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Commanders Corner: Summer is around the corner and I hope you and your families have a beautiful and safe month of May. Of course, this includes attending Memorial Day activities around the 27th. Please remember those comrades of 2nd BN 1st INF that did not make it back from Vietnam as well as any losses the battalion has suffered during the current conflict.



I will still bring up the two Veterans Reunions coming up this year that 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Regiment veterans attend. As an association, we are a Chapter under the Americal Division Veterans Association (ADVA) who will be having their 2019 Reunion, 2-6 October 2019 at the Crown Plaza Providence/Warwick (Airport) at 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886. See the ADVA website for additional information: <https://americal.org/cmsaml/index.php/reunions.html>.

The 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association is having their 2019 Reunion, 22-25 August 2019 in Lombard, IL, at the Westin Hotel (west of Chicago). See: <https://www.196th.org/reunion2001/reunionp.htm>. If you can attend either of these, I'll see you there.

On a personal note, our youngest son Matt who is an infantry SFC has assignment orders for the summer, to report to the Warrior Prep Center which supports the RANGER School at Fort Benning, GA. So, Lari and I will be able to visit him, Kim, Madie and Maci in Georgia. God bless you and your families, and hope you have a great beginning of summer. Remember our collective extended family, those Americans serving in our Armed Forces all over the world, and especially to the memories of those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. By the way, Jesse Mendoza sends this message; We received an Email From Robin Gobble Thanking the Chapter for the money that was sent as a donation to Stan's Desorda's daughter. A few members sent me extra money to go along with the Chapter donation. She thanks everyone for their generosity; God Bless you all and thank you. Jesse Mendoza Sec/Treas.

Got a comment, idea or complaint, contact me at Commander.2.1.jgw@gmail.com.

John
Commander

Keep safe and may the bond of battle never be broken!



**We have two ears and one
mouth so that we can listen
twice as much as we speak.**

Gerry "Bo" Borysiak sends this note: I am living in Washington my new postal address is listed below. So pass this along for those who need to know, via the next 2/1 newsletter. For Memorial Brick update. I can still be the HCCVO Memorial Brick Rep. But as a new procedure stress the checks should be made out to Me (Gerry Borysiak) with The full name of the Brick Recipient spelled correctly in the Checks memo line. The Brick makers have tightened up they're procedure. All submissions before July 31st & all bricks (for that year) will be fired in "One Large Single Batch ONLY! Which gives us little time to perform an accuracy check, Prior to the years Reunion. The Brick Maker is playing hardball about Corrections. So I intend to talk with "Chappy" in person to see if they will make copies of our Brick Request Sheets to Verify Accuracy. By making a set of copies in a separate envelope. Marked "Save this Envelope which contains all 2/1 Bravo Company 196 LIB Duplicate List for (Said Year). As many well know, "Chappy" is under the Gun each Reunion Season. We should consider doing some kind of recognition, which could be done for Him. Perhaps a plaque in-scripted from Bravo 2/1 196th, as part of a pen set for His Desk? Which I would be happy to make an official presentation, including Yourself & others present at the 2019 Reunion. With the help & Blessing of HCVVO Governing Staff, as a Special Surprise?

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Vietnam Vet Pretended to be Blind to Defraud VA: A Colorado man has been sentenced to a year in prison for defrauding the Department of Veterans Affairs out of nearly \$1.3 million by pretending to be blind. Mike Blea, of Northglenn, was sentenced and ordered to pay the VA \$1,273,180 in restitution. Investigators say Blea is a Vietnam veteran who started getting VA disability payments in 1969 for visual impairment. He did have a minor problem with his eyesight but started to exaggerate how bad it was. Blea had eye exams outside of the VA system that showed his vision could be corrected to 20/30 in one eye and 20/40 in another. He also had a driver's license and drove regularly. U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn said after the sentence that "justice may be blind, but Mr. Blea isn't."

