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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

Jan 17, 2023 (Tues)

Board Meetings @ 12 noon

NO general meeting

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CARSON VFW
20820 S Vermont Ave. Torrance, CA 90502

Feb 21, 2023 (Tues)

Board Meetings @ 1215 pm

General Meetings @ 1:00 pm

February MEETING PLACE - to be determined

**Due to the current closure of the Lomita VFW post 1622,
VVA, South Bay Ch 53 venue has changed.**

SEE ABOVE MEETING INFO.

Welcome 2023

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

date	day	January 2023 Monthly Calendar
1	sun	Happy New Years.....
2	mon	
3	tue	
4	wed	
5	thur	
6	fri	
7	sat	H.B. Vet Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of PCH/Pier Ave, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)
8	sun	
9	mon	
10	tue	
11	wed	
12	thur	
13	fri	
14	sat	
15	sun	
16	mon	Martin Luther King Day
17	tue	Business Mtg ONLY 12 noon. NO GENERAL MTG Carson VFW - 20820 S. Vermont Ave - Torrance
18	wed	
19	thur	
20	fri	
21	sat	Torrance Veteran Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of Torrance Bl/Maple, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)
22	sun	
23	mon	
24	tue	
25	wed	

date	day	February 2023 Monthly Calendar
1	wed	
2	thur	Groundhog Day
3	fri	
4	sat	H.B. Vet Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of PCH/Pier Ave, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)
5	sun	
6	mon	
7	tue	
8	wed	
9	thur	
10	fri	
11	sat	
12	sun	Happy Birthday Abe Lincoln
13	mon	
14	tue	Happy Valentine's Day
15	wed	
16	thur	
17	fri	
18	sat	Torrance Veteran Memorial clean-up @ 0830, corner of Torrance Bl/Maple, breakfast @ 930am (dutch treat)
19	sun	Coast Guard Reserves Birthday
20	mon	Presidents' Day
21	tue	Business Mtg 1215pm - General Mtg 1245pm @ Feb meeting - TO BE DETERMINED
22	wed	Happy Birthday George Washington
23	thur	1945 - Flag raised on Iwo Jima Holocaust Remembrance Day
24	fri	
25	sat	

THE MONTHLY MESSAGE BOARD

A LOVE STORY.....

I will seek and find you.

I shall take you to bed and have my way with you.

I will make you ache, shake & sweat until you
moan & groan.

I will make you beg for mercy, beg for me to stop.

I will exhaust you to the point that you will be
relieved when I'm finished with you.

And, when I am finished, you will be weak for
days.

All my love,

The Flu

**Now get your mind out of the gutter
and go get your flu shot!**



From the President: Dennis Wild.....

It appears from everyone I talked to that our Holiday Party on December 16th was a great success. 60+ Members, their Spouse and Guest attended. A very special guest and friend was VSO Karen Olszewski and her sister Cathy. Karen has made it her mission to help as many Veterans as possible, especially the members of South Bay Chapter 53. Thank you, Karen and Cathy, for your dedication. It was also great to see member Arnie Goldstein. Arnie put aside his physical difficulties to attend the party. Thanks to Steve Crecy and Dawn Anzack for coordinating his transportation.

Where do we begin thanking everyone who made the party such a great success? Probably should start with Gardena VFW Post 3261 and Quartermaster Norm Chibana for providing the Hall. Thanks to Steve Crecy, Dick Cunningham and Kirk Gillett for making the arrangements with Norm. A tremendous amount of kudos goes to Dick Amemiya for all the table decorations. Great job Dick!! The set up crew included Dick Amemiya, Charley Saulenas, Ed Sakihama, Richard Carlos, Ron Tessensohn, Kirk Gillett and yours truly. I hope I didn't leave anyone out, it's a memory issue. Thanks to Kyle Orlemann setting up the front table recognizing Hanukkah. As usual, Steve Crecy did an excellent job providing the video that brought back many memories of our time in the service and remembering many of our members who are no longer with us. And as usual, Bob Holmes was at his best MCing the event.

Special thanks to all you for providing the raffle prizes, your monetary contribution for Toys for Tots and the unwrapped toys. Last but not least, thanks to the crew who stayed after to help cleanup. My apologies if I missed recognizing anyone.

May the New year bring you Peace, Joy and Happiness!!
Dennis



Transitional Housing

At March Air Reserve Bank

Happy holidays everyone. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. I wanted to give you an update on the VVA donation for the children at the transitional housing.

