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**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12  
PO Box 276, Allenhurst, NJ 07711**

**'For those who fought for it, Freedom has a special flavor the protected will never know.'**



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( My apologies, this list is not up to date)





### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 7:30PM. Location is at VFW 2226, 210 Norwood Ave., Oakhurst, NJ.

Chapter 12 Annual Picnic, August 9 (see flyer)

**Help Needed, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Very Important –(see Flyer)**

Guest Speaker, September 2, NJ State VSO (see flyer)

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June, 4<sup>th</sup>, Tony Corbella

June 24<sup>th</sup>, Jeffery Weiss

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Janet Aitken

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Jimmy Mack

June 7<sup>th</sup>, Rich Magovern

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carole Ford

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Linda Ponzo

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Uncle Sam

July 27<sup>th</sup>, Dolores Beauregard

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Don Davison

**Anyone born in June or July ?? Please let me know so I can put it here!!**

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If you wish to post a birthday or anniversary please submit the info by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's news letter.

# IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Chapter 12s Annual Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 9, 2015**, from 12:00-7:00 P.M.

As usual, we will be holding it at the Ocean Township Community Pool and Tennis Facility, West Park Ave., Ocean Township.

Admission cost to the facility is as follows:

Under 2 years of age	No charge
2-4 years old	\$4
5-11 years old	\$7
12-61 years old	\$8
<b>*62 and older</b>	<b>\$5 *Tell them at gate – Otherwise you'll be charged adult price.</b>

These are the facility charges and we make no money on the entrance fee. When you arrive at the front gate, give them the ages of all in your party and it will be checked off on a list. **Do not pay at the door.** We will collect the money in the picnic area.

Because of a requirement for organizations to provide liability coverage, the event will be listed either under **Bob Hopkins Picnic or VVA Chapter 12**. As a Township resident, I booked the facility under my name, but hope to have a Certificate of Insurance from National. There are two important rules that **must** be followed; **no glass containers** are permitted and **no alcoholic beverages** may be brought into the facility.

We will have the **Sweets and Treats** table and the best home made dessert will win a prize. Only home made desserts are judged, but you can bring other desserts if you wish. The Chapter will provide all the soft drinks and food. Bring your appetite with you!

We normally ask you to contact us in advance, but few do and we always have enough food for all, so only contact us if you have a question.

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# HELP NEEDED

Need some help to assist our friends at Home Depot on July 4 for only a couple of hours.. This is an easy way of saying THANKS .Please confirm if you can help?  
We can also use this as a membership drive. Dress code Veterans baseball cap and shirt.

The Colonel

**Guest Speaker**

VVA Monthly Meeting

**9/2/15**

Robert J. Brown

US Navy CPO (Ret)

Veterans Service Officer

Division of Veterans Services

State of NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans  
Affairs

Q & A to follow

## **Duery Felton to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award At Vietnam Veterans of America's 17th National Convention in Springfield, Illinois**

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(Washington, D.C.)--Duery Felton, who recently retired from the National Park Service, will receive the Vietnam Veterans of America Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service at VVA's 17th biennial National Convention, on Saturday night, July 25, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

Felton, who was severely wounded in the Vietnam War, is being honored for his pioneering work as the head of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection—the collection of more than 400,000 objects that have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and carefully collected, archived, and stored.

“Duery, a long-time VVA member, began working at the National Park Service part time in the late 1980s,” VVA President John Rowan said. “He was the first person to realize the importance of what was being left at The Wall, and he went on to become the collection's most dedicated advocate. Every Vietnam veteran owes him a debt for that, and we're proud to honor him at the Saturday night Awards Banquet.”

Some eight-hundred delegates from VVA chapters across the country are expected to join hundreds of other Vietnam veterans and guests in Springfield, along with members of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA), which will also be holding its National Convention.

Former Vietnam War Prisoner of War William Robinson will deliver the Keynote Speech at the Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday morning, July 22. Other special guests scheduled to take part in the C



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Dennis.

This is a real big deal if it passes the county Supervisors for the whole country. Can you please send this out to NJ Chapter members to get in touch with their county people once this has passed? Thank you.

