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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, OCTOBER



October is here and there is still lots going on. I have been busier this past two months than I can remember. We had a successful dinner dance fundraiser and we are now preparing for our Christmas party coming up on December 7th. For our generation we have memories of what that date means. Keep an eye out and see if the local news mentions it. Last year I saw nothing.

Last month I went on about the lack of caring from our elected officials. I was told that I threw a very broad blanket of them all. I did, and I may have. I think there is a big disconnect between what the veterans see and what the elected see. The veterans that I talk to on a regular basis agree with my comments. The problem we have in my opinion is this, elected people talk about what they are doing for veterans. Veterans hear the same thing all the time. There are very few veterans that attend meetings with the elected and less elected attending meetings with the veterans. I was told once that many people will be planning programs for veterans and not including veterans in the planning. My goal from this was to attend as many meetings that I could that I felt I could have input in. I have done this at a state level and to some extent at the local level. Sometimes just being in the room and asking a question can make a difference in how things are done. Most of the meetings that are held by our local elected are at the same time as veter-

an events or meetings. Our local elected have chosen who they will use as their veteran contact for information and comment. Who are these veterans? What organizations do they report to? Are we all on as many e-mail or mailing lists as we can. I do know that some read our newsletter. Do we get enough information in our newsletter to cover any local issues? I do spend time in the legislator's offices and talk about our event, programs and how we see issues that are relevant. We have worked long and hard to have a voice in the Santa Rosa Clinic we have held town hall meetings to address a lot of these issues. We have a very good report with the leadership of the VA. We advertise our events and projects. Our next town hall meeting with the VA is on May 21, 2019 at 6 PM in the Lodge Room at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. In all the meetings we have had only Jack Tibbets has taken the time to come in and see what our concerns are.

Be sure to check out our calendar and try to attend some of the events.

Happy Halloween



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Contributors to the News and Views: Ken Holybee, Kate O'Hare-Palmer. Thanks to all. Would like to see more articles next month. Support the chapter. I don't write articles, I just put it together. There are a lot of interesting stories out there, send

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New Book Review for VVA Chapter 223 Newsletter :

Two Ton Investigations, Inc. Terrier Mix, by Carl Ton

When Carlyle and his wife Wanda, owners of Two Ton Investigations, Inc., get called in on a case, they never imagined what would follow. As they work to investigate who attacked a friend's dog, the Tons are thrown into a dangerous California world, filled with gangs, deception, and countless twists and turns. Will the Tons uncover the truth and lay the case to rest, or will their careers go to the dogs ?

Who are Carlyle and Wanda, you ask ? Well, they are figments of the truth of my imagination. The book character Carlyle is a retired Richmond, CA police officer, as I am, and his wife is former U.S. Army MP/CID. I wrote the book as an urban thriller of sorts, but with an inner twist of its own. While we go about the daily effort-filled grind in our lives, we forget that there are sub-urban sights and sounds, flitting in and out of our consciousness, just waiting to be recognized. Sonoma and Marin county birds and other forms of wildlife are just waiting to provide us with treasured moments (oftentimes, moments may be all we get) of peace and relaxation as we go about our hurried, PTSD, sickness-and injury-plagued daily lives. This book, this window to another landscape, is pricey, but in addition to the humor-filled story line, it contains my everyday photographs of super-bird sightings which are just waiting to accentuate your senses and replenish your energy level. Give it, and yourself, a chance.

Interested customers may place orders for my book by getting in touch with the Dorrance Publishing Book Order Department at 1-800-788-7654, or, dor-rdr@dorrancepublishing.com. Additionally, customers may order my book online through the Yahoo! Store at www.dorrancebookstore.com.

I am proud to be one of you, and I ask you to be one of me. Thank you.

Carlton Smirni (I wrote the book under the pseudonym, Carl Ton) , VVA Chapter 223 member.

POW Remembrance Day

This morning we held our annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day at the POW/MIA Memorial in the Memorial Cemetery in Santa Rosa. We had Steven Gale from Congressman Thompson's office, Shirlee Zane, District 3 Supervisor, Jack Tibbets, Santa Rosa City Council and Veteran Brian McKeown as speakers. Carlton Smirni served as Chaplain, AmVets Post 40 provided the color guard American Legion 111 played Taps and Dave Rich-ey Presented the POW/MIA Table Ceremony. Our pro-

gram started at 10 AM and was over by 11. We had a small community turnout that we may attribute to the lack of any mention of the day in the local paper. One of my concerns is the lack of concern from the local population and a real lack of understanding. We are hoping that the Post Vietnam Veterans will step in and make sure our programs are continued after our passing. I was thinking that maybe we should change out time for the program and either do a sunrise or evening ceremony. An evening would probably be easier for working, student and family oriented veterans and others to attend.