But first a big shout out to our own Paul Ehrenberg, and his son David Ehrenberg. David is an owner of a company called "Pair of Thieves" which manufacturers all type of socks, underwear and other products for men and women. David and his company donated 775 units of men's underwear and socks to the transitional housing at March ARB. The veterans were very grateful for this donation – and even more so that we are thinking of them. You can find Pair of Thieves products in Target and Walmart, please check them out the next time you are shopping – especially for unmentionables .

Let me also share with you about Christmas for the children living in the March transitional housing. A big thank you to VVA for the \$1,000 donation for Christmas gifts for these children. There are 21 children from 10 families living at the March Veterans' Villages. Each child received a patriotic pillowcase from Arlene Zobrist and her quilters (some of you received a quilt from Arlene through Dan Massey). For the older children, each child received a small gift (puzzle, book, etc.) and a \$50.00 VISA gift card. For the younger children, each child received two gifts (wrapped with lots of tape and ribbon), plus holiday sticker sets and bubbles. In addition, each veteran was given a \$50.00 gift card. Here are the **THANKS** that were received:

"Thank you so much for your thoughtful Christmas gifts. My family and I truly appreciated it! Hope you have a great new year!"

- The Glaze Family, March Veterans Village

"It was such a welcome but unexpected surprise to receive such fantastic holiday gifts for my children this year. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and for being so generous and loving."

- The Ingram Family, March Veterans Village

"Your kindness and generosity reached the hearts of our military veteran children and families this Christmas through your donations. On behalf of all the benefactors, thank you so much."

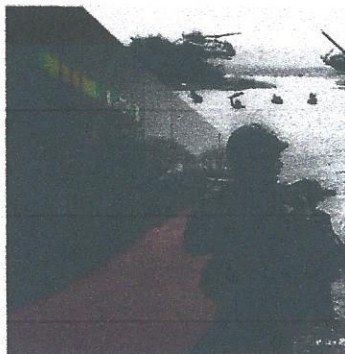
- Jose Barragan, (Activities Coordinator at U.S.VETS) March Veterans Village

As always, thank you for all your support of Joseph's Gift. You are all the best bunch of big brothers that I didn't know I needed.

Dawn



\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS*



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA SOUTH BAY CHAPTER 53

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Requirements for Applicants

You must interview and report on a Vietnam Era Veteran (defined as a Veteran who served in the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, other than for training purposes, in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975 or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975. NOTE: Verification of the Veteran's military service may be required.)

You must submit an essay of at least 1,000 but not more than 1,500 words with

1. a brief biography of the Veteran including the Veteran's Branch of Service, Military Unit, dates of active military service, AND
2. what you feel are the most important things you learned from your interview of the Veteran and why.

You must include, separate from the essay, a short biography highlighting your school and community involvement, scholastic achievements, and future goals.

NOTE: Spelling, grammar, and punctuation will be considered.

* Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 will award scholarships of \$1,000 to selected college- or technical-school-bound South Bay area high school seniors.

Entries must be received before
11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2023.

EMAIL ENTRIES TO:

Scholarships@VVA53.org

(Microsoft® WORD® or pdf file format required)

For more information call (310) 540-8820
or email Scholarships@VVA53.org



In Service to America®

VVA South Bay Chapter 53 Scholarships for 2023

Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 is proud to announce our 2023 Scholarship Program for graduating high school students. Since 1995 we have been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from local South Bay area high schools. In addition to encouraging and supporting continued education, we are trying to heighten awareness of the Vietnam War, the men and women who served during that period, and the huge impact it has made on the United States, both then and now. This year Chapter 53 will again award scholarships of \$1,000 to selected college- or technical-school-bound South Bay area high school seniors.

Applicants must submit an essay on a Vietnam Era Veteran, defined as any Veteran who served in the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, for other than training purposes, either 1) in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975 or 2) in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

An information flyer is available for download from our website at www.vva53.org.

Any students interested in participating and needing help finding a Vietnam Era Veteran should email our Scholarships Committee at Scholarships@VVA53.org.

Essays must be received before 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2023.

Chapter 53 Color Guard Honored

By Steve Crecy

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington DC annually conducts events on Veterans Day at the WALL. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the WALL and VVA was invited to participate in the ceremony in a big way. The plan was for a Color Guard from each state (and territory) to attend. Chapter 53's Color Guard was honored to be chosen and to represent California.