Herb

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**From:** "Tom Owen" <[towen6869@gmail.com](mailto:towen6869@gmail.com)>

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Good morning. As most of you know, my Northwest Agent Orange Team has cumulatively traveled tens of thousand of miles around the NW doing town hall meetings. These meetings are designed to educate veterans and their family members about the long term and generational effects of exposure to toxic substances. Another purpose of these meetings is to get our legislation passed. S-901 and HR 1769. My team did a town hall last month that had some interesting results. Present was a county commissioner. He caught the passion and went to a conference of the Oregon Assoc. of County Commissioners with a resolution supporting our bills. It passed. I have connected him with Jack McManus and together they are putting together a presentation for the National Conference of County Commissioners in Charlotte NC on the 10th of July. If the conference supports the resolution,, we will gain the support of 40,000 counties around the nation for our bills.

I would like to encourage all of you to go to your email lists and promote the idea of contacting your county commissioners to respond positively to this resolution when it comes to the floor. Grass roots at its finest.

Performance not promises

Tom Owen  
Region 8 Director  
VVA

## Discrimination

Women already facing discrimination issues in the ranks confront similar challenges being accepted as "real veterans" in their post-military life, according to a new study released by officials at The Mission Continues on Monday.

The survey of women fellows in the group in April found that about two-thirds did not feel "respected and valued as veterans," because of a lack of respect of their service or assumptions they must be spouses instead of former service members.

That feeling in turn hurt their sense of identity and ability to connect with others.

Paired with a shortage of female-specific services at the Department of Veterans Affairs and other military outreach efforts, the struggles left 70 percent of the women surveyed with significant difficulties forming strong relationships after their military lives ended.

"There are limited structured opportunities for women veterans to connect with others who can relate to their experiences and support them during their reintegration," the report states.

"The relatively small number of women veterans can make it even more difficult for them to connect with each other. This can have a negative impact on women veterans' mental health and their successful reintegration into to civilian life."

The 71-person survey does not carry any scientific or statistical weight for the veteran population as a whole, but does offer a snapshot of some of the specific challenges subgroups of veterans face transitioning back into a civilian society that often has only a partial understanding of overall military culture and lifestyle.

Female veterans make up about 16 percent of the country's veterans population, the highest rate in U.S. history. But advocates have long complained that too many veterans services and resources are still geared toward men only, without enough flexibility or knowledge to fully assist those millions of female veterans.

The Mission Continues officials said the report is part of a larger yearlong effort to highlight women veterans and post-military successes, including work as volunteer fellows with the group.

The organization's stated goal is to help veterans with their military-to-civilian transition through community service, with a host of subsidized fellowship programs and volunteer teams nationwide.

Nearly all the women in the April survey reported feeling stronger connections to the community and to fellow veterans as a result of that volunteer work, leading to less overall stress and a better sense of identity.

Report authors say the report findings indicate more focus on the issue of women veterans reintegration, including "greater recognition and respect to women veterans" in the country at large.

## Suicide among Women Vets Is “Staggering”



According to a June 8 *LA Times* article by Alan Zarembo, new government research shows that female military veterans commit suicide at nearly six times the rate of other women, a startling finding that experts say poses disturbing questions about the backgrounds and experiences of women who serve in the armed forces.

# Report: Wait Lists for Veterans Even Longer Today than Last Year

WASHINGTON — The number of [veterans](#) seeking health care but ending up on waiting lists of one month or more is 50 percent higher now than it was a year ago when a scandal over false records and long wait times wracked the Department of Veterans Affairs, The New York Times reported.

The VA also faces a budget shortfall of nearly \$3 billion, the Times reported in a story posted online ahead of its Sunday editions. The agency is considering furloughs, hiring freezes and other significant moves to reduce the gap, the newspaper reported.

In the last year, the VA has increased capacity by more than 7 million patient visits per year, double what officials originally thought they needed to fix shortcomings, the Times reported. However, the newspaper added, department officials did not anticipate just how much physician workloads and demand from veterans would continue to soar. At some major veterans hospitals, demand was up by one-fifth, the paper reported.

Citing interviews with department officials and internal department budget documents it had obtained, the Times reported that doctors and nurses have handled 2.7 million more appointments than in any previous year, while authorizing 900,000 additional patients to see outside physicians.

