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“Aerial Rocket Artillery”



....when called on by those who were in danger, our units were there laying it on the line. We were proud of our Aerial Rocket Artillery Team then and still proud of it now.

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The Reunion is a “Go”.
But are you going?
Let’s get signed up
and paid up!

See page two



President’s Corner

The President’s Corner copy was not available at the time of publication.

ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL

As the fluffy clouds of summer replace the rain clouds of March and April's daffodils cheered our sodden hearts, so have the increasingly balmy days of May and June. The summer heat is gaining on us, but the skies are blue and promise a period of good weather for old friends to gather and once again laugh, swap war stories, pretend we are young again, and fellowship while we may. Good friends have filed their final flight plans. It is definitely the time to attend a Reunion of friends of days long gone.

As of 15 June, 22 members and 17 guests have made their hotel reservations and registered for the Reunion. Four members with three guests have reserved rooms, but have yet to get their reunion registration in to the Treasurer. Of the forty rooms, set aside for us, twenty are taken. In short, get your reservations for both the hotel and our activities in to Jesse Hobby ASAP. Jule and Joan Szabo have developed a terrific program and set up good meals. The US Army Museum is developing more and more features and will be a really great experience.

LET'S GET 'ER DONE!

Below, once again, is the pertinent information.

For Hotel reservation; Please use this special website for your guests to obtain reservations and obtain the specially discounted rate. Disregard all previous notices (they did not work). If in doubt, contact the hotel and check on your status

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?>

Copy into your server

Guests may also call the Reservations Department at 1-888-236-2427 and reference the **group by name (Aerial Rocket Artillery Association - Need to use specific name) and date (14 Sept, 2022)**

For additional Day before and after call the hotel directly at (703-352-2525).

The last day for guests to confirm a reservation under the event rate will be August 17th, 2022.

Help the planners and get your application and money in to Jesse. (Next page for the application)

TONTO TO THE RESCUE

A woman was driving through the Southwest desert when her car overheated, and all her water went up in a cloud of steam. There was nothing for miles around. Suddenly a lone Indian rode over the ridge on horseback.

He quickly assessed the situation and offered to let the lady ride behind him to the nearest service station, which was 20 miles away. She gratefully accepted and the Indian gave her a hand up on to the horse and she settled in behind him.

They rode along for a time and suddenly he let out a whoop that echoed through the desert. The woman thought this was a "Indian thing" and paid no mind. As they rode along the Indian exploded with his shout several times and still, she was not frightened.

When they arrived in the town, he dutifully dropped her off at the small service station, and with one last whoop, rode off.

An old cowboy, sitting out in front of the station looked up and asked the woman, "What in tarnation was going on with that Indian?" She explained about her situation and said that she had simply sat behind him and reached around his waist to hold on to the saddle horn to keep from slipping of backward.

The old man looked at her steadily and said, 'Ma'am, Indians don't use saddles.'



Contributed by Larry Mobley



ARA – REUNION – FAIRFAX VIRGINIA

23rd ARA REUNION, SEPTEMBER 14 – 18, 2022

Reunion Registration Form

Send form and check(s) made payable to **ARA ASSOCIATION** to:

ARA ASSOCIATION
c/o Jesse L. Hobby
145 Oakdale Road. SE
Cairo, GA 39828-3803

Information	
Name/Membership #	
Wife/Guest name(s)	
Additional Guest(s)	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Any special assistance/ needs required	

Please list name(s) as you would like for them to appear on NAME TAG(S)	Where From
Member	
Spouse/Guest	
ARA Units(s)	
Dates	

Please get your registrations in by August 15, 2022 so that we may finalize all plans and secure set prices for events.
Registration forms will be numbered upon receipt in order to secure seats on bus.

REGISTRATION/ EVENT FEES	Details	Price	# In party	Total
Registration Fee	Per member in party over 18	\$45.00		
Annual Membership Dues	If not already paid for 2022	\$25.00		
Wednesday – Welcome Dinner	Per member in party	47.00		
Thursday – Vietnam Memorial & U.S. Army Museum Tour	Per member in party – (includes bus & lunch)	35.00		
Friday – Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Center Tour	Per member in party (includes bus & lunch)	30.00		
Saturday – Final Banquet	Per member in party	60.00		
Total for Reunion	-----			

DID YOU KNOW?

Probably the most ridiculous outcome of a battle would be when a Dutch naval fleet was captured after being charged and surrounded by French cavalry. Yup, you heard that right.

