The Bugle

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From the President

Another summer has come and gone far too quickly, and with that passage of time comes another school year, another football season, and the start of another SAME Boston Post year!

As I have said on numerous occasions, the year ahead is something that I am extremely excited about. We have so many great things on the horizon, and one wonderful event in our rearview mirror as our August meeting celebrated the accomplishments of the students who were the recipients of our STEM Outreach effort. At our August meeting we heard from impressive young students and came to understand what these developing young minds are capable of. These students are doing things I know weren’t on my radar or in my skillset when I was their age. Those who attended also heard me close the event by suggesting that it was time we make our STEM outreach more intentional rather than coincidental.

For years we have accepted the idea that opportunities to further the STEM mission of the Post and the country happen because people are in the right place at the right time, or because someone happened to meet the right person one day at the grocery store. That’s great, but it’s not enough. If we, as a Post, are going to affect lasting change in the STEM community, we must be more deliberate, more mindful, and more intentional in our effort to reach students and inspire them to pursue STEM academic fields and careers.

All of this is not intended to say that what we have been doing is wrong, but it is time to augment our actions and up our game! We need to lead the way within the industry, and to lead the way the status quo will not suffice. The status quo means we help out at our school when our children are involved, when we are explicitly approached to engage, or when our Post Outreach Committee’s activities align neatly with our schedule. This needs to continue to happen, but we can do more. Making a permanent impact in the STEM arena requires improved focus and a conscious effort to find opportunities to influence the thinking and decision making of even one student.

When the call for volunteers reaches your inbox, instead of the quick peek to see if your schedule will allow you to attend, identify an opportunity that aligns with your interests or experience, and then see if you can adjust your schedule to make time to participate. We have to make time to make an impact. The next time your town’s schools are holding a science fair or career day, reach out and try to participate. We have to search for opportunities to allow our voices to be heard. The next time your son or daughter’s friends stop by the house to do homework together, engage, see if you can help, and try to inspire. We have to provide help and guidance beyond our everyday span of control if our impact is to grow and have meaning.

At the end of the day, STEM outreach cannot always be convenient. The easier road will not lead to real, meaningful change; the type of change our country has been begging to enact throughout the STEM realm. Throughout history, lasting impacts have routinely been made by those willing to inconvenience themselves to better others and show the way.

Let us, the membership of the Boston Post, show the way. Let us make our STEM outreach varied, inspiring, and intentional. Let us influence the future of our industry and country in a way that inspires not only increased pursuit of STEM disciplines by young students, but in a way that also inspires passionate and intentional outreach by our friends and colleagues. Essayons (meaning, Let us try)!

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Meetings & Events

Meetings/Events Calendar

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**Upcoming in 2017**

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Note: All monthly meetings will take place at the Westin Waltham Hotel.
Save the Date!
October 11th, 2016
Two Fabulous Events
Sponsored by SAME Boston Post Small Business Committee

#1
Training & Education Session
9am - 11am
Registration - 8:30am
How To Write A Winning Government Proposal
$25.00
Presented by Ken Tooke

With over 30 years experience in strategic planning, marketing, business development, capture planning and proposal/presentation development, Ken is a founding Partner of Tooke & Smith Consultants LLC. Ken has helped contractors win over 300 proposals over the past 10 years for multiple Federal Agencies, including Air Force, USACE, Army, EPA, DOE, FAA, NGB, and DOT.

#2
Luncheon
11-30am - 2pm
Lessons Learned From Proposal Submissions
~Panel Discussion~
Chaired by:
Eva D'Antuono, USACE
Panel: USACE & US Coast Guard

Both Sessions are being held at the
Westin Waltham Hotel
October 11th, 2016
Costs:
Gov't/Seniors/Students/Young Members: $45.00pp
Industry: $75.00 pp
After October 7th: $80.00
# Upcoming Conferences

## 2017 Critical Infrastructure Symposium (CIC) and EP&IR Meeting

Gary Gordon, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired, UML, reports that he is working on the SAME 2017 Critical Infrastructure Symposium (CIC) to be held in Boston. The proposed dates are 2-4 April 2017 and planning on the hotel/venue is being finalized. The call for papers is due out later this month. In the past, the CIC included West Point, Annapolis, the USAFA, VMI and The Citadel. For the Boston CIC, The USCG Academy, Massachusetts and Maine Maritime Academies and Norwich University are also being invited.

