



Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop

166 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC

The Most Patriotic Coffee Shop in the USA

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It Happened at the Shop

by Richard Warren

On June 5th, 2003, Carrol Duncan of Clover SC. came into the shop. He said he had seen an article in the Charlotte Observer about Veterans who come into the shop and in a photo in the article was a WW2 Veteran wearing the same Tank Destroyer Unit patch that he wore. I informed him that the Veteran was Herb Knox and would probably be in shortly. He took a seat on the sofa and sure enough, Herb came in. I informed Herb that a Veteran was waiting to talk to him and Herb went over and introduced himself. The two Veterans went over to a table to talk to each other and soon discovered they had been in the same basic training company at Camp Hood Texas and remembered each other even though 60 years has passed! Both Herb and Carrol fought all across Europe in different Tank Destroyers Units and met again here at the shop after all this time.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop in cooperation with the National Museum of the United States Army and the Library of Congress is offering a unique opportunity for veterans to tell their personal military service story for use in both the National Museum of the United States Army, Ft. Belvoir, VA and the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Oral History will be recorded by members of the National Museum of the United States Army during the week of December 5th to 9th, 2005 at a location near the Coffee Shop in Mooresville, NC.

On average 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours is needed to tell your story. We have allocated six 2 hour sessions each day to accommodate Veterans who wish to share their stories.

Call Richard Warren at the Coffee Shop on 704-662-6299

or

Bob Frye at (703) 806-6089 - Cell (610) 952-5416

Help Wanted

Does anyone recall Harry G. Baker a Navy Veteran?

Elton Sloop is working on a book about the history of Mooresville, and someone recently gave him some service items that belonged to Mr. Baker, including a journal he kept in 1945.

If you have any information on Mr. Baker, please contact Elton Sloop or leave it at the Coffee Shop with Richard.

I want to thank Mr. Sloop and everyone who submits pictures and articles for publication.

Thanks *Norm*

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Do You Know The Meaning of the "D"?

Ever since June 6, 1944, people have been asking what the "D" in "D-Day" stands for. Does it stand for "decision?" The day that 150,000 Allied soldiers landed on the shores of Normandy was certainly decisive. In addition, with ships, landing craft and planes leaving port by the tens of thousands for a hostile shore, it is no wonder that some would call it "disembarkation" or "departed."

There is not much agreement on the issue. However, the most ordinary and likely of explanations is the one offered by the U.S. Army in their published manuals. The Army began using the codes "H-hour" and "D-day" during World War I to indicate the time or date of an operation's start. Military planners would write of events planned to occur on "H-hour" or "D-day" -- long before the actual dates and times of the operations would be known, or in order to keep plans secret. Therefore, the "D" may simply refer to the "day" of invasion.

From American Experience





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THE LAW IS THE LAW

So if the US government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, then, so be it. If that same government decides that the "Ten Commandments" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, so be it.

I say, "so be it," because I would like to be a law abiding US citizen. I say, "so be it," because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions. I would like to think that those people have the American public's best interests at heart.

But, you know what else I'd like?

Once we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe the Government and its employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter.

After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the US Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter as well as Sundays.

After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break."

After all it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices & services would work on Christmas, Good Friday & Easter... It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be "politically correct."

In fact - I think that our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worshipping God...)

because, after all, our government says that it should be just another day.

What do you all think?

If this idea gets to enough people, maybe our elected officials will stop giving in to the minority opinions and begin, once again, to represent the 'majority' of ALL of the American people.

SO BE IT.

Please Dear Lord,

Give us the help needed to keep you in our country! 'Amen' and 'Amen'

Touché!

These are definitely things I never thought about but from now on, I will be sure to questions those in government who support these changes.

I hope this email makes its way around the USA several times over! Let's see that it does. Keep it in your mailbox and resend it whenever someone new comes along.

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."

The Coffee Shop will accept any "In God We Trust" money from anyone that finds it offensive.

Thanks to Jerry Baxter for forwarding this email.

Norm

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Worthy Quotes

When we hurt each other we should write it down in the sand, so the winds of forgiveness can make it go away for good. When we help each other we should chisel it in stone, lest we never forget the love of a friend.

Christian H. Godefroy

Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.

Dwight D. Eisenhower





You Might Be a Redneck If

We have enjoyed the redneck jokes for years. It's time to take a reflective look at the core beliefs of a culture that values home, family, country and God.

