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A Moment in History

On November 22, 1963, when he was hardly past his first thousand days in office, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullets as his motorcade wound through Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was the youngest man elected President; he was the youngest to die.

This is where he was 6 days earlier.



In the bright Florida sunshine of Saturday, November 16th 1963, after a tour of the NASA Saturn launch complex, President John F. Kennedy flew out to sea and landed on board the USS OBSERVATION ISLAND (EAG 154). After arrival honors and a quick shift from suit coat to a Navy windbreaker bearing the seals of

OBSERVATION ISLAND and USS ANDREW JACKSON, the Commander-in-Chief heard a short description of the operation which was to show him his first Polaris in action.



Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, right, Deputy Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet and Rear Admiral I. J. Galantin, left, Director, Special

Projects answered the President's questions as the submarine crew, submerged about 1,200 yards to starboard, counted down the missile. As "T minus Zero" neared, the President stood up for a better look



"Fire" and a Polaris A-2 streaked up into the sky from its hiding place beneath the sea "Looks good. On trajectory," came over the loudspeakers as the Fleet Ballistic Missile's most important audience followed the flight with binoculars With fingers crossed, Admiral Galantin told the President, "In ten seconds, we'll know that it's a good shot all the way." It was!

The President congratulated the crew of ANDREW JACKSON by radio telephone. Calling the event "an excellent demonstration ... wonderful!", the President boarded his helicopter to fly back to the beach. As the Presidential helicopter lifted from the deck (12), the traditional word was passed over the announcing system by the boatswain's mate of the watch, "UNITED STATES, departing."





Something Cool

If you go to this web site, www.letssaythanks.com, you can pick out a 'Thank You' card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.

How amazing it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one! It is free and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals over there need to know we are behind them.

Thanks to Jerry Baxter



November Birthdays

Earl Fowler – November 03

Carl Broach – November 08

Richard (Dick) Keenan – November 08

Johnnie Martin – November 29

Charles Meeks – November 29

Happy Birthday to anyone we missed.



Military Career Fields

ARMY: All Soldiers shall be considered riflemen first and foremost.

MARINES: It doesn't matter, all career fields promote to E-8 in first enlistment anyway.

NAVY: Nobody knows. The Navy is still trying figure out what in the hell sailors in ABH, SMC, BNC and BSN rates do anyway.

AIR FORCE: Every recruit will be trained in a manner that will allow him or her to leave the service early to go on to higher paying civilian jobs.

Murphy's Military Laws

1. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
2. No battle plan ever survives contact with the enemy.
3. Friendly fire ain't.
4. The most dangerous thing in the combat zone is someone with a map.
5. The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it.
6. The buddy system is essential to your survival; it gives the enemy somebody else to shoot at.
7. The further you are in advance of your own positions, the more likely your artillery will shoot short.
8. Incoming fire has the right of way.
9. If your advance is going well, you are walking into an ambush.
10. The quartermaster has only two sizes, too large and too small.
11. If you really need support in a hurry, take a nap.
12. The only time suppressive fire works is when it is used on abandoned positions.
13. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
14. There is nothing more satisfying than having someone take a shot at you, and miss.
15. Don't be conspicuous. In the combat zone, it draws fire. Out of the combat zone, it draws sergeants.
16. If your sergeant can see you, so can the enemy.

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Gentle Giants

by Cheryl Ann

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A few days ago a young man named Chris came into the Coffee Shop, he shared he worked on the Marine race team. He shared also that his Dad was a veteran.

He had seen the Marine car part on the wall and let us know maybe he would be able to get the driver to come in sometime to sign it on a Thursday when the Veterans are here.

Well while the Veterans were visiting, I looked at the door and in walked a man with a Marine racing suite in his arms, a box with sunglasses, and a box with Marine pins in it. Behind him were two other men he introduced as his father and father-in-law, so we greeted them along with this man. Following behind the older two men were five members of the racing team, four of which are veterans. Our veterans saw them come in and went right over to them to shake their hands and welcome them.

