



Ron's Visit



Today is November 30, 2006 and it's special Thursday. We had 57 veterans in and out of here this morning. Several new veterans got signed into the "Book of Honor" and welcomed home.

Every Thursday is special, but today was special for us, and for one Marine veteran, Ron Bliss, it was most special. He's very sick right now and he's cherishing each moment he has. Jim Spencer, one of our other veterans had brought him in to visit with the rest of his "brothers".

Ron and Jim walked in, and Ron had a bright smile, plaid shirt, jeans and his marine hat on. He walked over to me with a smile on his face. I smiled through tears as I went to hug him. He hugged me back for a moment as I got myself together emotionally and he told me it was going to be ok.

Richard came up behind me and Ron reached out to shake his hand and welcome him. Everyone greeted Ron and he smiled a bright smile. After being here for a few minutes, Ron and Jim got Buck Cowan, our WW2 Marine veteran and sat at a table and Ron shared about his visit to the marine museum. As he shared, there was so much excitement in his voice and in his eyes. Buck in his quiet, yet strong self, listened and smiled. I'm sure feeling Ron's excitement himself. I watched as they visited, I smiled on the outside, but on the inside trying not to cry happy tears

as I watched this "Gentle Giant" grasp hold of every moment. I stood in awe of him as he smiled and



laughed when there might be pain.

We let Ron know our prayers were with him and his family and that we loved him very much. Ron needed to leave, and before he left, Richard has pulled up the Marine hymn on the computer. Ron and all in here stood proud and strong as the hymn was played. When the song was finished, Ron smiled a bright smile as he headed for the door to leave with his friend by his side. Every veteran greeted him in their way, with words of encouragement as he held onto every word and every gesture given. I could see in his smile and in his eyes that today was a very special day for him. Ron... you are very special to us, always and forever.

Cheryl Ann 11/30/2006

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March Birthdays

Jerry Baxter March 3rd

Ron Raper – March 5th

Bobby Brown – March 17th

Dusty Rhodes – March 17th

P.S. The day you were born God saw you and it was love at first sight! Cheryl Ann





The New Presidential \$1 Coin Program



The United States is honoring our Nation's presidents by issuing \$1 circulating coins featuring their images in the order that they served, beginning with Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison

in 2007. The United States Mint will mint and issue four Presidential \$1 Coins per year, and each will have a reverse design featuring a striking rendition of the Statue of Liberty. These coins will feature larger, more dramatic artwork, as well as edge-incused inscriptions of the year of minting or issuance, "E Pluribus Unum," "In God We Trust" and the mint mark. The edge-incused inscription positions vary with each coin. Although the size, weight and metal composition of the new Presidential \$1 Coin will be identical to that of the Sacagawea Golden Dollar and can be used in vending machines.



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THAT GOOD OLE SOUTHERN DRAWL

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and another one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, "I have a flat tire." The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?" The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

You can say what you want about the South, but you never hear of anyone retiring and moving north!

Thanks to Anne McCutcheon for the email.

Joke of the Month

Boudreaux been fish'n down by de bayou all day and he done run outa night crawlers. He be bout reddy to leave when he seen a snake wif a big frog in his mouf. He knowed dat dem big bass fish like dem frogs, so he decided to steal dat froggie. Dat snake, he be a cotton mouf water moccasin, so he had to be real careful or he'd git bit. He snuk up behin' dat snake and grabbed him roun de haid. Dat ole snake din't lak dat one bit. He squirmed and wrap hisself roun' Boudreaux's arm try'n to git hisself free. But Boudreaux, he had a real good grip on his haid, yeh. Well, Boudreaux pried his mouf open and got de frog and puts it in his bait can.

Now, Boudreaux knows dat he cain't let go dat snake or he's gonna bite him good, but he had a plan. He reach into de back pocket of his bibs and pulls out a pint a moonshine likker. He pour some drops into de snake's mouf. Well, dat snake's eyeballs kinda roll back in his haid and his body go limp.

Wit dat, Boudreaux toss dat snake into de bayou. Den he goes back to fishin'.

A while later! Boudreaux dun feel sumpin' tappin' on his barefoot toe. He slowly look down and dare wuz dat water moccasin . . . wif two more frogs.

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St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick died on March 17 in AD 461 in County Down. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

Today, people celebrate the day with parades, wearing of the green and drinking beer. One reason St. Patrick's Day might have become so popular is that it takes place just a few days before the first day of spring. One might say it has become the first green of spring.





Microwaving Water

A 26-year old man decided to have a cup of coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the microwave to heat it up (something that he had done numerous times before). I am not sure how long he set the timer for, but he wanted to bring the water to a boil. When the timer shut the oven off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup, he noted that the! water was not boiling, but suddenly the water in the cup "blew up" into his face. The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand, but all the water had flown out into his face due to the build up of energy. His whole face is blistered and he has 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face which may leave scarring.

He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye. While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending to him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water (alone) should never be heated in a microwave oven. If water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy such as a wooden stir stick, tea bag, etc., (nothing metal).

General Electric's Response

Thanks for contacting us, I will be happy to assist you. The e-mail that you received is correct. Microwaved water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get superheated and not bubble at all. The superheated liquid will bubble up out of the cup when it is moved or when something like a spoon or tea bag is put into it.

To prevent this from happening and causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stand in the microwave for thirty seconds before moving it or adding anything into it.

Here is what our local science teacher had to say on the matter: "Thanks for the microwave warning. I have seen this happen before, it is caused by a phenomenon known as super heating. It can occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if

the vessel that the water is heated in is new, or when heating a small amount of water (less than half a cup).

What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapor bubbles can form. If the cup is very new then it is unlikely to have small surface scratches inside it that provide a place for the bubbles to form. As the bubbles cannot form and release some of the heat has built up, the liquid does not boil, and the liquid continues to heat up well past its boiling point.

What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to rapidly form and expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after having been shaken."

It is however a much safer choice to boil the water in a tea kettle.

Thanks to Jerry Baxter for the warning email.



WWII Navy Cartoon