Our detail consisted of three: Kirk Gillett, Cliff Rapp and me, Steve Crecy. No rifles are allowed at the WALL and most of the units were small with a few at five members. We arrived in DC late on November 9th and soon after dropping our bags at our hotel we went to the WALL for a night visitation; a must if you go. As we approached we could see lights at the apex and hear names being recited over a loudspeaker. Once we got to the stage we noted there were people respectfully lined up waiting to read names. We asked if help was needed and we were graciously told yes. Steve and Kirk each read 30 names and were humbled and honored to do so just before the midnight pause. Of note: our Board Member, John Masaki was along for the trip using his personal resources. John took some video of us and we are grateful for his help all through the trip.

We spent the next day doing recon first, since parking there is abominable. We did find an area we thought would work almost a click away. It was a good walk in on Veterans Day from our previously scouted parking spot. On the 10th we visited Arlington Cemetery and witnessed the changing of the Guard and that is not to be missed. As Veterans we especially felt the reverence in the air. Good people from everywhere were paying their respect.

Did I mention that each day of our journey had clear weather EXCEPT Veterans Day? Yes we had rain, heavy at times. However, during the 40th Anniversary Ceremony the rain let up! Cliff attributed this to his heavenly connections. As in any military or quasi military event there was "hurry up and wait".

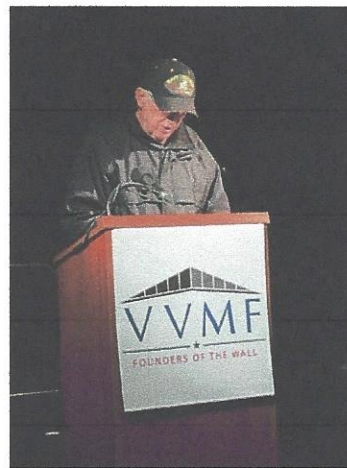
There were 33 Color Guards in attendance. We had a great time cajoling with guys from other states. We were pleased to receive several kudos regarding our uniforms.

In fact, we ditched our panchos taking a chance the rain would hold off, and we were right, so our uniforms were easy to see.

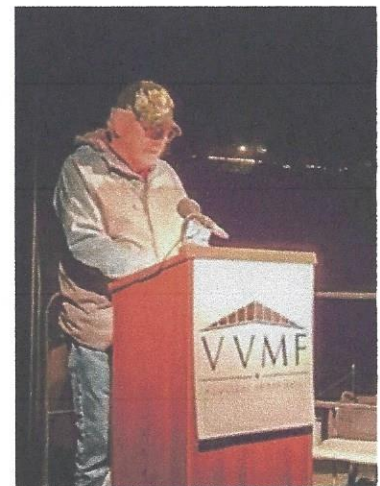
The event was fantastic. The line of Color Guards went in first at the back. Seats were saved for us and we sat and listened to several inspirational speeches. I am providing a link here for anyone who has not seen any of the coverage.

<https://youtu.be/h1ZdDYGbcYU>

In summary, this was an event we will never forget and I know each member was proud to represent California Vietnam Veterans of America and to honor those on the WALL.



Kirk Gillett reading names at the Wall



Steve Crecy reading names at the Wall

THE GRAND DAME

by Bruce E. Carlson
Helicopter Pilot - C/7/17 Cav 69-70

Gazing out the window, I look upon her, and fondly remember her glories past. Today, she is sitting quietly in the melting snow holding on to her tattered dignity. For many of us, there is a faded sadness about her. I do not understand how it happened. However, time has somehow passed her by. Remaining glorious in her elegant simplicity, in her day, she was the queen of the ball. Of course, like any good monarch, she was more than simply herself. The Grand Dame was, and remains to this day, a symbol of something much bigger. Like any strong monarch, her symbolic nature elicits emotional responses both positive and negative.

Without her admirers realizing that it happened, in our rapidly spinning world, she has become but a tattered shell of her former self. As a strikingly beautiful woman who has undergone the natural cost of time, even in her faded glory, she remains an eye turning event. For those of us who knew her, and loved her, when we have the rare occasion to see the grand gal in her evening gown, we remain smitten by the power of her presence. To our surprise, but not to our surprise, we find tears running down our cheeks when she makes her grand entrance upon the stage of our life. Others . . . , well others are blinded by their youth and not having experienced her love. Therefore, they do not seem see what we see.

