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## V-1439 GIVES \$1,000 DONATION TO ANNA VETERANS FACILITY



On June 22 three voyageurs from Effingham V-1439 travelled to the Anna Veteran's home in Anna, IL. Pictured from left are Edward Vasquez-Perez, Adjutant Anthony Barnett, Philip Mette and Roy Weber. They visited with Mr. Barnett and RN Anna Johnson outside due to Covid restrictions. The home currently has 38 veterans.

The staff was excited to receive the Grand's \$1,000 donation to benefit the veterans. It was discovered that Adjutant Barnett is a Marine Corps veteran and Commander Roy Weber signed him into the Sparta Post. Information was presented explaining the history and mission of the 40/8. I'm sure they will have a new Voyageur soon!

## VOITURE 812 SHOPPING SPREE FOR FIRE VICTIMS



On July the 3rd V-812 took the children of Jacob and Ashley Camp to Canton Walmart for a shopping spree to replace clothes and necessities lost in a fire at their residence on May 28th.

Pictured are Jacob and Ashley their kids Emily Ratcliff, Wesson, and Parker Camp. They had a fun time picking out clothes and running around looking for bargains.

Pictured at the check out are Voyageurs Milt Murphy, V-812 Child Welfare Director, Jim Watts, Wally Hammond and Bill Nebergall, father of Ashley Camp, and Grandpa!

The Ardery Trust reimburses the locales 100% and all the locale has to do is pay at the check out, submit the claim and in 5 days you have the money back! How easy is that!

Contact your local fire department and let them know what you have for fire victims and help families recover. We can use the Ardery Trust for any natural disaster, fire, flood, tornado or hurricane. Please help families in your area, because that's what 40/8er's do!



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## SCOUT DAY CAMP

V-812 was asked to bring our loci to the Cub Scout Day Camp on June 23rd. It was part of the program planned to teach the scouts about the community. They had the Fire Department one day, the Police Department another, and we represented the Veterans organizations in Canton, IL. The scouts asked questions about veterans and we gave them rides to

end the presentation.

Scouting helps develop young boys and girls grow up to be better citizens as they grow up! There were about 40 Cub Scouts attending the event. The last day was an inflatable water slide and play day. They had a ball!

Voyageurs present are Shane and Wally Hammond and Gerald and John Smith.



# NOTE FROM LE EDITEUR BY ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK



Sadly the Grand Promenade photo file was somehow corrupted and could not be reported in this issue. I am attempting to gather photos from attendees and will post them on the website as I do.

As you can see, very few articles were submitted from Locales for this issue. Remember, this is your NewsPaper and your opportunity to share your Locales activities with the rest of La Societe!

# Grande Voiture du Illinois

## OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

- GRAND CHEF DE GARE ..... PAUL PARDO
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- GRAND AVOCAT ..... ROBERT CEARLOCK
- GRAND CORRESPONDANT ..... WALLY HAMMOND
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# HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO LA SOCIETE



Fifty-year certificates were presented by Terry Bigham, Correspondant to Randy Greer (L) & Steve Maxwell (R) members of Forty & Eight Voiture #1100, Schuyler County.

# V-812 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAIN RIDES

This year V-812 was asked to participate in three Vacation bible school events. Maples mills Church was the first on July 19th. Voyageurs Gerald and John Smith took the Loci to the Church and the kids got to look it over and ask questions about it.

The second event was at 1st Christian Church on July 29th . Voyageurs Milt Murphy and Wally Hammond gave 45 kids rides during their evening event, and on Sunday August

1, Voyageurs Dave Ferris gave rides to 48 kids attending VBS at 1st Presbyterian Church.

