



It Happened at the Shop

by Richard

One Thursday morning, a man and his wife came into the shop. This was their first time in Mooresville and they were taking in the sights. Well, Thursdays just happens to be a day when ALL Veterans get free coffee and pastries. When his wife mentioned the free coffee to her husband, he turned quietly to her and stated that he did not fight in the war (WWII). I overheard him and asked if I could talk privately with him at the end of the counter. I asked him what his rank was when he entered the service, and his reply was that he had no rank. I then asked him if he demanded to be sent to a particular duty station, he looked a bit confused at the question and then said, of course not, I had to go where they sent me. Therefore, I said to him, you went where your government needed you. He then confessed to me that he had carried the guilt for not having served in a combat unit for over 60 years because he had not looked at it that way, with tears in his eyes, I shook his hand and welcomed him home, whereupon, he not only signed in the Veterans Book of Honor, but also enjoyed a free cup of coffee.

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September Birthdays

Leonard Ham – Sept 12

Ralph Dagenhardt – Sept 12

Carl Reid – Sept 18

Cheryl Ann Leiner – Sept 18

Earl Brooks – Sept 23

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The Hereafter

The Preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself what I am here after.

Vietnam Veteran's Terminology and Slang

AMNESTY BOX: a bright blue box made of solid steel shaped like a free-standing US Postal box but about half again as high, twice as deep, and maybe four times as wide. It stood in the Rhein Main airbase in front of the customs line so you could dump any contraband (drugs, weapons, porno mags, whatever) no questions asked, before going through customs.

BAHT: Thai unit of currency.

BREAK SQUELCH: to send a "click-hiss" signal on a radio by depressing the push-to-talk button without speaking used by LLRPs and others when actually speaking into the microphone might reveal your position.

LRP OR LRRP: (Lurp) long-range reconnaissance patrol.

LZ: landing zone.

LZ CUT: performed from C-130 aircraft usually by rolling a large bomb out the rear which was attached to a 6' fuse. The bomb blew horizontally, not creating a crater but making an instant LZ.

MAD MINUTE: concentrated fire of all weapons for a brief period of time at maximum rate; also called "Mike-mike."

P-38: can opener for canned C-rations.

E & E: escape and evasion.

I & I: Intoxication and Intercourse. This term was used in lieu of **R&R**.

R & R: rest-and-recreation vacation taken during a one-year duty tour in Vietnam. Out-of-country R & R was at Bangkok, Hawaii, Tokyo, Australia, Hong Kong, Manila, Penang, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur or Singapore.

ROCKn'ROLL: firing of weapons on full automatic.

From the 'Vietnam Veterans Home Page'





Did You Know?

After one of the most futile conflicts in the history of war, scorned by flag burners and shunned by citizens, G.I's returned to find respect for our troops hitting an all time low. The reaction of the American people to our military was despicable. It has taken years for many servicemen and women to get over it- and some have not.

What is truly unconscionable in the annals of American military history is the fact that little or no data exists on the women who served and, yes, were injured or killed, in Southeast Asia during the Viet Nam era.

Accurate records on how many women were there, what decorations they earned, where they served - and most important - what after effects they have suffered - and continue to suffer - are nonexistent.

However from anecdotal reports, letters, from books by those who were there, from research papers by military historians, and from the excellent text "Women in the Military - An Unfinished Revolution", by Major General Jeanne Holm, USAF (Ret), we can glean the following overview

Over five hundred WACs were stationed in Vietnam.

Women Marines were in Vietnam.

Over six hundred Women in the Air Force were there.

Army, Navy and Air Force Nurses and Medical Specialists numbered over six thousand.

Untold numbers of Red Cross, Special Services, Civil Service and countless other women were there.

Laura Palmer

For more insight on the women who served in Vietnam visit www.WomenInVietnam.com.

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Military Quotes

"The secret of all victory lies in the organization of the non-obvious."

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"The act of dying is one of the acts of life."



