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Chapter 53 Monthly Standard Schedule of Events / Meetings

There will be exceptions – check the monthly calendar inside.

- * First Saturday – Hermosa Beach Veteran's Memorial clean-up @ 0830hrs
- * Third Tuesday – "Board - General Meetings" all chapter members encouraged to attend.
- * Third Saturday – Torrance Veteran's Memorial clean-up @ 0830hrs

Membership is open to all Vietnam Era Veterans, regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity or character of discharge. Associate membership is open to all others.

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Chapter 53 Meetings

JULY 19, 2022 (Tues)

AUGUST 16, 2022 (Tues)

Board Meetings @ 1215 pm

General Meetings @ 1:00 pm

Lomita VFW Post 1622

1865 Lomita Blvd, Lomita, Ca 90717



**Happy Birthday
U.S.A.**

*Please do not throw this
newsletter away. Pass it
along to another Veteran.*

date		day		July 2022 Monthly Calendar	
1	fri				
2	sat	H.B. Vet Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of PCH/Pier Ave, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)			
3	sun				
4	mon	Happy Birthday U.S.A.			
5	tue				
6	wed				
7	thur				
8	fri				
9	sat				
10	sun				
11	mon				
12	tue				
13	wed				
14	thur				
15	fri				
16	sat	Torrance Veteran Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of Torrance Bl/Maple, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)			
17	sun				
18	mon				
19	tue	Business Mtg 12:15pm - General Mtg 1:00pm @ Lomita VFW - 1865 Lomita Blvd, Lomita, CA 90717			
20	wed	1969 - 1st Moon Walk by Neil Armstrong			
21	thur				
22	fri				
23	sat				
24	son				
25	mon				
26	tue				

date		day		August 2022 Monthly Calendar	
1	mon				
2	tue	1990 - Golf War begins....			
3	wed				
4	thur	1790 - Coast Guard Birthday (232yrs)			
5	fri				
6	sat	H.B. Vet Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of PCH/Pier Ave, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)			
7	sun				
8	mon				
9	tue				
10	wed				
11	thur				
12	fri				
13	sat				
14	sun				
15	mon	1945 - Japan Surrenders, End of WW 2			
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18	thur				
19	fri				
20	sat	Torrance Veteran Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of Torrance Bl/Maple, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)			
21	sun	Senior Citizens day....			
22	mon				
23	tue				
24	wed				
25	thur				
26	fri				

Monthly Message Board July - August 2022

Announcing Chapter 53's New Website!

Vietnam Veterans of America, South Bay, Chapter 53 has migrated to a new website. The new website team consists of **Dick Cunningham Administrator, Jeff Martin Webmaster and Steve Crecy Assistant Webmaster.**

We wish to thank **Jerry Orlemann** for his years as Webmaster of our previous site, including handling all tasks. We now use a commercial product - GoDaddy and our team has spent several weeks building and getting ready to launch our new site. Navigation is easy as you will see tabs at the top of the home page. We hope you like our new site and we plan to add pages and features, so please check in often. For example, we will soon add the Chapter Newsletter. For the time being, all communications to the site will be handled by the **"Contact Us"** page and will be routed to the appropriate member.

Please take some time to check out the Chapter's new site, either on your PC (recommended), Laptop or mobile phone. We are anxious to hear from you.

VVA53.ORG

YOUR WEBSITE TEAM

THE UNITED STATES ARMY

247th BIRTHDAY

"The Army Is Still Rolling Along..."

14 June was our Army's 247th Birthday.

The U.S. Army was chartered and established on June 14th 1775 by the Continental Congress. This same date is also Flag Day which commemorates the adoption of our flag, which occurred on 14 June 1777.

These two great American institutions are celebrated on the same day.

The U.S. Army has been on duty and protecting the United States before we even had a flag.....or a Constitution.....

When you are saluting the red, white and blue you are also honoring our American Soldiers and the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard and Army Reserves.

Today's Soldiers are still on duty. Just as so many others have done through the centuries....for 247 years and counting.....Army Strong, thank a Soldier.

Be all you can be.....Have an all Army Day....Hooah!

Soldiers Forever.....

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Lasser

U.S. Army, retired

President, Southern California

Association of the U.S. Army



Chapter 53 Color Guard

L to R: Jeff Martin, ~~John Warbank~~, Steve Crecy,

Richard Carlos,

Cliff Rapp, Kirk Gillett, photo by Ed Sakihama.

The Grunts.....

