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The comments and editorial input do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the membership of our chapter. I would appreciate any feedback that you might have, items you liked or if you find offensive or derogatory in anyway. (bobrotruck73@gmail.com) Thank you for allowing me to be your editor.

Notes from the President - Dave Lyons:

Thanks to you, each member of Chapter 1106, we've had a great first four months to start the 2023 year. Meeting attendance continues to be high, with great guest speakers and monthly member "bio" presentations. The Central Colorado Corvette Club car show in April was fantastic, with nice weather and hot dogs! The Officers and Board of the Chapter will continue to work hard to bring you interesting and meaningful monthly guest speakers and activities.

We have functions scheduled that each of you can participate in. The trip to the WWII Aviation Museum in Colorado Springs is coming up in May. Our Memorial Day weekend Poppy Drive is scheduled for May 27th. And we plan to participate in the Highlands Ranch Fourth of July parade again this year.

To each of the "Buddy Call" callers, thank you for your regular contact with members and family. This is an important activity to stay in touch with each Chapter member. Our membership continues to rise as we reach out to fellow Vietnam War veterans.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Chapter 1106.

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Member Feature

None this issue!

Military Trivia

Devil dog

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March Guest Speaker – Jennifer Heilveil from the VA.

Jennifer is a Recreation Therapist and talked about Recreation Therapy for Veterans. Recreation Therapy provides services to restore, remediate, and/or rehabilitate functional capabilities for Veterans with injuries, chronic illnesses, and disabling conditions. Recreation Therapy services include assessment and treatment for physical, cognitive, emotional, psychosocial, and leisure deficits. Services are provided based upon applying the best available research evidence, using expert clinical judgment in consideration with the Veteran's individual goals, preferences, and live pursuits.



April Guest Speakers – President - Barry Hawkins and Keith Bennet of the Central Colorado Corvette Club

“Vetts for Vets” honors VVA

Chapter 1106 with a Saturday morning car show ...

What began as a chance, casual conversation -during last year's Christmas Luncheon- developed into a recent opportunity for the 90-plus member Central Colorado Corvette Club (4C) to honor members of South Metro Denver VVA Chapter 1106 with a 35 vehicle, all Corvette, car show- to highlight our April membership meeting.

In keeping with their ongoing “Vettes for Vets” partnership program, 4C club leaders Barry Hawkins and Keith Bennet presented at the meeting, providing lots of history and highlights regarding the longest-running, continuously produced car, the Chevrolet Corvette. Then all adjourned to the parking lot of the South Metro Fire & Rescue HQ, where the Chapter meets, to view and enjoy all 35 ‘Vettes, vintage to brand new, and all in sparkling, showroom-clean condition. Lots of information, technical and social, were there for the sharing. Chapter President, Dave Lyons, presented Chapter Challenge Coins to the two club leaders, while Chapter members, in their signature yellow polo shirts, clustered for a photo-op with a yellow ‘Vette. The show was a wonderful way to usher in the coming spring, and for all to continue to dream the dream. Drooling's did occur, but were quickly removed ...

Article written by Tom Werzyn

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LtoR: President Barry Hawkins and Keith Bennet



Challenge coin presentation.



Yellow is the appropriate color! More pics very end of NL!

Membership! (As of 1/14/2023)

VVA 196
AVVA 44
TOTAL: 240

Board of Directors/Officers

Dave Lyons – President
Milt Omoto – Vice-president
Mike Huber – Treasurer

Sally Eaves – Secretary

Board Members – Patti Ehline, Tom Werzyn, John Vargas, Joe Plant, Rev. Garry Turks, Joe Dempsey, Joseph Robinson.

