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Calendar Update

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Our chapter wishes to acknowledge **American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.** as an organization, like our own, that dedicates itself to the support of the behind-the-scenes heroes of our country's military actions. We also want to recognize and honor **all** Gold Star parents, and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers, always.

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So, here we are almost at winters end and it really hasn't been bad. Although it seems like we were just planning Christmas and New Year activities.

We have started off March with the St. Patricks day Parade in Wappinger Falls.

We have the St. Patricks Day party at Castle Point on March

12 th. and except for the Run meeting toward the end of

March that appears to be it at this time . April however looks

to be the beginning of a very busy year. I am sure we all

are looking forward to it.

Tonight members Doug Finney, Tom Caplandies and Joe and Kim DeFillipo all received their full patches. I have worked with all of these dedicated people and am so happy to be on board with them. Welcome aboard and thank you all for what you have done for our organization so far.



So as usual, it is time for a little humor. I am a Marine so the view from where I sit is that of a Marine. That said, below explains it all, HOOOO-RAH.

THE Marine Corps Version of Genesis 1

In the beginning was the word, and the word was God.

In the beginning was God, and all else was darkness and void, and without form. So God created the heavens and the Earth. He created the sun, and the moon, and the stars, so that light might pierce the darkness. The Earth, God divided between the land and the sea, and these he filled with many assorted creatures.

And the dark, salty, slimy creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans, God called sailors. And He dressed them accordingly. They had little trousers that looked like bells at the bottom. And their shirts had cute little flaps on them to hide the

hickeys on their necks. He also gave them long sideburns and shabby looking beards. God nicknamed them "squids" and banished them to a lifetime at sea, so that normal folks would not have to associate with them. To further identify these unloved creatures, He called them "petty" and "commodore" instead of titles worthy of red-blooded men.

And the flaky creatures of the land, God called soldiers. And with a twinkle in His eye, and a sense of humor that only He could have, God made their trousers too short and their covers too large. He also made their pockets oversized, so that they may warm their hands. And to adorn their uniforms, God gave them badges in quantities that only a dime store owner could appreciate. And He gave them emblems and crests... and all sorts of shiny things that glittered...and devices that dangled. (When you are God you tend to get carried away.)

On the 6th day, He thought about creating some air creatures for which he designed a Greyhound bus driver's uniform, especially for Air Force flyboys. But He discarded the idea during the first week, and it was not until years later that some apostles resurrected this theme and established what we now know as the "Wild-Blue-Yonder Wonders."

And on the 7th day, as you know, God rested.

But on the 8th day, at 0730, God looked down upon the earth and was not happy. No, God was not happy! So He thought about His labors, and in His divine wisdom God created a divine creature. And this He called Marine. And these Marines, who God had created in His own image, were to be of the air, and of the land, and of the sea. And these He gave many wonderful uniforms. Some were green; some were blue with red trim. And in the early days, some were even a beautiful tan. He gave them practical fighting uniforms, so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training. And He gave them evening and dress uniforms... sharp and stylish, handsome things... so that they might promenade with their ladies on Saturday night and impress the hell out of everybody! He even gave them swords, so that people who were not impressed could be dealt with accordingly. And at the end of the 8th day, God looked down upon the earth and saw that it was good. But was God happy? No! God was still not happy! Because in the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing: He did not have a Marine uniform for himself. He thought about it, and thought about it, and finally God satisfied Himself in knowing that, well... not everybody can be a Marine!

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I appreciate the many avenues we have available to all of us, especially those of us who have served. Like many of you I am always concerned about the plight of so many soldiers unaccounted for. In my case my heroes are our WWII vets as well as our Korean war vets. They fought with so many odds against them and without a doubt, sacrificed so much for our freedoms. When you look at battle grounds such as the "Battle of the Bulge", D-Day etc. you will understand the overall devastation our soldiers endured. So, I value our various sources and rest a little bit easier knowing we are still getting answers regarding our MIA/KIA issues.

We as a unit, Rolling Thunder, through our support of Castle Point, Montrose and so many other events like "Honor Flight" "The Mark Dooley Run" and so many other Military support groups and events. We will meet those challenges as a Organized and dedicated group, Rolling Thunder N.Y. Chapter 3. Again, I welcome our newly full patched members, congratulate their help and support and salute their new challenge's and efforts they as well as our entire membership will face throughout 2017.

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