During the war of the First Coalition (1792 – 1797), the French Revolutionary Army was camping out in Amsterdam for the winter. The generals became aware of a Dutch fleet anchored at Den Helder, a nearby bay that had been frozen due to an extremely cold winter.

They sent out a regiment of “hussars” (light cavalry) with a regiment of line infantry that literally hitched a ride with them. Upon approaching Den Helder, they discovered the Dutch fleet stuck in the ice with the sailors fast asleep.

Not wishing to wake the napping sailors, the French covered the hooves of their horses with fabric and slowly maneuvered out onto the ice. When they were in position, they launched their assault. Within minutes, they had surrounded the entire fleet.

The cavalry and infantry quickly boarded and captured every ship. They suffered zero loss.

This is the only time in military history where a naval battle between warships and cavalry took place and, ridiculous as it sounds, the cavalry won.

Contributed by:

Jesse Hobby

Armed Falcon 29F1

Editor’s Note: Not long ago, this journal reported on a submarine which torpedoed a Japanese train. War produces strange situations.

A father said to his daughter “You have graduated with honors, here is a car I bought many years ago. It is a bit older now but before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them you want to sell it and see how much they offer you for it. The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, “They offered me \$1,000 because they said it looks pretty worn out.”



The father said, now “Take it to the pawn shop.” The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father, and said, “The pawn shop offered only \$100 because it is an old car.” The father asked his daughter to go to a car club now and show them the car. The daughter then took the car to the club, returned, and told her father,” Some people in the club offered \$100,000 for it because it’s a Holden Torana and it’s an iconic car and sought by many collectors” Now the father said this to his daughter, “The right place values you the right way,” If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value. Never!





Chaplain's Corner

Editors Note: Until such time that a person of greater stature is designated, I will try to carry on the memory of Bruce Wilder.

“These Inalienable Rights”

Americans thrive on debate and controversy. This month, the “battle d’ jour” is the Supreme Court essentially overturning *Roe vs. Wade*. Actually, they simply put the matter back where it belongs—in the hands of the individual states. The 1972 decision was one of the worst, most poorly supported by science, and horrific in the history of American jurisprudence. Over its lifespan of some fifty years, it caused the brutal termination of the lives of over 30 million innocent children. The decision was made by highly intelligent justices, who were totally unequipped scientifically to make such a decision.

In the original case, and subsequent ones, the court held that (a) a woman has the right to control over her body, “even after she has made a life-creating” decision, and, (b) an unborn child is not a “real” person”. The former is true, but is a matter of timing, and the latter is sheer poppycock.

Every woman (with the exception of incest or rape) has the right to determine whether she wants to engage in sexual relations, with the possibility that it will result in pregnancy. She has access to many forms of contraception, may demand that her male partner use a condom (for disease protection, if nothing else), take the risk of relying on her menstrual cycle for timing, or, although it is an abortion inducing medicine, the “morning-after” pill. The “choice” is made before activity. Under God’s Laws and those of our land, abortion is murder. The pressure to please those who were too lazy, or thoughtless, to take precautions put our country at the forefront of self-destruction.

It is a well-known fact that a fetus’ heart begins to beat and pump blood at five or six weeks post conception. It starts on its own and will, some day stop on its own. For hundreds of years it has been the beating of the heart which has determined “life”. Most informed medical people believe life begins at conception. At that point the fertilized cell begins to divide and replicate, eventually becoming a human being as we know it. The fetus can feel pain, respond to stimuli, make purposeful movements, and survive outside of the womb much earlier than most people think it can. One day we will become able to accurately measure neural, or brain, activity in the uterus which will demonstrate function as well as life.

In tandem with these concepts of killing for convenience, have come a pantheon of false gods who tell us that “anything goes”. Modern society decries rules to be followed, the concept of divine judgment, (without which we would have no need for impartial judges), the existence of a Creator God who grants, life, liberty and allows for the pursuit of Happiness within the bounds of a well-ordered universe, and personal responsibility for one’s actions. Our youth, in the quest for self-aggrandizement, wealth, leisure and societal position have chosen to avoid reproduction until they “get whatever they want”, or find a more convenient time. What they don’t know is that the ability to reproduce is on a pre-determined time line and complications are possible in terms of fertility, gestation and congenital development. Ironically, as of now, our birth rate is well below that which is necessary to sustain our civilization. Other societies are rapidly passing us in reproducing ourselves and we are in grave danger of no longer having enough people to supply our future.