Special Chapter Positions

AVVA Liaison to chapter Board of Directors – Litta Plant-Schaper

Chaplain – Rev. Garry Turks

Chapter Historian – John Vargas

Database/Audio – Jack Hunter

Government Affairs – Tony Nickerson

Sergeant-at-Arms – Dan Green

Chapter Nurse – Patti Ehline

Email Blaster – Bob Rotruck

Working Committees

- Agent Orange/PTSD: Patti Ehline
- Color Guard: Dale Creason (Command Sergeant), Ron Smith (Asst. Command Sergeant), Don McNeely, Dan Green, Clarence Rebolledo, Harry Montgomery, John Sheadel,
- Event Coordinator: Joseph Robinson
- Fundraising/Grants: Milt Omoto – Chair
- Information Blaster – Bob Racetrack Rotruck
- Marketing/Media/Events: Tom Werzyn
- Membership: Dale Creason – Chair, Lee White, Litta Plant-Schaper (AVVA Roster Updates)
- Memorial Committee: John Vargas-Chair. Garry Turks, Joe Plant, Lee White, Alan Jaffe, Milt Omoto
- Mental Health: Patti Ehline, Warren Harrison, Joe Plant
- Name Tags: Litta Plant-Schaper
- Newsletter Editor: Bob Rotruck
- Promotional Items: Leann Stelzer, Joe Dempsey, Ita Dempsey
- Refreshments: Walt Leuci, Dave Lyons
- Scholarship Program: Gary Weston, Chair, Jim Marcille, Litta Plant-Schaper, Mike Karsh (At-Large, Consultant)
- Social – Chairman – Vacant, Joe Plant, Tom Werzyn, and Litta Plant-Shaper
- Speakers Bureau Tom Werzyn – Chair, Bob Mallin, Dave Lyons
- Veteran Emergency Assistance: Joe Plant, Dave Lyons
- Voices for Veterans: Warren Harrison, Patti Ehline, Joe Plant
- Webmaster: Bob Rotruck
- Women Veterans: Patti Ehline

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Meetings/Events Calendar – 2022

May 6, 2023 – VVA Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting
Mat 27, 2023 – VVA Chapter 1106 Board Meeting
Jun 3, 2023 – VVA Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting
Jun 24, 2023 – VVA Chapter 1106 Board Meeting



In Memoriam

Machelle Mallin one year ago. On Saturday, April 15, 2023, several chapter members paid tribute on the 1st anniversary of the Michelle Mallin Memorial Bench unveiling. Several reflected on the goals and accomplishments of this wonderful woman, friend and former Director of the Honor Bell. Some left balloons and or flowers.

For those that don't know, the bench is located at:
Plum Valley Park (less than 2 minutes from her home)
10230 West Westridge Village Pkwy
Highlands Ranch 80129

Her Father, Bob Mallin, sent the following:
Thank you each and every one of Michelle's "fans"...I am constantly becoming more and more appreciative of this magnificent daughter of mine and her wide influence for good...particularly for veterans...As I have said before the most important thing that Dean and I ever did was make Michelle able through our service to affect the lives of so many / Bob



As of: 4/14/2023

Total Funeral Homes Visited – 2,610
Cremains Found – 29,457
Veterans Cremains Identified – 6,250
Veterans Interred – 5,876

Events:

Forgotten Heroes Campaign February 25, 2023

The Forgotten Heroes Campaign honored two of our Chapter members at their February 25th awards ceremony. Mike Huber served in the US Army (67-69) as a Chaplain's Assistant. In Vietnam, he assisted the Chaplain with services and counseling. Leo Gruenke served in the US Air Force (66-69) as a Morse Intercept Operator. He recalls keeping track of the number of rocket attacks on their location. Brigadier General David Warner conducted the honors.



LtoR: Brigadier General David Warner and Mike Huber

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LtoR: Brigadier General David Warner and Leo Gruenke

Challenge Coin Presented to General Warner

At the February 25th Forgotten Heroes Campaign awards ceremony, Chapter 1106 presented Brigadier General David Warner with our challenge coin. General Warner served 30 years with the US Air Force. He is the awards presenter at all Forgotten Heroes Campaign ceremonies.



