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Bravery in Action

U.S. Army Sgt. Patrick Martin, right, an infantryman with 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), receives a Purple Heart from Col. Timothy McAteer, left, commander of 2nd BCT, during a ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C., Dec. 21, 2010. Martin was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries he received in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Seth Laughter/Not Released



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IN ACTION

ON THE HOME FRONT



A U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team member completes a vertical insertion drill by fast roping from an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter to the deck of the Coastal Patrol Boat USCG Petrel (WPB 87350) at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., April 15, 2011.

U.S. Coast Guard photo/Released

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POW-MIA

Joe Peck, Chairperson

The US Air Force has released the name of another missing Serviceman returned from the Vietnam War, bringing the total to 1,685 Americans still missing and unaccounted for.

1st Lt. Bruce Edward Lawrence, US Air Force from Phillipsburg, New Jersey was a co-pilot on a F-4C jet on an armed night reconnaissance mission on July 5, 1968 over North Vietnam. His aircraft was hit by hostile anti aircraft fire and was witnessed to have burst into flames. No parachutes were seen and no beepers were heard. Intense hostile fire prevented a daylight search of the area. Lt. Lawrence and the pilot were both listed as MIA and later KIA BNR (Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered). In June 2011, the US Air Force contacted the Lawrence family and notified them of the identification of the remains of Lt. Bruce Edward Lawrence. The details of where and how Lt. Lawrence's remains were uncovered were not immediately clear. That information will be forthcoming from the JPAC and the DPMO. Arrangements for the military funeral and location of a final resting place have not been decided on at this time.

There are also reports of the recovery and identification of the following:

- Cpl. Edward M. Pedregon, US Army was reported missing Nov. 30, 1950 during the battle near the Chosin Reservoir

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Bruce E. Lawrence

Editor's Note: After the June BTL was distributed I received an email from Frank Leggio, who read the POW report about Capt. Arnold Edward Holm, Jr. I invited him to give us some insight into the event as it was experienced.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

by Frank Leggio

I was serving in F Troop U.S. Cavalry (Air) on June 11, 1972 when we lost that OH-6A that Wayne Bibbs was on. The pilot and Platoon Leader on that mission was CPT Arnold "Dusty" Holms along with the two crews members. The tentative plan by the families as I understand it is to have the military funeral "Common Grave" for all three at Arlington National Cemetery in October. We lost two other aircraft that day trying to rescue the original aircraft shot down. One other OH-6A with two souls was lost and those remains recovered about 10 years ago, the other had one KIA and one WIA who eventually recovered from his wounds and is a civilian Medevac pilot in NC. His aeroscout died from the fire after being trapped under the crashed OH-6A. June 11, 1972 was a sad day for F Troop 8th U.S. Cavalry (Air).

It was a very difficult time for all of us. The war was in its final year, so the force level had been drawn down. We were operating in a very large area with a much smaller force.

June 11, 1972 was a day that resulted in the loss of our Scout Platoon Leader, CPT "Dusty" Holm, his assistant, LT Jim McQuade, four very experienced Aeroscouts (the gutsy enlisted guys who maintained the aircraft and flew hanging out of the door with a machine gun), one very experienced scout pilot medically evacuated from the theater with very serious injuries and three OH-6A aircraft. One was initially shot down by a heat seeking missile while on a mission, and the other two in attempts to get in and rescue the downed

crews. That was the quantitative loss. The qualitative loss was very high. We were a separate Air Cavalry Troop that was very tight knit in sort of a Band of Brothers way. An Air Cavalry Troop has scouts, guns and lift in its three platoons. Our scout platoon was rendered ineffective for a short period until it could be properly staffed with replacement and trained back to be "fit to fight."