If I had to stand before a dozen terrorists who threaten my life, I'd choose a half dozen or so rednecks to back me up. Tire irons, squirrel guns and grit -- that's what rednecks are made of. I hope I am one of those. If you feel the same, pass this on to your redneck friends.

Ya'll know who ya' are...

You might be a redneck if: It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, "One nation, under God."

You might be a redneck if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

You might be a redneck if: You still say "Christmas" instead of "Winter Festival."

You might be a redneck if: You bow your head when someone prays.

You might be a redneck if: You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

You might be a redneck if: You treat Viet Nam vets with great respect, and always have.

You might be a redneck if: You've never burned an American flag.

You might be a redneck if: You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

You might be a redneck if: You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

You might be a redneck if: You'd give your last dollar to a friend.

If you got this email from me, it is because I believe that you, like me, have just enough Red Neck in you to have the same beliefs as those talked about in this email.

God Bless the USA!

Git 'er done!!!!

From Cameron Swallow (inFrance)

WANT TO HELP ONE OF OUR TROOPS?

I recently met Dustin Buzze's parents in the Coffee Shop and we talked about their son who was recently deployed to an undisclosed isolated location somewhere in northern Iraq. Some of you might also remember meeting Dustin at the Coffee Shop some time ago just before his departure for Iraq with the US Army.

In remote areas our service men and women don't have access to a PX/BX (Military Store) and often depend on family and friends for those items that help make life in a war zone a little more bearable. We asked what we at the Coffee Shop could send these soldiers – the answer was:

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| Q-tips | Baby Wipes | Soap |
| Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Mouth Wash |
| Hard candy | Floss | Condoms |

Prepaid Phone Cards

Don't worry, the condoms are used to cover the muzzles of their weapons to keep dirt and dust out and don't have to be removed before the weapon can be fired.

Chocolate and candy bars should not be sent as they melt and can cause a mess - hard candies are best.

Travel size toothbrushes, toothpaste and small bottles of mouthwash would also be appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, bring whatever you wish to the Coffee Shop where the items will be boxed and sent to Dustin.

It would be nice if we could send Dustin a "goody box" on a monthly basis.

Thanks for your help. *Norm*

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Birthdays in October

Richard (RL) Sherrill - October 12

Hank Moore - October 13

Ruth Klumb - Oct 24





Military Medals

The Roman Legions awarded the first Legionnaire over the wall a laurel of oak leaves which was later changed to a gold button. Napoleon rewarded his bravest soldiers the Legion of Honor, which became an enduring symbol of excellence in France to this day.

During our revolution, we refuted all things such as medals that were attached to the King. Only a few individual medals were struck to honor General Washington and other key leaders. However, in 1782, General Washington proclaimed the Order of Military Merit for both bravery and meritorious service. After the Army disbanded, it fell into disuse until brought back by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932 as the Purple Heart.

To be continued.



Musician's Corner

This is Round Two.

Let's work on some more chord forms. Last time we talked about major chords and how they were formed by using the first, third, and fifth degrees of their major scales. Remember how we used G, B, and D to form the G Major Chord? Of course this holds true for all major chords. The C chord uses the C, E, and G notes (first, third, and fifth degrees of the C Major scale). D uses D, F#, and A. E uses E, G#, and B. Don't memorize this, do the math and learn. You'll use it often.

Lets form some minor chords. It's easier than you would think. The minor chord is formed by lowering the third degree note of the major chord one fret (one half step in technical terms). For instance, G minor is made up of G, Bflat, and D. G minor is hard to make in first position so just take may word here and let's move on. The A minor chord is made from A, C(natural), and E. The C note is usually sharped in A so backing up one fret takes it back to C natural. E minor is Spelled E, G natural, and B. D minor is spelled D, F natural, and A. Take out your instrument and find these minor chords. The C note is found at the first fret, second string (used to form A minor). The G natural note is the third string open (used to make E minor from E major). Note: All third degree notes must be played flatted this one fret or the chord will sound awful.

Next time we'll try some seventh chord. Don't worry, they're formed in a similar way. Just in case you want to try them on your own, you need to know that dominant seventh chords add the flat seventh degree.

Call me if you need something explained. 704-857-3636 Frank Musselwhite.

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