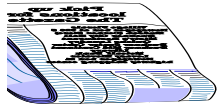




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## Misty's closed due to fire

Misty's restaurant located in the 24 highway shopping center has been a favorite place to eat, drink coffee and socialize with family and friends.

Several weeks ago a fire broke out in Misty's, starting at the light above the door on the south side of the building. The flames went into the rafters and entered the inside of the restaurant.

It will take several months to clean up, repair and repaint the facility. A big thanks to the FOFPD for their quick response time.

Keep watching for the re opening of Misty's a favorite place to eat in Buckner!



## Audit report update

As most of you know, a Missouri State Audit is being done on the City of Buckner. The State of Missouri began this audit the first of 2012 and according to a spokesperson from the audit department the following email was sent to The Gazette on the progress.

"We are still working on the Buckner audit and we don't have a firm date set for completion. After we finish our work we will give the city the opportunity to respond to our findings. I will get in touch with you when I know of a more certain date. Feel free to check in on our progress as you like."

## Ways to help our servicemen and women

Servicemen and women enjoy letters from home, from friends and family, along with cards. Whether they are stationed close to home or out of state or on foreign soil it's important to take time to let them know how much they are appreciated.

There are several groups and organizations that send letters and cards to servicemen and women that are wounded and in hospitals. Also, there are groups and organizations that collect necessary items to send over seas.

Below is a list of web sites and contact information so you can donate much needed items for our troops. Without their selfless dedication and service we would not have the privilege of living in a free country!

[www.woundedwarriorproject.org/](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/)

[www.operationgratitude.com/](http://www.operationgratitude.com/)

[www.operationonceinalifetime.com/](http://www.operationonceinalifetime.com/)

[www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/](http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/)

[www.thecarepackageproject.com/](http://www.thecarepackageproject.com/)

[www.toysfortots.org/](http://www.toysfortots.org/)

[www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress...](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress...)



**Pictured above is the Veterans Memorial located in Buckner, MO. Please remember those who have served and are still serving in the military!**

### Redbox comes to Buckner!!!!!!

A redbox rental box has been placed in front of the Dollar General Store on 24 highway in Buckner, Mo. Now you can pick up all your movies locally!



## Second Chance Thrift and Consignment to open in downtown Buckner on June 30

Downtown Buckner is getting a new business which will be located at 230 S. Hudson St. Owners Marilyn Allison and husband Dallis Baker have been working hard to get the older building ready for their grand opening. All the old merchandise has been removed from the building, new paint, carpeting, woodwork, etc. have been installed.

Marilyn stated that they are hiring local people, but are now fully staffed, and are offering furniture, household items, clothing, etc. They have a gaming room for kids where the children will be safe and cool. Children are to bring their own board games and cards, no video or arcade games will be provided. Ages are 10 years plus if not attended by teen or adult. Refreshments available at cost. Second Chance will be open Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Friday and Saturday-10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday-10 a.m.-5 p.m.

They will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Donations accepted (no tax deduction currently available). Pick up of contributions may be available upon request. They reserve the right to refuse specific donations or consignments. For more information please call 816-249-3307.

SecondChance will also be offering a Swap Meet on Sat. and Sunday, see ad on page 4 for more details on the Swap Meet, hours, days, booth sizes, etc. Be sure to clip out the coupon on page 4 under their ad to receive a FREE hot dog or Pop. Please tell them you read this article and ad in The Gazette and wish them good luck.

**Editors note: This building is handicap accessible.**







# Happy Independence Day



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### **Engagement announcement**

Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Cooper of Whitehouse, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Brooks Allen to Leslie Faith Hickson, daughter of Harry and Candace McLane of Lee's Summit, Missouri. A summer wedding is planned.

Mr. Cooper is a graduate of Sylvania Southview High School (1996) and The Ohio State University (2000). He is Assistant Controller of Rolled Alloys, Inc. in Temperance, Michigan. Miss Hickson is a graduate of Lee's Summit High School (2005), Penn Valley College (2008) and Mercy College of Ohio (2012). She is an RN with Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

## **Echo Realty**

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**L-R: Brooks Allen and Leslie Faith**

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## Cemetery Watchman ..

I just wanted to get the day over with and go down to Smokey's. Sneaking a look at my watch, I saw the time, 1655. Five minutes to go before the cemetery gates are closed for the day. Full dress was hot in the August sun. Oklahoma summertime was as bad as ever--the heat and humidity at the same level--both too high.