On a personal level, I was very good friends with Dusty Holm, and Jim McQuade was actually ferrying aircraft for me from Danang to Phu Bai when he heard that his platoon leader had been downed. Jim demanded to go in against impossible odds to try to get the crew out. The Troop Commander had actually assigned Jim to admin flying for a few days to get him out of the relentless combat exposure he had experienced since the 1972 Easter Offensive had begun. I was the Service

Platoon Commander responsible for the maintenance of our thirty aircraft. Jim was ferrying the OH-6A aircraft for me. I wasn't OH-6A qualified. I flew my combat missions in the AH1-G Cobra or the UH1-H Huey.

The personal loss was one that has stayed with me over the years. It has taken 39 years to get all of our crews back from the battlefield. This was the last one. We have had several funerals at Arlington as the crews have been recovered. I lost my roommate and his crew



Capt. Arnold E. Holm, Jr.

US Army • Waterford, CT

Excavation of the crash site was made in 2003 and recovery of the remains of Capt. Arnold Edward Holm Jr. and Spec 4 Robin Ray Yeakley were made on August 6, 2008. They were identified on February 7, 2011.

in April of 1972 when his UH1-H was downed on the first day of that offensive. I had only been in the Troop for a little over a week and I had to pack up his things and send them back to his family. I finally met his wife in 1995 at his funeral at Arlington.

We are all aware of the effect of combat on the Veterans, but I have come to really appreciate the suffering of their survivors. Dusty Holm's daughter tracked me down through the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Association about 10 years ago and wanted to talk about her dad. He was killed when she was a toddler and she wanted to know what he was really like. That was a difficult, and at the same time very rewarding, two hour phone call with her in Florida, with many tears. The families of the KIA's and particularly the MIA's pay a price that is really very hard to comprehend.

Info from the Virtual Wall: www.virtualwall.org

In March 1972, the Vietnamese launched a three-pronged invasion of the South. One NVA force swept south across the DMZ, its goal apparently the conquest of the Northern provinces and the seizure of Hue. A second NVA force drove from Laos into the Central Highlands, and a third effort involved a drive from Cambodia into provinces northwest of Saigon.

Fierce fighting ensued on all three fronts, with NVA success the greatest in the Northern provinces. Fighting continued until June, when the North Vietnamese began withdrawing from some of their advanced positions, still holding considerable amounts of South Vietnamese territory in the Northern provinces.

On June 11, 1972, CPT Arnold Holm, pilot, PFC Wayne Bibbs, gunner, and SP4 Robin Yeakley, observer, were aboard an OH-6A observation helicopter flying from Camp Eagle to the Northern Provinces of South Vietnam on a visual reconnaissance mission. The function of their "Loach" chopper was searching out signs of the enemy around two landing zones (LZ's). The OH-6 joined with AH-1G Cobra gunships as "Pink Teams" to screen the deployment of air cavalry troops. On this day, Holm's aircraft was monitoring an ARVN team insertion.

During the mission, Holm reported that he saw enemy living quarters, bunkers, and numerous trails. On his second pass over a ridge, at about 25 feet altitude, the aircraft exploded and burned. It was reported that smoke and white phosphorus grenades began exploding before the aircraft crashed. After the aircraft impacted with the ground, it exploded again. Other aircraft in the area received heavy anti-aircraft fire. No one was seen to exit the downed helicopter, nor were emergency radio beepers detected.

Another OH-6A (tail #67-16275), crewed by 1LT James R. McQuade and SP4 James E. Hackett, tried to enter the area of the crashed OH-6A, but encountered heavy fire. McQuade's aircraft was hit, and again the onboard munitions exploded prior to ground impact. The aircraft continued to burn after impact and no crewmen left the ship before or after the crash.

No ground search was made for survivors or remains of either aircraft because of hostile fire in the area. Five men from F Troop, 8th Cavalry, died in the two aircraft:

In OH-6A tail number 67-16275

1LT James R. McQuade, Hoquiam, WA (Dist Svc Cross)

SP4 James E. Hackett, Bradenton, FL

In OH-6A tail number 68-17344

CPT Arnold E. Holm, Waterford, CT

SP4 Robin R. Yeakley, South Bend, IN

PFC Wayne Bibbs, Blue Island, IL

HISTORY OF THE purple heart



A U.S. Soldier with 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment wears the Purple Heart he received April 29, 2011, during an end of tour award ceremony in Afghanistan.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Audrey Glynn/Released

An estimated 1.7 million soldiers have become Purple Heart Veterans for their bravery since the award's institution in 1932. There have been over 7,000 medals issued to Americans during the Afghanistan conflict and over 35,000 issued in the Iraq War.