LtoR: John Vargas, General Warner, Milt Omoto

Chapter Color Guard in Action

The CCG presented the colors at the VA complex located at 1600 Wheeling (I225 & Colfax). The pictures are from the memorial for over 1300 vets who have died on the past 2 1/2 years in Colorado. A memorial presentation could not be held because of Covid - they now will get back to doing a memorial every other month like before Covid. Our honor guard did a great job!



Certificates of Appreciation

Joe and Ita were given certificates of appreciation for the hard work they have put in to sell the many Chapter products to our members such as polo shirts, jackets, challenge coins, lapel/hat pins, and AVVA golf shirts.



Joseph and Ita Dempsey

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Veterans Art Therapy Program



Veterans Art Therapy is a joint program between the Castle Rock Artist Cooperative (CRAC) and the Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation (DCVMF) — both Colorado-based 501(c)(3)'s — to assist local veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. The program is designed to use the healing qualities of art to help veterans battling PTS.

Since the program's inception in November of 2020, we have expanded our offerings of instruction in oil painting to also encompass photography. We are actively recruiting both veterans as well as artists/instructors to teach the courses.

Four veterans participated in our very first Veterans Art Therapy program, which began in November of 2020 and culminated with an exhibit in May of 2021. This program focused on oil painting. Our next oil painting program began in November 2021, and ended in summer of 2022. Stay tuned for updates about this program, as we will be expanding into other artistic disciplines in which veterans will be able to participate.

Check out our website: castlerockartcoop.com

Another Wonderful Donation

On March 11, 2023, the final disbursement checks were presented to Chapters 1071, 1075 and 1106 by James Dreiling, Executor for the Erwin Dreiling Estate.



LtoR: Stan Paprocki (Chapter 1071), Tom Dowell (Chapter 1075), Tony Nickerson, Lee White (Chapter 1106) James Dreiling

Chapter Appreciation Award

On March 11, 2023, the Colorado VVA State Council presented an appreciation plaque to Mr. James Dreiling, Executor for the Erwin Dreiling Estate. Erwin was a Marine Corps Infantry soldier who served in Vietnam. On his passing, he left a legacy to help Vietnam Veterans and families in Colorado. Over the past five years, the State Council and Chapters have received disbursements from his estate.

Vietnam War Commemoration Pin

Special Presentation: Vietnam War Commemoration Pin, Flag and Presidential Proclamation by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

At the VVA CO State Council meeting on March 11, 2023, Lynn Baldvins and Neva Rath from the Zebulon Pike Chapter NSDAR and Patricia Harden Borah from the Kinnikinnik Chapter NSDAR, both located in Colorado Springs, presented the Colorado State Council with the Vietnam War Commemoration Pin (to those who had not yet received it), the Commemoration flag, and Presidential Proclamation. President Tony Nickerson received these on behalf of the Council.

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LtoR: President Tony Nickerson, Lynn Baldvins and Neva Ruth, NSDAR

Spradlin Printing Does It Again – But we got'em this time!

Joe Plant presented John Spradlin with a \$130.00 gift card to Ocean Prime Restaurant. John, a Navy veteran, refuses to charge us for his top level shelf work. His latest (extra Bookmarks) invoice was for \$160.00. John can refuse payment but not a gift card.



LtoR: Joe Plant, John Spradlin – Photo by John Vargas
Ocean Prime is located in Greenwood Village/Denver Tech Center (DTC) in the Bellevue Promenade Center, Ocean Prime is an ideal place to socialize, talk business, celebrate and indulge. From their main dining room to their lounge, four stunning private dining rooms and seasonal outdoor terrace, guests can enjoy the vibrant energy of DTC from any area of the restaurant

Fraternal Order of Eagles Hosted a Great Event

The event was produced by the Honor Bell Foundation and Chris Boyer was the emcee. There were many veterans, first responders, God Star Families that were honored with a delicious pic roast with delightful side dishes, and dessert.

