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Hancock Airport's Military Courtesy Room

One of our flock, Trevor Davies, has a brother. Like Trevor, Loren is a "former active duty" Marine and remains as engaged with the Corp. Not long ago, I learned of a project that Loren is involved with that would make a wonderful addition to hub airports across the nation: A courtesy room dedicated to military personnel in transit.

Some time back, Loren, the Commandant of the Emerald City Detachment and former Homeland Security/TSA Supervisor at Hancock Airport and Leroy Bowen, Iraqi War Veteran and Quartermaster of the Pulaski VFW and TSA employee noticed service personnel were spending long hours waiting for their flights in discomfort. Many were forced to spend the night at the airport and sleep wherever possible. Being unacceptable to these veterans, they did something about it.

Loren recruited the help of Gene Leimer, a retired Syracuse Police Officer and former Seabee Veteran. Together, along with Aviation Commissioner Anthony J. Mancuso and Syracuse Mayor Matt Driscoll, a plan was developed. And, thanks to the amazing cooperation and enthusiasm of both offices, it was implemented in short order and officially opened on 29Jul08, providing active-duty military personnel a place to relax, grab a bite to eat

and wait for their flights.

The Corporal Gregory J. Harris Courtesy Room has been provided in homage to a local Marine captured in Jun66 during the Vietnam War, who remains unaccounted for. As a graduate of West Genesee High School, much of his family and many former friends still live in the region.



Corporal Gregory J. Harris

It takes a good deal of coordination, volunteerism, furnishings, food, security — given its very public location and the mental instability of some less than patriotic travelers

Trivia Question 1: The term "guerrilla" was coined to describe tactics used against King Joseph Bonaparte during the Peninsula War of 1808-14. What does it mean? (See answer 1, page 4.)

—as well as cash to keep the operation afloat.

Though much has already been provided by both local business and individuals, the importance of obtaining an ongoing source of revenue and hands-on assistance remains paramount to all hands.

Loren explained that he "could not be happier with the response thus far. We have a local AAA farm team here for the Toronto Blue Jays. They just called and donated \$2150 with the promise of more at the end of the season. And Wal-Mart donated \$900 this morning. But, for sure, we'll be needing more over time.

"The week we opened, Fort Drum decided to cancel shuttle service to the airport. Troops then had to wait for a bus or fork over \$150 for a cab ride. We made a few phone calls and presto the service is back. It feels great when things like that get done."

Contributions are sought and, if you're of a mind to make one, send a check to: Emerald City MLR, P.O. Box 393, Chittenango, New York 13007. And be sure to add "Airport Project" to the memo box so it is not thrown in to the general fund. Further information about the Courtesy Room can be found at

<http://syracuseairportmilitarycourtesyroom.wordpress.com> OR by contacting Loren at (315) 359-6149.

Loren, you and your fellow veterans are doing both great work and the best of good deeds.

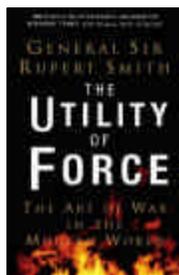
Trivia Question 2 What are the overall tactical objectives of a guerrilla force? (Answer 2, page 4)

Firearm Refresher Course

1. An armed man is a citizen; while an unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
4. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
5. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
6. If you don't know your rights, you REALLY don't have any.
7. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
8. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
9. The Second Amendment is in place should politicians ignore the others.
10. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
11. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
12. Know guns, know peace, know safety. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. 911: Government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
15. When seconds count the police are ONLY minutes away.
16. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
17. Criminals love gun control; it makes their "job" safer.
18. The threat of your using violence against a criminal keeps them from your door.
18. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
19. Only a government afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
20. You have only the rights you are willing to fight for.
21. Enforce the gun control laws we ALREADY have; don't make more.
22. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create victims to a system.
23. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.

Provided by *George Bitsoli*

WAR is dead, says he, despite never-ending emergence of nation-state despots.