Purple Heart History began on August 7, 1782, when General George Washington issued orders to establish the Badge of Military Merit, directing the badge be “the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding.”

Forbidden by the Continental Congress from recognizing merit through commissions and promotions, Washington created the medal to recognize bravery in combat. It is believed that few badges were actually awarded during that last year of the Revolutionary War. Names of the honorees were to have been kept in a “Book of Merit,” but no such book is known to exist today.

Shortly after the beginning of World War I, General John Pershing put forward the idea for a medal acknowledging meritorious action. In 1927, Army Chief of Staff General Charles Summerall tried unsuccessfully to get a bill reviving the Badge of Military Merit passed in Congress. In anticipation of the bicentennial of Washington's birth, General Douglas MacArthur headed an effort to provide recognition of soldiers who had suffered wounds.

The first newly-named Purple Heart was awarded to General MacArthur in February of 1932. On May 28, 1932, at the site of the last encampment of the Continental Army, 138 World War I veterans received the Purple Hearts. At first, Purple Heart History included both meritorious per-

formance of duty and wounds received in combat. When Congress established the Legion of Merit award, the Purple Heart award was refined to apply only to those who had been wounded.

The Purple Heart has undergone many changes. The award was narrowed to exclude those wounded from frostbite and heat stroke, and expanded to include posthumous awards. In 2008, a Pentagon panel rejected bestowing Purple Hearts to soldiers suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

At first an all-encompassing award for soldiers in the U. S. Army, the Purple Heart was extended in 1942 to all branches of the military but limited to injuries or death in combat. Purple Heart Veterans, who receive ongoing recognitions and dedications as brave servicemen, now embody the supreme sacrifices made by Americans in armed conflict: the shedding of blood and, frequently, the sacrifice of one's life.

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United States Coast Guard



U.S. Coast Guard reservists with Marine Security Detachment Cincinnati ferry an emergency response team across the flooded community of Brookport, Ill., in a Disaster Area Response Team (DART) boat May 4, 2011. The DART worked with local and federal agencies to assist rain-soaked communities throughout southern Illinois.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by Isaac D. Pacheco/Released

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard protects against hazards to people, maritime commerce, and the environment. It defends our maritime borders and saves those in peril. The Coast Guard responds quickly to disasters to restore the nation's waterways. It helps sustain the Marine Transportation System, which carries 99% of U.S. imports and exports. When called upon, the Coast Guard defends the nation at home and abroad alongside the other armed forces.

The Coast Guard is this nation's oldest maritime agency. The history of the Service is very complicated because it is a blend of five Federal agencies - the US Lighthouse Service (est. 1789), the Revenue Marine (est.1790), the Steamboat Inspection Service (est. 1838), US Lifesaving Service (est. 1848), the Bureau of Navigation (est.1884), and the. These were originally independent, but had overlapping authorities and were shuffled around the government. They sometimes received new names, and they were all finally united under the umbrella of the Coast Guard. The multiple missions and responsibilities of the modern Service are directly tied to this diverse heritage and the magnificent achievements of all of these agencies.

The Coast Guard has traditionally performed two roles

in wartime. The first has been to augment the Navy with men and cutters. The second has been to undertake special missions, for which peacetime experiences have prepared the Service with unique skills. The Coast Guard performed primarily a supporting role during the Korean Conflict. Its principal contributions were improving communications and meteorological services plus assuring port security and proper ammunition handling.

