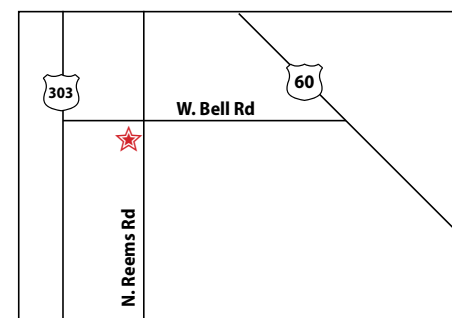
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U.S. Congresswoman Katie Hill

1008 West Avenue M-14, Suite E, Palmdale, CA 93551
https://katiehill.house.gov/
Veterans Affairs: Contact Ben Steinberger at 202-225-1956 or email ben.steinberger@mail.chouse.gov

California State Senate, 21st District – Scott Wilk

Capitol Office
State Capitol, Room 3076
Sacramento CA 95814
Phone: 916-651-4021

Santa Clarita Office
23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 250
Santa Clarita CA 91355
Phone: 661-286-1471

Antelope Valley Office
848 W. Lancaster Blvd., Suite 101
Lancaster CA 93534
Phone: 661-729-6232

The **California Department of Veteran's Affairs (Cal-Vet)** offers benefits that could compensate veterans for a service-connected disability, college education and health care. They also offer assistance with job training and job search, buying a home, elder care, and much more.

California Department of Veteran's Affairs (CalVet)

Los Angeles District Office
11000 Wilshire Blvd., Room 5203.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits
CalVet Women Veterans Affairs
www.calvet.ca.gov/women
womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov
916-653-2327

The **Antelope Valley College Veterans Affairs Program** provides assistance through education, certification and guidance to military veterans and their dependants in achieving their educational objectives and works to promote the retention, graduation and transfer of military veteran students and their dependants

Antelope Valley College Veterans Resource Center
3041 W. Ave. K
SSV Bldg, Room 126, Lancaster, CA 93536
661- 722-6300 Ext. 6342
https://www.avc.edu/student-services/veterans

Operation Healthy Homecoming is an outreach of Mental Health America, with offices in Lancaster and Palmdale. The program serves very low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Operation Healthy Homecoming offers benefits assistance and personal financial planning, housing counseling and placement, temporary financial assistance and employment assistance.

Mental Health America – Operation Healthy Homecoming

Christina Bautista, Veteran Outreach Coordinator
506 W. Jackman St., Lancaster, CA 93534
661-579-8301

1609 E. Palmdale Blvd. Ste. E, Palmdale, CA 93550
661-947-1993

cbautista@mhla.org or www.mhala.org

The **Antelope Valley Vet Center** is a community-based counseling program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. They offer a broad range of services, including readjustment counseling, counseling for PTSD, sexual trauma and bereavement, help for women veterans, referrals for VA benefits and employment referrals.

Antelope Valley Vet Center – Readjustment Counseling Services

Taneil Green-Wood, Readjustment Counselor
38925 Trade Center Dr. Ste. J, Palmdale, CA 93551
(661)267-1026

Taneil.Green-Wood@VA.gov

The **William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home** of Lancaster is a 60-bed residential care/ assisted living facility, operated in partnership with the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. The veterans home provides California veterans with a living environment that protects their dignity and contributes to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth.

William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home - Lancaster
45221 30th St. W., Lancaster, CA 93536
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https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetHomes/Pages/Lancaster.aspx

The **Veterans Crisis Line** is a quick, confidential phone resource for veterans who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, destructive thought patterns and substance abuse issues.

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Confidential chat at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255

The California Department of Business Oversight

has a veterans Services division that focuses on consumer education regarding mortgages, annuities, payday loans, identity theft and other areas of personal finance. Fraud prevention is emphasized.

California Department of Business Oversight – Veterans Services
866-275-2677
www.dbo.ca.gov

The **Los Angeles County Bar Association** has legal services available to assist veterans in clearing outstanding tickets, warrants and criminal records.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Veterans Legal Service Project

https://www.lacba.org/give-back/veterans-legal-services-project

The **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** provides healthcare services, including an outpatient clinic in the Antelope Valley and specialized programs that serve female veterans, veterans in need of mental health services, and former service members who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
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340 E Avenue I Suite 108, Lancaster, CA 93535
661-729-8655

Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center
16111 Plummer St. Bldg. 200, North Hills, CA 91343
818-891-7711

West Los Angeles Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90073
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West Los Angeles Women's Clinic
310-478-3711, Ext. 40285
Comprehensive Homeless Center

Angela K. Russell
11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90073
310-478-3711, ext. 48716
Angela.Russell3@va.gov

National Resources

Veterans Administration

www.va.gov
VA Benefits:

Burial, Death Pension, Dependency Indemnity Compensation, Direct Deposit, Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices, Disability Compensation, Disability Pension, Education, Home Loan Guaranty, Medical Care, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
1-800-827-1000