America is embracing the idea that liberties and freedom are license to do whatever we choose without regard for the consequences for others. But, for those who call themselves Christians and Jews, there are limits, dictated by God himself, and recorded in our sacred writings which clearly declare that our rights and privileges end where someone else’s begin.

Lord Acton, nineteenth-century historian and politician, wrote, “Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right of being able to do what we ought.”

May God have mercy on our nation and its future.

Asa “Doc” Talbot
Red Baron 16



Ladies of the Association

Once again, I am submitting an article from one of those strange newspapers that my husband brings home from strange places. Thought you might find this one amusing.

Kids Say the Darndest Things!

A first-grade school teacher had 26 students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom with the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic.

These were the thirteen best answers submitted and are in reverse order.

#13. Where there's smoke there's.....Pollution.

#12. Happy the bride who.....Gets all the presents.

#11. A penny saved.....Is not much.

#10. Two's company, three's.....The Musketeers.

#9. Don't put off till tomorrow what.....What you put on to go to bed.

#8. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and.....You have to blow your nose.

#7. There are none so blind as....Stevie Wonder.

#6. Children should be seen and not.....Spanked or grounded.

#5. If at first you don't succeed.....Get new batteries.

#4. You get out of something only what you.....See in the picture on the box.

#3. When the blind lead the blind.....Get out of the way.

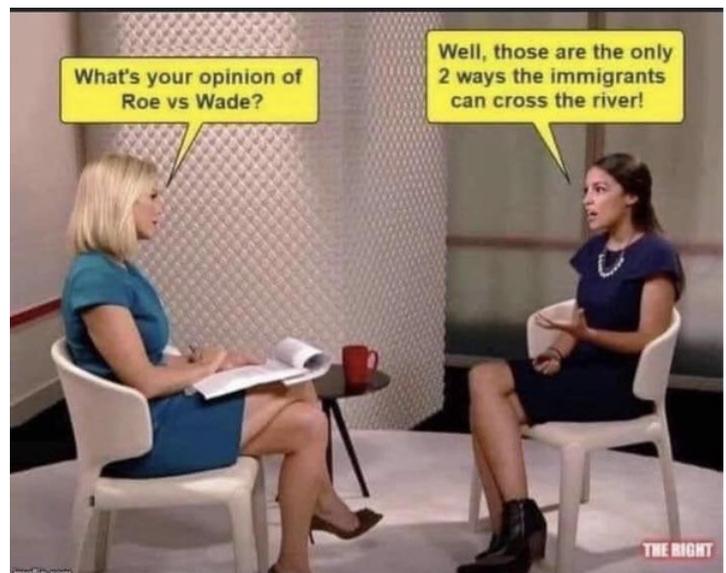
#2. A bird in the hand.....Is going to poop on you.

AND THE WINNER IS

#1. Better late than.....Pregnant.

Gloria Hobby

Falconess 6X



From the Flight Surgeon's Files

An older lady appeared in the ER for treatment and was seen by a young intern. The next thing anyone knew she was running down the hall, screaming and wearing only a hospital gown. An older doctor intercepted her and strove to calm her down. After listening to her problem he headed for the cubicle where the young intern was writing up the chart.

"Doctor!" he burst out. "That woman is 64 years old, has four children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She is well past the years of reproduction. How dare you tell her she is pregnant."

The young doctor did not look up from the chart, and said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

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is how you do it!!!





It's All in the Timing

A balding, white haired man from Sherman Oaks, California, walked into a jewelry store in a local mall this past Friday evening with a beautiful much younger gal at his side.

He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring.

The man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over.

"Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000", the jeweler said.

The lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the man stated, "By check. I know you need to make sure my check is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday, verify the funds ,and I'll pick up the ring Monday afternoon."

On Monday morning, the jeweler angrily phoned the old man and said, "There was only \$25 in your account."

" I know," said the old man, "But let me tell you about MY GREAT WEEKEND!"

There are Still Patriotic People in this World

"On Wednesday in Alabama, a Walker County Sheriff's Office Deputy came across a man walking down the road with an oxygen tank and learned he is a Disabled American Veteran trying to walk/hitchhike from the Jasper area to Huntsville for a Dr. Appointment he was told he could not miss. With no way to get there, he said he started walking.

The deputy acted quickly and escorted the Gulf War Veteran to the Cullman County line where a Cullman Sheriff Deputy picked him up.