In his four hundred page tome, British General Rupert Smith concludes that war, as recognized, is passé. That the massive forces common to military conflicts of the last two hundred years are no longer a likely occurrence and the smaller factional confrontation-to-conflict scenarios, within national boundaries, is the new

paradigm. That fortunes and reputations are being spent on such things as terrorism and hostile non-state aggressor activities with resources designed and better suited to fighting large scale industrial adventures. That subtlety and the nuance of political and cultural awareness are now primary to resolving the common internecine conflicts of today: "Muscle ain't enough!"

Smith makes his point—again and again, suggesting that the root of all of the military's entrenchment began with Napoleon's spirit of nationalism and Clausewitzian (*On War*) theories on how to fight

the "big ones," culminating with WWII.

There is much to be learned from his text including insights into why the EU, NATO and UN forces have not provided a cohesive mechanism for carrying out their delegated responsibilities over the last 50 years.

However, our own invasions of Iraq, Russia's of Georgia and the rantings of Ahmadinejad suggest there is a lot more going on in the world yet in need of large-force aggressive leadership than for brigades led by the Neville Chamberlains of the world.

But, the subject remains important.

Restrictions on Claymore Use

The Ottawa Treaty or the Mine Ban Treaty, formally the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, bans completely all anti-personnel landmines. Having been signed/accessioned by 158 countries as of 2007, thirty-seven states, including China, India, Russia and the United States are **not** party to the Convention.

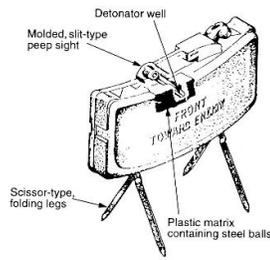
When in use by the U.S. Military, the M18A1 Claymore Anti-Personnel Mine is most often command-detonated. Such use is permitted by the Mine Ban Treaty. However, use of Claymore mines in uncontrolled (tripwire) mode is prohibited by the treaty.

While the United States has been an active participant in worldwide de-mining operations, and has signed the 1996 Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, it has not signed the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, commonly known as the Ottawa Treaty. Under the 1996 Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines the US forces may legally use the Claymore in *victim initiated detonation* as long as provisions of the protocol are met.

Provisions of the protocol center around confining landmines to clearly known and marked areas such that the chances of civilian incursion into mined areas is so low as to minimize civilian risks and casualties. As such, it is a requirement for individual U.S. Soldiers and Marines to know how to properly deploy and emplace the M18A1 landmine in compliance with appropriate regulations.

The Claymore is a directional anti-personnel mine. It was named after the large Scottish sword by its inventor, Norman A. McLeod. The Claymore fires steel balls out to about 100 meters across a 60° arc in front of the device. It is used primarily in ambush and anti-infiltration device against infantry. It is also of some use against soft-skinned vehicles.

Trivia Question 3: What, according to the Red Cross, has left 27% of Libyan farmland unusable? (See answer 3, page 4.)



The M18A1 Claymore mine consists of a horizontally convex olive green plastic case (inert training versions are blue), which is vertically concave. The shape was developed through experimentation to deliver the optimum distribution of fragments. The case has the words "Front Toward Enemy" embossed on the front surface of the mine. A simple open sight is provided for aiming the mine on the top surface. Two pairs of scissor legs attached to the bottom support the mine and allow it to be aimed vertically. Either side of the sight are fuse wells set at 45 degrees to the vertical. Internally the mine contains a layer of C-4 on top of which is a matrix of approximately seven hundred 1/8" spherical steel fragments set in epoxy.



When detonated, the explosion breaks up the epoxy matrix and propels fragments at a velocity of 3,995 feet per second, in a fan-shaped pattern roughly 7' high and 165' wide. The force of the explosion deforms the soft steel fragments into a shape similar to a .22 caliber rimfire round. The weapon and all its accessories are carried in the M7 bandolier. An instruction sheet for the weapon is attached to the inside cover of the bandolier.

The Claymore mine is typically deployed in one of three modes: *Controlled*, also known as command detonation using manually controlled firing system; *Uncontrolled*, meaning victim initiated via trip wires, pressure switches, infrared, acoustic and vibration sensors; and *Time-delayed* using a short-timed fuse and igniter as a pursuit deterrent.

Who was that Marine?

Born 1909 in Johannesburg, South Africa and brought to England, he was educated in Europe. Reaching adulthood, he spent a short time managing a London nightclub, later developing acting skills in various London productions of Broadway plays, progressing then to a UK film career.

