



Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop

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It Happened at the Shop

by Richard Warren



jump platform-also modified a bit-and took her picture.

When General Swannack came in the next time, I informed him that, after a fashion, Cheryl Ann had made her first jump and showed him the photo I had taken as proof.

General Swannack in all his 30 plus years in the Airborne had never seen anyone make this extremely dangerous



front of the whole crowd. We gave her a standing ovation as the tears welled up in her eyes.

A couple of weeks ago, MG Chuck Swannack, former commander of the 82nd Airborne, came by the shop to give Cheryl Ann a set of master jump wings. He had noticed that she was wearing several other pins given to her by some of the Veterans. But, as he gave them to her, she was told that she had to make 65 jumps in order to become eligible to wear the wings. Well, as we all know, Cheryl Ann is not about to jump out of any airplane; perfectly good one or not. So I gave her a modified parachute (well maybe just a little imagination is involved here), got her up on a

jump and asked Cheryl Ann if she had the master jump wings with her. Timidly she handed them to him all the time thinking he was going to take them back. She was totally shocked into silence as the General pinned those master jump wings on her in

Herb's Visitor



by Cheryl Ann

Today started as a usual day with our veterans coming in for a visit as they always do. Later in the afternoon Herb Knox one of our WW2 veterans had come in for a visit. He usually comes in on Thursdays and Saturdays so when he comes in on any other day it's special.

He got a cup of coffee and sat down and looked through the "book of honor" as he does sometimes when he comes in. As he was looking through the book a young boy walked over to where Herb was sitting and just stood quietly, looking at him as if he wanted to give him a hug. We don't know the young boy's name. He shook Herbs hand as he looked at Herb in amazement of who he was talking to. The young boy talked quietly as he visited with Herb and asked him questions as Herb listened in his strong yet quiet self. Smiles were shared. The young boy shared with Herb that his dad was a marine, that he has family in Iraq. He shared how his room is decorated in military, and shared some of what he knew about WW2 that he has been reading.

I got my camera to catch this special moment. I couldn't help but smile as I watched the two visit as if they had known each other before. I have a feeling that these few moments with this young boy meant a lot to Herb. The young boy walked away for a bit then came back to Herb. Richard called Herb to the counter and put in his hand a marine pin for Herb to





give to the young boy. Herb gave the marine pin to the young boy and he smiled proudly at the pin as he looked at it and thanked Herb with a big smile that was much bigger in his heart. The young boy shook Herbs hand one more time before he left. I could see they made a connection that was special that neither will forget. After the young boy left Herb had shared how much he enjoyed the visit, and hopes the young boy comes back again sometime. I am pretty sure the young boy also enjoyed his visit. What a special day for Herb and a young boy.

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The United States Map

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today."

After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then our country just came together."

Thanks to Anne McCutcheon for the email.



April Birthdays

Dennis Clary - April 30

Stephan Berton - April 28

Walter Culbreth - April 17

James Fucci - April 16

Ann Marie Pumphrey- April 22

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

Cherokee Wisdom



One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather:
"Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed

Thanks to Jerry Baxter for the email.





HUBBLE PHOTOS

These Pictures just about blow your mind. The good Lord built some fascinating stuff besides us.

The Sombrero Galaxy - 28 million light years from Earth - was voted best picture taken by the Hubble



telescope. The dimensions of the galaxy, officially called M104, are as spectacular as its appearance. It has 800 billion suns and is 50,000 light years across.



Starry Night, so named because it reminded astronomers of the Van Gogh painting. It is a halo of light around a star in the Milky Way.

Thanks to Sue for the email.



The vast majority of you World War II vets are very familiar with the phrase "Kilroy Was Here" found written just about everywhere on every piece of equipment from Tokyo to Berlin. Quite a few Korean War vets saw it and even some Vietnam vets went through the "Kilroy Was Here" episode. Did you ever wonder how it all got started?

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker from Halifax, Massachusetts and, during the war; he worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in nearby Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but he added "Kilroy Was Here" in king-size letters next to the check.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the





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war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo. Along the way, someone added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence, and that became part of the Kilroy message.

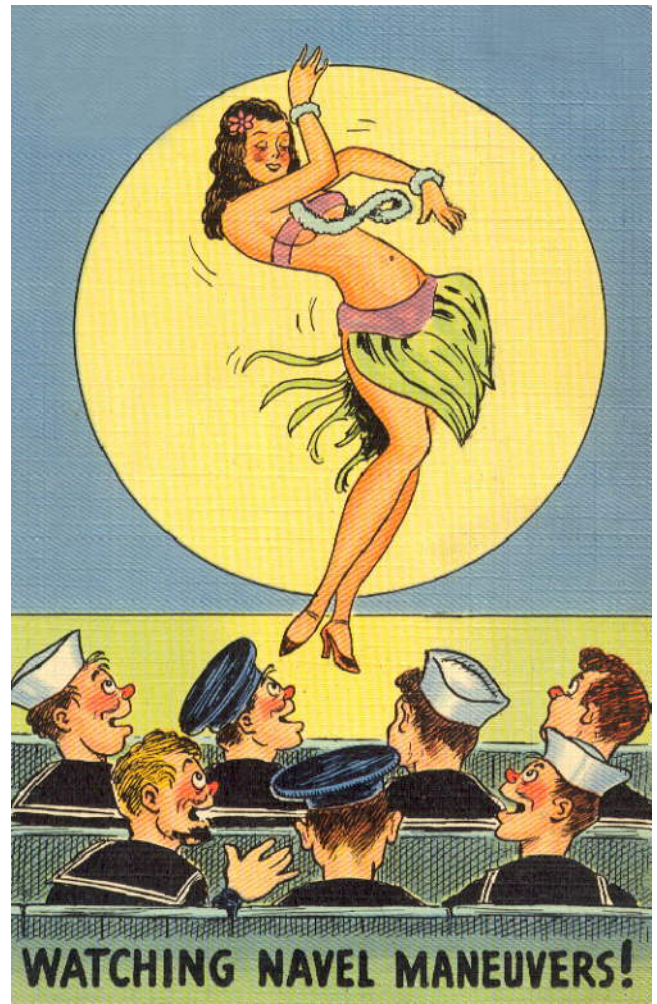
To the unfortunate troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery — all they knew for sure was that he had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arch De Triumphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon).

In addition, as the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GIs there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

How did we find out who the real "Kilroy" was? In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove him to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters to help prove his authenticity, and won the trolley car, which he gave it to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up in the Kilroy front yard for a playhouse.

WWII Navy Cartoons



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