ADVA 2019 National Reunion: The 2019 National Reunion dates have been set and Registration forms are available in the latest issue of the Americal Journal and on our WEBSITE. The location is Newport, RI and the dates are October 2-6, 2019. Headquarters hotel is the Crown Plaza Providence/Warwick. Reunion guests can stay at a price of \$109.00 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 401-732-0261. Remember to tell the reservation clerk that you are attending the 2019 ADVA Reunion. The Reunion code is ADV Tours have been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Have you ever wondered about the 196th LIB

Insignia: The 196th Light Infantry Brigade Shoulder Insignia. The color blue is used to denote infantry, the yellow and red symbolize cavalry and artillery. The double-headed match, used during the days of the matchlock musket, is lighted at both ends to ensure readiness. The 196th was activated 15 September 1965 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, by General Order Number 266.



New Legislation Would Recognize Nine More Diseases Caused by Agent Orange:

A group of lawmakers introduced legislation that would add nine more diseases to a list of conditions presumed to be caused by the chemical herbicide Agent Orange, giving veterans who suffer from them a fast-track to Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation and health care. The Keeping Our Promises Act, introduced last week, adds prostate cancer, bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, hypertension, stroke, early-onset peripheral neuropathy, AL amyloidosis, ischemic heart disease and Parkinson-like syndromes to a list of diseases presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War. Researchers with the National Academy of Medicine released findings in November that there was “suggestive” evidence that eight of the diseases could be caused by Agent Orange. For hypertension, researchers found that “sufficient” evidence exists. “American heroes affected by Agent Orange deserve the peace of mind knowing that the federal government recognizes the existing link between their exposure and illness,” said Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Penn., one of eight lawmakers who banded together to introduce the legislation. During a Senate hearing March 26, Richard Stone, the executive in charge of the Veterans Health Administration, guessed the review would be complete within 90 days.

Remains of Korean War Soldier Declared MIA

Identified: Remains belonging to a soldier from Tennessee who was killed in the Korean War have been identified nearly seven decades after he was declared missing in action. U.S. Department of Defense officials said Tuesday that scientists have used dental records and DNA testing to identify the remains of Rufus J. Hyman, of Memphis. Hyman was a 23-year-old Army infantry officer when his division began fighting the North Korean Army near Kwonbin-ni, South Korea, in 1950. Hyman was declared MIA on July 30, 1950. One year later, a team from the American Registration Service Group found an isolated burial in the vicinity of where Hyman was last seen. But the remains could not be unidentified. In October 2017, the remains were disinterred. Hyman was officially accounted for in February.

Unknown Soldier Killed in Korean War is Identified:

A U.S. soldier killed during the Korean War has been identified nearly 70 years after being buried as an unknown person. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Tuesday that Army Cpl. Carlos E. Ferguson of Dawson, West Virginia, has been identified. The group says Ferguson's remains were buried in 1951 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Then, in 2018, scientists disinterred the remains and used dental, anthropological and chest radiograph comparison analysis along with material evidence to figure out it was Ferguson. Ferguson will be buried in May in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The group says 7,662 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have placed them on my knees.

VA Mission Act: What is the latest on community care?

Last June, President Trump signed landmark legislation, known as the VA MISSION Act of 2018, that makes dramatic improvements to how Veterans receive community care—health care provided outside of VA. VA’s goal is to give Veterans greater choice over their health care, allowing VA to deliver world-class, seamless customer service either through a VA facility or community provider. While the law affects many other VA programs, the changes to community care are among the most complex and far-reaching in recent history. After the legislation was enacted, VA immediately began taking the steps needed to implement the vast changes required.

Current Activities

Understanding the enormous scale of VA health care operations and VA’s responsibility for America’s Veterans, VA has been working hard on many large, interrelated tasks to implement the new Veteran community care program by June 2019. These tasks include the following:

- Design and launch a new internal operating structure for community care, including the new urgent care/walk-in care benefit

- Propose access standards as one of the six eligibility criteria for community care

- VA’s proposed rules for the new Veterans community care program, including access standards, are currently open for public comment until March 25, 2019

- Award contracts to Third Party Administrators (TPAs) to manage regions of VA’s new Community Care Network (CCN)

- Plan to implement Veterans Care Agreements to allow VA to purchase hospital care, medical services, or extended care services in certain situations

- Define competency standards for certain conditions applicable to community providers to make sure Veterans are getting high-quality care when they receive care outside of VA