With the painfully swift passage of years, it saddens me to see her now neglected and almost forgotten. With more than a pang of guilt, I look out at her with feelings of warmth. As one who knew her and loved her, in her glory, I think, do believe, NO, I know that

I owe her something. She, who has given to much pleasure and comfort to so many, deserves a better fate. It is not as if my wife would be jealous of this aged queen. In her own maturity, my loving wife understands the mystical lure of a first love. Would it be so bad if I were to carve out the time to shower her with a small portion of the love that she gave so freely?

Life is so busy. We all seem to get caught up in the pressures of a racing clock and diminishing number of future years. Yet . . . Yet, it would be wonderful if she were to be nursed back to health. Of course, I well know that the cost is this level of care is staggering. This comes as no news. We all have experienced the financial burden of proper care as we age. But, to help her regain a vestige of her former glory, would that not be sufficient reward in itself? Yes! To help her clean up and return to health would indeed be a worthy cause.

I have seen others devote themselves to this grand old gal in her now faded glory. Like many of my peers, it never fails to bring a lump to my throat when I am in

the presence of such a regal being. In the same light, I have been with these same peers when such a wondrous lady makes her entrance on the cluttered stage of our life. To a man, we instantly stop what we are doing to look lovingly upon her beauty. Our eyes glaze over. Our hearts quicken. We savor the moment. Listening to her distinctive footfall we remember what she means to us. For us, to see her, to hear her, and even to smell her distinctive fragrance is a sublimely loving experience. No, for us, she is not faded. She remains the queen of the ball.

True, I have been with others. Unashamedly, I have loved others. With a mixture of reverence and passion, I have caressed other's lovely curves. These wonderful others have responded to my gentle, yet firm touch with a responsiveness which only a man could love. However, somehow, she remains the true and only queen of the ball. This I know because a large part of my generation has been forever touched by her mere presence. None, none of the others can stand above her when the power of her presence is experienced.

In this case, the god Eros has reached down from the mountain top and gathered her in his arms. Then, by Eros' power, the hearts of countless men have been filled with a fathomless love for the royal lady.

Yes, I know what you, who have not experienced Eros' heart-touch think you see when you look out the same window I am looking out. You think faded olive drab paint, a utilitarian body, a pair of landing skids, two rotor blades and a tail rotor tells the whole story. You say:

"Why it is just an old helicopter left over from the Vietnam war. It is quaint. But, it is just a piece of old junk which will never fly again. Even if it does fly again, it is still just an old helicopter!"

I suppose you think that you have described just another old relic. Maybe, in your eyes, you are accurate. However, I am going to be bold enough to say this:

"You are sadly mistaken and blind to the ageless grace and beauty of this Grand Dame. Dress her up; bring her back to health; let her strut her stuff upon the stage of my life; and you will see profound reverence on my face as I bask in her dignified beauty. "

For those untouched by Eros, she is just an old helicopter. However, I would suggest that if the opportunity arises that you might be with me, or one of the countless thousands who knew her, when we hear the signature "whop" "whop" footstep, LOOK AT US. You will see our aged heads rise as we begin our search for her. Our tired eyes will scan the skies until we see her. Then, our lined faces will soften, our eyes will go out of focus as we "see" her again. We will remember how she loved us and took us home.

She is beautiful even to this day. She is the UH-1 Iroquois.

We just call her "Huey" and continue to love her.

THE PRESIDENTS



ABRAHAM LINCOLN - JOHN KENNEDY



Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.

Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Now it gets really weird.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.

Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named ' Ford.'

Kennedy was shot in a car called ' Lincoln ' made by 'Ford.'

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker...

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

The John Hanson Story

The First President of the United States



John Hanson

When we think of the President of the United States, many people do not realize that we are actually referring to presidents elected under the U.S. Constitution. Everybody knows that the first president in that sense was George Washington. But in fact the Articles of Confederation, the predecessor to the Constitution, also called for a president- albeit one with greatly diminished powers. Eight men were appointed to serve one year terms as president under the Articles of Confederation. In November 1781, **John Hanson** became the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled, under the Articles of Confederation.