I saw the car pull into the drive, '69 or '70 model Cadillac Deville, looked factory-new. It pulled into the parking lot at a snail's pace.. An old woman got out so slow I thought she was paralyzed; she had a cane and a sheaf of flowers--about four or five bunches as best I could tell.

I couldn't help myself. The thought came unwanted, and left a slightly bitter taste: 'She's going to spend an hour, and for this old soldier, my hip hurts like hell and I'm ready to get out of here right now!' But for this day, my duty was to assist anyone coming in.

Kevin would lock the 'In' gate and if I could hurry the old biddy along, we might make it to Smokey's in time.

I broke post attention. My hip made gritty noises when I took the first step and the pain went up a notch. I must have made a real military sight: middle-aged man with a small pot gut and half a limp, in marine full-dress uniform, which had lost its razor crease about thirty minutes after I began the watch at the cemetery.

I stopped in front of her, halfway up the walk. She looked up at me with an old woman's squint.

'Ma'am, may I assist you in any way?'

She took long enough to answer.

'Yes, son. Can you carry these flowers? I seem to be moving a tad slow these days.'

'My pleasure, ma'am.' Well, it wasn't too much of a lie.

She looked again. 'Marine, where were you stationed?'

' Vietnam, ma'am.. Ground-pounder. '69 to '71.'

She looked at me closer. 'Wounded in action, I see. Well done, Marine. I'll be as quick as I can.'

I lied a little bigger: 'No hurry, ma'am.'

She smiled and winked at me. 'Son, I'm 85-years-old and I can tell a lie from a long way off.. Let's get this done. Might be the last time I can do this. My name's Joanne Wieserman, and I've a few Marines I'd like to see one more time.'

'Yes, ma'am. At your service.'

She headed for the World War I section, stopping at a stone. She picked one of the flowers out of my arm and laid it on top of the stone. She murmured something I couldn't quite make out.. The name on the marble was Donald S. Davidson, USMC: France 1918.

She turned away and made a straight line for the World War II section, stopping at one stone. I saw a tear slowly tracking its way down her cheek. She put a bunch on a stone; the name was Stephen X. Davidson, USMC, 1943.

She went up the row a ways and laid another bunch on a stone, Stanley J. Wieserman, USMC, 1944..

She paused for a second. 'Two more, son, and we'll be done'

I almost didn't say anything, but, 'Yes, ma'am. Take your time.'

She looked confused.. 'Where's the Vietnam section, son? I seem to have lost my way.'

I pointed with my chin. 'That way, ma'am.'

'Oh!' she chuckled quietly. 'Son, me and old age ain't too friendly.'

She headed down the walk I'd pointed at. She stopped at a couple of stones before she found the ones she wanted. She placed a bunch on Larry Wieserman, USMC, 1968, and the last on Darrel Wieserman, USMC, 1970. She stood there and murmured a few words I still couldn't make out.

'OK, son, I'm finished. Get me back to my car and you can go home.'

Yes, ma'am. If I may ask, were those your kinfolk?'

She paused. 'Yes, Donald Davidson was my father, Stephen was my uncle, Stanley was my husband, Larry and Darrel were our sons. All killed in action, all marines.'

She stopped. Whether she had finished, or couldn't finish, I don't know. She made her way to her car, slowly and painfully.

I waited for a polite distance to come between us and then double-timed it over to Kevin, waiting by the car.

'Get to the 'Out' gate quick.. I have something I've got to do.'

Kevin started to say something, but saw the look I gave him. He broke the rules to get us there down the service road. We beat her. She hadn't made it around the rotunda yet.

'Kevin, stand at attention next to the gatepost. Follow my lead.' I humped it across the drive to the other post.

When the Cadillac came pattering around from the hedges and began the short straight traverse to the gate, I called in my best gunny's voice: 'TehenHut! Present Haaaarms!'

I have to hand it to Kevin; he never blinked an eye--full dress attention and a salute that would make his DI proud.

She drove through that gate with two old worn-out soldiers giving her a send-off she deserved, for service rendered to her country, and for knowing duty, honor and sacrifice.

I am not sure, but I think I saw a salute returned from that Cadillac.

Instead of 'The End,' just think of 'Taps.' (Sent via email, thanks John)

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**Thumbs Up!**



The Gazette will be publishing a new column each month in the paper called "thumbs up." This column will focus on a business or individual or individuals that are making a difference in our community. If you have someone, group, etc. you would like to nominate for this award, please contact us at [editor@gazetteweekly.com](mailto:editor@gazetteweekly.com)

This month's winner is Butterflies & Grasshoppers, located on 24 highway next to Potter's barber shop and across from Dollar General Store.