In the beginning,

God created Slicks giving them the mission of Medivac, rescue, re-supply and transport and He said this is good,

but the Slicks will need protection,

so He created Gunships to protect the Slicks and He said this is good,

but the Gunships needed targets,

so He created Scouts to find targets for the Gunships and He said this is good.

Upon surveying His works, God realized that He needed crews for his creations,

so He populated the Slicks with the best and most disciplined Aviators,

He populated the Gunships with lesser disciplined Aviators,

and with what was left over He populated the Scouts.

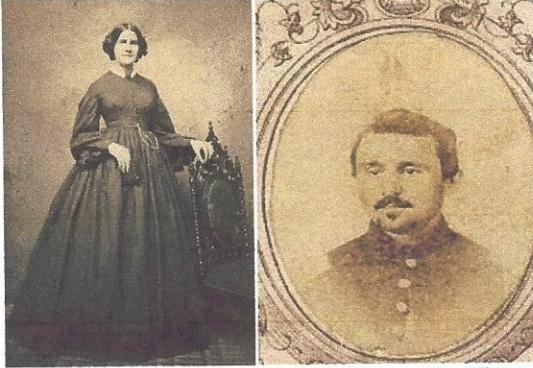
He looked upon His creations and said this is good, now My Slicks will be properly protected and supported in their missions.

God spoke to the assembled Slicks, Gunships and Scouts, saying unto them; go forth and support My most favored creation.....**the Grunts.**

Inside a Civil War Soldier's 40-Year Quest to Find the Nurse Who Brought Him Back to Health

Captain Augustus Vignos was wounded on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, and he spent the next 40 years trying to find the woman who nursed him back to health.

Rebecca Lane Pennypacker Price



Captain Augustus Vignos

Captain Augustus Vignos of the 107th Ohio Infantry was so determined to find and thank the nurse who cared for him at the XI Corps Union hospital after the Battle of Gettysburg that he carried a photo of Rebecca Lane Pennypacker Price for 40 years.

Vignos was wounded in the right arm on July 1, 1863, during the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Gangrene developed; his arm was amputated above the elbow at George and Elizabeth Spangler's farm, and his condition deteriorated.

But Mrs. Price tended him each day at the Spangler hospital and fought for his life. She read to him, fed him, wrote letters home for him, changed bandages, and administered medicine. She helped keep him alive. And then she found clean clothes for him when he improved to the point where he could take a train home to Canton, Ohio.

Vignos went on to marry in 1866, have nine children, and amass substantial wealth as a businessman. He was a pallbearer at the funeral of close friend President William McKinley. And all of that family joy, countless friendships, and business success happened thanks in part to the resolute care from Mrs. Price at the XI Corps hospital.

Vignos showed Mrs. Price's photo to fellow ex-soldiers at national gatherings, but for more than four decades he couldn't find her. Then, unexpectedly, he received a letter in 1906: "Dear Sir: Do you remember the tall nurse at Gettysburg who furnished you with clothing so that you could go home?" Mrs. Price had found him. "I was led to wonder if you were living, and if you were going to attend the G.A.R. encampment at Saratoga. I expect to be there, and would be glad to meet some of my 'soldier boys.' I would be glad to

hear from you. ... Now, in my declining years, my thoughts so often dwell upon those stormy times, and it gives me great pleasure to hear from or see those for whom I cared. Hoping you are enjoying health and prosperity."

Vignos replied that he looked forward to seeing her "with great pleasure," and their Spangler reunion took place on September 12, 1906, at the 41st Grand Army of the Republic Encampment at Saratoga Springs, New York, 43 years after they met at the Spanglers' farm.

Capt. Augustus Vignos. (Courtesy of George Rapp) Mrs. Price was among several thousand women who served in Union and Confederate hospitals, most of whom were paid for working at relatively clean and modern brick-and-mortar hospitals in major cities. But some, like Mrs. Price, worked for no pay in field hospitals immediately during and after battles—in barns like the Spanglers', amid the agonizing sounds of dying men crying for their mothers and wives and the smell of blood, other body fluids, and human feces. They read Scriptures to the men, held the hands of dying soldiers, and talked to them in a desperate attempt to get their minds off their agony and their situation.

Mrs. Price sang "Rock of Ages" to an Ohio soldier as he died at Spangler. She held an umbrella over a New York soldier to protect him from the July sun as he was carried on a stretcher to the barn for a leg amputation. This soldier would die two days later, and Mrs. Price said his last words were "Mother, Home, Heaven!" "Why even now, after more than a quarter of a Century has passed, it makes me heart-sick to think of it," she wrote to her children years later.