Many people have argued that John Hanson, and not **George Washington**, was the first President of the United States, but this is not quite true. Under the **Articles of Confederation**, the United States had no executive branch. The President of Congress was a ceremonial position within the Confederation Congress. Although the office required Hanson to deal with correspondence and sign official documents, it wasn't the sort of work that any President of the United States under the Constitution would have done.

Hanson didn't really enjoy his job either, and found the work tedious and wished to resign. Unfortunately, the Articles of Confederation hadn't accounted for how succession worked and his departure would have left Congress without a President. So, because he loved his country, and out of a sense of duty, he remained in office.



Statue of John Hanson in the United States Capitol Building

While there, he served from November 5, 1781 until November 3, 1782, he was able to remove all foreign troops from American lands, as well as their flags. He also introduced the Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. He led the fight to guarantee the statehood of the Western Territories beyond the Appalachian Mountains that had been controlled by some of the original thirteen colonies.

What's probably most interesting is that Hanson is also responsible for establishing **Thanksgiving Day** as the fourth Thursday in November.

It was no easy task to be the first person in this position as President of Congress. So it's incredible that Hanson was able to accomplish as much as he did. Plus, instead of the four year term that current Presidents serve, Presidents under the Articles of Confederation served only one year. So, accomplishing anything during this short time was a great feat.

Hanson played an important role in the development of United States Constitutional History, one often not stated, but true nonetheless. Often, Hanson is regarded as the "forgotten first President." In **Seymour Weyss Smith's biography** of him, John Hanson, Our First President, he says that the American Revolution had two primary leaders: George Washington in the military sphere, and John Hanson in politics. Although one position was ceremonial, and the other was more official, there are statues of both men in the United States Capitol in Washington D.C.

Hanson died on November 15, 1783 at the age of 62.

"Thus was ended the career of one of America's greatest statesmen. While hitherto practically unknown to our people, and this is true as to nearly all the generations that have lived since his day, his great handiwork, the nation which he helped to establish, remains as a fitting tribute to his memory. It is doubtful if there has ever lived on this side of the Atlantic, a nobler character or shrewder statesman. One would search in vain to find a more powerful personage, or a more aggressive leader, in the annals of American history. and it is extremely doubtful if there has ever lived in an age since the advent of civilization, a man with a keener grasp of, or a deeper insight into, such democratic ideals as are essential to the promotion of personal liberty and the extension of human happiness. ... He was firm in his opinion that the people of America were capable of ruling themselves without the aid of a king."

-JACOB A. NELSON, "JOHN HANSON AND THE INSEPARABLE UNION," PUBLISHED IN 1939

Thank Goodness I Live in a Free Country

by Don Cooper - December 27, 2008

I was talking with some friends over the Christmas holiday break and they were commenting on how lucky we are that we live in a free country where we have the liberty and the opportunity to live our lives the way we want and are not controlled by the government like in other countries. So I started thinking about a particular day of mine a couple months ago:

I woke up in the morning in my **FHA (Federal Housing Administration)** approved home that was built in accordance with **USDOE (Department of Energy)**, **FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission)**, and numerous **CFRs (Code of Federal Regulations)**.

I went to the bathroom to clean up for work. I showered with soap, shampoo and other toiletry products that have been approved for me by the **FDA (Food and Drug Administration)** using water that meets federal **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)** quality standards.

I took my morning vitamins which had to be approved by the **FDA**.

I went downstairs to eat breakfast foods that had to be approved by the **FDA** and listened to my morning radio programs which are regulated by the **FCC (Federal Communication Commission)**.

I then got into my **EPA** and **DOT (Dept. of Transportation)** standards approved and **FTC (Federal Trade Commission)** regulated car and was forced by the **NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)** to buckle my seatbelt and put my daughter into an approved child seat. I then drove on **DOT** regulated roads and was forced to drive a certain speed while listening to more **FCC** approved programming on my radio.

I stopped for gas but there wasn't any due to state legislated gas quality restrictions which caused a decrease in the supply of gas and also gasoline price controls that kept the price so artificially low that there was an excess demand such that it sold out as soon as it arrived.

I arrived at my **DOL (Dept. of Labor)** regulated and **EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)** sanctioned

place of employment, running on fumes, and was forced to work the first

2 hours of my 8 hour shift for the federal and state governments by giving almost 30% of my wages to the **IRS and SSA (Social Security Administration)** with no compensation.