For the EP&IR meeting next spring, consideration is being given to having a FEMA or the DHS Protective Security Advisor for Boston/Massachusetts speak.
The Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water, and Energy has become the preeminent national conference in this important environmental area. The conference attracts 600-800 attendees annually which include a wide variety of representation from state and federal agencies, military, industry (railroad, petroleum, transportation, utilities), environmental engineering, consulting, and academia. A strong and diverse technical program is developed each year in concert with a variety of educational, social, and networking opportunities. Live equipment demonstrations augment the exhibition hall, bringing real world application to the technical theory presented in the sessions. Focused day and evening workshops provide attendees with practical information for immediate application.

The conference promises to be an exciting opportunity for all those concerned with the challenge of developing creative, cost-effective assessments and solutions that can withstand the demands of regulatory requirements.

October 17-20, 2016

Mark your calendar to join us for our 32nd year of exciting sessions, workshops, and exhibits!

Platform Presentations – Posters – Workshops – Exhibitors – Social/Networking Opportunities

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3. NY PE Credits
4. NJ LSPE
5. FL PE Credits
6. Certificate of Attendance

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www.aehsfoundation.org
The 1060th Truck Company deployed in October 2015 is returning to Massachusetts early September 2016. Tentative return time frame is around the second or third week of September. A more definite time schedule to follow at a later time. Tentative location for the homecoming is Reading at Camp Curtis Guild with a backup of the Framingham Armory, Framingham, MA. In the past the Boston Post has sent members to the homecoming ceremonies to help in the setup operations and provide some donations. The Family Readiness didn’t need any donations at this time. We will send out an email if we get an update on the planned return date and time for the ceremony.

On Saturday, September 17th, the Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSA) hosted a New FRG Leadership training from 8am - 4pm at the Worcester Armory on 640 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA. Approximately 20 people were in attendance (both volunteers and support staff). SAME was invited to speak prior to lunch and share the opportunities for involvement with the leadership. The Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leadership training is held to educate the volunteers on their roles and responsibilities along with the rights and wrongs within their positions, and how they can do the best possible job.

The 181st Infantry out of Worcester will be deploying in 2017 and will be having their Pre-Yellow Ribbon event in January 2017 (date and location to be determined). SAME will be invited to attend and meet both the Soldiers and Families of the approximately 400 deploying. This is a great way to have the Soldier involved in recognizing the wonderful support SAME has provided to their Families when they are deployed. A Yellow Ribbon event is held to assist the Soldier and his/her Family members with getting ready for the transition from civilian life to military life to include providing them resources and connections to the community. We will keep you updated on this volunteer opportunity and future opportunities to support the families as we get closer to the end of the year. Please contact Debi Heims at KOMAN Government Solutions, LLC (dheims@komangs.com) if you have an interest in supporting any of the Family Readiness activities.
On August 3, 2017, the SAME Young Members and LSPA Young Professionals took part in Canoeing for Clean Water. Canoeing for Clean Water is an annual volunteer event organized by the Charles River Watershed Association that helps reduce the threat of the invasive water species, the water chestnut. As volunteers we met at the Boating in Boston location in Newton, MA and canoed out in the Charles River along the shoreline and pulled out 2,772 pounds of water chestnuts! Water chestnuts are aquatic plant species that float on the surface of the water with small green leaves that produce up to 20 spiked seeds that can live up to 12 years. They prohibit light from penetrating the deeper layers of the river’s water column, causing anoxia and hypoxia in the river’s ecosystem, and inhibit navigation through the river. We had a great turnout, the weather was great, and although everyone got pretty dirty, it was a blast! The CWRA hosts were awesome, and we plan to make this an annual Young Members event!
Reported by Mykel Mendes, Nover-Armstrong Associates
YM Update
3Q 2016

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The Students Continue to Amaze Us with their Science and Curiosity

The August 2016 Outreach Meeting once again included an amazing group of speakers. Every year we try to mix up the topics to keep it interesting and full of surprises. This year our speakers included Ken Gaynor, Jacobs Engineering, with Rob Reynolds from the Zephyr Education Foundation, Concord Middle School 8th Grade Students Luke Paulter and Julia Hubbard, and Patty Mcgaffigan (7th Grade Science Teacher) and Ben Le (student) of Avon Middle School.

