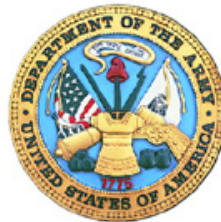


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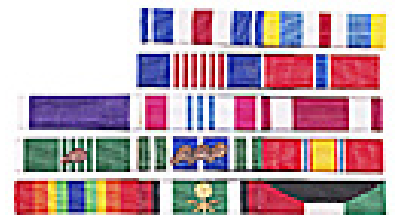
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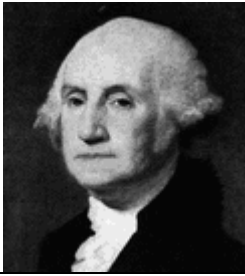

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GOD AND COUNTRY.



The medal we are made of.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

February is AMERICANISM Month			1	2 1848-Mexican war ends 1901-Army Nurse Corps established	3	4
5 SUPER BOWL  Giants Patriots	6	7	8	9 EXECUTIVE MEETING NOON...Club 30 Post 30 meeting 7PM Readiness Center	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13	14 VALENTINES DAY 	15	16 1861-Union forces capture Fort Danielson	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	21	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 	23 IWO JIMA FLAG RAISED 1945 	24 START OF OPERATION DESERT STORM 1991	25
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Sgt. at Arms	Maurice Volkman
Service Officer	Bill Payton
Chaplain	Brian Daum
Historian	Don Walters
Public Relations Officer	Paul Reilman
Past Commander	Joshua Clement

CLUB 30 MANAGER'S CORNER

Beer Specials Daily
Happy Hour Daily – (9 am to 11 am and 5 pm to 7 pm)
Free coffee and Popcorn
Freshly Made Sandwiches Every Day
Homemade Soup is now on the lunch menu
(Stop by to enjoy Jerry's soup with your lunch)

Boxers Club 30

At Club 30, FOOTBALL SEASON!!! Sundays and Mondays are game nights. Go by and watch. Stop by to wet your whistle for a couple hours with those that stop by for their favorite libation and some time enjoying friends.

Soup is back on the schedule for lunch.
OHHHH.....they're good



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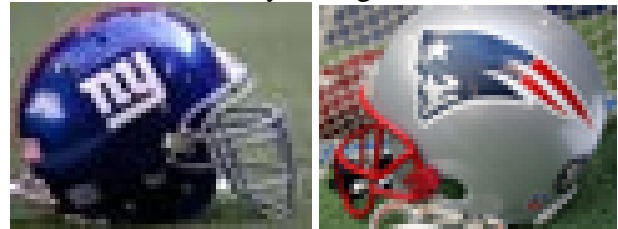
CLUB CORNER

Jerry and the girls have been doing a wonderful job at Club 30. The \$10.00/5 Beer Buckets are back. And here's a new thing. JELLO SHOTS. That's right boys and girls, you can have your desert and drink with it. Or if you prefer, drink your desert. \$1.50 a bar. Stop in and enjoy. Wednesday Night has become special for you ladies. It is Ladies Night Out. Ok girls, go out and live it up. New beers on tap. Samuel Adams Noble Pils, Pabst Blue Ribbon.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!

Well boys and girls, it's final.



This is a day that some have been waiting for. In some cities, there is nothing else so much awaited for. The clash of helmets, the grunts of players locked in combat. The anticipation is killing some folks to get things underway. Tickets can be bought for the game starting at \$2890.00 going up to \$15,000. If you have some loose change laying around, you can get one. But if you're like most of us, we'll just watch it on the television at home orrrrr....you could go to Club 30 and watch it there. During the game, a potluck will be served. If you would like to be a part of it, please bring a pot of something. You will enjoy being part of the gang there.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCMENT!!!

At our February Post 30 meeting, we will be having our oratory contest at the post level. Meeting is at 7 P.M.at the armory.

National High School Oratorical Contest

The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest was first conducted as an Americanism activity in 1938. The contest was developed to instill a greater understanding and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Other objectives of the contest are to develop leadership, strengthen speaking ability, and encourage good study habits to prepare the students to accept the duties and responsibilities, and the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

High school students who are U.S. citizens are eligible to compete. During the competition, they must prepare orations of eight to ten minutes and deliver speeches of three to five minutes on some aspect of the Constitution. Nearly \$140,000 in college scholarships are awarded annually to students participating in this contest. The national champion receives an \$18,000 scholarship. Many more thousands of dollars in scholarships are awarded yearly by Departments, Districts, and Posts.

Post 30 will be holding their contest in conjunction with our monthly meeting on February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the armory on Airport road. Plan to attend and listen to the contestant's orations.

Students interested in participating should contact Oratory Chairman, Ron Patterson at 388-2902.

DID YOU KNOW?



Each year The American Legion helps veterans, their families, children of our nation, and our communities through various programs and post projects. The national organization reported that during the 2006-2007 membership year there were over 85,000 pints of blood donated. Over two million hours of volunteer service were provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs. \$3.6 million was given to A.L. Boys State programs, \$7.5 million went to A.L. Baseball teams, and \$1.6 million was given to support Boy Scouts. Over \$4 million was provided for various scholarships. Posts provided more than 3 million hours of community service valued at more than \$5 million. There were over 27,000 flag presentations. Over \$2.9 million in cash aid and another \$2.5 million in goods were given to Children & Youth activities benefiting more than 272,000 young people. Post service officers handled more than 145,000 cases related to VA claims for their fellow veterans. At the post level, more than 1,200 children received \$562,000 in Temporary Financial Assistance.