At lunchtime I went with colleagues to eat and was forced to pay with the only medium of exchange the government approves that is regulated by the **FRB (Federal Reserve Board)**: worthless bank notes.

I then went to pick up my daughter from school where she's learning a **DOE (Dept. of Education)** approved curriculum. I took her to an **HMO (Health Maintenance Organization)** approved doctor to get her **HHS (Health and Human Services)** mandated vaccinations that I learned she needed while watching a Disney family movie which was interrupted by an **HHS PSA**.

After returning to work I checked my **SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission)** and **IRS** regulated investments in my now Federal Treasury owned banks to see if I'll be able to retire someday since the **SSA** trust fund that I've been paying into for 25 years has been raided by the federal government and is now bankrupt.

That afternoon I had to catch a flight to our office in Detroit aboard an **FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)** approved plane operating at an **FAA** regulated airport. Before boarding I had to pass through a **TSA (Transportation Safety Administration)** security checkpoint where I was forced to disrobe down to my shirt, pants and socks and pass through a scanning machine that saw right through my remaining clothing. Onboard I noticed federal sky marshals with weapons so I decided to have a cocktail composed of liquor that is controlled by the **ATF (Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms)**, as are the sky marshal's guns.

Once sufficiently sedated with bourbon, I sat back and relaxed and thought to myself: **Thank God I don't live in a country where the government controls your life!.....**

THE PHUNNIE PAGES

Sad News From Minnesota

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes to the belly. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin with the gravesite piled high with many flours. Numerous celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, the California Raisins, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch.



Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born in 1965 and bread in Minnesota, Poppin' Fresh rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was never considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half baked schemes.

A little flaky, he was known as crusty man, but still considered a positive "roll" model to millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough; three children – John Dough, Jane Dough, and Dosey Dough...plus, they had a bun in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly uncle, Pop-Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 15 minutes.

If you enjoyed reading this, rise to the occasion and share it with a friend who's having a crumb-y day and kneading a lift.



Ron Chestna, 75 years of age, was stopped by police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at this time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife..."



SOME THINGS TO PONDER AS WE AGE:

The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54 ☹️

The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57 ☹️

The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41



The best soccer player in the world, Maradona, died at the age of 60 ☹️

And then..

KFC inventor died at 94 ☹️

Inventor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88 ☹️

Cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102 ☹️

The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 - in an earthquake ☹️

Hennessy cognac, Irish inventor died at 98 ☹️

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life? ☹️

The rabbit is always jumping, but it lives for only 2 years. ☹️

The turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years. ☹️

So ...

Have a glass of wine..

Take a nap ...

And IF you wake up, have bacon & eggs!



Get the facts right.....

If you've ever worked for a boss who reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you'll love this!

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers and he wants to let them know that he means business.

He asks the guy, "How much money do you make a week young man?"

A little surprised, the young man looks at him and says, "About \$400 a week ... Why?"

The CEO says, "Wait right here."

He walks to his office, comes right back, hands the guy \$1,600 cash and says, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT, you're fired."

Feeling good about his quick action, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room a voice says, "He delivered a pizza from Domino's."



Drinking and Driving...

I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving. This might save you the cost and embarrassment of being arrested for DUI. As you know, people have been known to have unexpected brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends.

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Well, this year, it happened to me. I was out for the evening to a party and had more than several margaritas coupled with a bottle of rather nice red wine.

It was held at a great Mexican restaurant. Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit.

That's when I did something I've never done before...I took a taxi home.

On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident. These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi.

The real surprise to me was I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it.



My Guns

Today I swung my front door wide open and placed my Remington 870's right in the doorway. I gave them 12 shells then left the guns alone and went about my business.

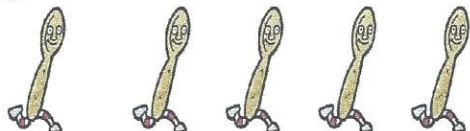
While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the neighbor boy across the street mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign near the front of our house.

After about an hour, I checked on my guns. They was still sitting there right where I had left them. They haven't moved themselves outside. They certainly hadn't killed anyone even with the numerous opportunities the guns had been presented to do so.

In fact, The guns hadn't even loaded themselves. Well you can imagine my surprise with all the media hype about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people.



Either the media is wrong or I'm in possession of the laziest guns in the world.



*Well, I'm off to check on my spoons.
I hear they're making people fat.*



The Church Bulletins!

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



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