When things got settled, Bob Winchester, the man carrying the uniform, a retired Marine, shared some of his military stories and what he did and shared some about the race team itself. The five team members introduced themselves and shared what they do on the team and those who were veterans what they had done in the service. Chris shared about his Dad being a veteran and his heart felt respect for veterans. He was very touched by what he saw around him

After the Veterans introduced themselves, the car driver Aston Lewis shared his heart with the veterans and how this was going to be his last ride and yet he had so much respect for those he drives for. He thanked the veterans for their service and who much it was an honor to be in their presence.

Each of the new veterans on his team and the two older WW II veterans got signed into the "book of Honor". They are Frank Annunziata, Drew Offnick, James Davis, Louie Lockhart, Sidney Winchester, Eddie Weild, and Rob Winchester.

After sometime of visiting, Richard got the ladder out and Ashton climber up and autographed the car part that is hanging on the wall. The Veterans enjoyed that. I think they especially enjoyed the fact that the team took time out of their busy schedule to meet them.

What a special day for some very special veterans

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Related News Releases

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Marine Corps is ending its sponsorship of a NASCAR racing team after six years, Marine Corps Recruiting Command announced this week.

Going into the Busch Series race in Memphis, Lewis had three top-10 finishes in 31 starts this season.

The move comes one month after the Coast Guard announced it was ending its sponsorship of a NASCAR team.

Officials from the Army, Air Force and Navy said those services expect to continue sponsoring NASCAR teams.





THANKSGIVING

THE STORY:

DISCONTENT WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

In the early 1600's the government of England would only allow its citizens to belong to one church known as *The Church of England*. Because the government in England had little tolerance for religious freedom, some people who wanted to make religion "pure" again left for Holland in 1609. The "Puritans" lived and prospered in Holland, however, they became concerned when their children began speaking Dutch and became attached to the Dutch way of life.

THE VOYAGE:

So, on September 6, 1920 the Pilgrims, and an unknown number of crew members, boarded the *Mayflower* to travel to the New World. The passenger list included Pilgrims, also know as the "saints" and others, whom the Pilgrims called the "strangers". The trip to the new world took several weeks. Because the ship was made of wood, the passengers could not build a fire, so the food had to be eaten cold. Many of the passengers became sick and some even died. This long trip led to many disagreements between the Saints and the Strangers.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT:

After land was sighted a meeting was held and an agreement, called the *Mayflower Compact*, was written. The *Mayflower Compact* guaranteed each group equality and joined the two groups together, all to be known as the Pilgrims.

THE FIRST WINTER:

Due to the long voyage, the *Mayflower* landed at Plymouth, north of Cape Cod, Massachusetts in November. This was very bad timing as the Pilgrims

did not have time to plant food for the winter. The first winter was very harsh for the new settlers. The cold temperatures and snow interfered as the Pilgrims tried to construct their settlement. Out of the original group of Pilgrims, only about half survived the first winter.

THE INDIANS:

On March 16, 1621 an Indian named Samoset arrived at the settlement and frightened the Pilgrims until he called out "Welcome" in English. Although the Pilgrims and Samoset had a difficult time communicating, he did stay for awhile and even spent the night. Samoset left the next day and returned a few days later with an English speaking Indian named Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to hunt, fish and grow corn.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING:

Because of Squanto's help, the Pilgrims had a very successful harvest in October and had plenty of food for the upcoming winter. The Pilgrim's Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of celebration and thanksgiving sometime in the middle of October. The Pilgrims invited Squanto and many other Indians to join in the celebration. The Thanksgiving feast lasted for three days.

CONTINUATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING:

The custom of celebrating after harvest time became an annual event. However, it was not until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November a national day of Thanksgiving. On November 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth Thursday in November as a national Thanksgiving holiday.