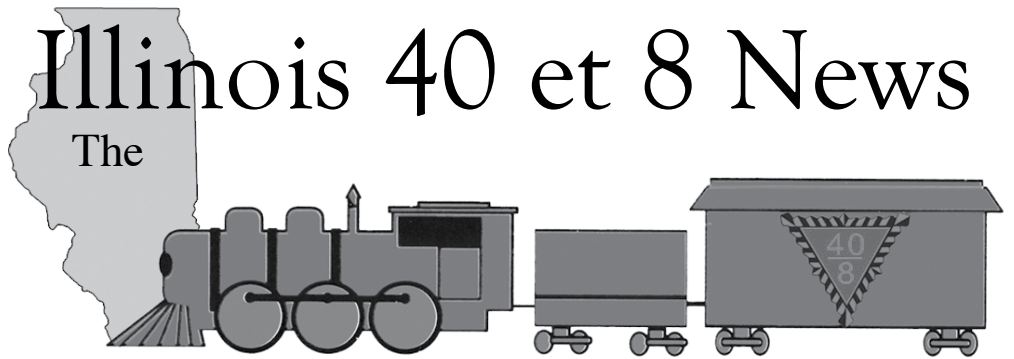
The common theme for all the VBS events at the 3 VBS events was 'GET ON BOARD WITH JESUS', and they knew V-812 had a real train to show off!

We are always proud to show off our Loci and whats the use of having such a unique vehicle if it sits in the shed all the time!

Here are a couple of pictures of the action!



# The Illinois 40 et 8 News



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**Wally Hammond - Grand Correspondant**

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# GRAND AVOCAT BOB CEARLOCK



An open letter to the Grand and Locale Officers of Grand d' Illinois

As you enter your role as an Officer of the Grand or your Locale either for the first time or as a renewed position, I would like to remind all of us that we have taken


an oath to our Comrades. We have accepted a responsibility to perform the duties of our elected or appointed office to the best of our abilities.

But it doesn't end there. It is also your responsibility to find, recommend and mentor your replacement. If you are entering an office with no idea of your duties, learn them and then remember what that felt like when it is time to turn that office over to someone else.

Finally, regardless of whether you are an Officer we all are responsible for finding new members.

Yours in service,  
Robert Cearlock  
Grand Avocat  
Grand d' Illinois

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAND D' ILLINOIS TOP MEMBERSHIP PERFORMERS

District	Voiture
	V-516 122.2 %
8	 TOP DOG
2	V-604 119.05%
2	V-1195 112.5%
7	V-985 110.53%
3	V1170 106.25%
5	V-812 103.7%
8	V1439 102.38%
2	V-1241 100%
5	V-1100 100%
4	V-405 100%
7	V-287 100%
5	V-255 100%
3	V-237 100%
2	V-796 100%
6	V-391 100%
7	V-344 100%
3	V-433 100%

# LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR C

Officer Crofford is an Army veteran and a member of Voiture 796. Officer Crofford met his wife while both were in the Army and he provided the following information about her, tell us that she is a qualified Jump Master. His words, "She's a tough lady, and a lot tougher than she looks."



Off duty officers of Bolingbrook IL attending the presentation to honor their comrade.



Officer Crofford with his wife



Crofford receiving the plaque from Grand Chef d' Gare, Paul Pardo



Officer Crofford with the Mayor of Bolingbrook and the Chief of Police



All of the members of V796 in attendance for the presentation



# Thank You For Your Service



# JERRY BROWN DELTA FLIGHT 15

## SUBMITTED BY GLENN KNOX

It is almost 20 years since 9/11 and here is a wonderful story about that terrible day. You may have read this before. However, this is a good time to read it again. Here is an amazing story from a flight attendant on Delta Flight 15, written following 9-11:

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic.

All of a sudden the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit, immediately, to see the captain. As soon as I got there I noticed that the crew had that "All Business" look on their faces. The captain handed me a printed message. It was from Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at the nearest airport. Advise your destination."

No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland. He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately -- no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request.

While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings. We decided to LIE to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander. Local time at Gander was 12:30 PM!...that's 11:00 AM EST. There were already about 20 other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason." Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The captain informed passengers that Ground Control in Gander told us to stay put.

The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the air crafts. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane. In the next hour or so more planes landed, and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets.

Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio and for the first time we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Centre in New York and into the Pentagon in D.C. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to a different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines to the U.S. were either blocked or jammed.

Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Centre buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 6 P.M., Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11 am the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane.

Gander had promised us medical attention, if needed, water, and lavatory servicing. And they were true to their word. Fortunately, we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took REALLY good care of her. The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements.

About 10:30 on the morning of the 12th, a convoy of school buses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross.

After that, we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going. We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander! We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the U.S. airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while.

We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the "plane people." We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander, and ended up having a pretty good time.

Two days later, we got that call and were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found out was incredible.