Rebecca came from the prominent Pennypacker family of eastern Pennsylvania. First cousin Galusha Pennypacker was a Civil War brigadier general by the time he was 20 years old and was awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery at the Second Battle of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, in January 1865. She was second cousin to Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker, governor of Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1907, and her mother, Elizabeth, ran a Union Army hospital in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Rebecca lived in Phoenixville, outside of Philadelphia, and helped form the Ladies Union Relief Society, which grew to more than 100 women and collected so much food and supplies that her husband, Edwin, provided space in his downtown store for storage and gatherings. Rebecca rode on a rough bench in a darkened railroad cattle car at night from Baltimore to deliver a ton of supplies to Gettysburg, then went right to work at the XI Corps hospital just south of town.

Rebecca was 25 years old, strong, and full of energy and ideals when she arrived in Gettysburg a few days after the battle in July 1863. She had short, dark hair. Her slight smile and eyes revealed the compassion inside her but hid the toughness and strength required to deal with the horrific scenes at Civil War field hospitals.

“The stench was sickening,” she said of Gettysburg. “The dead were not all off the field and then so many wounded! Can you possibly form an idea of what it would be in hot July weather? ... Me thought as I lay awake longing for a breath of fresh air, how little we, in our comfortable, cheerful homes knew of the suffering caused by the war.”

She gave her pillow upon her arrival at the Spangler farm to a soldier who didn't have one, then rested her head on a coat after that. “Oh, what comfort,” the soldier said.

“On the barn floor side by side, with only space enough to step between them, lay the worst cases,” she said. “The Surgeon in charge asked me to take them under my special care. It was an unpleasant duty. One from which, for a moment I instinctively shrank! Just outside the barn was the amputating table, and I thought, how can I pass it? Strength was given me, so for many days and nights I passed and repassed it, often when operations were being performed. ...”

“... Oh! The sad scenes would fill a volume. ... So many times at night I lay on my stretcher weeping instead of sleeping. Frequently at night I would hear someone scratching on the tent, and when asked what was wanted, the response would be, “Sister, Mr. — is dying, and wants you,” so I would go to talk, read and sing to them, and perhaps ... close their eyes in death! ... I was going from morning until night, all the time feeling that I could not do enough, often sitting up until nearly morning, writing letters from notes taken from the boys during the day.

“... The dear sufferers needed all the comfort that could be given them; those were trying days to them. The intense heat, the stench from wounds, the annoyance from flies! ... What they suffered can never be told, and it was borne so uncomplainingly.”

A gathering of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. (U.S. National Library of Medicine Digital Collections)

Mrs. Price had a strong sense of right and wrong in addition to her compassion. She got a chaplain kicked off the farm when she discovered he was hoarding supplies. She suspected a female visitor who lingered with Confederate wounded of being a spy, so she reported her, and this visitor also was kicked off the farm. Mrs. Price said the Confederate wounded

received equal treatment, though she admitted giving them the smallest oranges and apples.

The XI Corps had one of the biggest hospitals after the Battle of Gettysburg, with about 1,900 men from both armies treated there. Mrs. Price worked almost a month at Spangler until the hospital was closed and the men dispersed to Camp Letterman in Gettysburg and more permanent hospitals in bigger cities.

Post-War

Mrs. Price had a family of four after the war, and she spent the rest of her life doing charitable work. She was a member of and for a time president of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. Her husband Edwin died in 1914 at age 82 after 55 years of marriage, and she died in 1919 at age 81. Mrs. Price received a \$12-a-month Civil War nurse's pension from the U.S. government from 1893 until her death.

Captain Vignos lived to age 87 despite his arm amputation at Spangler. Vignos' gratitude for what Mrs. Price did for him at the XI Corps hospital in Gettysburg was common for Civil War soldiers. Civil War nurse Mary A. Gardner Holland said: “How the eyes of the old veteran fill with tears when, at our camp fires, some old lady is introduced, and the presiding officer says, ‘Boys, she was an army nurse.’ For a moment the distinguished officers present are forgotten, and they gather around the dear old lady, eager to grasp her hand and say some kind and loving word in appreciation of her services.”

Nursing would become a common profession for women for the first time in the years following the Civil War, thanks to Rebecca Lane Pennypacker Price and the thousands like her.



