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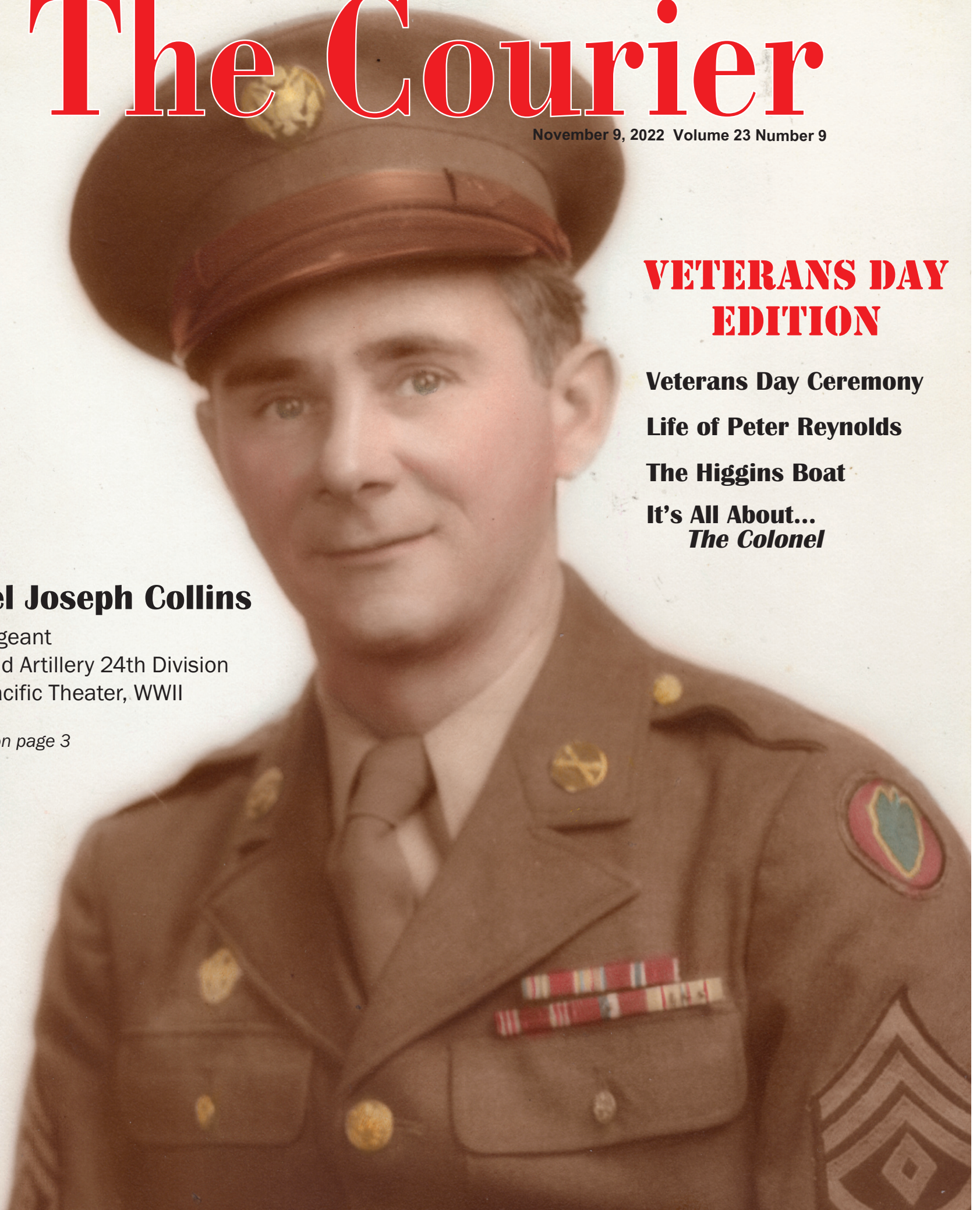
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The Colonel

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Author Dan Collins recalls his Dad's service and the Higgins boat

By **Dan Collins**

While I was wandering through an old boatyard in Watkins Glenn, NY, with my camera looking for some artistic shots of neglected boats fading away in an eclectic marine boneyard, I came upon a Higgins boat. It sat on blocks and needed more than a World War II war bond to refurbish.

The Higgins boat was the iconic landing craft that was used by American armies to storm hostile beaches. Known officially as an LCP (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel) it was designed to run up onto the beach, lower the ramp on the bow and let the soldiers run off "into the jaws of death, into the mouth of hell" as Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote.

These landing craft were featured prominently in the opening scenes of the movie, 'Saving Private Ryan.' The famous photo of General MacArthur wading ashore at Leyte Gulf in the Philippines on 20 October, 1944 and George C. Scott landing in Sicily in the movie 'Patton' are other vivid examples.

The United States Coast Guard's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner was Signaller 1st Class Douglas Munro who lost his life at Guadalcanal while maneuvering 10 landing crafts to evacuate trapped Marines.

Once the LCP had discharged its payload, it would raise the forward ramp, back off the beach through the surf and return to the troop ship that would be holding station out of range of enemy shore batteries to pick up another complement of brave, scared men.

My father served in the South Pacific Theater and made literally dozens of amphibious assaults in New Guinea and the Philippines. Dad was the sergeant for a forward liaison team for the 13th Field Artillery of the 24th Division. His team called in the target coordinates for the infantry.

On a typical invasion, the first wave of Higgins boats carried infantry and medics almost exclusively. Each sub-

sequent wave had less infantry and more support and supplies. As such, 'Liaison One' were typically on the second wave of Higgins boats that would make the beach about 5-10 minutes after the first. The 105 and 155mm howitzers would arrive on the sixth wave. Prior to their own artillery pieces coming ashore, dad's team would direct naval guns to support the infantry's requests.

General MacArthur didn't come ashore at Leyte Gulf until the first troops that stormed ashore at dawn were well inland and the

beach.

As much as the Huggins boats emote romantic visions of Americans charging forward and winning, dad was not a romantic. He hated climbing down the cargo net ladders to get into the pitching and rolling landing crafts and, of course, he hated getting shot at on the beach.