Ken Gaynor continues to lead Post support to the Cape Cod students. Ken introduced the Post members to a new approach for teaching STEM topics through the Zephyr Education Foundation (www.https://experiencecapecod.org/nature-education/zephyr-education-foundation/). This Woods Hole company provides field trips and in class experiences so the students can learn more about the work of oceanographers and marine biologists. Rob brought along the “Augmented Reality Sandbox” that allows teachers and students to create by hand the varieties of topography, watersheds and water features, and study the impacts of dams, streams, ocean waves and storms on our geologic features (https://vimeo.com/148671863). The intent of this presentation was for Post members to see some of the innovative teaching tools being used for STEM classes and to see just some of the opportunities where a supporting firm could sponsor one of these programs in their local school. We were also able to connect a large number of our
Our next guests were two Concord Middle School students. These were two of the eight Middle School students that went way beyond the Engineering Club activities sponsored by the Post. This group, led by our long time Post member Doug Shattuck, supported an eight-month research project with the members of MIT’s Laboratory for Atomistic and Molecular Mechanics. MIT researchers have been investigating the use of spider silk as a model for structural materials (e.g., bridge cables). A spider living in the school basement wove a web that was too complex for printing and study. Through MIT’s outreach and with cooperation from JEOL USA — an international manufacturer of electron microscopes — the Concord Middle School Spider Team designed a series of experiments to test the tensile strength, force distribution and resilience of the spider’s weave. After conducting several trials, the team concluded that the spider’s design acted as a shock absorber and would help the web withstand environmental forces such as wind or the movement of supporting tree branches. Along with the MIT Graduate Students, they presented their results at the international Microscopy and Microanalysis Conference in Ohio in July 2016, and they have been invited to continue their collaboration with the lab. This project was supported by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District, through its educational partnership with Concord Public Schools and funded by a grant from the SAME Boston Post. Yes these are 8th Grade students supporting the research of MIT Graduate Students and presenting their results at an international technical conference.
Our next speaker was Patty Mcgaffigan, a 7th Grade teacher at the Avon Middle School. Through the Schools to Careers partnership with the Boston Post, the students participated in their first Rocket Club. This after school program has been a long time success with Middle School students. Once the rockets were launched and the program was over, the Avon students were hungry for more. Working with their teachers they started a Friday afternoon Science Club where each week they studied something new and conducted a variety of science experiments. Patty raved about enthusiasm and positive impact these clubs had on her students. She was also part of the “Girls in STEM Meet Up” program (another Schools to Careers and Boston Post partnership). In response to these two programs Patty found her students to be more focused and excited about school, had a renewed sense of what they were capable of doing and a desire to explore and learn more.

Our closing speaker, Ben Le, was a shining example of the work done by the Avon school teachers in partnership with Schools to Careers and the Boston Post. Those in the room were blown away by his presentation and were quickly agreeing that he should be our next Spring Meeting Guest Speaker. Ben spoke so eloquently about the support he received in school and the Rocket Club that continued to drive his curiosity for discovery. We have made a request to get a copy of his speech to share in the next Bugle. You have to keep reminding yourself that these are Middle School students achieving things that we never even thought about during our time in college. These Middle School teachers and students can accomplish amazing things when given the support and interest by our Post professionals.

We always ask if you could only give 3 hours of your time for one activity or meeting a year with these students. Ask any of the Post Outreach Committee members and you will learn that your lives will be changed. Your interest in these students means the world to them. You get to show them what they are capable of and more. Our financial support helps make these programs happen. Your involvement makes these programs come alive. The Outreach programs have now been running for over eight years and we have seen the long term results of the continued support by the Boston Post of the Middle and High School students. They are going on to study science and engineering and then coming back to the school system to share their knowledge and experiences, paying it forward. Getting involved in one activity a year will allow you the opportunity to share in their success. These students are your company’s future and need to be supported by the Boston Post Sustaining Companies and the members of the Post.
Thank you notes
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Emily

Thank you so much! - Matt

Thank you for your support!

-Max

Thank you!!!

-Necia

Thank you!

-Roger

Thanks!

-Gabby

Thanks for everything

-Tristan

Thanks for the help!!

-Sam

Thanks

-Katie

Thanks for supporting our team!

