

Hello JUNE



Birthdays

Lenora Owens Jun 6
Cindy Swartz Jun 7
Patty Rasmussen Jun 10
Lynne Clements June 20

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Notes From The Editor

Good morning. Hope all of you had a wonderful May and here we are on the 1st day of June. School's out, it's vacation time, VBS at church. What are your plans for the summer?

REMINDER: Information for the July Newsletter are due by June 20th.

Remember to enter your Service hours at the end of each month. If you would like me to enter them for you, send them to me at cswartz62@yahoo.com or text 803-507-4577 and I will be glad to enter them.

Committee Minutes

Flag Minute:

The current American flag is the only version that has remained unchanged for over 50 years. Although the flag has undergone many design changes throughout our nation's history, the one we recognize today has lasted the longest, primarily because no new states have been added to the Union since 1959.

June “Our Patriot’s Minutes”

June 14, 1775 - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

June 14, 1777 - John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, “...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation.” This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.

June 17, 1775 - The first major fight between British and American troops occurred at Boston in the Battle of Bunker Hill. American troops were dug in along the high ground and were attacked by a frontal assault of over 2,000 British soldiers who stormed up the hill. The Americans were ordered not to fire until they could see “the whites of their eyes.” As the British got within 15 paces, the Americans let loose a deadly volley of musket fire and halted the British advance. The Americans had run out of ammunition and were left only with bayonets and stones to defend themselves. The British succeeded in taking the hill, but lost half their force, over 1,000 casualties, while the Americans lost about 400, including important colonial leader, General Joseph Warren.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Ginnie Sebastian Storage, President General

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Native American Patriots of the American Revolution

Tommy Orange, born in 1982, has both Cheyenne and Arapaho heritage. Tommy grew up in Oakland, California, but his ties to his Cheyenne and Arapaho heritage were developed by visits to his father's family in Oklahoma. While Tommy was pursuing his master's degree in creative writing at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico he became involved in the urban community, working for several organizations and undertaking a storytelling project where he collaborated with community members to share their personal stories. He was inspired to write the book, *There There*, which was a New York Times best seller and was one of the most decorated novels of 2018. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, won an American Book Award, was long-listed for a National Book Award, and was short-listed for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. Currently, Tommy lives with his family in a small town in Northern California. He continues to write and publish short stories. He is a mentor and instructor for the creative writing master's degree program at the Institute of American Indian Arts, where he is helping to shape the next generation of Native writers.

Source: Keene, Adrienne. *Notable Native People* (pg. 35). Ten Speed Press, Copyright 2021



" RECKLESS “: THE MARE WHO BECAME A MARINE

In October 1952, during the Korean War, a small chestnut mare was purchased from a Korean stable boy at the Seoul racetrack for \$250. The boy needed the money to buy his sister an artificial leg. The mare's name was Ah Chim Hai, Korean for "flame of the morning." She was about to become something far greater than a racehorse.

Lieutenant Eric Pedersen of the Recoilless Rifle Platoon, 5th Marines, needed a way to transport the platoon's massive 24-pound artillery rounds through mountainous terrain that trucks simply could not navigate. He renamed his new recruit "Reckless", a nod to the nickname the Marines gave their recoilless rifle, and put her through what they affectionately called "hoof camp." She learned to carry heavy ammunition, to avoid stepping on communication lines, and to flatten herself on the ground when enemy fire came in.

Her finest hour came during the Battle for Outpost Vegas in March 1953. On the second day of battle, Reckless made 51 trips across rice paddies and mountain trails inclined at a steep 45-degree angle, hauling over 9,000 pounds of supplies to the front and transporting wounded soldiers to safety.

When casualties among her handlers grew too great, Reckless made the trips on her own, without any Marine, save for the occasional wounded soldier laid across her back. She was wounded twice, earning two Purple Hearts.