Dad, like most WWII veterans, was reluctant to discuss his experience in any great detail or for very long. Over the years, however, a couple stores did seep out. On one amphibious assault, the 'Japs' (I know that is a politically incorrect word today but not for the 'Greatest Generation' and I do not wish to rewrite history or disrespect my father's story telling.) were dug in at the edge of the jungle with machine guns and lots of ammunition. When 'Liaison One' arrived on the second wave, the first wave was still hunkered down in the sand. The second wave joined the first, improvising holes or anything to keep low.

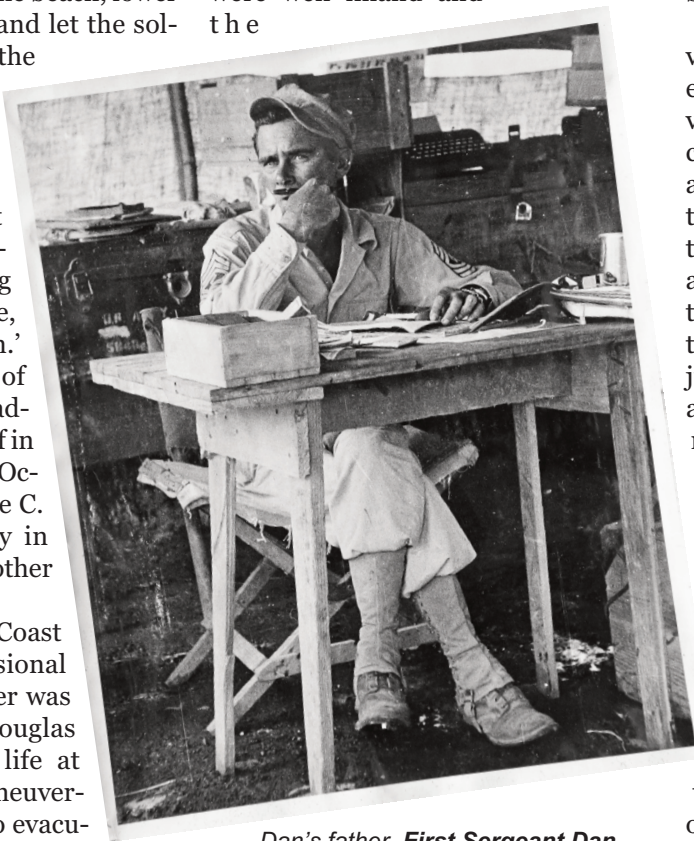
Finally, the Navy brought in a shallow draft destroyer close to shore. Everyone was ordered to keep his head down – at that point, an easy order to follow. Then the destroyer opened up with everything. Its bullets and shells passed only a couple feet above the hunkered down Americans and into the jungle tree line. When the destroyer ceased fire, the beach boys rushed the jungle and the advance was on.

Another lighter story involved a replacement soldier. (Note: Dad never told me why he needed a replacement and I never asked.) Army intelligence had passed the word that the Japanese were using a new suicide tactic. Their snipers were tying themselves into the tops of the palm trees along the beach line and shooting the invaders as they came ashore.

When 18-year-old Pvt. Benson from Chicago came ashore with his new Thompson submachine gun he was as nervous as everyone else. He looked up and thought he saw someone in a tree and started shooting.



Higgins Boat sitting neglected in a New York boatyard



Dan's father, First Sergeant Dan Collins in the Philippines, 1945

beach was safe for the press photographers and five star generals. Dad liked to quip that he beat MacArthur back to the Philippines by 6 hours.

Most WW II amphibious assaults were successful. Some, like Normandy's Omaha Beach, were very costly but eventually successful. The reason for this is what the text books call the 'privilege of focus.' That means that the defender must spread out his resources to repel an invasion on all beaches while the attacking forces can focus all its effort on just one. As a result, most amphibious assaults are, in essence, surprise attacks that overwhelm a thinly defended

Within seconds, the entire landing force was defoliating the palm trees. When the firing stopped, they did not find anyone in the trees. They all had a good laugh and dad nicked named the 18-year-old Boom-Boom Benson, a moniker the Chicagoan held until VJ Day.

Dad also had a couple close calls. On one invasion, his Higgins did not make it to the beach. Instead, it ran aground on a coral reef and discharged the troops a hundred yards from the shore line. When dad stepped off the coral reef he fell into a lagoon that was over his head. Since he couldn't swim, he discarded his weapon and gear and eventually bounced and crawled his way ashore.

On another invasion, a Japanese Zero came down the beach, strafing the troops. Dad saw the attacking plane and sprinted into the jungle. Fortunately, a P38 Thunderbolt was right on the Zero's tail. Unfortunately, the American pilot couldn't shoot until after the Zero passed the landing zone less some of the P38's bullets might inadvertently hit our guys on the beach resulting in friendly fire casualties. As soon as the Zero cleared the landing zone, the American fighter fired a burst from his 37mm cannon and the enemy aircraft disintegrated.

Dad's last ride on a Higgins boat came shortly after the atomic bombs were dropped. Normally, the troops would go down to the beach and be shuttled out to the waiting troop ship that would ferry them to the next Philippine island that needed to be secured. There were over fifty such amphibious assaults on the outer islands between the initial Leyte invasion on

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Commentary

By Joe Reynolds
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Budget, leaves, fire department

It was bound to happen. When transparency is optional, the individual in control may not always opt for transparency.

This is exactly what happened at the October 26, 2022 meeting of the OPA Budget & Finance Committee. Budget & Finance is arguably the most important, most influential committee within the Ocean Pines Association when it comes to how OPA operates. Our current General Manager, John Viola, was hired for that position after chairing the Budget & Finance Committee for several years.

Association member Amy Peck decided to attend the committee meeting on October 26 via her computer using Microsoft Teams, OPA's program of choice to allow committee members and association members to view and/or participate in meetings remotely.

Peck says she asked OPA board member and committee liaison, Monica Rakowski, in advance as to whether or not a video of the meeting would be available. According to Peck, Rakowski asked the chairman about recording the meeting for uploading to YouTube as the meeting was beginning. He said No.

Were any Maryland or OPA governing documents violated? Would not appear so. But questions are certainly raised.

A committee chair can deny a request by the corporate Treasurer to save a Budget & Finance committee meeting video? Where in any OPA policy is a committee chairman given authority to make such a decision? As to the latter, there is no policy.