-Katie

Thanks! - Coleen

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The Society of American Military Engineers  
4 Tara Terrace  
Millis, MA 02054

Dear Scholarship Committee,

There are few words to describe the gratefulness and honor I feel to be a recipient of the SAME Boston Post Scholarship. Thank you so much; your extremely generous gift was overwhelming for me and my family. The scholarship dinner opened my eyes to the environmental responsibility imposed on our Military, and the ongoing efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers to direct non-Military environmental cleanups. We sat at a table with a great group of gentlemen from Jacobs Engineering. They were very informative about the work they were doing to remove the PCBs in the New Bedford Harbor.

This summer, I am interning at GE in Windsor in the HRSG (Heat Recovery Steam Generators) group where combined-cycle power plants are designed. These power plants allow much more of the energy contained in gas to be used compared to normal gas-powered turbines by using the hot exhaust of the gas fired turbine to heat water and turn it into steam that is then used to drive another turbine. Despite having currently only signed up to take both compressible and incompressible fluid dynamics in the coming school year, I am currently learning a lot about the fluid mechanics involved in creating the HRSGs and the engineering design and production process in general that will be very beneficial later in my career as an Aerospace engineer.

This summer, I have been saving much of my earnings to put toward my upcoming fall semester tuition in an effort to keep my student debt to a minimum. I am so very thankful to have received this scholarship as it helps incredibly reduce this year’s student loans.

This fall, I am returning to WPI for my junior year where I will be continuing to work towards my B.S. in Aerospace engineering as well as studying for a Minor in Computer Science and working in the Music Department on the Jazz History Database.

My most sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Roger Aiudi
DoD IT Update ► Hack The Pentagon Program Results

Hackers screened for their good intentions found 138 “vulnerabilities” in the Defense Department’s cyber defenses in a “bug bounty” awards program that will end up saving the Pentagon money, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said Friday. Under the “Hack The Pentagon” program, the first ever conducted by the federal government, more than 1,400 “white hat” hackers were vetted and invited to challenge Pentagon’s defenses to compete for cash awards. Of the 1,400 who entered, about 250 submitted reports on vulnerability and 138 of those “were determined to be legitimate, unique and eligible for bounty,” Carter said at a Pentagon news conference. The lessons learned from the “Hack The Pentagon” challenge, an initiative of the Defense Digital Services started by Carter, came at a fraction of the cost of bringing in an outside firm to conduct an audit of the Pentagon’s cyber security, he said.

The awards going out total $150,000 while a full-blown cyber audit would have cost at least $1 million, he said. In addition, “we’ve fixed all those vulnerabilities,” Carter said. No federal agency had ever offered a bug bounty, he noted. “Through this pilot we found a cost effective way to supplement and support what our dedicated people do every day,” Carter said. “It’s lot better than either hiring somebody to do that for you or finding out the hard way,” he said. “What we didn’t fully appreciate before this pilot was how many white-hat hackers there are.” Carter said the Pentagon had plans to encourage defense contractors to submit their programs and products for independent security reviews and bug bounty programs before they deliver them to the government. [Source: Military.com | Ash Carter | June 17, 2016 ++]

VA VOSB ► Veterans First Program Rule of Two Violation

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) promotes the maximum utilization of Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) as practicable. Under the Veterans First program, VA contract specialists conduct market research in an effort to seek out VOSB firms to meet their needs. VA is the only agency which sets a goal and which tracks participation of VOSBs. Additional information may be found at www.VetBiz.gov and www.va.gov/osdbu.

Last week the Supreme Court handed down a unanimous decision that said the Department of Veterans Affairs was violating the plain language of the law which said that the VA must use the “Rule of Two.” The law stated that competition for contracts should be limited to veteran-owned small businesses when the contracting officer concludes that at least two such businesses would bid on the contract and “the award can be made at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the United States.” This is known as the “Rule of Two.”

In Kingdomware v. United States, a small veteran-owned business called Kingdomware Technologies was denied the ability to bid on a contract to provide a service that sent emergency information to personnel at four VA medical centers. The Court of Federal Claims dismissed the suit, and a divided panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the decision. Both courts felt that VA simply had to meet its goal of awarding 12 percent of all contracts to veteran-owned businesses, and that after that they were free to ignore the “Rule of Two.”