Your American Legion membership helps ensure these programs and services, along with many more, continue to make our communities and our nation strong.

As I've stated before, our past as proud military personnel, never stops. I am always astounded by stories of our fellow soldiers and some of their deeds as "Freedom Fighters" from all types of engagements. Here are some others.

GUNNERY SGT. CARLOS HATHCOCK

This Marine sharpshooter was known for two things in Vietnam: the white feather he routinely wore in his hat, and a sniper kill that seemingly could only happen in a movie. Amongst Vietnamese soldiers, Hathcock was known as "Lông Trắng," translated as "White Feather." In fact, the enemy desperately wanted that white feather as a trophy of their own, and so the Vietcong sent one of their own snipers, who'd himself killed several [Marines](#), to hunt Hatchcock down. saw a glint of light in the distance of the light — which was the eyesocket, past the brain, and out believe the shot, stating that both exact same time, and that he'd just



The pair stalked each other for hours, until Hathcock and instinctively fired. His bullet struck the source enemy sniper's scope. It traveled through the the back of the skull. Hathcock himself couldn't men must have been locked in on each other at the happened to shoot first.

It gets badass...: Hathcock's 93 confirmed kills are enough to catapult him to Rambo status, but the bounty on his head would've made any super soldier blush. During Vietnam, bounties on individual soldiers weren't uncommon, and typically ranged from \$8 to \$2,000. Hathcock's was \$30,000.

SGT. ALVIN C. YORK

The third of 11 brats born to a family of Tennessee rednecks, Sgt. York didn't even support World War I — he just turned out to be really, *really* good at fighting it. After being shipped out to basic in 1917, York, along with his unit of 16 other soldiers, was assigned to ambush a German encampment. The Germans saw York's unit coming and machine-gunned nine of retreat. All except for York, that is. "I there German machine gunners, and The Sarge's best included single-Game Over on six more—using a Colt attempted to flank attack him.



the men into SPAM, while the rest high-tailed in had no time no how to do nothing but watch them—give them the best I had," York wrote in his journal. handedly capping 20 Germans before dropping a .45, equipped with only eight bullets—who

It gets badass...: German Lt. Paul Jurgen Vollmer actually conversed with York during the battle, attempting to find out his nationality. Vollmer assumed he was English, since at the time no one believed Americans could fight. When York revealed he was from the U.S. of A., however, Vollmer wisely rethought things and agreed to surrender. Minutes later, York marched 133 German captives back to the remains of his battalion.

FIRST LT. AUDIE MURPHY

In 1942, 16-year-old, 5'5", 110 lb. Audie Murphy applied to the Marines. They didn't want him. Neither did the Air Force. (Starting to sound familiar?) But the Army took a chance and sent him into battle. In 1944, after Murphy had been promoted to corporal thanks to his shooting skills, a German machine gun crew in southern France tricked him into thinking they'd surrendered, then shot his best friend. *Big* mistake. Murphy went full-on berserker, killed everyone in the gun trench, then used their guns to kill two more machine gun crews, a dozen snipers, and everyone else within 100 yards. Six months later, German tanks ripped most of Murphy's unit apart during another stand in France. Murphy, hopped in a crippled M-10 Tank machine gun. Oh, did we mention that the for an hour until he ran out of bullets. men as the M-10 exploded behind him. Murphy had completed his transformation soldier.



It gets badass...: This stuff is just extra antidepressants, Murphy decided he room for a week and toughed it out, cold turkey. Then he wrote an autobiography entitled *To Hell and Back*, and later became the lead actor in its film adaptation. After production, Murphy demanded that certain scenes from his life be cut because he thought they weren't believable ... even though they were 100 percent accurate.

CPL. TIBOR RUBIN

Rubin was born in Hungary. After spending 14 months of his childhood in an Austrian concentration camp, he vowed allegiance to the United States when the camp was freed by American soldiers. He eventually enlisted in the Army and was shipped out to the front single-handedly defending a hill from 24 hours, he was badly wounded and taken recommended for two Medals of Honor, antisemitic Sergeant who also routinely presumably hoping to get him killed.) risked being shot on sight by sneaking into supply depots to bring back food for his fellow POWs.



It gets badass...: Ruben repeatedly refused offers by his captors to release him from the notoriously hellish prison camps because they would only agree to send him back to Hungary instead of the U.S.

ammunition: After becoming [addicted](#) to needed to quit. So he locked himself in a motel room for a week and toughed it out, cold turkey. Then he wrote an autobiography entitled *To Hell and Back*, and later became the lead actor in its film adaptation. After production, Murphy demanded that certain scenes from his life be cut because he thought they weren't believable ... even though they were 100 percent accurate.

lines of the Korean War where, after waves of advancing North Koreans for prisoner. **(He'd already been but those recs were foiled by an sent Rubin on suicide missions,** For the next 2 1/2 years, Rubin nightly