POW/MIA DAY speech

By: Brian McKeown

President Calvin Coolidge said "no person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave"

I've heard lately that when people in general think of POW's they think of WW2. I personally grew up with an alternate vision of what a POW is and was. Vietnam to me was more complex and not as black and white as WW2, the young men and women were more of a pawn for a larger bureaucratic collapse. However, never once did that take away from what fellow veterans like to refer to as the unthinkable, becoming a prisoner of war. To most veterans becoming a prisoner of war is the worst possible outcome period. As a special operations soldier we feared this above all else, even death. PTSD, combat stress, shell shock, are all there but the mind goes beyond all capabilities and limits as a POW, moving well into the unknown realm of mental health and capacity of the human brain. It is because of this mental and physical anguish that we hold these men and women to such high regard and honor. They endured. Some longer than others and in different ways but none the less made true sacrifice for their brothers and sisters in uniform, family back home, and country. In some cases their experiences would guide them to their true calling of selfless service to their country.

Nobody embodied selfless service more after being a POW than John McCain.

Somebody who had not served in the military asked me why I was so offended by the lack luster comments made by many after the passing of senator McCain. I responded simply with the fact that there is no other sacrifice greater, aside from giving your life, than being a POW. Honor, plain and simple. Aside from that though senator McCain would take his experiences and effectively load them into a political gun that he would use to push our



Tara & Brian McKeown in front of POW/MIA Memorial at Memorial Park Cemetery

country and government. Not only was he directing much of that PTSD, combat stress and more giving him an outlet like no other but he also realized he had ammo like no

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other in that political gun. He had an experience and he had a viewpoint that only, as we've stated, a POW and Veteran could possess.

The numbers paint a positive picture.

World War II at [18%](#) (18 U.S. troops missing for each 100 killed) and Korea at [22%](#) are about the same. There is a big drop-off, however, in the percentage in Vietnam ([2.8%](#)), and a huge drop-off for Iraq and other conflicts (.08%). The U.S. has achieved a historic first: There are now no U.S. military personnel held captive in Afghanistan. However it continues to be our longest running conflict yet.

The [Battle of the Bulge](#) involved more than a million troops on both sides, resulting in 19,000 U.S. military dead compared with [4,486 in Iraq](#). Even though the numbers paint a positive picture we must stay vigilant in our honor of our POW and MIA.

I would like to leave you with a few quotes.....

"What packages we were allowed to receive from our families often contained handkerchiefs, scarves, and other clothing items. For some time, Mike had been taking little scraps of red and white cloth, and with a needle he had fashioned from a piece of bamboo he laboriously sewed an American flag onto the inside of his blue prisoner's shirt. Every afternoon, before we ate our soup, we would hang Mike's flag on the wall of our cell and together recite the Pledge of Allegiance. No other event of the day had as much meaning to us.

"The guards discovered Mike's flag one afternoon during a routine inspection and confiscated it. They returned that evening and took Mike outside. For our benefit as much as Mike's they beat him severely, just outside our cell, puncturing his eardrum and breaking several of his ribs. When they had finished, they dragged him bleeding and nearly senseless back into our cell, and we helped him crawl to his place on the sleeping platform. After things quieted down, we all lay down to go to sleep. Before drifting off, I happened to look toward a corner of the room, where one of the four naked light bulbs that were always illuminated in our cell cast a dim light on Mike Christian. He had crawled there quietly when he thought the rest of us were sleeping. With his eyes nearly swollen shut from the beating, he had quietly picked up his needle and begun sewing a new flag."

"So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always

give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of vision. When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home."

Lori Piestewa

On March 23, PFC Lori Piestewa and her company were ambushed near Nasiriyah, Iraq. She and her company were considered MIA. After an attempt to free American prisoners of war it was learned that Lori Piestewa, as well as several other members of her company, did not survive the ambush.

Since then many people have joined to make sure that Lori Piestewa's memory is not forgotten. Here are some highlights of those efforts:



The American Indian College Fund announced it has established a college fund in honor of Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, who is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed in combat. Piestewa, a Hopi Indian from Tuba City, Ariz., died in southern Iraq. She was a single mother with a son, 4, and a daughter, 3.

The scholarship will go toward any remaining unmet financial needs for college that her children have when they become college age, after taking into account other scholarships that have already been established for them. Any remaining funds will be used to underwrite an annual scholarship to a tribal college or university for a female American Indian military veteran.