The deputy then transported him to the Morgan County Line where a Morgan County Sheriff Deputy took over and met a Madison County Sheriff Office Deputy in Huntsville who finished the trip and took the man to his appointment.

After an overnight stay, we were happy to do it all again today..... in reverse to help get the man back home. We are thankful for our Veterans and were honored to play a small role in supporting this man who gave a great deal for our country!"



**IF LIARS PANTS REALLY DID
CATCH ON FIRE ,
WATCHING THE EVENING NEWS
WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT MORE
FUN!**

**A man walks into a bar and asks the bartender-
"If I show you a really good trick, will you give me a free drink?"**

The bartender considers it, then agrees.

The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out a tiny rat.

He reaches into his other pocket and pulls out a tiny piano.

The rat stretches, cracks his knuckles, and proceeds to play the blues.

After the man finished his drink, he asked the bartender, "If I show you an even better trick, will you give me free drinks for the rest of the night, the bartender thinks that nothing could possibly top the first trick so he agrees.

The man reaches into another pocket and pulls out a small bullfrog, who begins to sing along with the rat's music.

While the man is enjoying his beverages, a stranger confronts him and offers him \$100,000.00 for the bullfrog.

"Sorry," the man replies, "he's not for sale."

The stranger increases the offer to \$250,000.00 cash up front.

"No," he insists, "he's not for sale."

The stranger again increases the offer, this time to \$500,000.00 cash.

The man finally agrees and turns the frog over to the stranger in exchange for the money.

"Are you insane?" the bartender demanded.

"That frog could have been worth millions to you, and you let him go for a mere \$500,000!"

"Don't worry about it." the man answered.

"The frog was really nothing special.

You see, the rat's a ventriloquist."

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ORDER FORM FOR APPAREL, CAPS, PATCHES, STICK-ONS

Name: _____

Address: _____

CAPS, Men's, come in one size (has adjustable headband) and will have the ARA Logo embroidered on the front and can have your name on the right side and call sign on the left side, if desired. Cost will be \$10.00

Print name as you want it to appear: _____

Print call sign as you want it to appear: _____

CAPS, Women's, come in one size and in two (2) styles - Short brim and low profile or as a Headband (both have adjustable headband) and will have the ARA Logo embroidered on the front and can have your name on the right side, if desired. If you would like to give yourself a call sign such as DRAGON LADY, LADY TORO, GRIFFIN MISTRESS, BLUE MAX MISTRESS, FALCONESS that can be put on the left sign. Cost will be \$10.00

Print name as you want it to appear: _____

Print call sign as you want it to appear: _____

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ordered

Women's Polo Shirt(s) - _____ X \$20.00 = _____ Size _____
ordered

Women's Long or 3/4 Sleeve Button Shirt(s) - _____ X \$25.00 = _____ Size _____
ordered

Patches, Cloth - _____ X \$5.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Bumper Stickers - _____ X \$2.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Patches, Stickers - _____ X \$1.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Please add 7% GA ST and \$14.35 shipping charge to your order:

TOTAL = _____

Send form and check(s) made payable to ARA ASSOCIATION to:

ARA ASSOCIATION

c/o Jesse Hobby

145 Oakdale Rd.

Cairo, GA 39828

"Note from the Quartermaster - Apparel orders are taking longer to fill due to the supply chain crisis. Please be patient."



AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application/Renewal Form

This form may be used for Applying for New Membership or for Renewing Existing Membership. Please circle that which is appropriate.

Name _____ Wife's Name _____

Rank _____ Membership Number _____

(At time of service in ARA)

(If known)

Retired Rank (if applicable) _____ Service Number _____

List all ARA Units that you served in.

<u>Battery/Battalion</u>	<u>Dates of Service</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>
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_____	From mo/yr to mo/yr	_____

Current Address: _____

Street or PO Box

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Home

Work (if okay)

Cell

E-Mail Address: _____

Association membership is on an annual basis (unless member opts for life membership) running from January 1 to December 31 and is past due on January 31.

Annual dues are **\$25.00** regardless of when submitting.

Life membership (if paid in full) is **\$250.00**. Life membership may also be paid in **\$50.00** installments on a quarterly basis until paid in full.

Total amount enclosed _____ (Please indicate in remarks section of check whether this is Initial Membership, Membership Renewal, Life Membership in full, Life Membership payment #.

Mail completed application to: Aerial Rocket Artillery Association

C/O Jesse Hobby

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Check # _____

Check Date _____

Amount _____

Date Rcvd _____

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