A gathering of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

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WHO WAS UNCLE SAM..???????

On September 7, 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for—and personification of—the U.S. federal government.

In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam. Nast continued to evolve the image, eventually giving Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today. The German-born Nast was also credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as well as coming up with the donkey as a symbol for the Democratic Party and the elephant as a symbol for the Republicans. Nast also famously lampooned the corruption of New York City's Tammany Hall in his editorial cartoons and was, in part, responsible for the downfall of Tammany leader William Tweed, alongside former New York City mayor Fiorello La Guardia who ran his platform on ending Tammany Hall and its corrupt practices.

Perhaps the most famous image of Uncle Sam was created by artist James Montgomery Flagg (1877-1960). In Flagg's version, Uncle Sam wears a tall top hat and blue jacket and is pointing straight ahead at the viewer. During World War I, this portrait of Sam with the words "I Want You For The U.S. Army" was used as a recruiting poster. The image, which became immensely popular, was first used on the cover of Leslie's Weekly in July 1916 with the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" The poster was widely distributed and has subsequently been re-used numerous times with different captions.

In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as "the progenitor of America's national symbol of Uncle Sam." Wilson died at age 87 in 1854, and was buried next to his wife Betsey Mann in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, the town that calls itself "The Home of Uncle Sam."

cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-19



Ronald Regan Memorial Day speech, 1986. "I know that many veterans of Vietnam will gather today, some of them perhaps by the wall. And they're still helping each other on. They were quite a group, the boys of Vietnam—boys who fought a terrible and vicious war without enough support from home, boys who were dodging bullets while we debated the efficacy of the battle. It was often our poor who fought in that war; it was the unpampered boys of the working class who picked up the rifles and went on the march. They learned not to rely on us; they learned to rely on each other. And they were special in another way: They chose to be faithful. They chose to reject the fashionable skepticism of their time. They chose to believe and answer the call of duty. They had the wild, wild courage of youth. They seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age; they stood for something." From a 1986 Memorial Day speech that President Ronald Regan gave at Arlington National Cemetery.



Meaning of Flag Draped Coffin

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

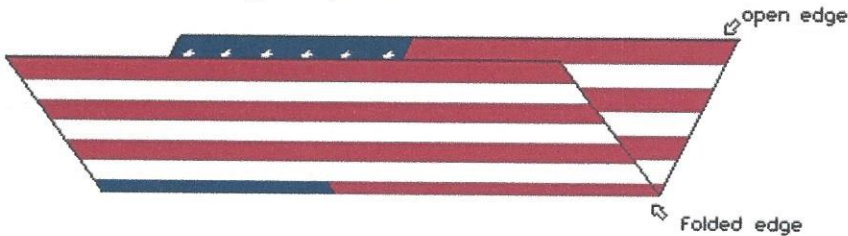
I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'



The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.



IN THE MEANTIME, MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS.
ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

LUNCH WITH AN 80 YEAR OLD

Since many of us are sneaking up on 80 years, I felt this was a fitting essay

One day I had lunch with some old friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type, about 85-years old, came along with them; all in all, it was a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, my friends and I ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "A large piece of home-made apple pie, heated please."

I wasn't sure my ears heard him right, and the others were aghast, When Jim continued, completely unabashed...."along with two large scoops of vanilla ice cream."

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time, but when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy eating mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off of Jim as I watched him savoring each bite of his pie a-la-mode. The other guys just grinned in disbelief as they silently ate their lunches.

The next time I went out to eat, I called Jim and invited him to join me. I lunched on a white meat tuna sandwich, while he ordered a chocolate parfait. Since I was chuckling, he wanted to know if he amused me.

I answered, "Yes, you certainly do, but you also confuse me. How come you always order such rich desserts, while I feel like I must be sensible in my food choices?"

He laughed and said "I'm tasting all that is possible for me to taste.

I try to eat the food I need and do the things I should in order to stay healthy, but life's too short, my friend. I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I was. (He grinned) I've never been this old before, so, while I'm still here, I've decided it's time to try all those things that, for years, I've been ignoring."

He continued,



"I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.

"There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.

"I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face.

I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.

"I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast.

I want un-timed long distance calls to the one I love the most.

"I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain.

I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

"So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing.

I filled my heart's desire.

I had that final piece of pie before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over.. "I've changed my mind, " I said. "I want what he's having, only add some more whipped cream!"