Would there have been some hardship for employees or committee members if the meeting video was recorded? Are there substantive expenses to record the meeting and upload, as is done on a regular basis for board meetings and even other committee meetings? Not at

all, to both questions. All it takes is a mouse click on a monitor button. Are political issues involved?

Peck says there were only three members of the Budget & Finance Committee at the meeting - one in the board room and two others participating remotely via Microsoft Teams. OPA's website indicates there are six members on the committee. If both of these items are correct there was not even a quorum present. As of now, there are no minutes of the meeting online.

The Board of Directors needs to set a policy that requires all committee meetings held via Microsoft Teams to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube.

At this point, some readers may be asking why any of this is important. The importance is the Budget & Finance Committee, and some OPA employees, including the General Manager, participated in high-level discussions of topics related to serious financial import for association members. Those discussions are now lost to posterity.

All we have now are notes taken by Peck and reported on Facebook ROC, and she has apparently been criticized for doing so.

Perhaps the most important information discussed at the meeting was related to the Ocean Pines Fire Department. A recent public hearing held to discuss a major rehabilitation and expansion of the existing southside fire station put the total cost at around \$8.7 million. OPA management is doing due diligence, looking for ways to raise funds via donations and also potential design changes that could reduce the cost to \$5.7 million while still meeting future requirements. Nothing is settled, but these high-level discussions are not over minor items.

In addition to the rehab and expansion of the current southside station, the

big picture discussions are now including the possibility of a brand new firehouse on land owned by OPA along Route 589 between Taylor Bank and the post office. It makes perfect sense to discuss this option prior to any final decision involving millions of dollars invested in a very old building. Potential uses for the old southside fire station might include some space for public works and a dedicated board room meeting area.

Then there is the issue of leaf disposal. Peck says OPA's Public Works Director indicated OPA spends about \$120,000 a year for the disposal of leaves. There was discussion of requiring the purchase of some sort of a permit, available only to OPA residents, to dump leaves at the Public Works yard, thus preventing outsiders and contractors from dumping in OPA, and, as an added benefit, bringing in some income.

Republic would continue to pick up as many as eight bags of leaves a week. Beginning next year there would be no

OPA leaf collection vacuum truck operations. This would be a return to the historic practice of making homeowners responsible for their own leaf disposal for anything beyond what Republic collects as a part of their trash collection service.

Keep in mind, all of these discussion topics during the Budget & Finance meeting are not set for implementation. Look for further discussion at both the committee and board levels in the coming months.

Hopefully, those discussions will be recorded and available on YouTube so association members who cannot attend or be online at the time of the meeting, those directly impacted financially by the results of such discussions, can see and hear what actually transpired without depending on what anyone writes about it, whether a commentator or some individual writing meeting minutes. The latter are notoriously lacking in detail.

The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee is November 23, 2022, at 9am in the Board Room.

Courier Almanac

"We try to work with taxpayers," Internal Revenue Service spokeswoman Valerie Thornton told *The New York Times* in the autumn of 1991, "[a]nd if we have to come up with some creative payment plan, that's what we're going to do, because it's in everyone's best interest." The creative payment plan to which Ms. Thornton was referring in her statement to the *Times* involved a unique revenue-sharing agreement negotiated between the IRS and the beloved country singer Willie Nelson, who was then struggling to repay a \$16.7 million dollar tax debt that had led the federal government to seize all of his assets one year earlier, on November 9, 1990.

Public health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advocate for annual flu shots as an effective way to avoid potentially serious complications that can arise when individuals get the influenza virus. But why



the need for annual vaccinations? According to the CDC, flu viruses are constantly changing, so a vaccination that might have been effective one year will not necessarily provide significant protection in the following year. In addition, the protection provided by the flu vaccine wanes over time, so people won't necessarily be well fortified against the flu if they aren't vaccinated each year. Researchers work to determine which flu viruses are likely to be common in a given year. The vaccinations administered in that year reflect that research and provide the greatest protection against the viruses that are likely to be circulating throughout flu season

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'Hi, I'm Bob'

Friday is Veterans Day, a national holiday to honor the men and women who wear or have worn our nation's uniform in service to our country. The holiday is well deserved and often underappreciated.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Growing up as a civilian, military life was an unfamiliar concept randomly glimpsed through John Wayne movies, "Hogan's Heroes," and Bill Murray's "Stripes."

My early, unfocused impressions of the military were formed when I was a child growing up during the early 1970s. Images of the Vietnam War were a constant staple of the "CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite" which was watched religiously in my house each night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Geopolitics. Communism. Containment. Those concepts were beyond me at the time. I could however relate to soldiers in tattered drab green uniforms crawling on the ground. My friends and I played army many times in the backyard. In my child's mind, the soldiers on television were playacting just like my friends did. After all, the soldiers on television didn't look much older than me.

Every once in a while, I'd overhear passing comments between my third-grade teacher and another teacher whose husband was in Vietnam. That's as close as I came to having any connection to the military or the war at that time.

One day, for reasons I don't remember, my brother and I were staying with our grandparents who were living at the time in a Ripka Street second floor apartment in Roxborough having just sold their home in Olney and before they moved full time to their home in Villas, NJ. Special news bulletins were flashing on the television. It was April 30, 1975. It was the fall of Saigon. Several images of that day have stayed with me: men and women, some clutching small children, running desperately

toward big airplanes taxiing to take off; helicopters being pushed over the side of a navy ship; and, people on a wharf passing to other people on rickety boats small children and babies. Some of the children fell into the water. Tough images.

A couple days after my eighteenth birthday I went to the local post office to register with the Selective Service.

My very deep appreciation for the military began with and was inspired by a man I loved and respected deeply, my wife's father. The story starts before my wife and I married; we were still in college. One summer we flew to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. I was the unknown boyfriend. The Colonel's daughter was bringing home to meet the family. My girlfriend's mother met us at the airport. The Colonel was involved in something and couldn't break away. However, we were going to meet him at his office, a reality that made my stomach sink as we entered the post, a spit and polish soldier saluting as we passed through the gate. I had never been on a military post before.