A fund has been set up for the family of Lori Piestewa, a mother of two children who was the first U.S. female soldier killed in the Iraq war. During the National Indian Gaming Association's (NIGA) 2003 Annual Trade Show and Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, a moment of silence was observed and prayers were offered, led by Color Guards from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Oneida Indian Nation of Wisconsin. An honor song was performed by Southern Nation drum group. Over the three-day conference, NIGA received over \$85,000 in pledges to be given to the Lori Piestewa Memorial Fund. The Grand Canyon State Games announced the inaugural Lori Piestewa National Native American Games to honor Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, believed to be the first Native American woman killed in combat. The games were held July 17-20, 2003 throughout northern Arizona and attracted thousands of participants from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

"We are grateful that the family of Lori Piestewa is allowing her name to be used with the inaugural National

Native American games, " said Erik Widmark, executive director Grand Canyon State Games. "We accept this honor with great humility and profound responsibility. Lori's passion for sports will be emblematic of the energy, enthusiasm and commitment the participants will put forth in this inaugural national competition."

Piestewa Peak named for Lori
Piestewa

Squaw Peak in north-central Phoenix will be renamed Piestewa Peak. The State Board on Geographic and Historic Names waived its five-year waiting period and approved the change by a 5-1 vote before a cheering crowd after a four-hour hearing. The board sided with dozens of supporters who said that the word "Squaw" is offensive and that the mountain should be renamed after Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, pronounced py-ESS-tuh-wah. The Hopi from Tuba City was the first female American Indian soldier to be killed in combat.



POW and MIA in Iraq and Afghanistan Fast Facts

By CNN Library

Updated 4:04 PM EDT, Tue June 19, 2018

(CNN) Here's a look at US POW/MIA's in Iraq and Afghanistan from 1991 to the present.

Scott Speicher:

January 17, 1991 - During the first night of Operation Desert Storm, Navy pilot Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher is shot down over Iraq. He is initially declared MIA.

July 2009 - A crash site is investigated by US Marines after a tip from an Iraqi civilian.

August 2, 2009 - The Department of Defense announces that remains found at the crash site have been positively identified as Speicher's.

Barry T. Cooke and Patrick K. Connor:

February 2, 1991 - During a mission, Navy pilot Lt. Cmdr. Barry T. Cooke and Lt. Patrick K. Connor are shot down over Kuwait. Both are declared MIA.

March 31, 1991 - Connor's remains are found on the northern shoreline of the Persian Gulf.

May 17, 1991 - Cooke is memorialized at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors. His body is not recovered and his status is changed from missing in action to killed in action.

Robert J. Dwyer:

February 5, 1991 - During a mission, Navy pilot Lt. Robert J. Dwyer

disappears following a mission over the Persian Gulf. He is declared MIA.

February 28, 1991 - The Pentagon confirms Dwyer as killed in action

507th Maintenance Co.:

March 23, 2003 - Members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Co. are ambushed after getting separated from their convoy. Eight soldiers are killed and six are captured.

Five captives are kept together as a group.

- Specialist Joseph Hudson
- Pfc. Patrick Miller
- Specialist Shoshana Johnson
- Specialist Edgar Hernandez
- Sgt. James Riley

The sixth captive, Pfc. Jessica Lynch, is held separately. See CNN's Jessica Lynch Fast Facts for details about her captivity and rescue.

April 13, 2003 - US Marines rescue the five POWs from the 507th Maintenance Company, as well as two pilots who were captured in March after their helicopter crashed near Karbala, Iraq. The pilots, Chief Warrant Officers David S. Williams and Ronald D. Young Jr., were held with the prisoners from the 507th Maintenance Company.

Keith Matthew Maupin:

April 9, 2004 - Army Staff Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin is captured by insurgents after his convoy comes under attack near Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.

April 16, 2004 - Al Jazeera broadcasts a video showing a person who identifies himself as Maupin.

June 28, 2004 - A video purportedly showing Maupin's execution is broadcast by Al Jazeera. The identity of the person in the tape cannot be verified by US officials.

March 30, 2008 - Maupin's family announces that his remains have been found in Iraq, and positively identified by DNA testing.

Ahmed K. Altaie:

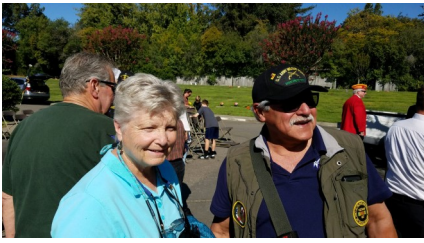
October 23, 2006 - Staff Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie is kidnapped after leaving the Green Zone in Baghdad.