The shop is owned and operated by Michele Carpenter, Levasy resident. Michele has a neat, clean and well organized clothing resale shop that is a pleasure to shop in. She works hard to carry a complete stock of infants-adult clothing, runs sales on a regular basis and always has a smile on her face, a kind word for everyone and is very helpful and a pleasure to be around. Congrats, keep up the good work!



## Upcoming issues of The Gazette

This month's issue of The Gazette emphasizes the Military, our freedoms and rights as Americans and what a Great Country we live in!

Next month's issue will be all about back to school news, bus routes, school supplies list, etc. We would like to thank Stephanie Smith, Public Relations Director for the FOSD for all her hard work and dedication in getting the news out to the general public. Stephanie, we really appreciate you and look forward to working with you for a long time!

September's paper will be our School Sports edition with pictures of the sports teams, schedules and other related school and sport's news

October/November's issue will be taking us into fall and the holidays!

December's issue will deal with the holidays and an end of year paper, emphasizing what has happened in and around our town.

## Obituary

### MARY SHARON COLE

Mary Sharon Cole, 66, Warsaw, MO formerly of Buckner, MO passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Buckner Hill Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Buckner Community of Christ Church; 1001 S. Sibley, Buckner, MO 64016. Mary was born September 30, 1945, in Independence, MO the daughter of Eugene Charles Russell and Rosemary (Robinson) Davis. She was a 1963 graduate of William Chrisman High School. Mary had worked for the Lyons Die Casting, Buckner Elementary Cafeteria, and Lincoln Nursing Home where she was a CNA and CMT. Recently she worked as a paralegal with Climax Springs High School and was involved with the drama department. Mary was a member of the Community of Christ Congregation. She loved classical music, spending time outdoors, and she enjoyed life. Most of all she loved spending time with her family. Mary was preceded in death by her first husband, Glen Parker in 1981; second husband Fred Urbanski in 1996; one granddaughter and her father. Survivors include her loving husband Herbert Cole; daughter, Camellia Leighty and husband Larry; son, Stacey Parker and wife Regina; daughter, Lisa Hoffman and husband Jim; six step children; 23 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; mother, Rosemary Davis; brother, Darrell Davis and wife Daisy; sister, Janice Davis; Terry Rodgers and husband Steven and numerous nieces, nephews and family. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com) (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel)

### Swap Meet-June Thru October

230 S. Hudson,  
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He's told he will be held over an  
extra 2 months.

You call your girlfriend and set a  
date for tonight.

He waits for the mail to see if there  
is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend,  
like you do everyday.

He holds his letter close and smells  
his love's perfume.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He gets a letter with pictures of his  
new child, and wonders if they'll ever meet.

You criticize your government, and  
say that war never solves anything.

He sees the innocent tortured and  
killed by their government and  
remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make fun of men like him.

He hears the gunfire, bombs and  
screams of the wounded.

You see only what the media wants  
you to see.

He sees the broken bodies lying  
around him.

You are asked to do something by  
your parents. You don't.

He does exactly what he is told even  
if it puts his life in danger.

You stay at home and watch TV.

He takes whatever time he is given  
to call, write home, sleep, and eat.

You crawl into your soft bed, with  
down pillows, and get comfortable.

*He tries to sleep but gets awakened by mortars and helicopters all  
night long.*

*Please remember our service men and women-they are giving up so  
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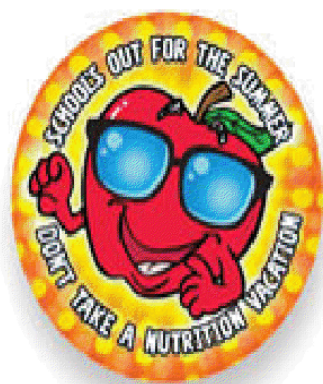
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- \*Metcalf Bank
- \*Buckner Thriftway
- \*Buckner Public Library
- \*Buckner Elementary School
- \*Levasy City Hall
- \*Misty's
- \*Laundramat in 24 highway shopping center
- \*Paper box in 24 highway shopping center
- \*Paper box on corner of S. Hudson and Washington street in downtown Buckner
- \*Senior Center

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**Important school dates to remember**

**High School Schedule Pick Up and Student ID**

High School students may pick up their 2012-2013 schedules and have their student ID picture taken in the Commons between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the following designated days. Students need to bring the following items to orientation: parking application with parent signature and proof of insurance (juniors and seniors only), emergency card, and free and reduced lunch forms.