- Set up new requirements for prompt payments to community providers

- Draft regulations to implement the law

What to Expect

So what can Veterans expect when the new program starts this summer? Given the magnitude of the changes, VA is working hard to make sure the rollout goes smoothly. If you are a Veteran enrolled in VA health care, or a Veteran who can receive care without needing to enroll, you can expect:

- To continue to have access to community care under current programs and then transition to the new program when regulations are final and published

- To follow an improved process to receive community care under the new program, with better access to community providers and improvements to customer service, such as more streamlined eligibility requirements

- A new benefit that provides eligible Veterans with access to urgent, non-emergency care for non-life-threatening conditions in VA’s network of community providers

- Improved care coordination as VA transitions to a single information technology system that better links together VA and community providers

- Your provider to receive timely payments for bills as VA transitions to better claims processing systems

Going Forward

VA will be providing regular updates on community care as part of this series of articles. Community care will continue to supplement VA health care as part of VA’s broad commitment to modernize and strengthen the VA health care system, expand access, and ensure timely delivery of care to America’s Veterans. VA health care regularly outperforms the private sector, and VA staff are experienced and devoted to meeting Veterans’ specific needs. VA believes Veterans will continue to choose VA when they need timely, high-quality care.

2/1 LOCATOR

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America's 1st Female Astronaut Candidate, Jerrie Cobb, Dies: America's first female astronaut candidate, pilot Jerrie Cobb, who pushed for equality in space but never reached its heights, has died. Cobb died in Florida at age 88 on March 18 following a brief illness. News of her death came from journalist Miles O'Brien, serving as a family spokesman. In 1961, Cobb became the first woman to pass astronaut testing. Altogether, 13 women passed the arduous physical testing and became known as the Mercury 13. But NASA already had its Mercury 7 astronauts, all jet test pilots and all military men. None of the Mercury 13 ever reached space, despite Cobb's testimony in 1962 before a congressional panel. Instead of making her an astronaut, NASA tapped her as a consultant to talk up the space program. She was dismissed one week after commenting: "I'm the most unconsulted consultant in any government agency." Cobb served for decades as a humanitarian aid pilot in the Amazon jungle. "She should have gone to space, but turned her life into one of service with grace," tweeted Ellen Stofan, director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and a former NASA scientist.

Killed in War, a Sailor Finally Comes Home: The telegram came on Dec. 21, 1941, two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, confirming what Bessie Meyer already knew: Her son was gone. "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son Herbert Joseph Poindexter Jr Seaman First Class US Navy is missing following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The Department appreciates your great anxiety and will furnish you further information promptly." In February, another telegram arrived: "After exhaustive search it has been impossible to locate your son ... and he has therefore been officially declared to have lost his life." Herbert Joseph Poindexter, better known as "H.J.," grew up poor in Jacksonville and went to Andrew Jackson High School. In 1936 the Navy seemed a good way out of poverty, so he joined up and made his way to the Pacific Ocean. He was 24 when he died five years later, a barber on the battleship Oklahoma. He figured he'd be at sea another couple of years, then move to Arizona, where he had a fiancée and a ranch on which he was making payments. But war caught up with him on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese planes torpedoed the Oklahoma, docked at Ford Island. H.J.'s body could not be identified among those recovered from the wreck. And no one could even be sure if his were among the hundreds of remains from the Oklahoma crew that were buried in the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. But in 2015, members of the military's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed the unknown remains from the ship, counting on modern science to finally identify those who had died. And last September, the agency's scientists got a DNA match: H.J. Poindexter had finally been found. This June, more than 77 years after he died, he will be buried at the national cemetery in Jacksonville, his hometown.



The number of medals on an officer's breast varies in inverse proportion to the square of the distance of his duties from the front line.

--Charles Edward Montague

Major League Baseball Unveils Commemorative Uniforms to Honor the Fallen on Memorial Day:

Major League Baseball pulled the curtain back today on a number of special edition 2019 uniforms, to include editions designed to honor the fallen and celebrate military personnel throughout the month of May. One noticeable change, compared to previous seasons, is that the League is taking a more subtle approach with its Memorial Day uniform accents in an effort to respect the real meaning behind the day, Melanie LeGrande, Major League Baseball's vice president of Social Responsibility, told Military Times. "From Major



League Baseball's perspective, it was important for us to ensure that we were being appropriate to the spirit of Memorial Day," LeGrande said. "It's a great opportunity for us to celebrate and support the military, to honor those who have been lost, and to understand their memory, their commitment, and how we feel about military families who have lost a loved one."