VETERAN & FIRST RESPONDER PIG ROAST
Veterans Gold Star Families & 1st Responders Eat For Free \$15 For All Others

WELCOME HOME

March 25th from 12:00 to 3:00
Fraternal Order of Eagles
1300 Caprice Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80109

Roasted Pig & Sides Silent Auction
Live DJ Bingo
Cash Bar 50/50 Raffle

To learn more go to: honorbell.org

Our Chapter Color Guard started the event by presenting the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



The National Anthem was sung by Angie Leedholn who did a beautiful job! (Editor: She brought tears to my eyes)



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Caught by surprise!

Dora Plant couldn't under why her husband (Joe Plant) was insisting that she sit in the front row of our meeting room.



Shortly thereafter, Dora was called to the front of the room and was surprised by over 60 Veterans and friends in unison sang "Happy Birthday"!!!



Adams County VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton

Submitted by Milt Omoto

A Veterans Memorial Park is under construction at the Riverdale Regional Park in Brighton. Construction is currently underway with completion sometime in 2024. The design features a replica of the USS Colorado.



What it looks like now!



What it will look like a year from now!

Chapter 1106 Award Highlands Ranch Metro District

On a sunny day on April 10th, members of VVA Chapter 1106 presented an appreciation plaque to the Highlands Ranch Metro District for their support of military and veterans. Over the years, the Metro District has waived park reservation fees for our annual summer picnic. Scott Nelson, Open Space/Park Ranger Supervisor, assisted us in locating the swinging bench as a memorial tribute to Michelle Mallin.



L to R: Nick Adamson (Natural Resource Manager), Scott Nelson (Open Space/Park Ranger Supervisor), Milt Omoto, Pamela Mosely (Park Facilities Reservations Coordinator), Chris Omoto, Carolyn Peters (Recreation & Park Service Manager), John Vargas.

Books/Articles

SENIORS' WISDOM ...

Submitted by Gary Bentzen

- The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

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- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- When I get a headache, I take two aspirins and keep away from children just like the bottle says.
- Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough."
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.
- "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."
- Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags or is it just me?
- I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.
- Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.
- Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.
- So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?
- I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning. Old age is coming at a really bad time.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
- Your people skills are fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- "On time" is when you get there.
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it does muffle the sound.
- It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- Lately, you've noticed that people your age are much older than you.
- "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Dolphin Trainer

Submitted by: David Pruett, LtCol., USMC, Ret.

An elderly man rear ends a guy driving an expensive sports car. Enraged, the guy hops out of his car and confronts the old man. "Look what you did to my car" he yells. "You're gonna give me \$10,000 right now or I'm gonna beat you to a bloody pulp!"

"Oh my" says the old man, I don't have that kind of money. Let me call my son, he trains dolphins and he'll know what to do.

Dolphins, the other driver huffs, while rolling his eyes. The old man pulls out his phone, dials his son and just as the son answers, the irate man snatches the phone away from the old man.

So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh? Well, your old man here just rear ended my car and I need ten grand right now or I'm gonna beat you AND your old man to a bloody pulp.

I'll be there in 10 minutes, says the voice calmly on the other end. Exactly ten minutes later a jeep pulls up and a guy hops out and proceeds to pulverize the bully, leaving him in a bloody heap on the side of the road.

When he's finished, he walks over to his father and says: "for the LAST TIME dad.... I train SEALS.... NAVY SEALS.... NOT dolphins!"

This Could Be You!

Submitted by: John Vargas (Editors note: John is already having these problems!)

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness' sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife

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a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, ' Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year-old buddy:

'So, I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Nah, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'

Moe, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Moe walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Moe and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

More replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool...

After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'

'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

FIREARM SAFETY

By John Vargas

We have heard it once or twice too often. A Veteran, family member, friend, or someone we know committed suicide. Statistics still indicate that we are losing about 22 per day for Veterans alone! My brother-in-law committed suicide two years ago with a gun. He was not a veteran; he was a retired NYC corrections officer with easy access to his weapon.

Nearly half of all Veterans own a firearm, and most Veteran firearm owners go by these three words, Unloaded, Locked and Secured.