Gander and all the surrounding communities (within about a 75 Kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all the stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows set up. ALL the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the "guests." Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewis Porte, about 45 kilometers from Gander where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes. Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour Urgent Care facility. There was a dentist on call and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered "Excursion" trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the local forests. Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests. Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundry mats to wash their clothes, since luggage was still on the aircraft. In other words, every single need was met for those stranded travelers.

Passengers were crying while telling us these stories. Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport right on time and without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully. It was absolutely incredible.

When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. Everyone knew each other by name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling. Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

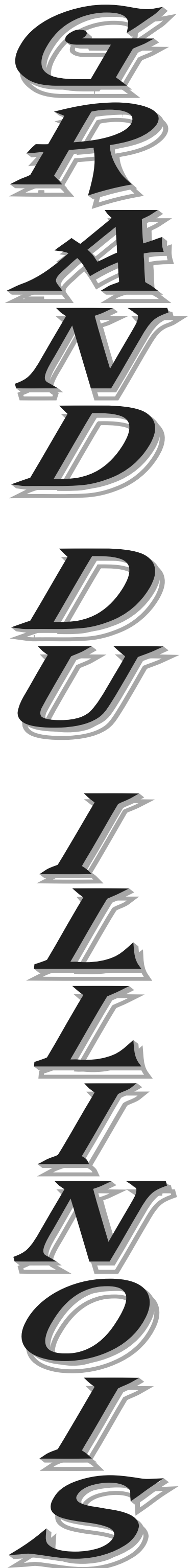
And then a very unusual thing happened.

One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never, ever allow that. But this time was different. I said "of course" and handed him the mike. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewis Porte. "He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of DELTA 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewis Porte. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travellers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, the total was for more than \$14,000!

"The gentleman, a MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well. As I write this account, the trust fund is at more than \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in their college education. "I just wanted to share this story because we need good stories right now. It gives me a little bit of hope to know that some people in a faraway place were kind to some strangers who literally dropped in on them. It reminds me how much good there is in the world."

"In spite of all the rotten things we see going on in today's world this story confirms that there are still a lot of good people in the world and when things get bad, they will come forward."

\*This is one of those stories that need to be shared. Please do so...\*



# Taps

VOYAGEUR	HOME CITY	VOITURE	DISTRICT
CUMPSTON, ROBERT	COLFAX	24	4
DEWEY, WILLIAM E	GIBSON CITY	24	4
FARRIS, ROBERT	GIBSON CITY	24	4
DAWS, JERRY	FORRESTON	189	1
EBERLE, STANLEY	MT CARROLL	189	1
ROBINSON, DEAN	THOMPSON	189	1
BENNETT, RICHARD L	WOOD DALE	220	2
WILLIAMS, RONALD O	CAROL STREAM	220	2
THOMPSON, MAYNARD	ALEDO	237	3
HILL, KENNETH L	RANTOUL	238	4
LOFTON, CLAYBORN M	SAVOY	238	4
PHIPPS, LARRY W	BEMENT	238	4
HASKINS, ALVIE J	QUINCY	255	5
BORDER, WILLIAM JACK	DOWNERS GROVE	263	2
SWEETEN, TOMMY TAYLOR	MT VERNON	346	8
FREEMAN, DAVID E	GRANITE CITY	391	6
PRATT, CLYDE L	ROCKFORD	408	1
JAMES, JESSE	AMBOY	409	1
LONGEVILLE, DANIEL	GENESCO	433	3
VANDE VOORDE, RALPH	ANNAWAN	433	3
AKENS, DANNY J	REDMON	594	4
BENNETT, ROBERT	CHRISMAN	594	4
HANCE, RONALD E	NEWMAN	594	4
LARRANCE, JAMES F	PARIS	594	4
PAGE, DONALD	WESTVILLE	594	4
ROHRER, DENNIS O	GREENUP	594	4
SCHISLER, DONALD	GALESBURG	606	3
LOCKHART, OREN	HUMBOLT	717	8
NICHOLS, MICHAEL C	MATTOON	717	8
KAMINSKI, NORMAN	ARGO	796	2
KUZNIAR, MICHAEL	CANTON	812	5
LINDEEN, ANDREW R	LEWISTON	812	5
SHAFFER, DAVID O	CANTON	812	5
HICKERSON, EVERETT	LITCHFIELD	860	6
WESTHOFF, GEORGE	LITCHFIELD	860	6
DANNER, SAMUEL F	BLANDINSVILLE	913	5
SCHWARZ, BERNARD R	O'FALLON	926	6
BOWERS, DICK	RUSHVILLE	1100	5
MERRY, WILLIAM	OSWEGO	1106	3
CUTCHALL, LESTER LEE	CARMI	1398	8
ONEAL, ROY	CARMI	1398	8