The Times also reported intense internal debate at the VA over a proposal to address a shortage of funds for a new, more effective but more costly hepatitis C treatment by possibly rationing new treatments among veterans. Certain patients who have advanced terminal diseases or suffer from a "persistent vegetative state or advanced dementia" would be excluded under that plan, the paper reported.

Agency officials expect to petition Congress this week to allow them to shift money into programs running short of cash, according to the newspaper. However, lawmakers may object to removing funds from a new program intended to allow certain veterans on waiting lists and in rural areas to choose taxpayer-paid care from private doctors outside the department's health system, the Times reported.

"Something has to give," the department's deputy secretary, Sloan D. Gibson, said in an interview with the newspaper. "We can't leave this as the status quo. We are not meeting the needs of veterans, and veterans are signaling that to us by coming in for additional care, and we can't deliver it as timely as we want to."

# Senate passes Heller amendment on veterans records

By STEVE TETREAULT  
REVIEW-JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved an amendment on Tuesday to prod the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs to harmonize electronic health records compiled on service members.

The amendment by Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., was passed unanimously and attached to the 2016 national defense authorization bill being debated this week.

The legislation would give the Department of Defense and the VA a year to present a report to Congress on what it would take and how long to make their electronic health systems inter-operable.

Advocates have said veterans face delays in having their disability claims processed in part because the two bureaucracies find it difficult to share health records.

Heller said the amendment goal is to get the VA and the Defense Department “operating on the same page when it comes to establishing electronic health records.”

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Hi all:

Our fourth Town Hall Meeting is being held in Bergen County in Northern New Jersey. Chapter 800 is the host Chapter and we will meet at their home base:

VVA Chapter 800

VFW Post 809

100 Main Street

Little Ferry, NJ 07643

## Town Hall Meeting

**Sunday, September 27, 2015 - 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

As these Town Hall Meetings are primarily focused on Birth Defects and Disabilities suffered by our children, grandchildren and our future progeny the majority of these three hours will focus on the kids. We have also addressed our exposure and the illnesses we have suffered and of the vets no longer with us. We will continue to voice our anger and resolution never to give up.

In keeping with the Vietnam Veterans of America vow that "NEVER AGAIN WILL ONE GENERATION OF VETERANS ABANDON ANOTHER", we are extending this Meeting to Veterans and their children from Gulf War I and II, Iraq and Afghanistan. Their issues from the oil fires, depleted uranium and burn pits are and will leave a toxic legacy that much of which is as yet unknown. I am presently lining up individuals who will speak about these issues.

As always, a major part of our Town Hall Meetings is the questions and statements coming from the attendees who have always opened up, poured their hearts out and are seeking answers. We hope to provide some of those answers.

Any questions, comments, suggestions let me know.

Mike

P.S. – It goes without question, that all of you are needed to make this event a success. I am also preparing a flyer about this Meeting. It should be ready within a few weeks.

# News Flash



## VVA supports decision by VA Secretary McDonald providing benefits to Air Force Personnel Exposed to Agent Orange-contaminated C-123 Aircraft

PRESS RELEASE

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 18, 2015

No. 15-10

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VVA Applauds VA Secretary McDonald's Decision to Allow for Benefits for Air Force Personnel Exposed to Agent Orange-contaminated C-123 Aircraft

(Washington, D.C.)----"Vietnam Veterans of America applauds VA Secretary Bob McDonald for doing the right thing for C-123 crew members who were exposed to Agent Orange," said John Rowan, VVA National President. The VA's regulation governing individuals presumed to have been exposed to certain herbicides has been broadened, extending eligibility to Air Force Reserve personnel exposed to Agent Orange through contact with contaminated C-123 aircraft. These aircraft had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand. Secretary McDonald has stayed within his statutory authority, yet provided justice for these Americans who have suffered toxic wounds.

As of today, Air Force Reserve flight, medical, and ground maintenance crewmembers who served on the contaminated C-123s are now presumed to have been exposed to herbicides during their service, making them eligible for any of the 14 medical conditions that have been determined by VA to be related to exposure to Agent Orange. They may register for medical care immediately.