To better respect the day's true meaning, LeGrande said Major League Baseball decided to move away from the more sweeping uniform changes the League had employed in the past, pivoting those efforts to Armed Forces Day instead, "when it's more appropriate," she said. As part of the commemoration, teams will wear Memorial Day patches on their caps and don small remembrance poppy patches on the chest, accompanied by the words, "Lest we forget," written on a scroll across the flower.

This soldier is one of the Army's 'Best Rangers,' for the third time:

About a quarter of Best Ranger Competition contestants this year had participated before, and among them were Cpts. Michael Rose and John Bergman, who each had at least one win under their belts already. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division team was honored in a ceremony Monday morning after beating out 52 other teams in the three-day competition, Fort Benning. It was their second win together — they competed as second lieutenants with the 25th Infantry Division in 2014 — and Rose's third, as he competed in 2017 as part of the 75th Ranger Regiment. The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy, took second place with Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Gerber and 1st Lt. Alastair Keys. In third was another 101st Airborne Division team: 1st Lts. Nathan Panick and Edward von Kuhn. It was a big week for the 101st Airborne Division, in a competition that has been overwhelmingly dominated by soldiers from the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade, the Regiment or Army Special Operations Command in its 36 years. The command also took top honors in last week's Best Sapper Competition at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. "We as a division could not be prouder of all of the winners, and quite frankly, of all of the teams that competed," the 101st's spokesman, Lt. Col. Martin O'Donnell, told Army Times on Monday. Both Rose and Bergman are taking company command in the next few months, he added. This year's competition included 17 events — from marksmanship ranges to a pond swim, a body armor run and a helocast — that kicked off at 6:30 a.m. on Friday and finished with a buddy run Sunday afternoon.



Don't confuse my personality with my attitude ... My personality depends of who I am my attitude depends on who you are.

Committee Will Study Respiratory Diseases Related to Military Burn Pits, Dust: A National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine panel has launched a study on the respiratory effects of burn pits and other pollution encountered by U.S. troops in the Middle East and Afghanistan. The planned 21-month review marks the second time a National Academies committee has explored the subject: in 2011, a group of physicians and scientists, under what was known then as the Institute of Medicine, concluded there was insufficient evidence to link troops' illnesses to exposure to burn pit smoke at Joint Base Balad in Iraq. That committee found that the level of pollutants at Balad were not higher than those measured at other polluted sites in the world and concluded that other sources of pollution, such as particulate matter and metals found in dust in the region, may have contributed to troops' long-term health problems. The new committee, which includes just one member from the 2011 group, will review all available scientific and medical research on burn pits and airborne hazards and related illnesses. It will then evaluate and summarize them and make recommendations as warranted to the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#), which requested the study. More than 173,000 U.S. troops and veterans have enrolled in the VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry since 2014, when the database was established. The volunteer registry includes service members who worked or lived near burn pits or other pollution sources while [deployed](#) in the Middle East since August 1990 and in Afghanistan or Djibouti since Sept. 11, 2001.

Here are the Army's Newly Crowned Best Sapper and Mortar Teams: Soldiers from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, took top honors this week in the Army's searches to find both the best [combat engineers](#) and the best [mortar](#) crew in the service. Two officers from the 39th Brigade Engineer Battalion were named best Sapper on Thursday, according to a release from [Fort Leonard Wood](#), Missouri, while four noncommissioned officers from the 82nd Airborne Division aced the Best Mortar competition at Fort Benning, Georgia. Capt. John Baer and 1st Lt. Terence Hughes were named best Sappers, the second year in a row for a Fort Campbell, Kentucky, team, according to the release. Second place went to Staff Sgt. Lucas Tucker and 1st Lt. Sabin Vaira from the 27th Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg, while Capt. Erwin Marciniak and 1st Lt. Jeremy Matsumoto of Fort Carson, Colorado's 299th Brigade Engineer Battalion took third. Fifty teams competed over three days in events like weapons assembly and disassembly, sling loading, land navigation and wall ascension. At Benning, four-man infantry mortar sections braved three days of events to test their general combat fitness, as well as their expertise on 60, 81 and 120mm rounds.



Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

Should Troops Act a 'Little Rough' at Border? Pentagon Won't Comment: The Pentagon on wouldn't address whether or not its military members currently deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border should be exhibiting more force towards detained migrants, a suggestion made by President Donald Trump earlier this week. "I would encourage you to talk to the White House" on the president's sentiments, Pentagon spokesman Charlie Summers told reporters during a briefing. When pressed on the matter, Summers added, "we are in support of direction by the commander-in-chief. And that's simply, that's our role." Trump on Wednesday said he'll put more troops on the southern border, where members of his administration say the situation is deteriorating with a new influx of migrants. He suggested Democrats are standing in the way of changing "horrible laws" that prohibit the military from getting "a little rough." "I'm going to have to call up more military," the president said. "Our military, don't forget, can't act like a military would act. Because if they got a little rough, everybody would go crazy." It was not immediately clear which laws Trump was referring to, or how he'd like to see U.S. troops acting while operating inside their own country. Currently, the federal law known as the Posse Comitatus Act prohibits military personnel from having direct contact with civilians, a provision that keeps the military from acting as a domestic law-enforcement agency. Changing it would require an act of Congress. Summers stressed the military remains at the border only to support the Department of Homeland Security, which has the "lead role" on detaining and housing migrants coming across the border.

Want to Run for Office? Now There's a Politics Boot Camp for Veterans: If you're a veteran eyeing a run for office, you now have access to a training program specially designed to get you in the race Syracuse University, with a grant from JP Morgan Chase & Co., plans to start a training program late this fall or early winter for veterans on the nuts-and-bolts of running for office at the state, local and federal levels. The goal of the "Veterans in Politics," or VIP, program is to take advantage of veterans' commitment to public service and translate that into organizing and running a campaign, but the school is upfront about potential pitfalls. "We want to be clear about what they're getting into. It's not all cookies and cream," said Steve Lux, director of executive education at the university's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, located in central New York state. He said the program will start with online preparation, leading to a free, week-long intensive seminar at the Maxwell School, tied for No. 1 with Indiana University as the nation's top public affairs graduate school, according to U.S. News & World Report. The program's launch was announced last week by Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, or IVMF, and the Maxwell School, with the intent of aiding veterans and military family members who aspire to public office or administration.

The Army wants you to come experience life 'InOurBoots': Army senior leaders promised to spend 2019 bringing the service's recruiting and marketing organization into the future, and they're taking a big proverbial step with a new app designed to figuratively put the American people into boots. Launched April 11, "In Our Boots" is part of a larger recruiting campaign — complete with hashtag — to open up a discussion on what it's like to serve in the Army, according to a brand manager at the Army Marketing and Research Group. "In Our Boots," both the app and the campaign, have been in the works since 2017. Originally there were two concepts for the app: A choose-your-own adventure-style game, Cox said, did not test as well as the virtual reality version they brought to market.

Largest Guard Armored Unit Deployment in a Decade Wraps up, an even Bigger one is on the Way:

The largest deployment of an Army National Guard armored brigade combat team recently concluded and an even bigger Guard armor deployment is coming soon as the Army leans on the reserve side of its units and makes "total force" a reality. More than 3,500 soldiers with the 155th ABCT, which included elements of both the Mississippi and Kansas National Guard, deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield in U.S. Central Command from July 2018 to March 2019. The nine-month deployment marked the first time in nearly a decade that a reserve component brigade of its size was deployed. Col. Jack Vantress, commander of the 177th ABCT, First Army Division East, told Army Times that the direct action focus to train the 155th ABCT was the first of its kind in many years. The unit spent 45 continuous days in the field at Fort Bliss, Texas in preparation for the rotation. The job of the 177th was to observe, coach and train the 155th so that they could in turn do the same with their allied and partner forces in the region. And they did. Lt. Col. Christopher Journey served as the operations officer for the 155th ABCT during the deployment. He has since taken command of the 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment with the Mississippi National Guard. Journey said that on some days members of the 155th were spread out over 22 nations across CENTCOM. The 155th has now returned and demobilized as of this month. The next armored brigade Guard unit slated for mobilization is the 30th ABCT with the North Carolina Army National Guard. That will be larger, with a planned 4,200 soldiers taking part in the rotation.