By 1935, he'd moved to New York's Broadway and had obtained a Hollywood contract in supporting and sometimes swashbuckling roles.

Through the remainder of the '30s he would expand his character acting persona via a number early B tier efforts. Along with good looks, he had an airy delivery of speech which worked as both hero and rogue or occasional suave villain.

He brought, for the first time, the then familiar British Simon Templar character to the screen by 1938 with *The Saint in New York*, to cap what was his B picture career.

In 1939, he moved on to star with an impressive flair both the good and the evil royal twins in the second Hollywood production of *The Man in the Iron Mask*, based on the third volume of the Alexandre Dumas three musketeer trilogy. It was years again before the roles were recreated by, first, Richard Chamberlain in 1977 and, then, Leonardo DiCaprio in 1998.

In 1941, he was cast in a pivotal role in Orson Welles' *The Magnificent Ambersons*, only to find his efforts laid to the cutting room floor.

During WWII, he was provided a bit of respite from the vagaries of Hollywood to find himself doing something far more daunting and garnered a Bronze Star for his photographic efforts as a Marine filming the Academy award winning *Battle of Tarawa*.

Trivia Question 4: The Finns called the German S3 landmine the "Hopping Henry." What did we call them? (See answer 4, Page 4)

No longer a young man and, putting aside his swashbuckling screen portrayals, the Tarawa experience left him both physically and emotionally damaged. His recovery was slow.

Eventually however, having already had a few mysteries under his belt, he was cast—not surprisingly—as twins still once more in the Agatha Christie thriller *And Then There Were None* in 1945 and, thereafter, in a mix of romantic parts: *Monte Cristo* in 1946 and the Robin Hood-like Robert Louis Stevenson adventure *The Black Arrow* in 1948; and a succession of pirate parts in two sequels playing *Captain Blood* in '50 and '51 and final outing of an iron mask vehicle - this time with twin royal sisters and himself as a mature D'Artagnan.

Amidst all this blandness, however, he had developed a good business sense and was one of the first to incorporate the one percent-of-profits deal for both the theatrical and TV releases of his post-1949 films, ensuring him comfortable lifelong income!

While staying with movies, he ventured enthusiastically into TV, succeeding there as well and finally bowing out of acting in the mid-70's—not the legend of bygone hopes—but wiser and certainly comfortable.

He died on 21February85 of lung cancer and renal failure. He was survived, at that time, by his third wife, June Hanson, and a son, Dana.

Don't remember him? Well, his photo can be found on page four.

Sometimes you just get that queasy feeling...





An early "Happy Thanksgiving!"

Minnesota Humor

It seems the Presidential election of '08 was too close to call. Neither candidate garnered enough votes for a clear cut victory. So, after much senseless talk, a fourth recount and initiating a court challenge the candidates chose a week-long ice fishing competition to settle things. He who caught the most fish at the end of the week would win the election.

Their *seconds* bantered back and forth until finally agreeing that the contest would take place on a well frozen lake in northern Minnesota.

There were to be no observers and both men were to be sent out separately and return each day with their catch at 5 P.M. over the coming week. At the end of the first day, John McCain returned with ten fish. Obama had none.

His supporters assumed he'd catch up on the morrow. He did not.

On day two, McCain came in with twenty fish and Obama once again caught...none.

Towards evening, a frustrated Sen. *Dirty Harry* Reid met secretly with Senator. B. Hussein Obama and said, "Barack-O, I think McCain is a low-life cheat and I want you to go out tomorrow and forget about fishin.' Just spy on the S.O.B. and learn how he's cheatin.' We'll crucify the scurilous devil with our cool-aide drinkin' media."

Next day after it was learned McCain had caught still more fish, Dirty Harry asked "So, Barack-O, tell me, how is McCain doin' it?"

Trivia Question 5 In what way is the appearance of a Bouncing Betty different from standard anti-personnel and anti-tank mines? (Answer on page 4.)

"Well Harry," replied Obama, "you're not going to believe this but he's actually **cutting holes in the ice!** I see it 'but I don't get it.'"

Marine Biker & the NY Times

A biker while riding by the zoo saw a little girl leaning into the lion's cage.