Secretary McDonald made his decision to expand benefits based on supporting evidence outlined in the Institute of Medicine's 2015 report by the National Academy of Sciences, Post-Vietnam Dioxin Exposure in Agent Orange-Contaminated C-123 Aircraft. This decision will impact the 1,500 to 2,100 Air Force Reserve personnel who served as flight, medical, and ground maintenance crew members on C-123 aircraft previously used to spray Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Under this new rule, VA will presume that for affected Air Force Reserve crew members, their Agent Orange-related condition had its onset during their Reserve training. This change ensures these reservists are eligible for VA disability compensation, as well as medical care, and their surviving dependents are eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation and burial benefits.

VA encourages reservists who were assigned to flight, ground, or medical crew duties, during the period 1969 to 1986, at the following locations, and developed an Agent Orange-related disability, to file a disability compensation claim:

\* Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadron);

\* Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron); or

\* Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, International Airport (758th Airlift Squadron)

VA also has identified several active-duty locations where Operation Ranch Hand C-123 aircraft may have been used following their service in Vietnam. Active-duty personnel who served in a regular USAF unit location where a contaminated C-123 was assigned, and who had regular and repeated contact with the aircraft through flight, ground, or medical duties during the period 1969 to 1986, and who develop an Agent Orange-related disability, are also encouraged to apply for benefits.

Individuals with specific benefit questions related to herbicide exposure on C-123s may call VA's special C-123 Hotline at [1-800-749-8387](tel:1-800-749-8387) or e-mail [VSCC123.VAVBASPL@va.gov](mailto:VSCC123.VAVBASPL@va.gov).

For more information on applying for these benefits, including the affected units, Air Force Specialty Codes and dates of service for affected crew members, and a listing of AgentOrange-related conditions, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent\\_orange.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent_orange.asp)



# Father's Day Rose Remembrance Ceremony at The Wall

Inbox x



**Michael Gerald Mc Mahon**

Jun 23 (1 day ago)