Retired General Confirmed as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia:

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to confirm a retired four-star general, John Abizaid, as the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, filling an important diplomatic post that has been vacant for more than two years. U.S.-Saudi relations are in turmoil after the murder of U.S.-based Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributor killed by kingdom agents in October while he was in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. That killing has added impetus to a push by Congress to withdraw U.S. support for the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen. U.S. intelligence agencies believe that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the murder of Khashoggi, who had written critically of the royal. The Trump administration has struggled to fill many of the State Department's high-ranking positions. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has blamed Senate Democrats for stalling the process. Democrats in Congress blame the administration for putting forward unqualified or poorly screen nominees. "Moving swiftly and efficiently on nominations like this, of which there are many others, is of great importance to our diplomatic stature across the globe," said Sen. Jim Risch, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a statement after the 92-7 vote. "We should continue in this way with all State Department nominees moving forward," said Risch, R-Idaho. Abizaid received strong support from lawmakers in both parties, including critics of the administration's Saudi policy.

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, Society is guilty, rather than the Law-breaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

Ronald Reagan

How Much Did Wiki Leaks Damage U.S. National Security?

To its supporters, the Wiki Leaks disclosures have revealed a wealth of important information that the U.S. government wanted to keep hidden, particularly in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This included abuses by the military and a video that showed a U.S. helicopter attack in Iraq on suspected militants. Those killed turned out to be unarmed civilians and journalists. Wiki Leaks founder Julian Assange, now under arrest in Britain, has often argued that no one has been harmed by the Wiki Leaks disclosures. "A number of people went into hiding, a number of people had to move, particularly those civilians in war zones who had told U.S. soldiers about movements of the Taliban and al-Qaida," he said. "No doubt some of those people were harmed when their identities were compromised." Wiki Leaks has made multiple disclosures over the past decade, including one in March 2017 when the group released what it said were CIA technical documents on a range of spying techniques. This revealed ways that a state-of-the-art television could serve as a listening device even when it was turned off. Larry Pfeiffer, the CIA chief of staff from 2006 to 2009, said these kinds of breaches can impose long-term costs, though they can be difficult to quantify.

Oldest Units in the Military Muster Together After 382 years:

Every April, in a coastal city north of Boston, Massachusetts, the Salem Muster is commemorated. Onlookers gather in Salem Commons for the event while the four oldest units in the National Guard and organized militias "muster," just like the earliest militias in the United States military did during the first muster in 1637. In 2013, President Barack Obama signed legislation sponsored by Massachusetts Congressman John Tierney designating Salem as the birthplace of the National Guard. "What we do here every April is incredibly important," said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard as he addressed his troops and the ceremony attendees. "Salem, Massachusetts is recognized by executive order as the birthplace of the National Guard. We have the four oldest military units in the Nation's armed forces. What I would ask you to do is learn more about your history, learn more about your lineage and learn more about the other organized militia units we have here today. The Ancient Honorable, the Second Corp Cadets, the Lancers, the YD (Yankee Division) Alumni. Get to know them. Their history goes back as far as ours in the Massachusetts National Guard and further than the Nation's." One of the organized militia, the Second Corp Cadets Veterans Organization (SCCVO), tied in with the Second Corp Cadets, has a lineage founded in 1785 by General Stephen Abbott. The Second Corp Cadets lineage is tied into the Field Artillery, which was the 102nd Field Artillery in Salem. Now, it is part of the 101st Field Artillery which is one of the four oldest units in the National Guard.



"Having retired from the National Guard myself, I think it is important that the public appreciate the sacrifices that you make and that we made," said Cpt. Jim Sweet, current commander of the Second Corps Cadets Veterans Association, Vietnam Veteran and retired battery commander of the 102nd Field Artillery, Massachusetts National Guard. "So this brings it to the front and says remember, remember! These are the men and women who aren't home a lot, who have to train. They have to do difficult things. They get hungry, they get cold, they go deploy overseas and they do it so that you can be happy at home. Serve so you can hold your head up with honor."