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National Election News

Are you sick of it yet? Are you tired of making an effort to get to the phone only to get a "robo-call" telling you what a bum one of your favorite candidates is? I wonder if illegal aliens get the same calls, I bet they do. It doesn't matter what you tell them even when they are live callers. I told a guy last week that I was in the middle of an armed stand-off with the police and that they were going to crash through my door any second. But that didn't deter him. He told me if they were wearing blue and wearing badges they were probably democrats and if I told them that I was mad because I didn't get my food stamps this week they would probably let me go with a warning and then I could go out and vote republican. So any how nothing works as near as I can figure every candidate running for office is probably former Viet-Cong.

So here is what I am going to do to relieve your pre-election stress. While you are watching the election returns you may want a sandwich so I am going to give you my recipe for a great BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) sandwich. I know that this sounds simple but most of you have been doing it wrong all of these years. Here's what you're going to need.

Two slices of white bread (Wonder Bread if available) it helps build strong bodies in eight ways.

Three slices of bacon (Eskay is recommended) one large tomato (non-organic), Hellman's real mayonnaise, iceberg lettuce. Now here's the secret...wait for it...peanut butter (Skippy). I know you're shocked. Cook the bacon, toast the bread now it's time to construct this flavor explosion. First put a schmere of peanut butter on one slice of the toast. Now on the other slice schmere the mayo. This next part is very important, put the bacon on the peanut butter and the lettuce on the mayo two slices of tomato go in the middle. Now smush 'em all together get yourself a glass of milk and prepare yourself for "Valhalla." YUM.

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I fell in love with a Roller Derby Queen

After all the activities of the day November 10, are over head to the Moon-Glo roller rink on Bedford Road (220 North). The Iron Mountain Roller Girls will be having a bout with a team from down east. The I.M.R.G. have helped the Chapter with fundraising at several of our social events, let's get some people out there to show them some support. Words to the wise don't buy the VIP seats. What you want are the suicide seats where you can see all of the action, maybe even be part of it.

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A mistake corrected

I just read where the Marine Corps is abandoning the Beretta 9MM hand gun and are reverting back to the remade Model USA Model 1911 .45. I believe it will be called the M-25 yea.

TO ALL COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

At the September CG meeting there was a motion made, seconded and passed that stated, "All CG members, in order to be eligible for membership in the Guard, are required to attend at least 3 general membership meetings per year". This rule will start in January, 2013. Also, any Guard member who attended a meeting in Oct - Dec 2012 will be credited with attendance toward the rule. This rule is intended to get the CG member more involved in the Chapter's operations.

Joe Brennan
Commander

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HELLO FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I hope everyone is doing well. If not and you would like prayer please let me know by calling the chapter at 301-777-7001, or call me at home 301-478-5645 or after 1:30pm till 5:15pm at work at 301-777-8960. If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital please call so I can call or visit them.

Today I'd like to do a short follow up on Psalm 23. Bible scholars have reflected on the many ways this familiar Psalm shows God's gracious provision for believers throughout life's journey. The God of the Bible provides believers with guidance, food, drink and rest. When we approach the valley of the shadow of death, we are met by the presence of the God of all comfort. And once the transition to heaven has taken place, we can look forward to eternal joy with our Redeemer and Friend. Is it any wonder that Psalm 23 has been read during times of celebration and times of grief. The Great Shepherd ultimately gave His life to save those who hear His voice and follow Him. (Read John 10:11-30)

This Reading is from "Our Daily Bread". If you have any comments (Good or Bad) please let me know (on anything).

Chaplain Rodger L.V. Long

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Help with VA Claims

Veterans of the United State Armed Forces may be eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These benefits are legislated in Title 38 of the United States Code. To apply for VA benefits you will be required to complete certain VA Forms providing information relative to the benefit you apply for, to assist in this application process.

A Disabled American Veteran (DAV) Service Officer will be at the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 172, 17 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD on the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. The Service Officer will be available to prepare claims for VA benefits and provide information to veterans and/or their family members.

Please bring a copy of your Military Discharge (DD-214) or other service records, VA claim number if one was issued and any correspondence or rating decision information.

If you have questions, concerns or wish to schedule an appointment call 301-338-2260, walk-ins are also welcome. This is a free service provided to all veterans by the DAV.

CHAPTER OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

**Please join us for a day of fun
Friday, November 30th
Special Office Hours
9am till 6pm
Great Sales, Light Refreshments
and Prizes to be given away
Chapter Museum will be open from
10am till 6pm**

OFFICE NEWS FROM BARB AND SUE

We are looking forward to the Second Annual Chapter Office Open House on Friday, November 30th. Last years event went really well, so lets make this year even better. Stop in and pick a candy cane to see if you win a prize. There will be lots of sales going on. This is the perfect time to get that special veteran in your life a great gift at a great price.

THE CHAPTER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

**Monday, November 12th - Closed
in observance of Veterans Day**

**Wednesday, November 21st - Closing at 1:00pm
Thursday & Friday, November 22nd & 23rd
Closed Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Monday, December 24th - Closing at Noon
Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25th & 26th
Closed Christmas Holiday**

**Monday, December 31st - Closing at Noon
Tuesday, January 1st - Closed New Years Day Holiday**

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Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 2000 hours at the Chapter Home 17 North Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland. Boards of Directors meetings are the first Thursday beginning at 1900 hours. All members are encouraged to attend both the membership and Board of Directors meetings.



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