- Marcus Aurelius

"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."

- Calvin Coolidge, (1872-1933)

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A Smile for the Day

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car Windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car, and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said... "Why don't you just put it in park?"

Unknown





Musician's Corner

Hello and welcome to Musician's Corner, Round 1.

In coming issues of this publication we hope to improve our musical proficiency by sharing our knowledge of music. At times I will teach, at times I will learn, and at times I will help you to share your knowledge and ideas with the others. Don't be offended if I tell you something you already know, more complex stuff will follow. Let's get started.

Did you know that MAJOR chords contain only three notes (scale degrees)? Hold a G major chord and call out the note names. G, B, and D are the only notes in a G major chord.

On guitar, (in first position) there are three G notes (strings 1, 3, and 6), two B notes (strings 2 and 5), and a D note on string 4. Other G major chord configurations can have different frequencies of G, B, and D notes but only the notes G, B, and D will be found. There are seven notes in a major scale and if you'll notice: G A B C D E F G, the G major scale is formed by using only the first, third, and fifth scale degrees (1, 3, and 5). Check out a C major chord and understand that it contains only the 1, 3, and 5 notes of the C scale (C, E, and G). Now try the D major chord and others. Neat huh? Minor chords, seventh chords, etc. are formed similarly and will be dealt with after this basic material is learned and understood.

Homework:

You MUST learn the names of ALL notes on your instrument up to the fifth fret if you expect to move along quickly. Don't feel a need to rush through this. Take your time and call me if you want help with something.

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A GOOD IDEA

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: ICE which stands for In Case of Emergency. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone no. of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly. It only takes a few moments of your time to do.

Have You Received The STARBUCKS Email?

Some of you May have received the following e-mail from a USMC Sgt.:

"Recently Marines in Iraq wrote to Starbucks because they wanted to let them know how much they liked their coffees and to request that they send some of it to the troops there." Starbucks replied, telling the Marines thank you for their support in their business, but that Starbucks does not support the war, nor anyone in it, and that they would not send the troops their brand of coffee.

So as not to offend Starbucks, we should not support them by buying any of their products. As a war vet writing to fellow patriots, I feel we should get this out in the open. I know this war might not be very popular with some folks, but that doesn't mean we don't support the boys on the ground fighting street-to-street and house-to-house for what they and I believe is right.

If you feel the same as I do, then pass this along, or you can discard it and no one will ever know. Thanks very much for your support of me, and I know you'll all be there again when I deploy once more. Semper Fidelis.

Sgt Howard C. Wright

Sgt. Wright has since learned that what he heard was in error, and he has subsequently tried to set things right by issuing the following retraction:

Dear Readers,

Almost 5 months ago I sent an email to you my faithful friends. I did a wrong thou that needs to be cleared up. I heard from word of mouth about how Starbucks said they didn't support the war and all. I was having enough of that kind of talk and didn't do my research properly like I should have. This is not true. Starbucks supports the men and women in uniform. They have personally contacted me and I have been sent many of their Company's policy on this issue. So I apologize for this quick wrong letter I sent out to you. Now I ask that you all pass this email around to everyone you passed the last one to. Thank you very much for understanding about this.

Howard C. Wright

Sgt USMC

As for what Starbucks has to say about the matter, while it doesn't directly refute the rumor on its web site, it does at least provide somewhat of an answer in e-mail.

Barbara "enlisted support" Mikkelson

For the complete story visit the following site:

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/military/starbucks.asp>

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From the Past



Above - Town Square Celebration Mooresville, NC WW1 Ends Photo taken on 11-12-1918

Right

Ms. Margaret Cook wearing a red-cross uniform. Taken in 1918 in the White's front yard located South Broad and West McLelland Avenue Mooresville, NC (notice the Old Depot and D. E. TURNER'S in the background) Ms. Cook as she was very young in this photo did however become a nurse. Also noted is the White's front yard is now where the 1st Presbyterian's scouts meet in the old auto building on Broad Street.