The Coast Guard also served in Vietnam performing duties uniquely suited to the specialized skills of the Service. In 1965, 26 82-foot Coast Guard cutters were ordered to Vietnam. These were used in the "brown water" war, attempting to interdict Vietcong and North Vietnamese infiltration and logistics. In 1966 the first ocean-going cutters augmented the Navy and Coast Guard surveillance forces already in Vietnam. Coast Guardsmen were also detailed to improve port security, especially in Saigon, to assist with problems involving the Merchant Marine, and to teach workmen the basics of safe handling of ammunition and other dangerous cargoes. An in-country navigation system was created and a Loran network was set up for Southeast Asia. "Vietnamization" began in February 1969 and was concluded by December 1971. In all, 56 Coast Guard cutters served in Vietnam.



U.S. Navy Diver 2nd Class Justin McMillen, right, from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2, holds a lift line as Barbados Coast Guard Ordinary Seaman Romando Thomas inflates an underwater lift bag during Navy Diver-Southern Partnership Station in Bridgetown, Barbados, June 8, 2011.

Navy Diver-Southern Partnership Station is a multinational partnership engagement designed to increase interoperability and partner nation capacity through diving operations.

DoD photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jayme Pastoric, U.S. Navy/Released

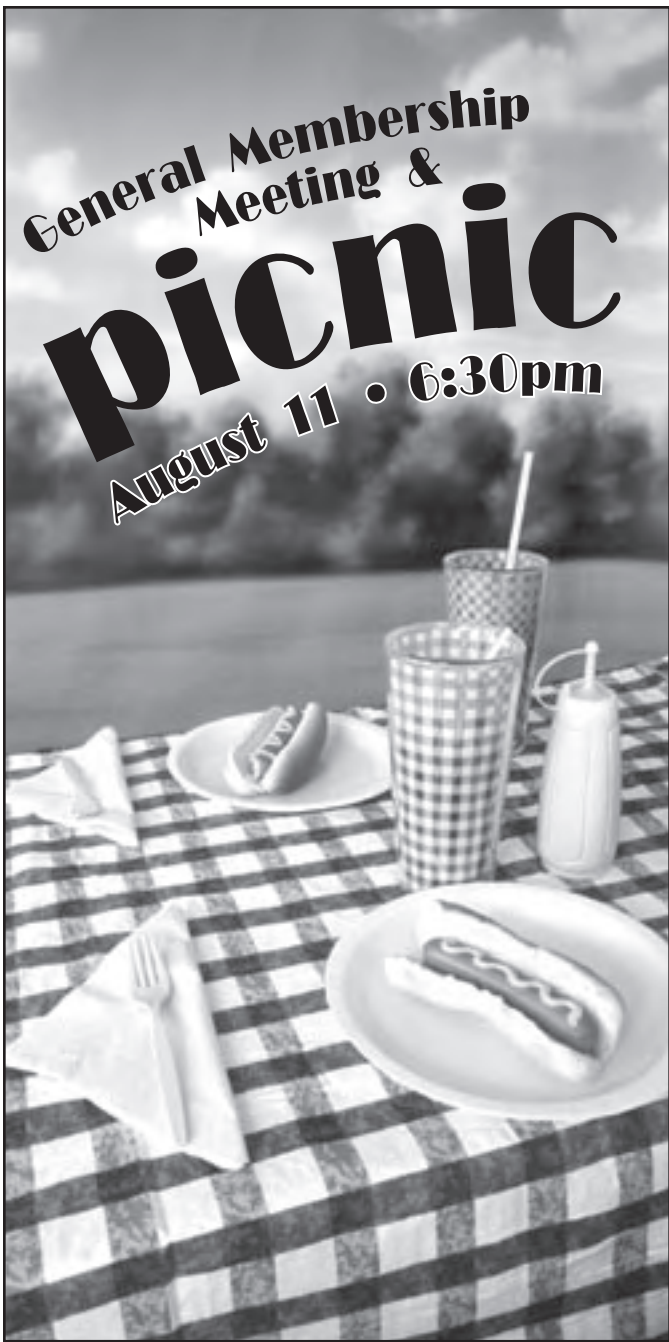


By law, the Coast Guard has 11 missions:

1. Ports, waterways, and coastal security
2. Drug interdiction
3. Aids to navigation
4. Search and rescue
5. Living marine resources
6. Marine safety
7. Defense readiness
8. Migrant interdiction
9. Marine environmental protection
10. Ice operations
11. Other law enforcement

In an average day, the Coast Guard...