The Supreme Court was unanimous that the department has not fulfilled its obligation to steer more business to small companies owned by veterans or service-disabled veterans simply by meeting its annual goal – it was required by law to use the “Rule of Two” at all times. Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that the law says the department shall award contracts to the veteran businesses under the Rule of Two process. “Unlike the word ‘may,’ which implies discretion, the word ‘shall’ usually connotes a requirement,” he wrote. The decision is likely to help more veteran-owned businesses compete for the billions of dollars in contracts the department awards. [Source: TREA Washington Update | June 22, 2016 ++]
VA Fraud, Waste & Abuse

Chelmsford, Mass — David Gorski who won $100 million in federal construction contracts by saying that his construction company was owned by disabled veterans was found guilty of fraud by a federal jury in Boston 15 JUN. Prosecutors said he recruited two veterans to stand in as the majority owners and top executives of his construction firm so it could win federal contracts that give preference to veteran-owned companies. In reality, prosecutors said, Gorski controlled Legion Construction as it won numerous Army, Navy and US Department of Veterans Affairs contracts from 2006 to 2010. Gorski paid himself salaries as high as $356,000, according to court documents, and also paid his wife — who worked full-time for the town of Chelmsford — $400 a week. Gorski was convicted of four counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to defraud the government. He is scheduled to be sentenced in September, and could face up to 25 years in prison.

Tracy Miner, a defense attorney who represented Gorski, said her client was let down by others’ bad advice. “This is one of the rare times when the jury got it wrong,” Miner said in a statement. “The undisputed evidence showed that he consulted outside accountants and lawyers throughout and that nobody ever advised him to do anything differently.” The figurehead president of Legion was Joseph Steen, an infirm Korean War veteran whom prosecutors said spent most of his time sleeping or watching television. Another disabled veteran, Peter Ianuzzi, who served as a Marine in the 1990s was brought aboard later and worked for the company but did not run it. Government regulations mandate that a “Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business” must be majority-owned and managed by veterans who became disabled while serving in the military to receive preferential awards of federal contracts.

Increased federal oversight of the program prompted Gorski to restructure his company twice, eventually handing over 51 percent of its stock to Ianuzzi. But he sought to retain his control over the firm and his high pay, prosecutors alleged, and wrote to his personal attorney Elizabeth Schwartz seeking advice on how to do so. “As the founder and financial backer of this company as well as the primary managing partner, I would like to maintain executive rights to daily decision making which is somewhat [tricky] under the new requirements,” Gorski wrote in an e-mail to Schwartz, which was submitted as evidence after an appeals court panel ruled that his communications with various lawyers was part of his fraudulent scheme and therefore not privileged. A spokeswoman for Mintz Levin emphasized that the court found no wrongdoing by the firm. “Lawyers, as other outside professionals, must rely on the veracity of the information provided to them by their clients in preparing legal documents regarding the client’s own past actions.” [Source: Boston Globe | Dan Adams | June 17, 2016 ++]

Chelmsford, Mass. — On 13 JUN, a federal jury found David E. Gorski, of guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States and wire fraud. The jury found that Gorski conspired to defraud the United States by impairing the lawful governmental function of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the Army, and the Navy in the implementation and administration of the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (“SDVOSB”) Program. Gorski established a company, Legion Construction, Inc., in 2006 after recruiting a disabled veteran of the Korean War to act as the company’s straw owner for the sole purpose of obtaining federal construction contracts set aside under the SDVOSB Program. The purpose of the SDVOSB program is to provide federal contracting assistance to service-disabled veterans who own small businesses by creating set-aside and sole source acquisitions for such businesses. When the veteran’s absence from the business became too conspicuous, Gorski hired a second disabled veteran, Peter Ianuzzi, to serve as the figurehead owner of Legion. Legion acquired more than $110 million in federal contracts between 2006 and November 2010, after Gorski falsely represented to federal contracting officers that the company was owned and operated by service-disabled veterans.
VA Fraud, Waste & Abuse (continued)

