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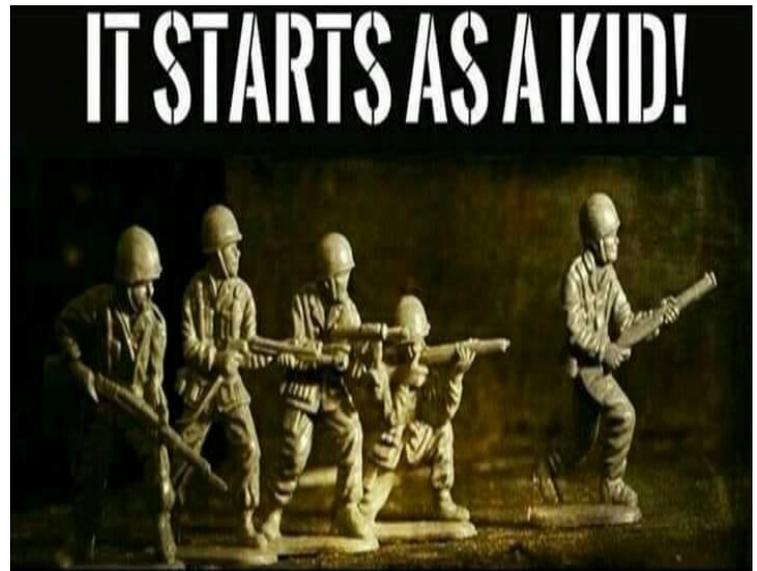
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October 2024 Newsletter

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Historian: Mark Krebs



Post Meetings

The Post meets are on the second Monday of each month. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and comradery. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend.



DISABLED PARKING IS IN THE REAR LOT. CHAIRLIFTS ARE AT BOTH ENTRANCES. CALL US WHEN YOU ARRIVE SO WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE READY TO ASSIST YOU.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY!!!!

Membership dues are due!!!!

American Legion Post 630 - \$40

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 630 - \$20 (18 and above), \$13 (under 18) ASAP!

American Legion Riders Chapter 630 - \$10

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 630 - \$39 (18 and above), \$8.35 (18 and under)

ALL DUES ARE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Mail or drop off at the Post 630 Office

Any questions check with your Adjutant or membership officer



USS TEXAS, America's First Battleship

Classification: Second Class Battleship
Keel Laid: June 1, 1889
Launched: June 28, 1892
Commissioned: August 15, 1895
Rig: Two military masts
Armament: Two 12" guns
Six 6" guns
Twelve 6-pounders
Six 1 pounders
Four 37mm Hotchkiss guns
Two Colt Machine Guns
One field piece (for landing parties)



The USS TEXAS was authorized by the US Congress on August 3, 1886. She was built from English plans developed as a result of a design competition. The prize for the winning design was \$15,000. The ship was built at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

USS TEXAS was commissioned on August 15, 1895, and became the first bonified United States Battleship. From her commissioning, she cruised off of the East Coast of the United States, and also in the Gulf of Mexico. Together with USS MAINE, she participated in the 1897 Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans. At the outbreak of the Spanish American War, she was assigned to the "Flying Squadron" and arrived off Cuba on February 21, 1898. She began regular patrolling and blockading duty.

On June 16, 1898, USS TEXAS and USS MARBLEHEAD bombarded the fort at Cayo del Tore in Guantanamo Bay, damaging the fort to the point that it was no longer a threat to the United States forces. On July 3, she took an active part in the Battle of Santiago. At the opening of the battle, the ship found herself in a very precarious position, as USS BROOKLYN, maneuvering for position, was on a possible collision course with her. How close the two vessels actually came to colliding has been a subject of debate ever since. USS TEXAS attacked four of Admiral Cervera's vessels at one time during the battle: VIZCAYA, CRISTOBAL COLON, PLUTON and FUROR. She also is credited with action against INFANTA MARIA TERESA, and OQUENDO.

USS TEXAS was briefly decommissioned in 1901 for repairs but recommissioned on November 3, 1902. She served as the flagship of the "Coast Squadron" until 1905 and continued to serve with the squadron until 1908. In 1908 she became a station ship at Charleston, South Carolina.

On February 15, 1911, the USS TEXAS was renamed USS SAN MARCOS so that the old name could be given to a new battleship (BB-35). She was struck from the Navy rolls on October 10, 1911. The United States' first battleship was sunk as a target in Tangier Sound in the Chesapeake Bay.