So let me share the thoughts running through my mind as I sat in the backseat watching unfamiliar scenes through the window - groups of chanting soldiers running in formation; groups of chanting soldiers marching in unison on a field; and, groups of soldiers standing at attention in front of a building. No chanting. What had I gotten myself into? *Abort! Abort!*

I was gawky with acne scars and a unibrow just a few months out of my teens and I was dating The Colonel's youngest daughter. And not just any colonel - the deputy assistant commandant of the Artillery School. In a sea of crisply attired soldiers, I was wearing sandals, shorts and a T-shirt. *Abort! Abort!*

The Colonel's office was large (really large). There was a large desk (really large), red leather upholstered chairs, a conference table and a long couch (really long). The Colonel was on the phone, sitting behind his desk. Did I mention it was a very large desk? My girlfriend and her mother went off somewhere leaving me alone with the Colonel. He motioned for me to have a seat. I immediately sat on the couch, my perspiring legs sticking to the leather. The Colonel was not happy with whomever he was talking with on the phone, evidenced by the sharp tone in his voice. So disoriented was I it took me a minute to realize that standing rigidly beside The Colonel's desk were two uniformed soldiers. They looked ill-at-ease, a sensation to which I could relate. The Colonel hung up the phone, swiveled in his chair to face the soldiers who seemed to

Gulp!

With just a few words he put me at ease. As Rick Blaine said to Captain Louis Renault in the final scene of "Casablanca," it was the start of a wonderful relationship.

The Colonel retired a few years after that scene in his office. Through the years I learned he had twice served yearlong tours in Vietnam. He talked little about his time in country. And when he did, it was usually a funny anecdote he told, not the life and death dramas he experienced in rice patties and jungles. I never asked.

For me the mystery of military life faded and my respect deepened as I watched how my father-in-law nobly and compassionately conducted himself, how he interacted with people and how he could cut through the manner of phony discourse with just a word or two or sometimes just a lift of an eyebrow. He had a special rapport

with his grandchildren, my children. And he had a sense of humor that resonated. Being The Colonel was what he did, not who he was.

His grandson, my oldest son, is now a captain in the National Guard. He shares many of his grandfather's noblest traits. My son-in-law is an army captain. The Colonel would have been proud. It's unfortunate he faded away too soon for the boys to share stories with him. He would have enjoyed the camaraderie immensely.

About a year before he died, I interviewed Bob for the book I was co-authoring, "Our Time, Our Service." I asked him what he missed about his time in the military. He corrected me, putting the question in the present tense, "What *do* I miss about the military?" His answer will be familiar to all those for whom Veterans Day is celebrated. "I miss belonging to something in support of the country. Everyone has a job from a private to a general."

If you're interested in reading more about the life stories of Veterans honored at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines go to www.opvet.org.



The Colonel, **Bob Adair** with **General Norman Schwarzkopf** at the former's retirement ceremony.

get more rigid. I have no idea what the Colonel said. I was too busy calculating whether I could slip into the space between the wall and the back of the sofa.

"That will be all," The Colonel said to the saluting soldiers who left hurriedly. I was alone in the office with The Colonel. *Gulp!*

The Colonel stood. *Gulp!* I stood. He walked around his desk. *Gulp!* I stood, ever more rigidly. Hand extended, The Colonel said, "Hi, I'm Bob. I'm really glad to meet you." Gone was the terseness in his voice.

"It's very nice to meet you, SIR."

Fate of American POW remains a mystery

Publisher's Note: The following is an excerpt from "Our Time, Our Service." The story was related to co-author Jerry Harlowe by Joseph Reynolds, nephew of Peter Reynolds.

This banner headline of the Baltimore News American of May 31, 1943, announced the fate of Captain Peter Reynolds, United States Army:

PETE REYNOLDS REPORTED PRISONER OF JAPS
The story continued:
"Capt. Pete Reynolds, U.S.A., a former stellar Johns Hopkins athlete, reported missing after the fall of Bataan, is a war prisoner of the Japanese, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Catherine A. Reynolds."



Up until then Pete's fate had been unknown to his parents, his wife and children.

Pete Reynolds was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He grew up a city kid. His family owned a grocery store in Southwest Baltimore. Pete was a natural athlete and a born leader which would serve him well in his young life. In high school at Mt. Saint Joseph, he excelled in his studies as well as in sports. Many years later, in 1997, he would be voted, posthumously, into the Sports Hall of Fame at that school. This honor emphasized leadership and character, as well as athletic achievement, which were natural for Pete.

After Pete was graduated from Mt. Saint Joseph in 1929, he was accepted to Johns Hopkins University where he entered the engineering program and

continued in football and lacrosse. The aforementioned article in the News American stated: Reynolds, when at Hopkins, was the university's brightest football and lacrosse star.

During World War II, American and Filipino troops in the Philippine Islands were woefully unprepared when the Japanese stormed the islands as a well-trained and battle-hardened Army. The American troops were equipped, in too many cases, with World War I armament and ammunition which was as pitiful as their readiness for war.

The American and Filipino troops were able to hold out for four months, inflicting devastation upon the Japanese who were trained to fight and die. As time wore on, the allied casualty rate became unsustainable and disease was taking even more troops out of the battle. The troops were down to one day of rations and, in many cases, were fighting hand to hand. As a result, it became the sad but necessary duty of General Edward King to surrender to the Japanese.

Where was Peter Reynolds in all of this? We simply do not know as there are no records that document his actions. It is safe to assume that Pete, being the natural leader he was and being physically fit, escaped the surrender and continued on as he could. The tradition in the family had Captain Reynolds sending radio messages out of the Philippine Islands for some time. Finally, the messages stopped. Later the family learned he was a prisoner of the Japanese Army.

Survivors of the Bataan Death March later told his wife that Pete had endured the horrific march of death, and survived. The incredible horror of that march is without equal in the history of American prisoners of war:

Thousands of soldiers were forced to march for days in extreme heat... without food or water, on a journey of over 85 miles... Men struggling to march were shot, bayoneted, decapitated and run over for no reason other than they wanted water. (The Japanese) showed no mercy.