Suddenly, the lion grabbed her by the cuff of her jacket and tried to pull her within to slaughter her, under the very eyes of her parents.

The biker jumped from his bike, ran to the cage and hit the lion square on the nose with a powerful

front page.... So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do you have?"

The biker replied, "I'm a U.S. Marine and a Republican."

The journalist thereupon left to file his story.

Next morning, the biker bought The New York *Slimes* to see if it carried news of his brave act. And, sure enough, written atop the front page he found in bold type:

U.S. Marine Republican Guard member assaults African Immigrant and Steals a Prisoner's Lunch.



The above photo captures a disturbing trend affecting American wildlife. Formerly self-sufficient animals are showing signs of belonging to the Democrat Party...having learned to just sit and wait for the government to provide for their every need. *Poor* bear.

punch.

Whimpering from the pain the lion withdrew, let go of the girl and the biker brought her to her terrified though very grateful parents, who thank him.

A New York Times reporter having seen the entire event addressed the biker saying "Sir, that was the most gallant and brave thing I have ever seen a man do in my whole life."

Humbly, the biker replied, "Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and did what I thought was right."

Still astonished the reporter says, "Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed.

I'm a journalist from the New York Times, you know, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the

Trivia Question 6 Will standing in-place after stepping on a Bouncing Betty's prongs prevent the device from exploding? (Answer 6, page 4.)

mocrats, were standing there, so I asked her, "If you were President what would be the first thing you would do?"

She replied, "I'd give food and houses to all the homeless people."

"Wow! What a worthy goal for someone so young." I exclaimed. "But, you don't have to wait until you're President to do that. You can come over to my house and mow, pull weeds, and sweep my yard, and I'll pay you \$50. Then I'll take you over to the grocery store where the homeless guy hangs out, and you can give him the \$50 to use toward food or a new house.

She thought that over for a few seconds 'cause she's only 6. And while her Mom glared at me, she looked me straight in the eyes and asked, "Why doesn't the homeless guy come over and do the work, and you can just pay him the \$50?"

"Ahhh," said I, "welcome to the Republican Party."

Her folks still aren't talking to me.

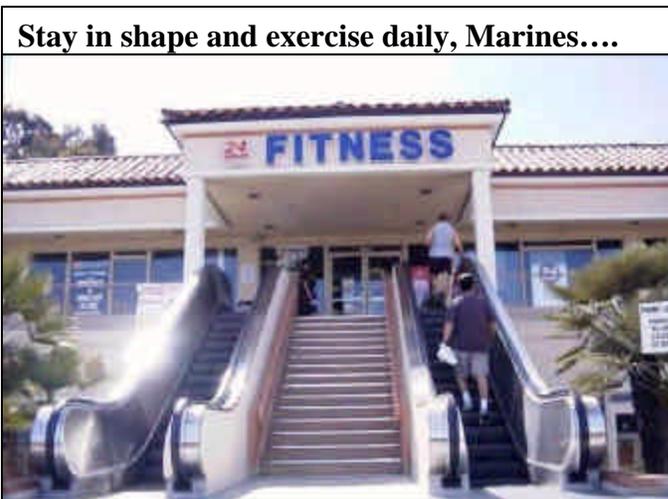
Sensible Observations:

"Oh, so you hate your job, uh? Why didn't you just say so?"

"There's a support group for that you know.

"Yaa, it's called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar."

Drew Carey



Stay in shape and exercise daily, Marines....

SKIPPER'S PUB

FOOD & SPIRITS

Enlightening Odds and Ends for your reading pleasure:

Delwin "Bill" Bailey has been having a fine time in his new Florida community. Ever the nice guy, Bill sees to it that the garden plants of his snowbird neighbors are cared for until their return in the fall.

He's to visit family in Andover, Ohio shortly, to view his three 12 through 14 year old nephews' increasing capacities for football, basketball and wrestling. He spoke of one lad being bigger now than he was in the Marine Corps. Man, try getting your mind around that one!!! 🍷

Dave and Debra Beraudo scooted out of Colorado for a week long first class Alaskan cruise with Holland-America, just after the Democrats helped tarnish the state's image. While still attempting to reacquire their land-lubbers' legs, they both expressed how VERY much they enjoyed the journey and of plans for a reenactment. Perhaps, though certainly loving Alaska, they'll head south the next time.