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Post Meeting Menu

The monthly meeting of Elburn Post 630 will be held on **October 14th, 2024** at 112 N. Main St., Elburn. Dinner begins at 6PM with the meeting starting at 7PM. The menu is as follows: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Green Salad, and assorted desserts.

Additional contributions of side dishes or desserts are always appreciated.

Post Calendar

October 2024

(**Holiday**/**Notable**/**Post Event**)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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October

3: Queen of Hearts

10: Queen of Hearts

13: United States Navy Birthday

14: Post 630 Monthly Meeting/Columbus Day

17: Queen of Hearts

24: Queen of Hearts

26: National Day of the Deployed

31: Queen of Hearts/Halloween



Jack pot as of Oct 1 is
Over **\$35,000**

Pain You Shouldn't Ignore

When it's a bad idea to "tough it out"

Rahul Patwari, MD, an emergency medicine physician at Rush



Pain is a personal thing. Even for patients with the same condition, the pain it causes can strike in different places, be more or less intense, end quickly, or persist for days. Certain pains typically signal serious problems that need medical attention — if not immediately in the emergency room, then ASAP at a doctor's office

1. Severe abdominal pain

Possible issue: appendicitis or acute pancreatitis

Pain in the abdomen is common and can have a number of causes, including ordinary gas.

But sudden, intense pain that moves to the lower right of your abdomen and gets worse over a few hours could be appendicitis. You may need emergency surgery to remove your inflamed appendix before it bursts — a life-threatening situation.

Get checked

If a sharp pain in your upper-middle abdomen radiates to your back and you also have fever or nausea and vomiting, that could mean acute pancreatitis. Call your [primary care doctor](#), who may refer you to the emergency room. Pancreatitis can be caused by gallstones that should be removed. Using a diagnostic tool called Spyglass, physicians at Rush can see large gallstones and crush them using sound waves, thereby avoiding surgery.

2. The worst headache ever

Possible issues: brain aneurysm, stroke, carbon monoxide poisoning

"People often worry that a sudden headache could be a [brain tumor](#), but it's usually not," Patwari says.

However, it might be difficult for people to distinguish what's dangerous. "If you have a headache that's out of the ordinary — or has other concerning features — you should seek medical care."

Get checked

Emergency medicine physicians will want to rule out life-threatening conditions such as stroke or bleeding in the brain from a burst [aneurysm](#) (a weakened blood vessel). They'll check for other possible culprits, too, from infections like [meningitis](#) to things you might not associate with headache, such as glaucoma or even carbon monoxide poisoning. The [Rush stroke program](#) has been designated a comprehensive stroke center by the Joint Commission for having the most advanced level of stroke care.

3. Low back pain coupled with fever

Possible issue: kidney infection

If you're feverish and have back pain and tenderness between your ribs and hip (on one or both sides), you might have a kidney infection. Other symptoms include painful urination, nausea and vomiting.

Get checked

Untreated [kidney infections](#) can be life-threatening, so call your primary care doctor. The good news: Antibiotics reliably cure those that haven't reached a severe stage.

4. Chest pain

If it feels like an elephant is sitting on your chest, suspect a heart attack.

Possible issue: heart attack

If it feels like an elephant is sitting on your chest, suspect a [heart attack](#). Symptoms for some — including women, people with diabetes and the elderly — can be more subtle: nausea or vomiting; shortness of breath; and pain in the back, jaw, neck or shoulders.

Get checked

"Chest pain is one thing people tend to put off but really shouldn't," Patwari says. His advice: Trust your instincts. "If something doesn't feel right, call your [primary care doctor](#) or come to the emergency room."

Door-to-balloon: the time between when a person having a heart attack enters the hospital and when they receive recommended emergency treatment. The standard goal in the U.S. is 90 minutes; Rush's time is 60 minutes.

5. A pain in one calf

Possible issue: deep vein thrombosis (DVT)

Sitting still for too long — say, during a transoceanic flight — can lead to a blood clot forming in one calf or thigh. The clot, or [deep vein thrombosis](#), may start small, with no symptoms. As it grows, it causes pain and sometimes warmth and tenderness.

Get checked

"As soon as you notice these symptoms, you should suspect DVT and call your primary care doctor," Patwari says.

If the clot breaks loose and enters your bloodstream, it can lodge in your lungs and keep oxygen from reaching your brain — a potentially fatal situation.