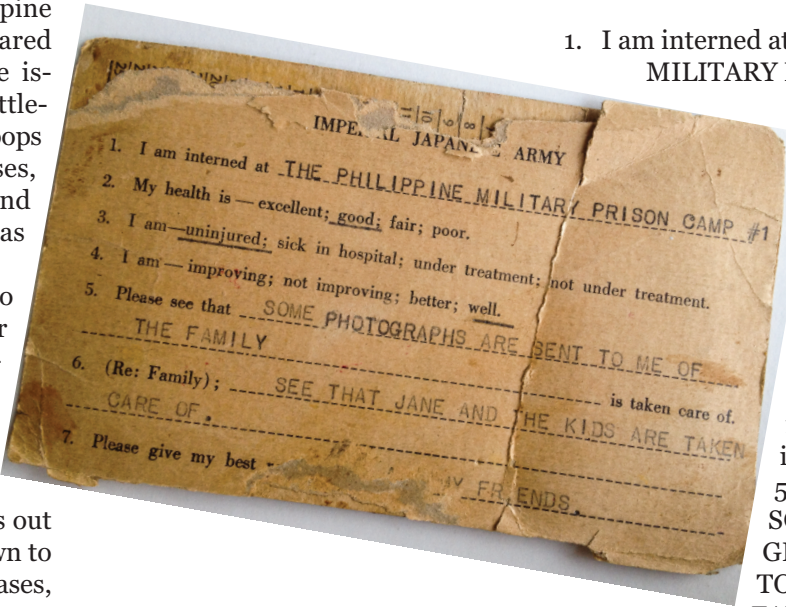
The slaughter of prisoners and death from disease continued after the march. American and Filipino troops, now in prisoner of war camps, died at an alarming rate. In the first two months, over 1,600 more American

troops were victims of Japanese cruelty or disease. The Filipinos saw a death rate that approached 500 men a day. (Source: www.history.acusd.edu)

We know that Pete Reynolds lived through all of this horror because he

faith in Pete's ability to survive the war.

The card Pete sent was headed: IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY. Just beneath was the following information:



1. I am interned at – THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY PRISON #1
2. My health is – excellent; good; fair; poor
3. I am – uninjured; sick in hospital; under treatment; not under treatment
4. I am – improving; not improving; better; well
5. Please see that – SOME PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SENT TO ME OF THE FAMILY

was able to send no less than 3 post cards home to his family. The post card that survives in the family archives must have been directed through the Red Cross into the United States and was sent to his mother; the other two were reported to have been sent to Pete's wife. The card sent to his mother was a preprinted card that allowed several typed lines. Several more responses to questions could be

6. (Re: family); SEE THAT JANE AND THE KIDS ARE TAKEN CARE OF
7. Please give my best; (TO ALL) MY FRIENDS

Peter had survived the worse that the Japanese had thrown at him but it may have been wearing him down by now. This is mere speculation based on his instructions in item 6. Was that the wish of a husband and father who was naturally worried about his family? Or was it instructions from a condemned man? We will never know.

The second part of Pete's journey



Pete Reynolds would not see his children **Josephine** and **Peter Reynolds, Jr.** again.

made by underlining the card with the selection that fit the POW's situation. There was no handwriting or signature on the card; nothing to indicate that the card was actually sent by Peter. One must have faith in something, and there is no doubt that the family had

in Japanese captivity began with his boarding what became known as "Hell Ships" (Source: www.harrisonheritage.com). The Japanese Army was shipping prisoners into different parts of the Empire, including the home islands, where the men were used as slave labor. Later, a survivor of the Hell Ships and Japanese slavery would say, in part:

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Rearview Mirror / Chip Bertino

Judy Giffin of Ocean Pines on her 1966 Ford Mustang as told to Chip Bertino.

My first car was a 1966 Ford Mustang. It was white with a red interior. I bought it new for \$2,300.



When I was 17, still in high school, my parents helped me purchase my first car. My Dad loved Fords, so I knew it would be easy to convince him to help me purchase a Mustang. My 1966 Mustang was truly my first love. I wish I still had it today. I am usually the “designated driver” for my friends. Great chuckles would be had by all that watched us get in it at 70-plus years old.

Farmers Market announces offseason hours, several new vendors

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market returns to offseason hours of 9 a.m. to noon starting this Saturday, November 5 in White Horse Park.

Along with the new hours, Market Manager David Bean said several new merchants recently joined the marketplace.

That includes Abigail Farm, a hydroponic operation based in Worcester County and offering a selection of microgreens.

“Abigail Farms uses green technology and automation in harmony with mother nature to produce microgreens. Solar energy, hydroponics and vertical farming allow them to maximize production in a minimal farming footprint,” Bean said.

Bean said microgreens are also quite useful in the kitchen.

“Sprouts bring a burst of flavor to anything you add them too. Sprinkle them on a salad, atop a cracker with hummus, or stuffed into a sandwich,” he said.

Also new to the marketplace is Story Hill Farm from Frankford, Delaware. Owners Steven and Helen Raleigh will bring heritage pork and grass-fed beef, starting on Saturday, Nov. 12.

“In addition to the great products their farm produces, the Raleigh’s are actively involved with the community and bring awareness to the importance of small family farms,” Bean said. “I have no doubt that our marketplace shoppers are going to fall in love with this local farm family.”

Steven Raleigh said his booth will offer “every cut you can imagine of pork and beef,” including hams,

bacon, scrapple, sausage, briskets, shoulders, ribs, chops and steaks.

“Bring your cooler and load up on all the bounty we’ve worked so hard to produce for you,” Raleigh said.

Belle Grove Tea Co. recently joined the marketplace and serves blends of loose-leaf teas. Flavors include Cranberry, Berry Lavender and Mighty Green Mint. Belle Grove also carries a unique line of flowering tea balls that bloom when steeped in a tea pot.

Additionally, owner Christy McDowell offers catered tea parties and rental services.

“Christy is very passionate about her teas and the services that she has for her customers. It’s fun to talk with her and learn about the world of teas,” Bean said.

The market also boasts two new bakeries, Anne’s Cake Shoppe and Vivian’s House. The former offers gluten-free delights including German chocolate cupcakes and oatmeal cream pies, and the latter specializes in cakes and cookies made with all-natural ingredients.

Stag Run Farm has been a staple of

*please see **market** on page 14*

Bertino town meeting postponed

Citing a change of schedule that requires him to be out of town, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino postponed his town meeting that had been scheduled for November 16.