## IN MEMORY OF AN AMAZING VOYAGEUR MILITAIRE

Grand D' Illinois lost a long time Voyager, Douglas Babitzke V-263 passed away on 8/11/2021. He was a WWII Veteran and proud of it. Doug served the Grand many years as Youth Sports Directeur, Carville Directeur and Grand Photographer. He passed out 10's of thousands of pictures from Grand and Nationale events. He was also a HOBO clown, entertaining thousands of children at Nationale Promenade Childrens Party. We will miss him dearly, as we miss all our Voyageurs who transfer to Voiture Everlasting.



**Honoring All  
Who Served  
To Be a Veteran  
One Must Know  
And Determine  
One's Price for  
Freedom**

## WE ARE THE 1% OF THE 1%!

### "Altruism"

Altruism; feelings and behavior that show a desire to help other people and a lack of selfishness

Altruistic; unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

We as Voyageurs are all members of the veteran's organization that truly epitomizes the definition of altruism. This is one reason that should make each of us proud that our fellow Voyageurs invited us to become one of them.

### "Patriotism"

Patriotism; love that people feel for their country

Another reason La Societe instills personal and group pride in being a part of the "Honor Society of American Veterans".

### "Service"

Service; an act of helpful activity; help; aid

We as Voyageurs, proud of our service to our country find additional pride in our ability to continue to serve our comrades and the communities we live in.

### "Honor"

Honor; honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions:

Honor; the moniker of La Societe, the attribute that is the greatest source of pride and the glue that binds all of the other attributes into who we wish to be.

So what is the purpose of presenting this collage of words? My purpose is to encourage my fellow Voyageurs to take stock of where we have been, where we are and above all where we are going. It is these attributes that have been the supporting pillars of La Societe since the first program was adopted and implemented through the National, Grand and Locale organizations. Each of them encompassing these attributes and defining our purpose for being Voyageurs Militaire.

It is these attributes that must be pursued and showcased for our fellow veterans and our communities. It is these attributes that foster support from our communities and a desire to be a part of La Societe by other Veterans. So you say "these attributes can be attributed to all Veterans Service Organizations". Some years ago I would have agreed. I am a member of several other VSO's and have worked hard to promote their programs. But in the last few years I have witnessed a departure from their expressed charters and a tendency to be elitist and judgmental. I have witnessed motions brought forward to help a veteran in need dismissed because he wasn't a member of the post. I have witnessed objections to aid for a family in need because they already were helped by another organization, even though the help was minimal and the need was still there.

I take deep pride when my Voiture seeing this happen steps up and fills the need; fills the void without fanfare or desire for recognition; fills the need because we take pride in the attributes defined above, because they in turn define who we are.

So I thank all of you who proudly hold the title of Voyageur Militaire and for the privilege of your comradeship. I thank you for your service; past, present and future and I pray that you never give up on La Societe and never miss an opportunity to help us grow and pass these attributes on.

Robert "OB1" Cearlock  
Grand d' Illinois, Grand Avocat  
Le Editeur, Illinois 40et8 News  
National Public Relations Directeur  
President, Press Association of La Societe (PALS)

## QUOTES THAT RING TRUE!

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

- Plato

"The good citizen will demand liberty for himself, and as a matter of pride he will see to it that others receive the liberty which he thus claims as his own. Probably the best test of true love of liberty in any country is the way in which minorities are treated in that country. Not only should there be complete liberty in matters of religion and opinion, but complete liberty for each man to lead his life as he desires, provided only that in so doing he does not wrong his neighbor."

- Theodore Roosevelt 26th president of US (1858 - 1919)

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty'."

- Theodore Roosevelt 26th president of US (1858 - 1919)

"A goal without a plan is just a wish".

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery French writer (1900 - 1944)

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up".