In March 2010, a different SDVOBS registered a bid protest against Legion, alleging that Legion should not have been awarded a contract with the VA at its medical center in White River Junction, VT. The company specifically challenged Legion’s SDVOSB status, noting that it appeared that Gorski, not one of the veterans, was the person really running Legion. After retaining the services of a large Boston law firm to assist him, Gorski filed an opposition to the bid protest that contained false information. The Small Business Administration denied the bid protest based on Legion’s submission. Gorski then began exploring ways to siphon money from Legion that would not appear as compensation exceeding the pay of the nominal veteran owner, Ianuzzi, in violation of federal regulations, including Ianuzzi “gifting” him $900,000 and establishing private bank accounts into which the company would deposit $2.5 million for Gorski’s benefit. Before the bank accounts could be opened, however, a federal grand jury issued subpoenas to Legion and several witnesses. Gorski faces up to 25 years in prison and $500,000 in fines if convicted. [Source: DoJ District of Massachusetts | U.S. Attorney’s Office | June 14, 2016 ++]

Factoids

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy.** The Academy is welcoming an incoming class with the highest percentage of women ever: 38 percent. The female enrollment rate has not been matched at the Naval Academy, the Military Academy at West Point or the Air Force Academy, though each has seen an increase in female enrollment at a time when gender barriers have been falling across the armed services.

**War Deaths.** Numbers of Americans who died in war

- 620,000: Civil War
- 116,516: World War I
- 405,399: World War II
- 36,574: Korean War
- 58,220: Vietnam conflict
- 383: Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- 4,424: Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 73: Operation New Dawn
- 2,349: Operation Enduring Freedom

**Recruits.** The military attracts most of its recruits from the southeastern part of the country. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Mississippi are fertile recruiting grounds for the services. Georgia has the highest recruit-to-population ratio in the nation. Those six states, plus Idaho, Arizona, Maine, Hawaii and Alaska are overrepresented in the military when adjusting for differences in population Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Minnesota, North Dakota and Utah are underrepresented in the military. The states in the rest of the nation are within the parameters of their recruit-to-population ratio, officials said.
Flags

Displaying flags. Properly displaying flags, according to USHistory.org, USFlag.org and the American Legion.
(Reminder: The flag should never touch the ground and it is only flown upside down as a distress signal.)

- On a wall: The flag may hang vertically or horizontally but the stars should be at the top of the flag on the observer’s left.
- At a home: Flags generally are displayed just from sunrise to sunset. But if the flag remains on display through the night, it should be illuminated. Any flag on display outside during bad weather should be made of all-weather material.
- On a street: When the U.S. flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should hang vertically with the stars to the north or the east.
- In a group of state flags: The U.S. flag flies at the center and tallest point of a group of state or local flags. No other flag may be larger. And the U.S. flag is always the first to be raised and lowered.
- On a casket: The U.S. flag, when covering a casket, should be placed so that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. But the flag shouldn’t stay on the casket as it’s lowered into the grave. And it shouldn’t touch the ground.

Disposing of flags.
Eventually, a flag will become old or tattered and must be retired. The U.S. Flag Code states that when the flag is “no longer a fitting emblem for display, [it] should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” If that’s not what you want to do, Mike Tettleton, president and co-owner of Lone Star Banners and Flags in Fort Worth, said anyone may bring (or send) their old flags to Lone Star Banners and Flags, which works with an American Legion Hall that properly disposes of them.

For anyone who burns their retired flag, the flag should be properly folded and placed on a fire big enough to make sure the entire flag is burned. People may stand at “attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection,” according to Veterans of Foreign Wars. “After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.”

“The main thing is to do it respectfully,” Tettleton said. “Respect the flag.”

[Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram | Anna M. Tinsley | June 14, 2016 ++]
A free, lifetime pass is available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability (does not have to be a 100% disability). It provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies. At many sites the Access Pass provides the pass owner a discount on Expanded Amenity Fees (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours). The Access Pass admits pass owner/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas and pass owner + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. (Children under 16 are always admitted free.) Photo identification will be requested to verify pass ownership. One pass covers the vehicle at sites that charge "per vehicle". At "per person" sites, the applicable fee will be charged for each additional person.