This is my gift to you - We need an annual Friends Day! If you get this twice, then you have more than one friend. Live well, & laugh often - Be happy and enjoy doing whatever your heart desires. You only go around once on this crazy planet.

SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS including me, if I'm lucky enough to be counted among them.

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people we like, respect, and enjoy spending time with. Remember that while money talks, ICE CREAM SINGS!

THE FUNNY PAGES

"The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." **Al McGuire**

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." **Albert Einstein**

"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." **Andy Borowitz**

"At every party there are two kinds of people those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." **Ann Landers**

"My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right." **Ashleigh Brilliant**

"Have you noticed that all the people in favour of birth control are already born?" **Benny Hill**

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." **Bill Watterson**

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it." **Buddy Hackett**

"My favourite machine at the gym is the vending machine." **Caroline Rhea**

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height." **Casey Stengel**

"Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night." **Dave Barry**

"The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government." **Edward Abbey**

"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand." **Emo Philips**



SHORT FAIRLY TALE...

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl 'Will you marry me?' The Girl said 'NO! And the guy lived happily ever after; rode a motorcycle; went fishing and hunting; played golf; drank a lot of beer and scotch; left the toilet seat up; and farted whenever he wanted.

The End



It was fun being a baby boomer... until now Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

They include:

Herman's Hermits — Mrs.. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker .

Ringo Starr — I Get By With a Little Help From Depends.

The Bee Gees — How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.

Bobby Darin — Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.

Roberta Flack— The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.

Johnny Nash — I Can't See Clearly Now.

Paul Simon— Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

The Commodores — Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.

Marvin Gaye — Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.

Procol Harem—A Whiter Shade of Hair.

Leo Sayer — You Make Me Feel Like Napping.

The Temptations — Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.

Abba—Denture Queen.

Tony Orlando — Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.

Helen Reddy — I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore.

Leslie Gore— It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To.

And my favorite:

Willie Nelson — On the Commode Again.



Hotel Bill

A married couple are traveling by car from Victoria to Prince George .

Being Seniors, after almost eleven hours on the road, they were too tired to continue, and decided to take a room. But, they only planned to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road. When they

THE FUNNY PAGES

checked out four hours later, the desk clerk handed them a bill for \$350.00.

The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high.

He told the clerk although it's a nice hotel; the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00 for four hours. Then the clerk tells him that \$350.00 is the 'standard rate'. He insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appears, listens to him, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center that were available for us to use.

"But we didn't use them," the husband said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

The Manager went on to explain that the couple could also have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from New York, Hollywood, and Las Vegas perform here", the Manager says.

"But we didn't go to any of those shows," the husband said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, the husband replied, "But we didn't use it!"

The Manager is unmoved, and eventually the husband gave up and agreed to pay. As he didn't have the check book he asked his wife to write the check. She did and gave it to the Manager.

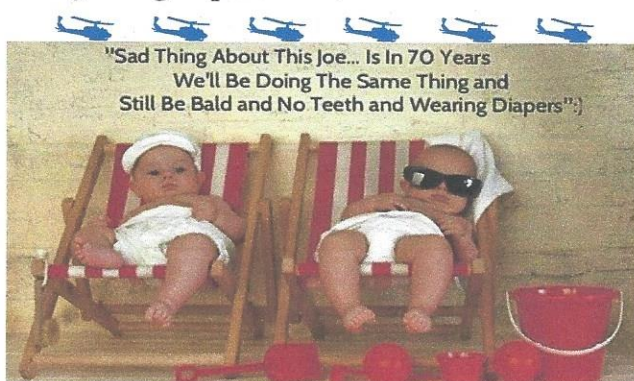
The Manager is surprised when he looks at the check. "But ma'am, this is only made out for \$50.00."

"That's correct. I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaims the Manager..

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with senior citizens. They didn't get there by being stupid!



Quotes on Aging

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." - *Jennifer Yane*

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." - *Phyllis Diller*

"Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere." - *George Burns*

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." - *Robert Orben*

"At my age, flowers scare me." - *George Burns*

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." - *Unknown*

"We don't grow older -- we grow riper." - *Pablo Picasso*

"The older I get, the better I used to be." - *Lee Trevino*

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." - *George Carlin*

"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." - *J. Norman Collie*

"You know you are getting old when everything either dries up, creaks, or leaks." - *Joel Plaskett*

"There's one advantage to being 102, there's no peer pressure." - *Dennis Wolfberg*

"At my age 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for." - *Unknown*

"Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." - *Anonymous*

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