- Saves 13 lives
- Responds to 64 search and rescue cases
- Rescues 77% of mariners in imminent danger
- Keeps 959 pounds of cocaine off the streets
- Saves \$260,000 in property
- Interdicts 10 undocumented migrants trying to enter the United States
- Services 49 buoys and fixes 21 discrepancies (such as buoys moved by a hurricane)
- Provides a presence in all major ports
- Screens 679 commercial vessels and 170,000 crew and passengers
- Issues 200 credentials to merchant mariners
- Inspects 70 containers
- Inspects 33 vessels for compliance with air emissions standards
- Performs 30 safety and environmental examinations of foreign vessels entering U.S. ports
- Boards 15 fishing boats to ensure compliance with fisheries laws
- Investigates 12 marine accidents
- Responds to and investigates 10 pollution incidents
- Does security boardings of 5 high interest vessels
- Escorts 4 high-value U.S. Navy vessels transiting U.S. waterways
- Identifies one individual with terrorism associations
- Has 6 patrol boats and 400 personnel:
- Protecting Iraq's offshore oil infrastructure
- Training Iraqi naval forces
- Keeping sea lanes secure in the Arabian Gulf



General Membership Meeting & picnic
August 11 • 6:30pm

Condolences

It seems our losses are becoming more frequent. Friends and relatives struggle with illness and disease and ultimately succumb. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

- Rick and Nancy Switzer, for the loss of Rick's brother Joseph B. Switzer III (US Air Force veteran)
- The family of Bob Cenzi (USMC veteran)
- Rosemary Rossi-Williams, for the loss of her son, Sean M. Williams

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–Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Procedure

- Eligible individuals meeting criteria may submit an application between October 21, 2009 & October 21, 2011.
- Eligible members should visit their specific service's Web site and submit their application on-line; on-line submission provides a claim number, allows for automated status updates, and provides a means for the military service to contact the applicant.
- If eligible members do not have internet access, they should print, complete and sign Department of Defense Form 2944, Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment. Next, choose the appropriate method for submitting the claim form and available supporting documents based on your service specifications. This information can be found on your service's stop loss Web site.

By law, there's no authorization to make payments on claims submitted after October 21, 2011.
www.defense.gov/stoploss

Apply Now For Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay

The following service-specific sites provide more information and allow you to begin the RSLSP claim process.

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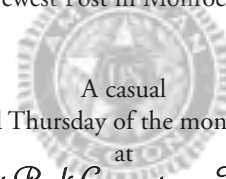
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Veterans Travel Benefits



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<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/rates/pen01.htm>

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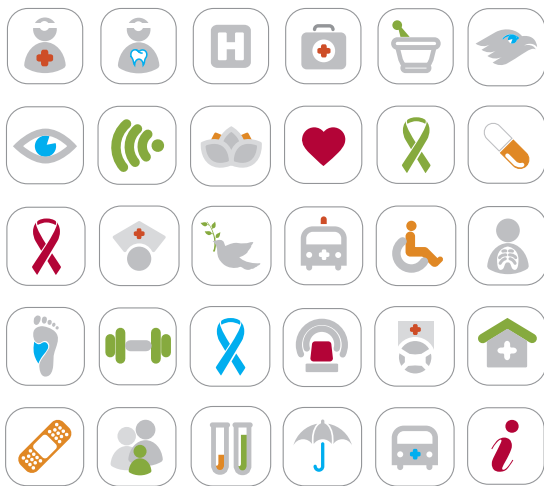
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North Korea. His remains were identified May 4, 2011.