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Political Quotations  ▶  A Few to Ponder

With the upcoming elections here are a few quotes to reflect on:

**John Adams**
In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

**Mark Twain** (1866)
Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself.
No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.
The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

**Winston Churchill**
I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

**George Bernard Shaw**
A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

**Douglas Casey** (Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University)
Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

**P.J. O'Rourke** (Civil Libertarian)
Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.
If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

**Frederic Bastiat** (French economist 1801-1850)
Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

**Will Rogers**
I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

**Voltaire** (1764)
In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

**Pericles** (430 B.C.)
Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

**Anonymous**
Talk is cheap...except when government does it.
Ronald Reagan
The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Edward Langley (Artist 1928-1995)
What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

Thomas Jefferson
A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

Aesop (Ancient Greek fabulist 620-564 B.C.)
We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.
Army’s Treasure Room ► Contains Spectacular Hidden Artifacts

Remember that ending scene out of Indiana Jones where the Ark of the Covenant is boxed up and wheeled through an endless government warehouse? Did you know that that place actually exists? It is called the Center of Military History. It is located 30 minutes outside Washington, D.C., at Fort Belvoir in Virginia. The building itself is very nondescript but behind a series of highly alarmed doors and long, cement, camera-laden hallways is the highly sophisticated, climate-controlled treasure room where the Army keeps its most precious artifacts. The facility was built for $24 million in 2010. The cavernous warehouse is typically shrouded in total darkness. Motion lights illuminate only the areas in which someone is walking.

Behind giant doors lie the Army’s historic collection of weaponry. The room consists of dozens of collapsible “hallways” filled with the richest American firearm collection on the planet. The collection is stacked with priceless items. The entire collection can be moved at the press of a button to create new endless hallways of historic firearms. Entire lineages of weapons are kept here for research as well as preservation purposes.
Another portion of the warehouse consists of endless rows of gigantic airtight lockers. This is called “3D storage.” Every meaningful artifact that has been worn on a military battlefield is stored here. Including Gen. Ulysses Grant’s Civil War cap, famous generals’ uniforms and Revolutionary War powder satchels, flags, canteens, and cannons. And the rows go on and on and on and on.

But the crown jewel of the collection is the 16,000 pieces of fine art the Army owns. The art is kept on giant rolling metal frames. The massive collection consists of donated and commissioned pieces. Much of the art was painted by soldiers who experienced their subjects in real life. During World War I, the Army began commissioning artists to deploy into the war zone and paint the scenes they observed. This practice has continued to this day. Much of the museum’s collection consists of these commissioned wartime pieces. The collection also keeps hold of valuable donated military art and historical pieces dating back to the Mexican American War. The art tells the story of America’s wars through a soldier’s unique perspective. Some works are just beautiful beyond words. Every aspect of war is captured in the collection. The collection also includes original Army propaganda art. Including beautiful Norman Rockwell originals that the Army commissioned in the 1940s that regularly fetch tens of millions of dollars at auction. Virtually every American conflict is represented from a first-hand soldier’s perspective.
The collection also has a controversial side that has never been displayed. Unique art and artifacts that were seized from the Nazis after World War II are stored here. The painting below was filmed at the center for the 2006 documentary The Rape of Europa. Including watercolors painted by Hitler himself.

Not a single piece in this massive collection is open to the public. Why is it kept under lock and key in a blackened warehouse? Simple answer: Because there is no museum to house it. The entire collection could be made accessible to the public, if the funds for a museum could be raised. The Army Historical Foundation is in charge of raising the funds for the museum. However, there are major fundraising hurdles to jump before the museum can be built. The foundation’s president recently told the Washington Post that it has raised $76 million of the $175 million required for the museum and predicts the museum could open in 2018. The plan is to build the museum at Fort Belvoir. Until then to view some of these treasures go to [https://www.buzzfeed.com/bennyjohnson/inside-the-armys-spectacular-hidden-treasure-room?utm_term=.voG7EwqLo#.soMoYAw7J](https://www.buzzfeed.com/bennyjohnson/inside-the-armys-spectacular-hidden-treasure-room?utm_term=.voG7EwqLo#.soMoYAw7J).
Zika Virus Update 01  ►  3 Ways You Can’t Get it

Australia’s Jason Day may be the world’s best golfer, but you won’t see him or many other top golfers play at Rio 2016 — even though this is the first time golf has been featured in the Olympic Games since 1904. Day is the latest golfer — and one of a growing list of world-class athletes — to withdraw from the Rio Olympics over fears about Zika, a mosquito-borne virus that causes flu-like symptoms in most cases, but has also been linked to serious birth defects. More than 26,000 cases of Zika have been reported in Rio de Janeiro so far this year, CNN reported.