“I regret the change,” Commissioner Bertino said in a statement. “I look forward to announcing the new date as soon as possible.”

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Road paving may cause delays

Ocean Pines motorists should expect delays starting next week because of planned road paving.
Drivers are asked to be aware of work zones and obey flaggers, as some temporary road closures will occur.

Contractor preparation for paving should start the week of November 7, with the initial phase of work expected to last one week.
Weather permitting, paving will start the week of November 14 on Moonshell Drive, Beach Court, Rabbit Run Lane, Surfers Way, Watergreen Lane, and Garrett Drive.
The final phase of paving will include Barnacle Court, Birdnest Drive, Fosse Grange, Ivanhoe Court, Liberty Bell Court, Little John Court, and Willow Way.
Each phase of work is expected to last roughly one week, weather permitting.
Any major schedule changes will be posted on www.oceanpines.org.
For questions, email info@oceanpines.org or call 410-641-7717.

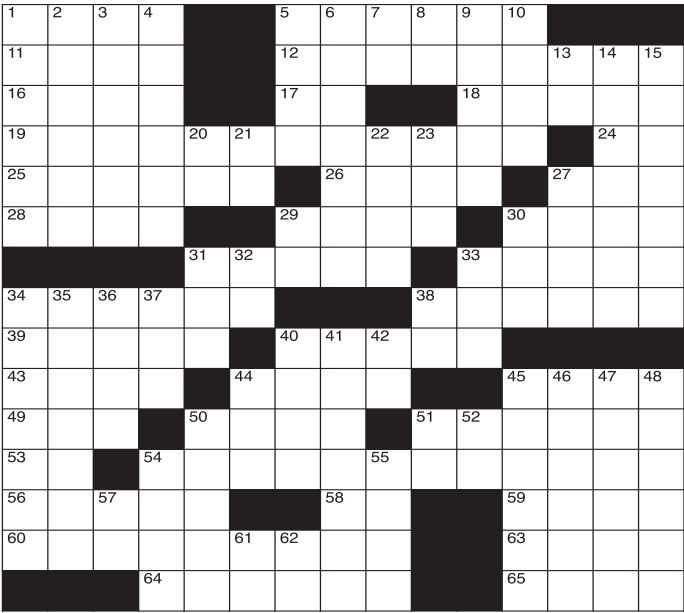
Carozza pleased with road improvements

Senator Mary Beth Carozza said the Maryland State Highway Administration’s decision to lower the speed limit from 50 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour on Gray’s Corner Road/MD 707 will increase public safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on this local roadway.
Carozza has been working with the MD SHA officials and the local community after 14-year-old Gavin Knupp of Berlin was struck and killed in a hit-and-run crash on Gray’s Corner Road in July, and Terri Wattay of Berlin also was struck and killed by a hit and run driver when walking her dog on Gray’s Corner Road in early October. This speed reduction will take place no later than next week according to the MD SHA.
For the past several months, Carozza noted that the MD SHA has moved forward with several safety improvements on Gray’s Corner Road including increased lighting, eliminating the passing zone, restriping the roadway, and installing new signs. In addition, the Maryland State Police has increased its enforcement in this area.
“I want to thank the SHA leadership and all the team for these timely safety improvement and for listening to the concerns of our local community,” said Carozza. “I especially appreciate the SHA recognizing the urgency of this community request and the responsiveness in our request to lower the speed limit on Gray’s Corner Road.”

Carozza noted that requests for lowering the speed limit often can take long periods of time to be reviewed by the MD SHA.
“In addition to these improvements, SHA officials also are reviewing the entire Gray’s Corner Road corridor to consider future safety improvements,” said Carozza, who also thanked all the community members who contacted her and stayed involved in pushing for the road safety improvements on Gray’s Corner Road.

Veterans Day ceremony is Friday

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host a traditional ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, starting at 11 a.m. at the memorial grounds in Ocean Pines.
Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said the ceremony will include patriotic music from the Delmarva Chorus, a color guard presentation of local American Legion representatives, and an address by guest speaker Dr. Jeff Hilovsky.
“Dr. Hilovsky is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel with a 25-year military career,” Gilmore said. “He retired as the medical commander for the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base.”
Gilmore said Veterans Day events are important as the only holiday that honors all U.S. Armed Forces servicemembers.
“Veterans Day is the one day a year that we honor all veterans of military service – not just those who died, but anyone who has served and in all branches of the service,” she said. “Many people who served our country find it difficult to talk about their experience, but it’s important for us to honor them and recognize their sacrifice. Only 1% of the U.S. population has ever served in the military.”
Some seating will be provided, but those attending are encouraged to bring a chair.
In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center.
For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit www.opvets.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Clip a small piece

5. Enter forcibly

11. Southwestern Native American tribe

12. Helps you smell better

16. Sun or solar disk

17. Low frequency

18. Former Houston football player

19. Federal crime

24. Home to Boston (abbr.)

25. Approval

26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)

27. ___ student, learns healing

28. Indian groomer of horses

29. Line where two pieces meet

30. One might be brief

31. Type of sword

33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
34. Stinkhorns

38. Stroke

39. Industrial process for producing ammonia

40. Sir ___ Newton

43. Wild goat

44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

49. Hat

50. Horse mackerel

51. Alcoholic accompaniment

53. Tech department

54. Manifesting approval

56. Upper bract of grass

58. Of I

59. Large wading bird

60. Military prisons

63. Famed American cartoonist

64. Rise

65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

1. Sewing needles

2. Functionary

3. Induces vomiting

4. The finger farthest from the thumb

5. Not moving

6. Sports official

7. Water purification process (abbr.)

8. University of Dayton

9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens

10. High schoolers' math course

13. Yankovic is a weird one

14. Adversaries

15. Merchandisers

20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)

21. Atomic #52

22. The back

23. One-time computer giant

27. Female of a horse

29. Football's big game (abbr.)

30. Vehicle

31. Single Lens Reflex

32. It's becoming more prevalent
33. Political action committee

34. Makes lightbulbs

35. Natural home of an animal

36. In bed

37. Superman villain

38. The Golden State

40. One who leads prayers in a mosque

41. They accompany a leader

42. Atomic #18

44. Electronic countermeasures

45. The appearance of something

46. Connecting line on a map

47. Deep red color

48. Secret affairs

50. Drenches

51. Contains music

52. Expression of surprise

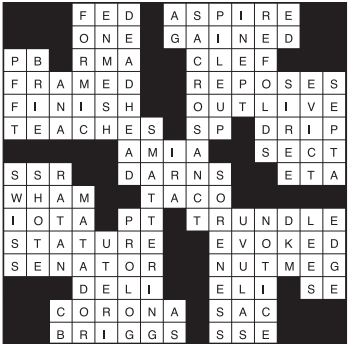
54. Intestinal pouches

55. Where birds are born

57. ___ and behold

61. Cools your home

62. The First State



Answers for November 2

Schweiger recognized

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines announced Alison Webb Schweiger as the November Crafter of the Month.