February 2007 - A video purportedly of Altaie appears on a militant Shiite website. Altaie's uncle says that the man in the video is his nephew.

February 25, 2012 - The Pentagon confirms that it has positively identified the remains of Altaie. The DOD announces that he is the final missing soldier to be recovered from the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division:

May 12, 2007 - Insurgents attack a military observation post south of Baghdad. Four American soldiers are killed and three troops go



Dan Stover, Tony Rambonga, Ken, Joe Chowela, Bob Stover showing off their VVA Medals



(above) Gabe Arevalo

Jerry Shimmel and Tara & Brian McKeown



Above is Cathy Morgan and Darrell Shumard

Facing forward is Tim Maloney and he is hugging Charles



Sandy Paxson and we don't know who she was talking to



Below is a group of VVA and 111 members



Charles Earthman



L to R Charles Earthman, Ken Holybee, Kate O'Hare-Palmer and Tim Maloney talking.....

POW/MIA Facts Cont. from page 5

missing. The missing men are Spc. Alex R. Jimenez, Pfc. Joseph J. Anzack Jr., and Pvt. Byron W. Fouty. Two days after the ambush, a

group calling itself the Islamic State of Iraq claims to have captured the soldiers.

May 25, 2007 - The DOD announces that a body found in Iraq has been positively identified as Anzack.

June 4, 2007 - The Islamic State of Iraq releases a video in which they claim the other two missing soldiers have been killed. The video shows what appears to be their military identification cards.

July 11, 2008 - Officials confirm that two bodies found in the desert they have been identified as Fouty and Jimenez.

Sgt. Bowe R. Bergdahl:
See CNN's Bowe Bergdahl Fast Facts for details about his captivity and rescue.

Executive Department State of California

PROCLAMATION

Of the men and women who served our country in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and later conflicts, there are currently more than 82,000 whose fates and whereabouts remain unknown. Some of these are prisoners of war (POWs) who were taken captive by enemy forces and never returned to us. Others are "missing in action" (MIA), a term defined under the Missing Persons Act (10 U.S.C. § 1510) as applying to any member of the armed forces on active duty who "becomes involuntarily absent as a result of a hostile action" and "whose status is undetermined or who is unaccounted for." The observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day began in 1979 to raise awareness of the large number of Americans who were still missing after the end of hostilities in Southeast Asia.

Today, we honor our missing warriors for their service and sacrifice, and rededicate ourselves to the cause of finding them. While we applaud the ongoing efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the numbers of unaccounted-for personnel, including 1,594 from the Vietnam era, are still far too high. On this day, by displaying the POW/MIA flag at our homes, businesses and government buildings, we send to these men and women and their families a clear message embodied in the words on the flag: "You Are Not Forgotten."

NOW THEREFORE I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2018, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 20th day of September 2018.



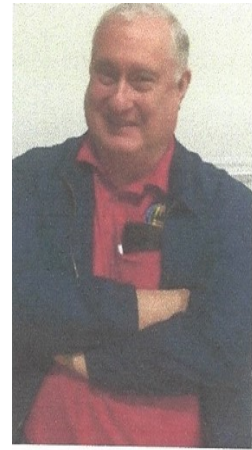

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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BILL'S MEMORIAL



Burial will be on Friday, October 19th at 1 p.m.

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
810 Midway Rd
Dixon, CA 95602

Memorial service will be held on
Saturday, October 20th at **11**
a.m.

Daniel Chapel of the Roses
1225 Sonoma Ave
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Luncheon will follow the Memorial Service Rest In

Peace My Friend

VA expands Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program to improve service to Veterans

Hiring effort underway to reduce counselor-to-caseload ratio

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E) recently began the process of reducing the average counselor-to-caseload ratio, to one to 125 or below, through the hiring of 172 vocational rehabilitation counselors (VRCs).

The hiring effort, which began early this summer, will help improve service to Veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment barriers, as well as help provide them with expedited services to improve their ability to transition to the civilian workforce.

"The VR&E program is much more than a benefits program," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It's a vital support network, where VA's expert counselors work closely with Veterans on their personalized vocational rehabilitation goals. Congressional funding enables us to expand our team of counselors who are on the ground across the country working tirelessly for Veterans, and we appreciate their support."

VA is committed to ensuring its counselors have manageable caseloads and the resources needed to ensure Veterans are receiving thorough, quality services. Currently, 941 counselors are working across VA's 56 regional offices, as well as in out-based and satellite locations.