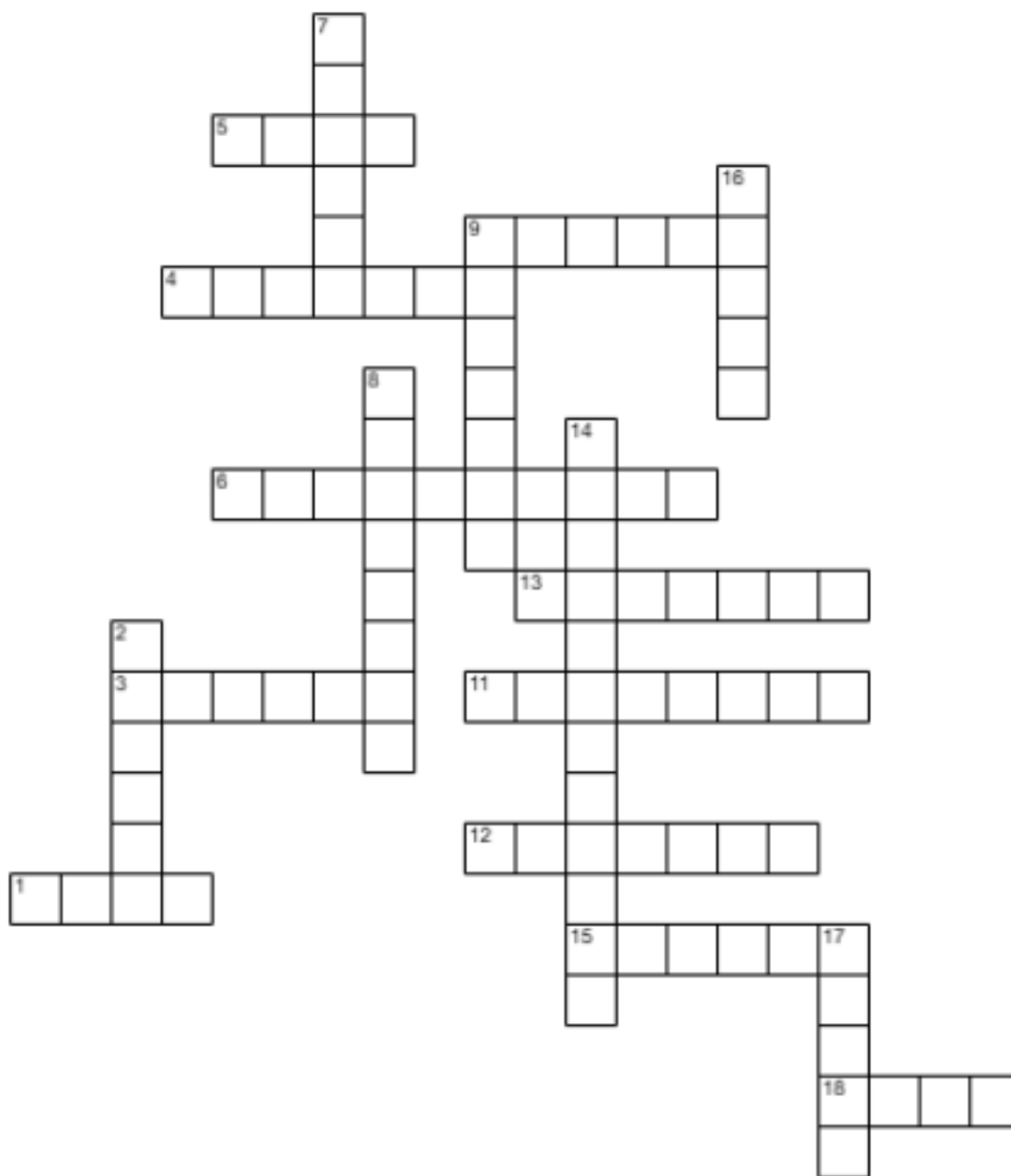
So beloved was Reckless that she was promoted to sergeant on April 10, 1954, becoming the only animal ever awarded an official rank in the Marine Corps. Reckless was later promoted to staff sergeant, receiving a 19-gun salute and a 1,700-man parade at Camp Pendleton. In 1997, LIFE magazine named her one of America's 100 all-time heroes. A bronze statue in her honor stands today at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. Reckless carries ammunition down a hill during the Korean War in 1953. US Marine Corps photo.

Sources: History.com & America's Best Racing Website



Reckless carries ammunition down a hill during the Korean War in 1953. US Marine Corps photo.

Flag Day Crossword



ACROSS

1. Flag holder
3. The flag symbolizes the ____
4. Flag Day celebrant
5. Flag Day month
6. Flag Day is June ____
9. To honor the flag
11. Type of flag celebrated
12. What the flag symbolizes
13. Flag Day is a ____ holiday
15. Red, white and blue are flag ____
18. Betsy____, flag maker

DOWN

2. To open a flag
7. Another word for flag
8. Flag Day celebration
9. Red and white parts of the flag
14. What the flag represents
17. Symbols on the American flag
16. Name of flag designer

Trenton Chapter, Esther Marion and Henry Middleton Chapters participated in the Aiken Memorial Day Parade with William Stroud C.A.R. And Henry Laurens SAR.



Meal provided to the Augusta Charlie Norwood
VA-Fisher House in March by the Trenton DAR
Chapter. Pictured is Linda Caldwell



Did You Know?

Key Revolutionary War Events in June

June 1774–1775 was a pivotal month in the lead-up to and early stages of the American Revolutionary War, marked by British punitive measures and the first major battle of the conflict.

June 1774 – British Retaliation for the Boston Tea Party

June 1, 1774 – Boston Port Bill: Parliament closed Boston Harbor until the city paid for the destroyed tea, crippling the city's economy and fueling colonial anger Britannica.

June 2, 1774 – Quartering Act: Required colonies to house British soldiers in any available and uninhabited spaces, further straining relations Britannica.

June 1775 – The Birth of the Continental Army and First Major Battle

June 15, 1775 – George Washington named Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army US History.

June 17, 1775 – Battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill): Fought in Charlestown, Massachusetts, this was the first major battle of the war. Though the British ultimately drove the Americans from Breed's Hill, American forces inflicted heavy casualties, marking a morale boost for the revolutionaries

Flag Puzzle Answers