“The reason for my decision is my concerns about the possible transmission of the Zika virus and the potential risks that it may present to my wife’s future pregnancies and to future members of our family,” Day said in a statement published on his Twitter page. “Medical experts have confirmed that while perhaps slight, a decision to compete in Rio absolutely comes with health risks to me and to my family. … While it has always been a major goal to compete in the Olympics on behalf of my country, playing golf cannot take precedent over the safety of our family.”

Although the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Zika virus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in February, the agency says there’s a “very low risk” that holding the Olympics in Rio will further spread the disease because the Summer Games take place in August, which is Brazil’s winter, when fewer mosquitoes are active. However, the WHO is advising pregnant women not to attend the Olympics. CNN says just 702 Zika cases were confirmed in Rio in May, a sharp decline from February’s peak of 7,232 cases. Here in the United States, summer is in full swing, and with the warmer temperatures come mosquitoes. Still, there’s no need to panic. According to Consumer Reports, here are three ways you can’t get Zika:

**Kissing:** Although the virus has been found in saliva, so far, CR says there are no reported cases of Zika transmission through kissing.

**From a woman to a man during sex:** Men who have Zika can pass the virus to their sexual partners during intercourse. Zika can actually live two months or longer in semen. “So far, there have been 11 cases of sexual transmission in the U.S., all of them between men returned from Zika-affected countries and their sexual partners,” CR says. But so far, vaginal swabs of infected women have been Zika-free and there are no known cases of an infected woman passing the virus to a sexual partner.

**Breast milk:** Although pregnant women can pass the virus to their baby in utero (congenital transmission) or “around the time of birth” (perinatal transmission), CR says there are no known cases of Zika passing from a mother to her baby through breast milk. New moms in Zika-affected countries are “still encouraged to breast-feed,” says CR.

Mosquitoes Update 02 ▶ 5 Reasons they Find You Irresistible

Some people say they can’t spend more than 30 seconds outside right now before I get besieged by mosquitoes. They joke that they must smell better and have sweeter blood than people, who seems immune to the pesky bloodsuckers. As it turns out, there’s some truth to that. James Logan, a medical entomologist at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, told NPR that “the trait for being attractive or unattractive to mosquitoes is genetically controlled.” Logan said different people “smell differently to mosquitoes.” The bite-free folks who rarely find themselves with itchy mosquito bite welts almost seem to produce a “natural repellent,” explains Logan. On the other hand, roughly 20 percent of people are mosquito magnets and are bitten more often on a consistent basis, according to Smithsonian at www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/why-do-mosquitoes-bite-some-people-more-than-others-10255934. Here are five reasons that mosquitoes may find you irresistible:

1. **You smell delicious:** Mosquitoes use an organ called a maxillary palp to detect carbon dioxide that’s emitted when we breathe. “Mosquitoes find victims at closer range by smelling the lactic acid, uric acid, ammonia and other substances expelled via their sweat, and are also attracted to people with higher body temperatures,” according to the Smithsonian report.

2. **Your blood and body type:** The Smithsonian says people with Type O blood are more attractive to mosquitoes. Studies have also shown that pregnant women attract twice as many mosquitoes as other people, which is likely due to amount of carbon dioxide they exhale (21 percent more than the average person) and their higher body temperature.

3. **Your clothes:** “If you dress in dark colors you stand out against the horizon and mosquitoes [can see you],” Dr. Jonathan Day, a medical entomologist and mosquito expert at the University of Florida, told ABC News. He recommends that you avoid dressing in dark denim or other dark fabrics to better ward off mosquitoes.

4. **Your drink:** One small study found that tipping back a beer can make you more appealing to skeeters, although researchers aren’t sure why that’s the case. Still, it’s something to thing about before you grab a cold one and head outside.

5. **The weather:** Mosquitoes are typically the most active and hungry for blood at dawn and dusk, when the humidity goes up and the winds die down. So, you’re putting yourself more at risk of mosquito bites if you’re outside during those times. You can use a fan pointed at yourself to help keep the pesky insects at bay because “mosquitoes can’t fly in a breeze faster than 1 mile per hour,” Day told Time.

You can take steps to protect yourself from those pesky, potentially disease-carrying mosquitoes by using a repellent containing 30 to 95 percent DEET or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Learn about the “5 Best Repellents for Zika Virus Mosquitoes.” [Source: MoneyTalksNews | Krystal Steinmetz | June 13, 2016 ++]
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