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits
1-877-294-6380

Debt Management Center
1-800-827-0648
(Collection of Non-Medical Debts)

Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)
877-345-8179

Foreign Medical Program (FMP)
1-888-820-1756

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)
CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative
1-800-733-8387

Education (GI Bill)
1-888-442-4551

Health Care Benefits
1-877-222-8387

Smoking Cessation Counselors
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Combat Call Center
1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)

Life Insurance:
Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program
1-800-419-1473

All other VA Life Insurance Programs
1-800-669-8477

Mammography Helpline
1-888-492-7844

Women Veterans Hotline
855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)

CHAMPVA Meds by Mail
1-888-385-0235 (or)
1-866-229-7389

Special Issues — Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/ Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation
1-800-749-8387

Status of Headstones and Markers
1-800-697-6947

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The American Legion
www.legion.org

National Headquarters
700 N. Pennsylvania Street, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206
Telephone: 317-630-1200

Washington Office
1608 K St. N.W., Washington, DC 20006
Telephone: 202-861-2700

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

www.vfw.org
National Headquarters
406 West 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111
Telephone: 816-756-3390

Washington Office
200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002
Telephone: 202-543-2239

Disabled American Veterans
www.dav.org

National Headquarters
3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076
Telephone: 1-877 I AM A VET (877-426-2838)
859-441-7300

Washington Office
807 Maine Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20024
Telephone: 202-554-3501

Vietnam Veterans of America
www.vva.org

8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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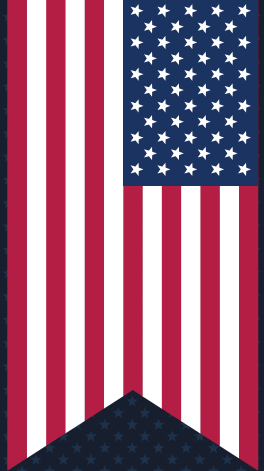
ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700-21716 of the California Business & Professions code. Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code, provisions of the Civil Code.

The Undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding at www.storage-treasures.com to end **November 2, 2024 at 10:00 am** on the premises where said property has been stored & which are located at: **Storelocal Challenger Way, 42738 4th St E Lancaster, CA 93535 County of Los Angeles, State of California.**

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The items to be sold are generally described as follows:
Furniture, clothing, tools and or other household items stored by the following persons.

F74 Gonzalez, Nicole
E57 Mendez, Mia
D38 Ploeger, Marcel Rainer
G17 Gaona-Vera, Luis
B15 Luna, Enrique
B05 Barraza, Jaime Flores
C03 Taylor, Rickeishia

Date: October 28th, 2024 Signed NOVA STORAGE
This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et seq. of Business & Professional Code of the Sate of California. The owner reserves the right to bid at the sale. All purchased goods are sold "As Is" and must be paid for and removed at the time of sale. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between owner & obligated party. Auctioneer: Nova Storage

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0166 Parker, Tyrone
0361 Nein, Marcella
0469 Elizondo, Mandi
0460 Smith, Darrell
0568 Urlanda JR., Rodolfo C.
0574 Siebenhoven, H. Von
0316 Leib, Robert

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A031 Cazares-Villareal, Ashley
E403 Hall, Chardonnay
E436 Chimil, Eugenia
E396 Lopez, Justin
D136 Beverly, Edwardlyn
F506 Cochran Jr, William
E465 Hussein, Alex

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6218 Ramirez, Hortensia
6177 Linares, Juan Angel
1214 Gonzalez, David
3143 Poindexter, Jimmy
4091 Votava, Elizabeth
6020 Garcia, Carmen
6018 Khal, Victor
6021 Votava, Elizabeth

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P40 Clay, Ramon
P33 Liles, Tony
V34 Rosales, Wendy
N31 Randolph, Pam
M28 Salazar, Shiann
U06 Williams, Emma
W14 Zamudio, Jaime
W07 Martinez-Diaz, Lilia
A22 Rios, Mauricio
A03 Elkhal, Victor
C02 Elkhal, Victor

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The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Furniture, clothing, tools and or other household items stored by the following persons.

G848 Love, Rita
G847 Gonzalez, Keven
B149 Hodges Jr, Rickey
B161 Thomas, Roy
E584 Coronel, Ernestina
D444 Garcia, Edwin
H268 Barajas, Claudia
F666 Lomeli, Alfredo
F685 Gomez, Johana

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The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Furniture, clothing, tools and or other household items stored by the following persons.

0486B Gallegos, Janeeva
0375B Yac, Gabriel
0473 Guzman, Rosa
0656 Canales, Rosa
2223 McNally, Kay
3541 Duran, Diana
2417 Orozco, Rocio
2416 Cook, Charlene
1319 Estrada Pena, Alejandro
0175 Chavez, Victor
0591 Garcia Manzo, Giovanni
1212 Silva, Felix

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0358 Zamora, Michel
3410 Lopez, Stephanie
0244 Mercer, Andrew
0611 Gann, Jason
0070 Gutierrez, Bryanna

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