Schweiger worked as a floral designer for 45 years in the Baltimore area. About five years ago, she retired and moved to Ocean Pines with her husband, Joe.

Upon moving to Ocean Pines and finding pine needles everywhere, Schweiger decided to take up basket making.

To make the baskets, Schweiger collects needles from her own yard. She chooses only the very long ones and picks them up, one by one. She also obtains, locally and with permission, extra-long needles from a special Southern Long Needle Pine.

Schweiger then incorporates interesting bases, beads, dyed needles, shells, feathers, and other found objects in her one-of-a-kind creations.

She has been a member of the Pine'er Craft Club for more than a year. Along with her artistic creations, Schweiger also helps to create



the craft displays at the Pine'er Craft Store in Ocean Pines.

View Schweiger's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop>.



Counting - After reading the story "Room on the Broom," Ocean City Elementary school students from Mackenzie Roberts' PreK-4 class practiced counting one through five using beads put on a broomstick.



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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



It took 96 weeks and thousands of volunteers to clean up Versova Beach in Mumbai, India. The payoff? Hundreds of thousands of sea turtles hatching this week. First time in decades.

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Billy Joel never sells tickets to the front rows of his concerts. Aside from wanting to beat the scalpers, he got tired of all the bored, rich people staring up at him- so now, he sends his road crew out to bring down the fans from the worst seats so there'll be "people in the front row that are really happy to be there, real fans."

Photo courtesy of Billy Joel / billyjoel.com

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Actor Steve Buscemi was a New York City firefighter from 1980 to 1984. The day after the 9/11 attacks in New York, he returned to his old firehouse to volunteer; he worked 12-hour shifts for several days alongside other firefighters, searching for survivors in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Photo courtesy of David Shankbone / Steve Buscemi

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A Drone captured picture of a sleeping Elephant Family.

Photo courtesy of AFP via CCTV

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In 2017, a homeless man named Elmer Alvarez found a \$10,000 check on the street meant for a successful real estate broker, Roberta Hoskie. Although Alvarez was broke, he still found a way to track down Hoskie to return her lost check. So touched by his honesty, Hoskie rewarded the honest man with a place to live and arranged for a job interview with one of her business partners. A year later, he was on the board of directors for Hoskie's Outreach Foundation, which helps provide affordable housing for low-to-moderate-income families.

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Studies show that cats understand human commands but don't care to follow them.

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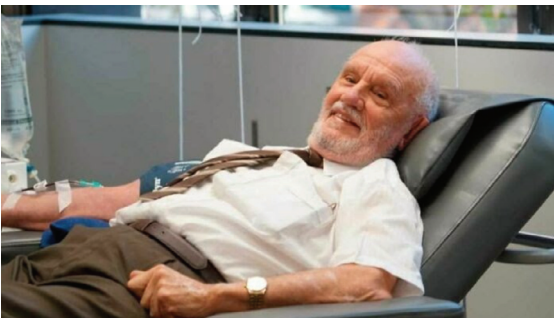
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Dolly Parton has a program that will mail your child a free age-appropriate book once a month from birth to age 5. No obligation, no catch, she just wants to make sure that every child has books.

Photo courtesy of imaginationlibrarygc.org

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After needing 13 liters of blood for surgery at the age of 13, a man named James Harrison pledged to donate blood once he turned 18. It was discovered that his blood contained a rare antigen that cured Rhesus disease. He made over 1000 donations throughout his lifetime and saved over 2.4 million unborn babies from the condition.

Photo courtesy of Australian Red Cross Blood service

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"Bad news travels fast. Good news takes the scenic route."
— **Doug Larson**

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
— **Desmond Tutu**

"Bad news travels at the speed of light; good news travels like molasses."
— **Tracy Morgan**

MCBP to release State of the Bays

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will unveil the 2021 Coastal Bays Report Card and the five-year State of the Bays Report Monday, November 14, 1 p.m., at the Ocean City Marlin Club. The public is welcomed and encouraged to come learn about the current results and initiatives to protect the Coastal Bays.

The Report Card provides a transparent and detailed assessment of the current health of the five Coastal Bays and major tributary, the St. Martin River. The overall health of the Coastal Bays is determined by assessing four water quality indicators, and two biotic indicators scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one coastal bays health index, presented as a report card score.

The State of the Bays Report documents the most up-to-date status of

the water quality and living resources in the Coastal Bays and highlights the management steps being taken to preserve them.

The Report Card and State of the Bays Report are a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service. Funding for the publication is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's report card release program includes four Gold Star award presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and individuals, and their efforts to protect the coastal bays.

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including residents and visitors, to support environmental initiatives that protect, promote, and preserve our Coastal Bays. Some of the volunteer work includes assisting with population surveys of horseshoe crabs, terrapins, and birds; collecting water

samples, working on restoration projects, participating in trash clean ups, and assisting in many other activities.

Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service, Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment, & Planning. One of only 28 such pro-

grams nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report cards are available online at www.mdcoastalbays.org. If you would like to obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups, please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.

Jimi Hendrix program set at library

His mainstream career spanned only four years, yet Jimi Hendrix is regarded as the most influential guitarist in history. Approaching what would have been the legend's 80th birthday, Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett will present "Jimi Hendrix: Immortal" at the Ocean Pines Library on Thursday, November 17, at 2 p.m.

"We couldn't think of a better time to celebrate what he meant to rock music and the world," said DeLuco. "We'll talk about his life, and share his genius by playing his music and showing highlights of his concert performances."