Once hiring is complete for the additional 172 counselors, a total of 1,113 VRCs will be deployed in the field to serve Veterans. This includes 905 VRCs at regional and out-based offices, 132 Integrated Disability Evaluation System counselors at 71 military installations and 76 Veteran Success on Campus counselors at 105 institutions of higher learning.

Since 2014, over 56,000 Veterans have either completed a rehabilitation plan, are employed or have achieved a greater independence in living through VR&E assistance. The VR&E program currently has more than 123,000 participants. For more information about VR&E, visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/>.

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Got combat experience? Silent Professionals can help you transition to civilian life

Silent Professionals was started by a husband and wife veteran team who are actively working on helping combat veterans transition to civilian life. They've already placed at least 1,200 veterans in jobs.

In 2013, combat veteran Adam Gonzales found himself in anguish every morning as he sat in his truck in the parking lot before work.

"I am now a slave here in America," Gonzalez, now 38, remembers thinking about that slightly more-than-

minimum-wage job in Chicago.

But in that struggle, Gonzalez found inspiration to help his fellow vets.

Gonzalez and his wife Susan, who is also a veteran, are the founders of [Silent Professionals](#), an online job board specializing in connecting combat veterans with employers in the global private security sector.

"We understand that it can be hard to find job opportunities suited for your unique skill set, because at Silent Professionals, we've all been there," the Silent Professionals job page reads.

A former Army infantryman, Adam left the military in 2004 after four years of service. He transitioned easily into the private security world.

For almost a decade following his discharge, Adam built an extensive global security resume. He operated in high-paying contract positions across multiple countries. He was entrusted with protecting executives and diplomats, such as former American diplomat Paul Bremmer. He also provided direct support of military combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But in 2012, Adam experienced a close call that convinced him to quit contracting and try working "a normal guy job."

"A rocket hit the hut that I was living in while I was working in Afghanistan. I was not in it, but I figure that this must be a sign," said Adam.

This transition was not easy.

"After so many years spent overseas, I had no network in the US. I knew no one," he said.

Adam questioned why he spent so much time overseas and whether it was worthwhile.

In 2014, he moved to Texas and began working in stateside executive protection, providing security for oil and gas big-wigs and occasionally celebrities, including rap artist Lil Wayne.

Soon after, Adam met Susan, a former military intelligence officer working as a civilian in the oil and gas sector. The two would ultimately marry — and realize that they could merge their expertise to create a new kind of employment outlet for veterans.

[Silent Professionals](#) helps veterans who have combat-related military occupational specialties in multiple ways. The site translates vet resumes into a language that civilian employers can understand. Its job board includes openings across a wide range of security-oriented roles, as well as jobs in logistics, administration and other areas. Registration and access to the entire site are free for military and law enforcement veterans.

"We get good people to jobs that are in need of being filled," said Susan.

Since the website went live in July 2017, Silent Professionals has connected more than 1,200 veterans with positions abroad and in the US. Their placement rate is growing monthly, according to Susan, who handles the site's data analytics. She also leverages her corporate experience to expand Silent Professionals' employer catalog.

Starting the job portal has brought Adam happiness and a sense of purpose, Susan said.


"The job is also therapy for him. It makes him happy when he can find someone employment, because he knows what it's like to be underutilized," she said.

October 2018

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	1 Advisory Committee	2	3 1990 Germany reunited— COLD WAR NEARS END	4 Continuum of care 12:30	5	6 Poker set up at 4:00 PM
7 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan	8	9 Board Meeting 1 PM	10 1951-Heartbreak Ridge begins	11	12 30th Anniversary of Memorial in Sacramento. 12-13	13 12-10am program 13th luncheon at VFW Hall Post 67 2-4pm
14	15	16 Chapter mtg at 7 pm	17	18	19 ON THE 12TH in 1968 Operation MacArthur begins	20 Newsletter Articles Due
21	22	23 1965—Operation Silver Bayonet Begins	24 UVC 7 PM	25 Newsletter Folding 10 am 1965-US Invades Grenada (operation urgent fury)	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

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	Newsletter Folding			1 Continuum of care 12:30	2	3 Poker set up at 4:00 1967-Battle of Dak To begins
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18 Battle of IADRANG ENDS	19	20 Chapter mtg at 7 pm 1965-Operation Silver Bayonet ENDS	21 Newsletter Folding GRENADA ENDS	22 Thanksgiving	23	24 Newsletter Articles Due
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