to me, Joe

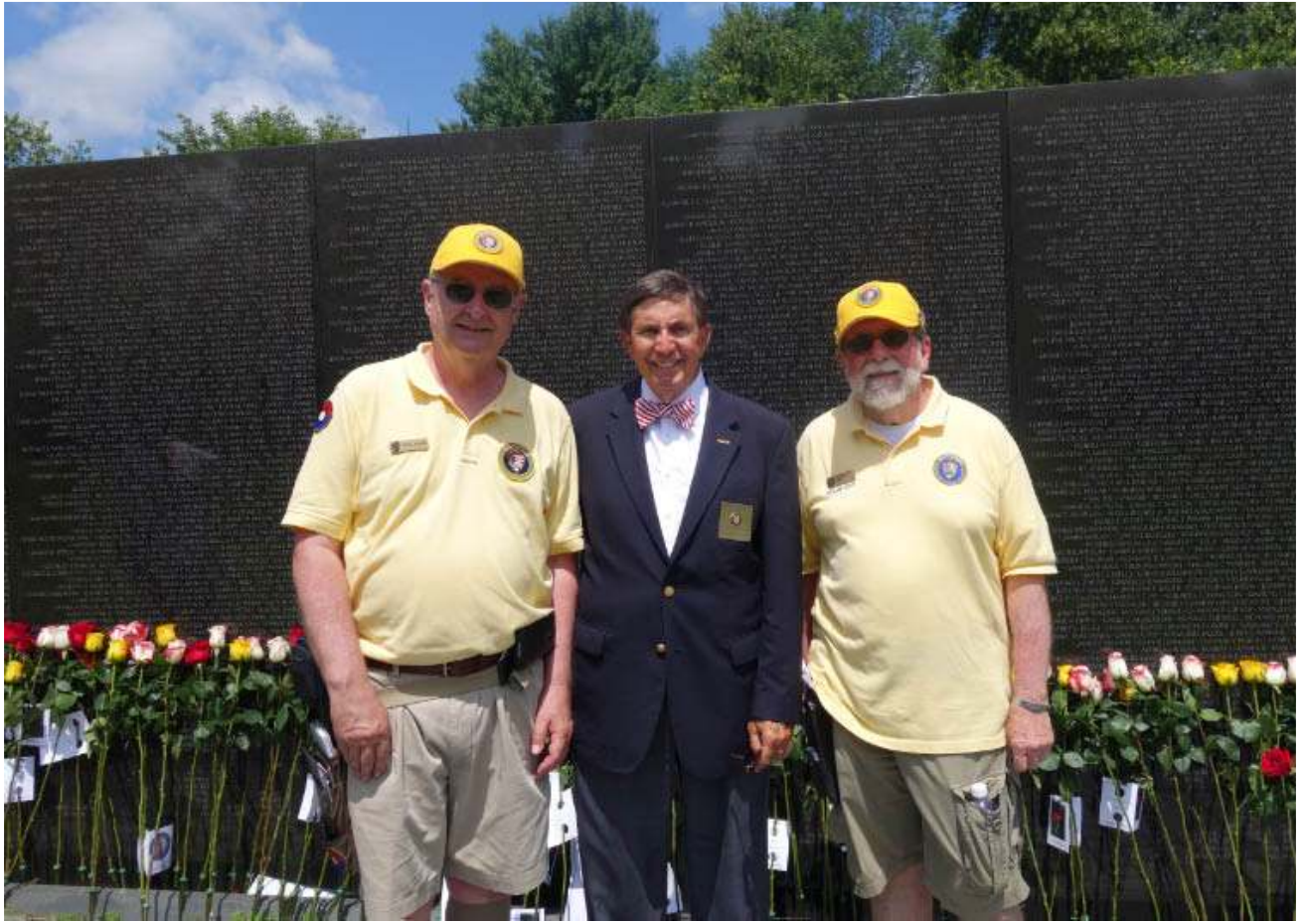
Rob,

Here is a picture from the Father's Day Rose Remembrance Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Joe Leone and I were there as Volunteers and met Dr. Wayne Reynolds, VVA National Treasurer. I thought you may like the photo for the newsletter. I copied the following from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund web site (<http://www.vvmf.org/news/article=Fathers-Day-at-The-Wall-Roses-to-be-Laid-in-Honor-of-Fallen-Dads>). It is a description of the Father's Day Rose Remembrance Ceremony.

Father's Day is a time to honor all of our fathers, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) will continue the annual tradition of paying special tribute to those fathers who died as a result of the Vietnam War. The Father's Day Rose Remembrance ceremony features beautiful symbolism, emotional tributes and elegant reverence in recognition of fathers, sons, brothers and friends who perished in Vietnam or later of Vietnam-related causes. This year's ceremony will be on June 21 at 10 a.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall). Sons and Daughters in Touch (SDIT), an organization representing the now-grown children of service members lost in Vietnam and honored on The Wall, will commemorate their 25th anniversary at the ceremony. Rear Admiral Robert H. Shumaker, USN (Ret.) will be the keynote speaker. Shumaker was shot down over North Vietnam in 1965, captured, and spent eight years as a POW. Additional remarks will be provided by Jim Knotts, CEO of VVMF and Jan Scruggs, VVMF founder and president. The master of ceremonies will be Tony Cordero, founder of SDIT.

Roses of red, symbolizing those killed in action; yellow, for those missing in action; and white with red tips, for those honored by VVMF's In Memory Program, will be attached to written remembrances and placed at the base of the Memorial. Family, friends and other visitors are invited to take part as the emotional ceremony concludes with a bed of roses surrounding the memorial, a breathtaking sight that demonstrates both the gratitude and the sacrifices of families impacted by foreign conflict. Roses for the 2015 Father's Day Ceremony at The Wall generously provided by the Kroger Co. Family of Stores.

Take care, Michael



# CVR Hole Sponsor

Subject: VVA bulletin  
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Can you please add this to the bulletin as well. Attached is the picture of the car that was won as well as your sign for the sponsorship. Please let me know when the bulletin will be out thank you.

I would like to thank the VVA for your generous hole sponsor for the CVR fundraiser held on June 23, 2015. Thanks to your generous donation we reached our fundraising goal. During this event one lucky winner got a hole in one and won a brand new car! CVR stands for the Center of Vocational Rehabilitation. We help individuals with disabilities find jobs among other things. And thanks to you and all our other sponsors we are able to keep our services going.