You can take simple steps to protect yourself and your family, particularly if you or others in the household are in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviors or violence. If you are worried about a friend or family member, ask them directly about suicide and encourage them to seek help. Talk about safe firearm storage and the possibility of temporarily storing firearms with a trusted friend, relative, or somewhere.

There are several effective ways to safely secure firearms, such as a Cable Lock (about \$10-\$50). A Lockbox (\$25-\$350) or a gun safe (\$200-\$2,500). **Several VA locations will be happy to give you Cable Lock for FREE. Also, check with your local Sheriff's Office for free gun locks. Visit www.nssf.org/safety.

We can all make a difference, just stay aware! The VVA/AVVA 1106 Buddy Calls are a way of staying in touch and showing concern.

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Chief

The United States Navy has a special pay grade you see,
If you have been in the Navy, you know what it would be.

To become a Chief Petty Officer is a goal held high,
It doesn't come easy and is not given by and by.
It takes hard work with professionalism all the way,
And you must work at it and work at it every single day.
Because when you become the Chief, all your men do know,

You are the one that takes the grief, tops to them you must show.

Now I became a Chief back in July of Sixty-eight,
Not too many things are as dear to me as that date.

I had made the grade with less than nine,
I put on that uniform, and it sure felt fine.
My peers worked me over pretty much all that day,
I was really ready to find a place to let the body lay.

"Give me your service number," the prosecutor screamed,

I thought I did it right or so it seemed.

But he screamed once more, "Now give it by two's"
I gave them the answer and they gave me the boos.

Where's Gary I thought, oh no, they've killed him,
Little did I know what Gary had told them.

Out of the corner of my eye I did suspiciously spy
A wooden crate large enough to bury a guy.

The prosecutor screamed, "So you wanna be a Chief?"
Out of the box Gary popped, I felt such relief.

When suddenly he screamed, "I'm a snotty nosed Chief!"

What worse could they do to us, oh good grief.

By the time my kangaroo court was complete
I hoped they would give me a refreshing seat.

But I got to continue serving up booze and drink
While the other candidates were made to think.

Now it was time to clean up and square away
For what was to come was the topper for the day.

To stand in front of your peers and looking each square
in their eye

You're now joining a special fraternity for which you
would die.

The Chief's Oath has words that stir the heart
Words to live by forever from the start.

A Chief Petty Officer you've become, hold your head
high.

The responsibility you now carry is as big as the sky.

The next day you stand tall at quarters with relief
You know you have made it 'cause your men call you

Chief!

ROTRUCK - '94

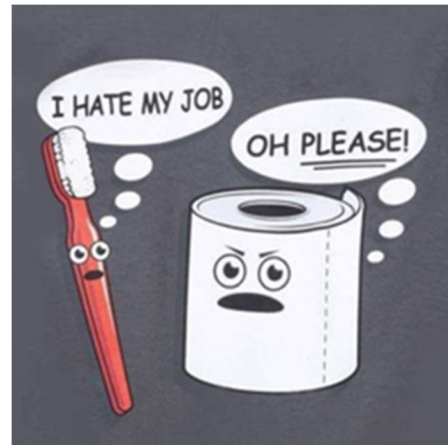
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Very Few people know this but the little pocket on your jeans is for your paycheck after taxes



Sadly, the days of people using proper English are went.

Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat"

Both women stood for the rest of the journey

Argument done!