- Staff Sgt. Marvin J. Steinfeld, US Army Air Corps was reported missing March 24, 1945 after bailing out of a B-17 G Flying Fortress Bomber over Gic, Hungary. His remains were exhumed from an unmarked grave near Zirc, Hungary in July 2009 and identified and returned to his family on June 20, 2011. He was buried June 21st in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Capt. Leonard E. Olcott, 2nd Lt. Harry L. Bedard, 2nd Lt. Robert S. Emerson, Tech. Sgt. Louis H. Miller and Staff Sgt. George L. Winkler, all members of the US Army Air Corps were reported missing April 3, 1945 near Leyte, Philippines while on board a B-25 Mitchell Bomber. In 2008 the remains were recovered and all were identified on June 21, 2011. Winkler and Miller were buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Orcutt was buried in Oakland, CA., Bedard was buried in Dayton, Minn. And Emerson is scheduled to be buried in Norway, Maine.

Many years have passed, but our hopes and prayers have not. We all have faith that someday all our missing loved ones will be brought home to their families and to a grateful Nation. Their sacrifices have made what we have and who we are today, a free Nation. Never forget those who gave so much for our freedom and way of life. To our missing brothers,

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Freedom Calls



U.S. Marines with Quick Response Force, II Marine Expeditionary Force board a U.S. Army Chinook helicopter at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, while preparing for a tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel exercise at Forward Operating Base Rawah, Iraq. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Michael L. Haas/Released)

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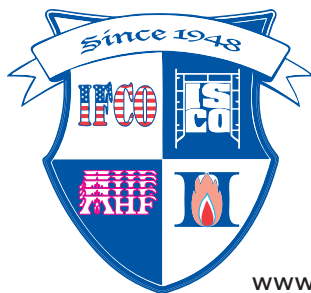
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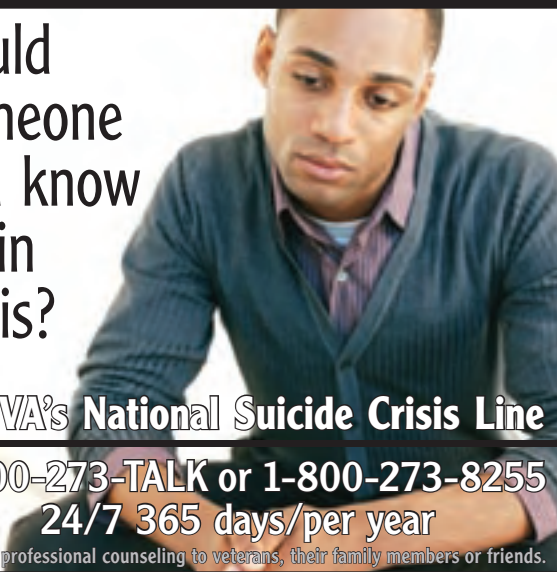


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- 1 MON** • Board of Directors, 7:00 pm
- 4 THU** • Coast Guard Day - U. S. Coast Guard established August 4, 1790
- 6 SAT** • Bombing of Hiroshima - August 6, 1945
 • Phelps Sauerkraut Festival and Parade, 2:00 pm - Phelps, NY
- 7 SUN** • Purple Heart Medal established, 1782
- 11 THU** • General Membership Meeting/Annual Membership Picnic - 6:30 pm at the Italian-American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Rd. and Rt. 390
- 12 FRI** • Hamlin Firemen's Carnival Parade, 7:00 pm
- 14 SUN** • Japan surrendered, ending World War II, 1945
- 15 MON** • Woodstock opened 1969
- 20 SAT** • Warriors Day Parade, Toronto, Canada - Contact Tim Sturm for more information at 585-266-7787

"New York City celebrating the surrender of Japan. They threw anything and kissed anybody in Times Square." - Lt. Victor Jorgensen, August 14, 1945
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BOD

August 1 November 7
 September 12 December 5
 October 3

Membership

August 11 November 10
 September 15 December 8
 October 13

Special Events

August 11 - General Membership Meeting and Picnic, 6:30 pm

NYSC Meetings

Owego, NY
 September 10