Don and Bonnie Carter are doing well. Don's in the midst of writing the second of what will, in time, be five books. Having read a good part of the draft of but one of those efforts, I'm here to tell you we've got a George Lucas epic on the horizon.

As with all writing, it takes time to get the "wrinkles" out.

Ron and June Smith are still trying to grasp the intent of the *Baltimore Sun's* choosing Ron as an Op-Ed counter-point to its normally liberal content. It would appear that "pigs can fly" and Hell has attained an absolute zero temperature. In fact, on August 4th, Ron wrote on his radio station's commentary page "the reviews of my first weekly column astounded me. Dozens commented via email about the debut. Most were positive, the naysayers few. Represent-

Trivia Question 7 Propelled 3' into the air, the U.S. M16A2 Bounding mine will detonate, propel what, how far and with what lethality? (Answer to right.)



Ron "The Voice of Reason" Smith

tative of the former was *Steve*, who had the following to say:

What a great icebreaker column, Ron.

With less than 1000 words you managed to upset Democrats, Republicans, liberals, conservatives, [B-more] Sun haters and Sun lovers, the mainstream media, talk radio, and arguably your friends and neighbors. Did I mention illegal immigrants and their supporters? I eagerly await your next missive.

"What more could be hoped for? To be able to annoy so many people for such small recompense is a dream come true...."

Yep, Ron, 'tis Joseph Campbell bliss and a facility recognized by the members of both Echo and Golf Companies as early as 1959, when you did it for nothing. 🍷

God love ya' for being a thorn in the sides of us all.

Kenneth Skipper, our former CO and now long-retired Major, is recovering from his recent illness and thanks everyone who reached out to him with kind words and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Though not as engaged in golfing as in the past, he still assists in arranging for his associates' outings and a bit of the required financial management. He exercises moderately and has been able to regain some of the weight lost during his hospitalization. I'm pleased, almost, beyond words.

Lastly, he laughed aloud when I told him the newsletter's section long dedicated to updated information on our membership was henceforth to be called "Skipper's Pub" with an

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attendant logo.

Joe and Marge Teklits survived the Democratic convention onslaught in Denver but, Joe told me, his TV screen was under the constant threat of a missile attack...his.

He and I talked and laughed for well over an hour, solving not a single world problem...as it should be.

Try this, you WILL like it:

At the funeral of her own mother, a woman met a man she had not known and thought him "amazing."

Thinking him her "perfect soul-mate," she fell in-love but never learned his name. Frantic, a few days later she killed her sister!! Why?

Think about it...then read on.

OK, here you go: She hoped the guy would appear at the sister's funeral!!! If you "got it," you think like a psychopath. Many arrested

Trivia Question 8 The colloquial term used to describe the M57 electric controlled detonation device for a Claymore mine is what? (See answer below.)

serial killers took part in a test using this question and answered the question "correctly."

If you didn't, good for you.

If you did "get it right," please let me know so I can take you off my e-mail list! 🍷

A special—in alphabetical order—thanks to the following contributors for providing cartoons, anecdotes, political insights and military history: George Bitsoli, Trevor Davies, Charlie LaMarr, Tom Poole, Ron Smith and Charlie Wilson.

Trivia Answers:

- 1) Of Spanish origin: "Guerra" for war and the diminutive suffix "illa" meaning little: as in "little war" tactics.
- 2) Small, mobile, flexible groups, supported locally that harass superior forces and avoid prolonged conflict.
- 3) WWII landmines.
- 4) A "Bouncing Betty."
- 5) The Betty is canister shaped with three wire prongs atop.
- 6) Uhh, no. But such was the incorrect and costly official U.S. policy during WWII!!! Though you only made the mistake once.
- 7) Metal fragments 360° around, lethal within 60 feet, hazardous for 200 feet
- 8) "Clacker"



Louis Charles Hayward

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I hope you've enjoyed this latest effort. Send in your stories by e-or-snail mail to make for an even better next issue.

Semper Fi; *Ed Shea*