Hendrix played guitar on the so-called "Chitlin' Circuit," backing the Isley Brothers and later Little Richard before breaking out as a sensation in swinging '60s London. The Jimi Hendrix Experience—rounded out by Noel Redding and Mitch Mitchell—created hits such as "Hey, Joe," "The Wind Cries Mary," and "All Along the Watchtower."

Hendrix' use of audio feedback, over-amplification, and distortion resulted in a unique sound, and his rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Woodstock in 1969 is considered an iconic moment of the decade. Hendrix died of barbiturate-induced asphyxia in London the following year. He was only 27.

"This will be a celebration of his life and music," added Burkett. "We're just here to guide you through the purple haze."



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“HELL”, it was those ships. Men died in places such as Japan, Manchuria, Korea, and China working as slave laborers in coal mines, steel mills, or building hydro-electric dams. Cremated at those sites, a good number of them were never returned home.

The Hell-Ships were Japanese rusted freighters not identified by the Japanese as a POW transports. The Allies were unaware of the cargo the

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the Ocean Pines market for nearly a decade, and recently announced the addition of locally pressed apple cider, the only operation of its kind on Delmarva.

“From the most colorful stacks of produce to the most awesome baked goods, these market days are a true foodie’s dream,” Bean said. “We will never be done growing our market for our loyal shoppers, who come to support our merchants from near and far every week.”

For the holidays, a pair of Thanksgiving markets are scheduled on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

“If you’re baking a pumpkin pie from scratch, you’ll find all the pumpkins you need at our market,” Bean said. “If you want one of our bakers to bake it for you, you’ll find the pies here – and no one needs to know that you didn’t make it yourself!”

The Market will return to in-season hours on Saturday, March 4.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farm

collins
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October 20, 1944, and the August, 1945, Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. By then, dad had been awarded a bronze star, three bronze crosses and had been promoted to the 13th Field Artillery’s first sergeant (E8).

Sergeant Collins climbed the cargo net ladder one last time but this time the troop ship turned east and began a three-week crossing of the Pacific zigzagging to avoid any rogue kamikaze submarines. The ‘Top Kick’ said when he got within sight of Seattle, he threw his M1 carbine and helmet overboard. There was a three-day

freighters carried back to Japan—men shackled and bound in abysmal conditions.

The following is taken, in part, from papers from a Hell-Ship:

REGULATIONS FOR PRISONERS

Commander of P.O.W. Escort Navy of the Great Japanese Navy

The prisoners disobeying the following orders will be punished with immediate death:

- a. Those disobeying orders to instructions
- b. Those showing a motion to antagonism by raising a sign of opposition.
- c. Those disobeying the regulations by individualism egoism, thinking only of yourself or rushing for your own good.
- d. Those talking without permission and raising loud voices.
- e. Those walking and moving without orders.
- f. Those who carry unnecessary baggage in disembarking.
- g. Those resisting mutually.
- h. Those touching the boats material, wires, lights, tools, switches, etc.
- i. Those showing action of running away from the room or boat.
- j. Those climbing the ladder without permission.
- k. Those taking more meal than given him.
- l. Those using more than blankets.

The directive continues at length. Summary execution could be meted out by any guard or crew member who did not like the way you looked.

We do not know for sure what happened to Pete in the days after his capture. We know he initially avoided

party of historic proportions in South Philly and I was born nine months later.

As I stood there, photographing the old Higgins boat in Watkins Glen, I wondered if it would ever float again and, if it did, would those that crewed her give her the deserving respect of a WWII artifact whose iconic design will always be associated with victory.

I am especially proud of dad. And to all the vets, in all the wars, **thank you.**

Stay safe. Stay dry.
Dan Collins can be reached for comment at dancollins.oceanpines@gmail.com

capture, but was finally taken into the Japanese P.O.W. system to Philippine Military Prison #1, and that he endured the Death March, and then died on a prison ship bound for Japan. From an undated newspaper clipping we learn the following:

Capt. Peter W. Reynolds Dies on Prison Ship

Capt. Peter W. (Pete) Reynolds, former Johns Hopkins football and lacrosse star and later head coach of football at Mount St. Joseph’s has been listed by the Japanese Government as having died aboard a transport carrying American prisoners of war from the Philippines to Japan last October.

Mrs. Reynolds, . . . said today that she has been officially notified by the War Department of her husband’s death.

Captain Reynolds, 33, a reserve officer prior to the war, was called to active duty in January 1941. He was sent overseas in October of that year and was wounded at Clark Field on December 7, 1941.

In the Philippines he took part in a number of important battles and was among the soldiers who made a last stand on Bataan. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Star in Other Sports

In addition to playing football and lacrosse, Captain Reynolds was a basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, and track participant at Johns Hopkins.

While he was held prisoner following the fall of Bataan, Mrs. Reynolds frequently heard from her husband. She received three cards from him early this year, although all were written before October.

Today, little is known about Captain Peter Reynolds and his battle with his nation’s enemies and his ultimate sacrifice. Few know that this brave man was killed by a torpedo from an allied submarine.

There is an award presented by the Johns Hopkins University to a

lacrosse player in the name of Pete and another alumnus, John I. Turnbull, two lacrosse stars exhibiting the special merits embodied in the award. Turnbull and Reynolds both participated in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles when lacrosse was a trial sport. From the web page of the Johns Hopkins University is, in part, the following:

Perhaps the most longstanding tradition of Hopkins lacrosse is the annual tribute to the team’s war dead, in which two flags with gold stars are attached to the goals before the first home game. There they are displayed at every home game throughout the year.

The tradition got its start at the opening game of the 1919 season, when team Captain Herb Baxley hung a flag having three gold stars, each one representing a former Hopkins lacrosse player who had died in World War I.

A second flag with seven stars was added after World War II... (www.jhu.edu)

And, of course, one of those seven gold stars is for Peter W. Reynolds, Captain, United States Army.

~J. LEE HARLOWE

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| Day | | High /Low | Tide Time |
| Th 10 | 10 | Low | 2:11 AM |
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| | 10 | Low | 3:03 PM |
| | 10 | High | 9:06 PM |
| F 11 | 11 | Low | 2:49 AM |
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| | 14 | Low | 6:10 PM |
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