- Seniors- August 1, 2012
- Juniors – August 2, 2012
- Sophomores – August 3, 2012
- Freshmen will be given their schedule at Freshmen Orientation on August 14, 2012.

**Osage Trail Schedule Pick-Up**

- August 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Meet the Teacher Nights**

- Cler-Mont Elementary –August 13, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Buckner Elementary – August 13, 2012 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Elm Grove Elementary- August 9, 2012 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Indian Trails Elementary- August 13, 2012 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
- Blue Hills Elementary – August 14, 2012 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Fire Prairie Middle School (6th Grade Only) – August 9, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Fire Prairie Middle School (5th Grade Only) – August 13, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Osage Trail Middle School- August 13, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Early Childhood Center – August 14, 2012 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Career & Technology Center-August 14, 2012 at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

**5th GRADE ORIENTATION**

Fire Prairie Middle School will hold an orientation session for 5th graders on August 14, at 8:25 a.m. Students will ride their regular bus and will be greeted by staff when they arrive at Fire Prairie.

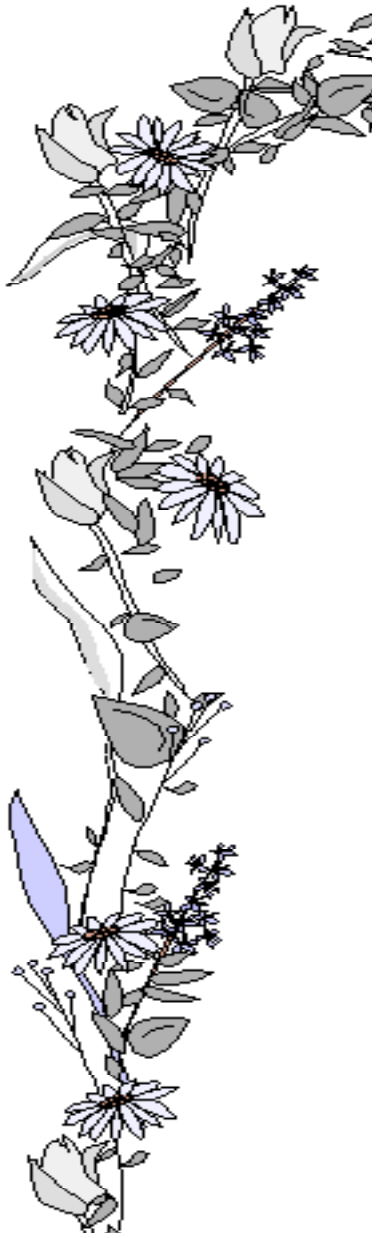
**7th GRADE ORIENTATION**

Osage Trail Middle School will hold an orientation session for 7th graders on August 14, at 7:30 a.m. Students will ride their regular bus and will be greeted by staff when they arrive at Osage Trail. Please do not send school supplies with students.

**9th GRADE ORIENTATION**

Fort Osage High School will hold an orientation session for 9th graders on August 14, at 7:35 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Students will ride their regular bus and will be greeted by staff when they arrive.

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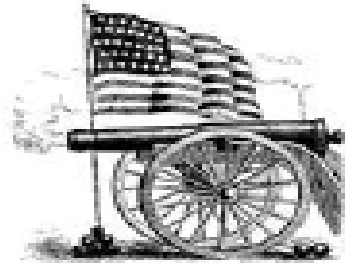
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**\*\*\*NEW Lunch prices\*\*\***

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### Activity Fee

In order to provide quality co-curricular opportunities, the Fort Osage School District requires a \$40 activity fee for those students wanting to participate in athletics. The one-time fee will cover all sports in which the student wishes to participate.

Other vital information about the fee:

- A. If a family has more than one child participating in Fort Osage activities, the fee shall be \$40 for the first student and \$30 for each additional student.
- B. An activity pass will be issued when the fee is paid (\$200 value). The activity pass will admit the student to all home, non-district contests (excluding tournaments).
- C. If an athlete is cut from a team but has already paid the fee, he/she will be reimbursed.
- D. If a student quits the team after the first game a refund will not be given.
- E. If a student is removed from a team due to misconduct, a refund will not be given.
- F. If a student is injured during or after the first contest, and he/she cannot compete, the fee will not be refunded.
- G. One \$40 fee covers all sports for the entire school year.
- H. Any student who can show evidence of need to waive the fee needs to submit a written request to the activities director or building principal. Each case will be judged independently.