- Thomas A. Edison US inventor (1847 - 1931)

"An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field".

- Niels Bohr Danish physicist (1885 - 1962)

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards".

- Vernon Sanders Law

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish.

- Albert Einstein US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)

"If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion".

- George Bernard Shaw Irish dramatist & socialist (1856 - 1950)

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference."

- Winston Churchill

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

- Winston Churchill

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, it's also what it takes to sit down and listen."

- Winston Churchill

"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential."

- Winston Churchill

"Worrying is like Paying A Debt You don't owe."

- Mark Twain

"A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours."

- Milton Berle

## DID HE REALLY SAY IT?

Isooroku Yamamoto (4 April 1884 - 18 April 1943) was a Fleet Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) during World War II. He was a graduate of the Imperial Japanese Naval Academy and an alumnus of the U.S. Naval War College and Harvard University. He died during an inspection tour of forward positions in the Solomon Islands when his transport aircraft was ambushed by American P-38 Lightning fighter planes. His death was a major blow to Japanese military morale during World War II.

*You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass.*

Some have declared this attribution is "unsubstantiated" even though it has been repeated thousands of times in various Internet postings. The quote is supposed to be in a letter, but the letter hasn't been found or no longer exists. There is no record found yet of the commander in chief of Japan's wartime fleet ever saying it. The jury is still out on this.

Is this the real question? Regardless of whether or not the Admiral made the statement, the real question is "is it a realistic analysis" of what would happen?"

Think about it. With the 2nd Amendment of our Constitution in force we have a right to be there when our Nation faces the worst-case scenario in any Americans imagination; the invasion of our homeland by a foreign force!

I cannot imagine any red blooded American, especially a Veteran, regardless of age, color or creed that would not take up arms and fight to save this Country. Even those of us who are too old to be called to service would take up the cause as a huge civilian militia and be the worst nightmare any invading force has ever imagined.

THIS IS THE NECESSITY AND THE BEAUTY OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT!



## Grand d' Illinois 2020-2021 Locale Officers

Charter January 12, 1922

Friday, August 6, 2021



Contact the Grand Correspondant, Wally Hammond by email if your Officers for the membership year 2021-2022 remain the same. GRAND CORRESPONDANT MUST BE INFORMED THAT THE OFFICERS HAVE NOT CHANGED AND THE CONTACT INFORMATION IS CORRECT!

**PLEASE REVIEW AND CONFIRM INFORMATION.  
INFORMATION HAS BEEN SKETCHY FOR THE LAST YEAR AND WE NEED  
TO REVISIT ALL INFORMATION TO ASSURE CORRECTNESS.**

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# A LITTLE HUMOR

## Red Lights

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. Cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought, "I must be losing my mind. I swear we just went through a red light."

A few minutes later, they came to another intersection, and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. This time, the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was mistaken. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red, and yet they went right through. She turned to the woman driving and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, am I driving?"

## Helping Hand

A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boys efforts for some time, the priest moves closer to the boys position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a sold ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

## Lost Purse

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of shopping at the mall. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

## Debating Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl insisted that it was possible because after all Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not possibly swallow a human, its throat was just too small.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

## New Son-in-Law

A very successful businessman had a meeting with his new son-in-law. "I love my daughter, and now I welcome you into the family," said the man. "To show you how much we care for you, I'm making you a 50-50 partner in my business. All you have to do is go to the factory every day and learn the operations."

The son-in-law interrupted, "I hate factories. I can't stand the noise." "I see," replied the father-in-law. "Well, then you'll work in the office and take charge of some of the operations."

"I hate office work," said the son-on-law. "I can't stand being stuck behind a desk all day."

"Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I just make you half-owner of a moneymaking organization, but you don't like factories and won't work in a office. What am I going to do with you?"

"Easy," said the young man. "Buy me out."

## Causes of Arthritis

A drunk man who smelled like booze sat down on a bench next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned," then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."



# A bit of Historical knowledge for YOU.

Thanks to Phil & Vicky Drum

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle, the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

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During WWII, U.S. Airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, I gave them the whole nine yards, meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

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Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek", he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

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In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

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As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

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In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

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Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

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Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.

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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

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Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

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At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

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One more: bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem.... how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.'

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts greater and much faster than iron when it's chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would roll right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.'