



Gentle Giants

by Cheryl Ann

It's my first special Thursday back since visiting my parents in Arizona. I'm excited about seeing the veterans today, and waiting to see who comes in and gets "welcomed home". Today as the veterans came in and I went to greet them with their hugs, they would tell me "welcome home" that was so special. The veterans have been visiting and I have been



watching them with a smile in my heart. Later this morning an older couple came in and sat at the long table, the wife came to the counter and shared that her husband was a veteran, so I got the veterans sign in book and went to get Richard. The veteran couldn't write real well, so Richard got to do the filling in of the book for him. The veterans' name is



Thomas Morse, he was in the Marine Corp from 1932 to 1936, and then came back into the Merchant Marine from 1940 to 1945. While Richard was filling in the book and saw the dates, he asked Thomas how old he was and Thomas said "94, I will be 95 in two months". He's shooting for 100 years old he says. I believe he can do it. He's the oldest veteran to have signed into the "book of honor". After Richard got Thomas signed in, he welcomed him home with his handshake and Thomas' face just lit up and I welcomed him home with his hug. What a special day.

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Special Event

On Thursday May 18th at around 9:00 AM in front of Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop in Mooresville, Freightliner will unveil their 2006 Truck salute to Veterans before it makes the trip to Washington, DC.



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WW II VETS

Don't forget Saturday July 1st 2006. Plan to be a part of the annual 4th of July Parade!

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PGCS Web Site

Visit the Coffee Shop web site at www.welcomehomeveteran.org
Newsletters are available on the web site.





Did You Know

Why NYC is called the Big Apple?

In the 1920s, a sportswriter for the *Morning Telegraph* named John Fitzgerald overheard stable hands in New Orleans refer to NYC's racetracks as "the Big Apple." He named his column "Around the Big Apple." A decade later, jazz musicians adopted the term to refer to New York City, and especially Harlem, as the jazz capital of the world. There are many apples on the trees of success, they were saying, but when you pick New York City, you pick the big apple.



April Birthdays

- Dennis Clary - April 30
- Stephan Berton - April 28
- Walter Culbreth - April 17
- James Fucci - April 16
- Ann Marie - April 22

Happy Birthday to anyone we missed.



Dates to Remember

- April Fools' Day – April 1
- Daylight Saving time Begins – April 2
- Palm Sunday – April 9
- Passover (Jewish) April 13-20
- Holy Thursday April 13
- Good Friday April 14
- Easter – April 16
- Earth Day April 22
- Arbor Day – April 28



April Fools' History

It is claimed that April Fools' Day began in the 1500s when the Gregorian calendar took over from the Julian. Those who forgot the change and attempted to celebrate New Year's (previously celebrated on the 1st of April) on the wrong date were teased as "April fools."

Message from Dustin

Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you know everything here is going good. We are doing really well up here. We have been working a lot with the Iraqi army and police since we have been here. It is too the point now where when we go on missions, we will be with them, but they do most of the work. We are basically there supervising them. That is a really good thing. The better they get the less we are needed here. We have been having long days. We are doing a lot of 12 hour missions. We should be home by mid-September. We just got a new commander yesterday. We are all very excited about that. Anyhow, there aint much to tell right now, everything is going good. We all can't wait to come home. We all appreciate the thoughts and the prayers from all of the people who do support us. Thanks again for everything. Next time, there will be pictures.

Dustin Buzze



Killed By Enemy Fire

"During the early morning hours of June 8, 1969, a Soviet-built 122-mm rocket slammed into ward 4 of the 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai, Vietnam." 24 year old Lt. Sharon A. Lane died instantly. Though seven other American military nurses lost their lives serving in Vietnam, Lt. Lane was the only American servicewoman killed as a direct result of enemy fire throughout the war".

"SHARON'S AWARDS"

- The Purple Heart,
- The Bronze Star with a "V" for gallantry,
- The National Defense Service Medal,
- The Vietnam Service Medal,
- The National Order Of Vietnam Medal,
- and The (South) Vietnamese Gallantry Cross (with Palm).





Joke Time

GOOD

Madison, WI policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the problem - a 12-year-old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign, which read "RADAR TRAP AHEAD". The officer also found the boy had an accomplice who was a bit further down the road with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket full of money. (and we used to just sell lemonade!)

BETTER

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in La Crosse, WI. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

BEST

A Young woman was pulled over for speeding. A Wisconsin State Trooper walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, "I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the State Trooper's Ball." He replied, "Wisconsin State Troopers don't have balls." There was a moment of silence. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left.

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Believe it or not?

Older Than Dirt Test

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (OLive-6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulbs
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older
If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,
If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