### Admission Charges

Football, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Wrestling (Varsity)  
\$5 for adults-\$3 for students K-12  
Yearly Adult Pass for home games \$75 (not valid on tournaments)

### FORE!

The F.O.R.C.E. annual golf tournament was held on Monday, June 4, 2012. This year we had 86 players and funds exceeding \$9,000.00. Twenty-two teams teed off at WinterStone Golf Course for a picture perfect day of golf. Through registrations, hole sponsors, and donations, F.O.R.C.E. is excited to award scholarships for the class of 2013. The golf tournament grows stronger every year. Plans are now underway for the 19th annual tournament to be held in early June 2013 at WinterStone Golf Course. Mark your calendars to join us! For more information on F.O.R.C.E., visit [www.fort-foundation.org](http://www.fort-foundation.org)



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**Class Reunions**

**Class of 1992  
 July 7, 2012**

Family Picnic at Rotary Park Shelter 1 behind Vesper Hall 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Reunion at American Legion upstairs ballroom (Blue Springs) 7:00 p.m. January until July 6th it is \$30 per person and \$35 at the door. It can be cash or check. If paying by check make it out to Fort Osage Class of 1992. You can mail it to Kristie Winningham at 2413 NW 1st St. Blue Springs, MO 64014

**Class of 2007**

The Class of 2007 is planning a 5 year reunion set for August 18, 2012 at Lake Jacomo Shelter #11. Details can be found on Facebook at Fort Osage Class of 2007 FIVE year HS Reunion page.

For information, contact:  
 Skylar Courter at 816-785-1173  
 Brittney Martin at 816-929-1089  
 Travis Sitzmen at 816-582-9411

**Class of 1962**

50th Class Reunion  
 Saturday, September 15  
 2:00-9:00 p.m.  
 Blue Springs Elk Lodge  
 100 NE Brizendine Road  
 Blue Springs, MO 64014  
 Contact: lbrosam@shb.com

**Class of 1972**

Friday, September 28  
 Fort Osage Football Game  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Tickets are purchased at the gate  
 September 29  
 The Elks Lodge  
 Blue Springs, MO  
 5:00-6:30 p.m. for meet and greet  
 6:30 p.m. dinner  
 Sunday, September 30  
 Baumgardner Park  
 Blue Springs, MO  
 12:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Bring your own picnic lunch  
 The cost will be \$30.00 per person or \$40.00 at the door. If you miss the deadline it will be \$35.00.

Please send your fee by July 30th payable to Kathy Curry, 472 Colbern Ext. Oak Grove, Mo. 64075.  
 If you have any questions please call me or any one of us on the committee at the following numbers.

Kathy "Angell" Curry-- 816-679-8773  
 Sharon "Kreissler" Marble-816-229-7259  
 Chris "Justus" Sousley-816-796-9323 Please leave # (no caller ID)  
 Mark Welch-816-805-7669

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 Lacy Goettling  
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 Kyrsten Mormino  
 Megan Resch  
 Lauren Stutts  
 Taylor Woods  
 Alexis Wurtenberger

**Golden Pass**

Residents of the Fort Osage R-1 School District who have reached their 65th birthday are encouraged to apply for a Golden Pass. This card entitles the senior citizen to attend all musical, dramatic, and home athletic events without admission charge. Information and applications for the Golden Pass should be directed to Mr. Brandon Hart, Activities Director by calling 650-7041, by email at bhart@fortosage.net, or by visiting the High School Office

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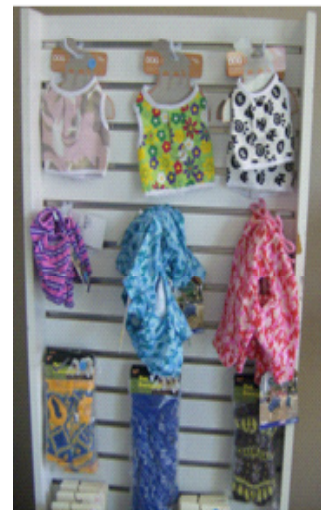


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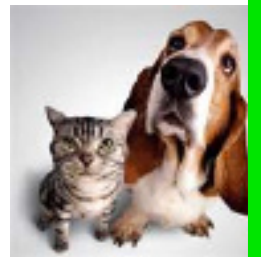
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**Happy 4th of July!**



## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia, is a military cemetery in the United States of America, established during the American Civil War on the grounds of Arlington House, formerly the estate of the family of Confederate general Robert E. Lee's wife Mary Anna (Custis) Lee, a great grand-daughter of Martha Washington. The cemetery is situated directly across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is served by the Arlington Cemetery station on the Blue Line of the Washington Metro system.