**HOLE SPONSOR**

**Vietnam Veterans  
of America  
Chapter 12 Oakhurst**



LAUGH!!!!  
(I Know Where You Live)

A Lt lookalike on Long Beach Island .This a scary thing  
Please put in news letter at any time  
The Colonel



## Seen On Military Bases :

- 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division- “ When it comes to Combat, care enough to send the very best”,  
“When in doubt, empty the magazine”
- “Sniper– You can run, but you’ll just die tired!”
- “Machine Gunners – Accuracy By Volume”
- “Except For Ending Slavery, Fascism, Nazism and Communism, WAR has Never Solved Anything.”
- ” U.S. Marines – Certified Counselors to the 72 Virgins Dating Club.”
- " U.S. Air Force – Travel Agents To Allah”
- “The Marine Corps – When It Absolutely, Positively Has To Be Destroyed Overnight”
- “Death Smiles At Everyone – Marines Smile Back”
- “What Do I Feel When I Kill A Terrorist? A Little Recoil”
- “Marines – Providing Enemies of America an Opportunity To Die For their Country Since 1775”
- “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Anyone Who Threatens It”
- “Happiness Is A Belt-Fed Weapon”
- “It’s God’s Job to Forgive Bin Laden – It was Our Job To Arrange The Meeting”
- “Artillery Brings Dignity to What Would Otherwise Be Just A Vulgar Brawl”
- “One Shot, Twelve Kills – U.S. Naval Gun Fire Support “
- “A Dead Enemy Is A Peaceful Enemy – Blessed Be The Peacemakers”
- “Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world.

But the US military doesn’t have that problem.

**Four friends (Ladies) meet 30 years after school at reunion. One goes to get the food while the other three start to talk about how successful their sons became.**

**No. 1 says her son studied economics, became a banker and is so rich, he gave his best friend a Ferrari.**

**No. 2 said her son became a pilot, started his own airline became so rich, he gave his best friend a jet.**

**No. 3 said her son became an engineer, started his own development company became so rich, he built his best friend a castle.**

**No 4. came back with a plate full of food and asked what the buzz is about . They told her they were talking about how successful their sons became and asked her about her son.**

**She said her son is gay and he works in a gay bar.**

**The other 3 said she must be very disappointed with her son for not becoming successful.**

**"Oh noooo!!" said the Lady, "He is doing good. Last week on his birthday he got a Ferrari, a jet and a castle from three of his boyfriends". All the 3 Ladies fainted....**

**(This joke won an award for the Best Joke in a competition held in Britain.)**





Welcome to  
**IDAHO**

**ATTENTION CRIMINALS & TERRORISTS**

Over 170,000 Idaho Residents Have A Permit to Legally Carry A Concealed Weapon, About 60% Of The rest of the Population Is Armed But Have Not Bothered to Purchase the License As It Is Not A Requirement To Carry A Firearm. Understand, A Substantial Portion Of The Population Is Armed And Prepared To Defend themselves And Others Against Acts of Criminal Violence.

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

However, California, New York and Illinois have disarmed their citizens for your convenience.

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While on a road trip, an elderly couple, stopped at Pizza Hut for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip to Phoenix.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

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> I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks.>  
>  
> I don't need anger management. I need people to stop ticking me off.>  
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> Old age is coming at a really bad time.>  
>  
> When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment.>  
> Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation.>  
>  
> The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, >  
> I'll remember it.">  
>  
> Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change,>  
> the courage to change things I can and the friends to post my bail>  
> when I finally snap.>  
>  
> I don't have gray hair.>  
> I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.>  
>  
> My people skills are just fine.>  
> It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.>  
>  
> Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order>  
> is just a piece of paper.>  
>  
> If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.  
>  
>> The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please.>  
> I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes.">  
>  
> I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that  
> second week.>  
>  
> When did it change from "We the people" to "screw the people?">  
>  
> Even duct tape can't fix stupid. But it can muffle the sound.>  
>  
> Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna>  
> transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?>  
>  
> Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.>  
>  
> Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?>  
>  
> At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and>  
> remembering what I actually came in there for.>  
>  
> Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for>  
> ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.>  
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# Hellman's Mayonnaise

Most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellmann's Mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico.

But as we know, the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank. The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning.

The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5 and is known, of course, as - Sinko De Mayo.

WHAT??? You expected something educational from me?

You need a shot of Tequila.

## TAPS

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Costello, Michael, 66, Hazlet, Navy  
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Littell, Joel, 68 North Brunswick, Army  
Maxcy, Peter, 65, Middletown, Army  
McNeil, Vincent, Pine Beach, Army  
Mieczkowski, John, 72, Laurence Harbor, Army  
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