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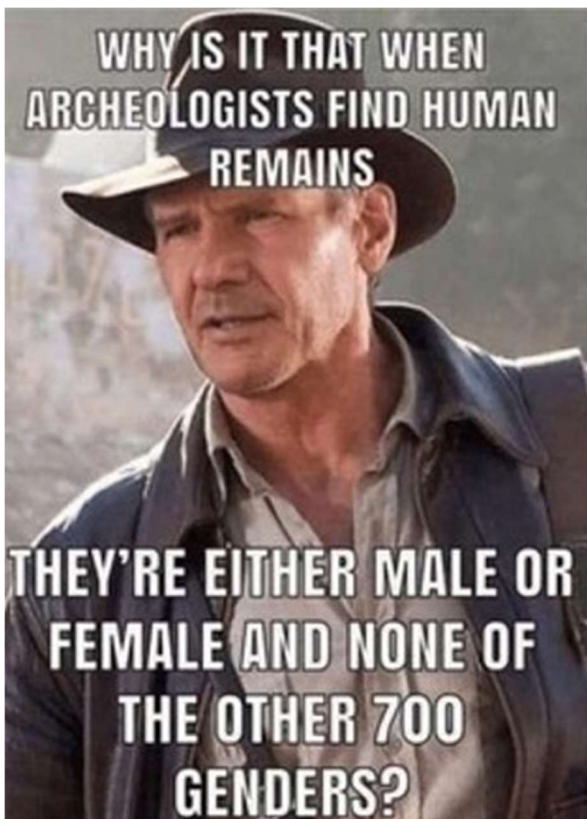
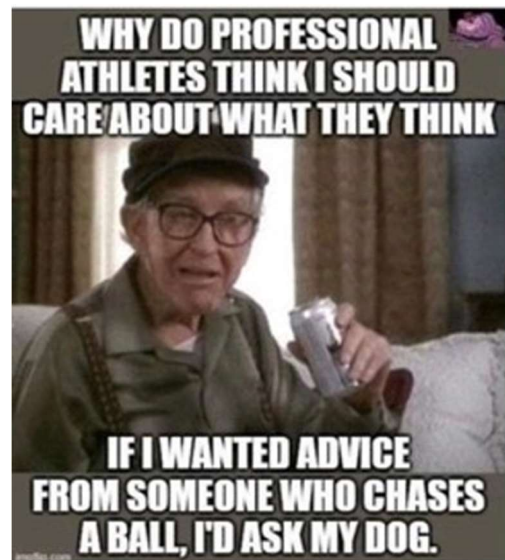
Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them.

HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year.

Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!

From John Vargas

I think we can conclude that the "time out" generation didn't produce as good of citizens as "ass beating" generation.



Wife: You pick dinner.
Me: Pizza
Wife: No
Me: Tacos
Wife: No
Me: Subs
Wife: No
Me: What do you want?
Wife: It's up to you!



Trivia Answer
Devil dog – Term for a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.!

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

VVA Chapter 1106 Annual Calendar of Events 2023

Date of Issue: December 9, 2022

Date	Event	Location
January 2023		
January 7 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
January 28 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
February 2023		
February 4 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
February 25 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
March 2023		
March 4 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
March 12 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
March 25 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
March 29 (Wednesday)	Vietnam Veterans Day (observed)	Events at Various Locations
April 2023		
April 1 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
April 29 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
May 2023		
May 6 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
May 27 (Saturday)	Memorial Day "Poppy Drive" Fund Raiser	King Sooper (4-5 Locations TBD)
May 29 (Monday)	Memorial Day	Events at Various Locations
May (TBD)	Chapter Board of Director's Meeting	On-Line
June 2023		
June 3 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
June 10 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
June 24 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
July 2023		
July 1 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
July 4 (Tuesday)	Chapter Participation in Fourth of July Parade	TBD
July 29 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
August 2023		
August 5 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
August 8 - 12	VVA National Convention	Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL
August 12 (Saturday)	Chapter Family Summer Picnic	Falcon Park, Highlands Ranch
August 26 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
September 2023		
September 2 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
September 30 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
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October 7 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
October 14 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
October 28 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
November 2023		
November 4 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
November 11 (Saturday)	Veterans Day	Events at Various Locations
November 11 (Saturday)	Veterans Day "Poppy Drive" Fund Raiser	King Soopers (Locations TBD)
November 26 TBD	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
December 2023		
December 3 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
December 9 (Saturday)	Chapter Holiday Luncheon and Festivities	TBD
December 30 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line

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