In an area of 624 acres (253 ha), veterans and military casualties from each of the nation's wars are interred in the cemetery, ranging from the American Civil War through to the military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Pre-Civil War dead were reinterred after 1900.

Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery are administered by the Department of the Army. The other national cemeteries are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs or by the National Park Service. Arlington House (Custis-Lee Mansion) and its grounds are administered by the National Park Service as a memorial to Lee.

(Picture and information emailed to us and taken from inter net website)



Above picture is of Arlington National Cemetery, located in Arlington County, VA. Photo taken from internet and emailed to us.

### Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier refers to a grave in which the remains of an unidentified soldier are interred, dedicated to the common memories of all soldiers killed in any war. Such tombs can be found in many nations and are usually high-profile national monuments. Throughout history, many soldiers have died in wars without their remains being identified. Following the First World War, a movement arose to commemorate these soldiers with a single tomb, containing the body of one such unidentified soldier.

The tombs typically contain the remains of a dead soldier who is unidentified (or "known but to God" as the stone is sometimes inscribed)[1] and thought to be impossible ever to identify, so that he might serve as a symbol for all of the unknown dead wherever they fell. The anonymity of the entombed soldier is key to the symbolism of the monument: since his or her identity is unknown, it could theoretically be the tomb of anyone who fell in service of the nation in question, and therefore serves as a monument to all of their sacrifices. Much work goes into trying to find a certain soldier, and to verify that it is indeed one of the relevant nation's soldiers.



Pictured above is the tomb of a Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Washington Square in Philadelphia (Story and article via email and the internet.)

### From the Editor

As we approach the 4th of July holiday, families are planning picnics, family reunions, food, fun and fireworks.

We are so fortunate to live in our Great Country where we have freedoms and choices. I believe that sometimes we forget how lucky we are and that many men and women, some barely old enough to vote, are on foreign soil protecting our rights and freedoms.

Children squeal with delight as they watch the beautiful fireworks in the sky and when they hear the explosions of fireworks, many have no fear, as they know they are part of our celebration. However, those fighting for our rights and freedoms spend many sleepless nights watching for enemy fire. A loud noise means that a bomb or group of individuals are getting close and they depend on their fellow soldiers and themselves to protect themselves from possible harm.

Our immediate family has always been proud to be Americans and have served our country in times of war and peace. My father served in the Navy in World War II, was wounded and lost a lung. When I was born, he was in the VA hospital in K.C. having his lung removed and his first glimpse of me was a skinny newborn who he could barely hold, due to the surgery. He had a scar about 12 inches long and 2 inches deep on the left side of his back. As a child my brother, sister and myself would ask how it happened and he would tell us about the war. I loved listening to his stories of how he first met me and I loved looking at the swords, flags, etc. he brought back from Japan. My uncle served in the Army, my father-in-law was Army, brother in law was Navy and my husband Chuck served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

We were married 6 weeks when he received his draft notice and left shortly afterwards for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. He was then sent for training in Georgia, where we lived in a trailer park outside of the base. That is where we adopted our first dog from the base dog pound. Rock was a German Shepherd mix and was lots of fun. After training Chuck was sent to Vietnam and Rock and I went back to Missouri where I finished my college degree. Chuck was in communications and I felt he was safe. Well, after he got back, they told me that the communications area was usually blown up first, glad I didn't know that beforehand. We were then sent to North Carolina, and Chuck received an early out. Missouri here we come.

Now, 42 years later, 3 adult children and 2 adorable grandsons, we still remember the good and bad times we went through and we can honestly say, "We are proud to be Americans!"

Please remember those protecting your family, friends, freedoms and our country as we celebrate the 4th of July. Stay safe, have a great week! Gretchen

**Editors note: below are the lyrics from one of my most favorite songs, Proud to be An American by Lee Greenwood.**

*Lyrics from*

***"Proud to be an American"***

*by*

***Lee Greenwood***

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
And they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,  
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the U.S.A.  
From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,  
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea,  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.,

There's pride in every American heart  
And it's time we stand and say:  
I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,  
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the U.S.A.

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