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MILITARY SEA SERVICES MUSEUM, INC.



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John Cecil

A message from the President

May fair winds and following seas be with all of you as you bring your spring cleaning to a close and prepare for spring events. It is with much sadness that I report, our shipmate Eugene (Doc) Savage is now in the presence of our Supreme Commander. Doc loved the Military Sea Services Museum and was the donor of several monetary gifts. I am glad to announce that the guest speaker for our Memorial Day festivities is 18th District Congressman, C.S. Franklin. The museums 25th anniversary will be celebrated immediately after the Memorial Day festivities.

Museum Happenings



The small boat crew for the USS Enterprise CV6 parade model, stand easy before the rededication of the Hendricks Army Airfield Memorial. The base was constructed in 1941 as a training base for B-17 pilots and crews. It was named in honor of 1st Lieutenant Laird Hendricks in 1942. Hendricks, a native Floridian and graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, who was killed while training with the Royal Air Force in England before the United States entered World WAR II. Pictured left to right, Micah Marsh, Fred Carino, Al Whitbeck, Steve Albert, and Gil Uribe.

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Gone, but not forgotten.



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Former Gunners Mate First Class, Jack H. Moore, a member of the Greatest Generation, passed from this world at his home in Sebring, FL., 4 months before his 101st birthday. As a machine gunner onboard the USS Sacramento PG19 during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Jack, returned fire against the insurmountable number of Japanese aircraft, attacking the U.S. ships moored in the harbor. Jack was selected for Chief but as the war wound down, he was discharged before "Putting on the Hat". Post military life found Jack and Clara in Columbus Ohio raising their 3 sons before moving to Sebring Florida in 1985.

Members of Jacks extended family (12 in all) were the guests of the Military Sea Services Museum during the monthly member/guest dinner on 02/26/2023. The oldest son, Dr. Curt Moore displays the enlisted jumper that Jack once wore.



May is, Military Appreciation Month

What

365 days a year, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day, members of the U.S. military are on call around the world, defending the interests and security of the nation. This May, during Military Appreciation Month, is the perfect opportunity to express gratitude to them, and their families, for all that they do every day.

This year, as many service members are overseas supporting our NATO allies in Eastern Europe, it is especially important that we as a nonprofit military organization – and you, as a patriotic citizen – pause to honor them during Military Appreciation Month.

When

Military Appreciation Month was initially recognized by a resolution in the U.S. Senate in 1999 and traditionally takes place every year throughout the entire month of May, reminding Americans to celebrate this patriotic month that pays tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Although the entire month is designated to honoring past and present military members and their families, there are several, specific military holidays sprinkled throughout Military Appreciation Month, including Loyalty Day, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

Who

VE Participants

05/08/2023

Marking the end of a long, deadly war, VE Day, short for “Victory in Europe Day,” celebrated just that: the end of World War II on the European front. Since this momentous occasion in 1945, much of the world has continued to commemorate it every year. It has since become an official holiday in Military Appreciation Month.





Military Spouse Day

05/13/2023

This holiday takes place on the Friday before Mother's Day and honors the military spouses who sacrifice so much in the support of their service member's mission. President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed "Military Spouse Day" a holiday in 1984.

Armed Forces Day

05/20/23

Armed Forces Day was created on August 31, 1949, by then-Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, to replace separate Army, Navy, and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the Armed Forces' unification under one Department of Defense by then-President Harry S. Truman when he signed the National Security Act into law on July 26, 1947.



Memorial Day

05-29-2023



Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May, a time of year when weather is turning warmer, and schools and universities are adjourning for summer break. It is the unofficial beginning of summer.

The Battle of Midway

4-7 June 1942

Things you might not know about the Battle of Midway.

1. US intelligence detected that an attack was coming.
2. The battle, fought almost entirely with aircraft, in which the United States destroyed Japan's first-line carrier strength and most of its best trained naval pilots.

3. The Midway attack was commanded by the same man who oversaw the Pearl Harbor attack, Vice Admiral of the Japanese Navy, Chuichi Nagumo.



4. It was one of two simultaneous attacks launched by Japan. At the beginning of the Battle of Midway, the Japanese Army was also attempting to invade the Aleutian Islands. Some believe the Aleutian attack was launched to draw US forces away from Midway.
5. The US was still recovering from Pearl Harbor. The US Army Air Forces and Navy were majorly depleted in the surprise 1941 attack. All eight of the navy's battleships were damaged, with two lost completely and the rest taken out of commission. This meant that there were no battleships to fight at Midway.
6. American vessels were seriously outnumbered. Japan had 5 CV's and 3CVL's. The U.S. had only 3 CV's

7. Despite its ultimate failure at Midway, Japan did destroy a number of US aircraft and naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, CV5, and the USS Hammann DD 412.



8. Aircraft from 3 U.S. Carriers attack and sink one of the Japanese carriers during Midway. The partial list of aircraft utilized included, the Grumman F4F Wildcat & TBF Avenger, the Douglas SBD Dauntless and TBD Devastator.



Hellcat



Avenger



Dauntless



Devastator

It was a turning point in the Pacific. The US had been on the defense in the Pacific theater since the attack on Pearl Harbor. But after the Battle of Midway, Japan and the US switched roles, with the former spending much of the rest of the war defending – rather than attacking – territories in the Pacific.

9. At the Battle of Midway, Japan lost four carriers, a cruiser, and 292 aircraft, and suffered over 3,000 casualties of its sailors and pilots. These losses were so catastrophic that the Japanese canceled their plans to invade New Caledonia, Fiji, and Samoa and lost all but the last vestiges of their earlier strategic initiative.



Burial at Sea

10. The U.S. lost the Yorktown, the destroyer Hammann, plus 145 aircraft. A total of 317 sailors, airmen, and marines were killed.

Britannia

MAY 2023

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	<p>May 4, 1970 - At Kent State University, four students - Allison Krause, 19; Sandra Lee Scheuer, 20; Jeffrey Glenn Miler, 20; and William K. Schroeder, 19 - were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded. The shootings set off tumultuous campus demonstrations across America resulting in the temporary closing of over 450 colleges and universities.</p>					

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	<p>June 19, 1865 - In Galveston, Texas, upon the arrival of Union troops, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger read General Order No. 3. "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States (President Lincoln), all slaves are free". Over 250,000 enslaved African Americans in Texas were finally freed. The day is now celebrated as <u>Juneteenth</u> to commemorate Emancipation and to recognize the struggle for freedom and equality of African Americans.</p>					

Duh! You Think English is Easy?

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce, produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He would lead if he would get lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down in a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the panting, I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. I enjoyed watching a clip from that video of my mom trying to clip her own hair.

To be continued...

Thanks Lou.

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