6. Searing pain in your big toe

Possible issue: gout

"Gout is one of the most painful forms of arthritis," Patwari says. It's caused by a buildup of uric acid crystals in the joints. This acid is a byproduct of digesting certain foods, including red meat; alcohol; and items containing high-fructose corn syrup, like candy and soft drinks.

Though gout often starts in the big toe, it can strike other joints as well.

Get checked

Over-the-counter nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs might bring relief. But you still need to see your primary care doctor about this pain. Untreated gout raises the risk for [kidney stones](#) and chronic [kidney failure](#).

7. Menstrual cramps that don't improve with medication

Possible issue: endometriosis

"When women have pelvic pain, gynecologic causes are probably top of the list," Patwari says. [Endometriosis](#), where tissue from the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus, is one possible cause.

Get checked

Your doctor will do a full exam to rule out issues such as [noncancerous uterine tumors](#), STDs and [ovarian cancer](#). Pain relievers help some women with endometriosis, while hormone therapy (birth control pills, for example) slows the disease in others. Endometriosis sometimes leads to [infertility](#), but minimally invasive surgery to remove endometrial tissue can help some women conceive. For women past childbearing age, [hysterectomy](#) may be the cure.

8. Painful urination in men

Possible issue: a sexually transmitted disease (STD)

"Pain, burning or tingling during or right after urinating can be a sign of an STD," Patwari says. In fact, painful urination is often the only symptom of gonorrhea in men.

Get checked

Untreated gonorrhea can lead to complications such as an infection around the anus or loss of fertility. In rare cases, it can spread to blood or joints — a life-threatening situation. Gonorrhea is curable with antibiotics.

"When getting treatment, men should make sure they're also screened for other STDs," Ryan Patwari.



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DRAWING #1 ON OCTOBER 19, 2023

ACROSS

- 1) Improbable wish
- 6) A Muse
- 11) Environmental hazard, for short
- 14) Maternally related
- 15) Ruby or diamond, e.g.
- 16) Chicken ___ king
- 17) Did a gymnastic maneuver
- 19) It may have a nap on the floor
- 20) Smart ___ (obnoxious ones)
- 21) Likes and dislikes
- 23) Most risqué
- 26) "___ of the Field" (Poitier classic)
- 27) Spiral-horned beasts
- 28) Type of clock or power
- 30) Rocky peaks
- 31) Brief period of time
- 32) Mauna ___ (Hawaiian peak)
- 35) Hamlet's catch
- 36) Ancient Roman magistrate
- 38) Palindromic Bobbsey
- 39) "Deep Space Nine" character
- 40) "Me too"
- 41) Aphid, to a gardener
- 42) Word on a nutritional label
- 44) Cleans the slate
- 46) New delivery
- 48) In an angry way
- 49) Nigerian currency
- 50) Cook with direct radiant heat
- 52) Add a soundtrack
- 53) Browns, as onions
- 58) Anger
- 59) Feudal vassal or lord
- 60) Sidestep, as an issue
- 61) An inferior dog
- 62) Certain church officer
- 63) Transfer, as at a nursery

DOWN

- 1) Christmas mo.
- 2) Retrovirus contents, for short
- 3) Canal site
- 4) Gains
- 5) Whimpered
- 6) Act the bouncer
- 7) Unpleasant smell
- 8) Belt-hole makers
- 9) Football formation
- 10) Aged one
- 11) Dramamine prevents it
- 12) High-pitched woodwind
- 13) Baseball backstops
- 18) Amerada ___ (bygone petroleum company)
- 22) He fought Frazier three times
- 23) '80s fashions, now
- 24) How most fans cheer
- 25) Material for some bikes
- 26) Batty, in Spain
- 28) "There's no music in ___ ..." -- Ruskin
- 29) Former Yugoslavian president
- 31) Samoan money
- 33) It might come with a few pointers
- 34) Jittery
- 36) Acme
- 37) Huck Finn's boat
- 41) Type of resistance
- 43) Paddle kin
- 44) Ashtabula's lake
- 45) Window-shade part
- 46) Like Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali
- 47) South Pacific island nation
- 48) Up-and-___
- 50) Raised racehorses
- 51) Rush furiously, as a river
- 54) Feel pain, perhaps
- 55) Use the microwave
- 56) Tokyo, formerly
- 57) Fix, as a clock

DRIVE-THRU

By Tom Cobb

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PROBLEM SOLVING

There are few of life's problems that cannot be solved with the proper application of a high explosive projectile



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Please state in your voicemail that you are calling about the Hines clinic

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