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Commanders Corner: Greetings to all my 2/1 Infantry Brothers and to all members that served with our sister units. Also welcome to all family members that are a most important part of our total family. The month of October is almost over and only two months left in what has been a challenging 2020 year. As we near the end of the year we still are faced with the challenges of the COVID virus and I hope that you all and your families remain safe. As we are all in the age group that are most at risk it is vitally important that each of us take those precautions that keep us free of the virus. As a side note each time that I go to the grocery store or other appointments my wife Kimberly sprays us down with Lysol when we return home. I never thought I would see the time that we would be going to these extremes! As we enter November this year we have to turn our clocks back an hour on November 1, we have to vote on November 3rd (I will be voting in person!), and later in the month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. So November will be a busy month! Hopefully everyone can enjoy family in some degree this year as we protect ourselves from the virus. I for one plan to live as normally as possible because we never know how much time we have left. On an upbeat note I encourage everyone to stay in touch with your families and brothers you served with since we did not get the chance this year to gather in person at our reunion. I know I always enjoy the conversations. I know we have not heard any updates on next year's reunion but I am sure it's due to the uncertainty of how things will be but I remain optimistic that we will all have an opportunity to get together in person next year in Indianapolis! We have identified the difference between Capitalism and Socialism on the last page. It is not intended to state a political doctrine, but to illustrate in simple terms the thinking of individuals who espouse the dissimilarity. The National Museum will open its doors to the public on Veterans Day. The opening has been delayed because of COVID-19. The museum's 186,000 square feet of exhibits contained in the National Museum of the United States Army celebrates over 240 years of Army history and honors our nation's soldiers—past, present and future—the regular Army, the Army reserve and the Army National Guard. The museum honors your military service. You should be proud to have contributed to the traditions that have kept our country free from the terrorists who wish to demolish our way of life. I hope you will make an effort to visit this monumental exhibit of what it means to be a soldier and serve in this great Army. You should be proud of your service and what it has meant to be a soldier. If for no other reason than to honor those comrades who did not make it back from those far away lands.



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

Dwight Sybolt.
Commander

From H Duckworth O'Brien's "A Grunt's Life": Tunnel Rat: You are one of the smallest men in the company and think you have a great advantage over your taller buddies. You're a smaller target and less likely to get hit. It gives you a sense of gratitude about your size for once... until your unit finds an enemy tunnel. The LT looks around for a "volunteer" to hop in the dark hole and see if the enemy is inside. He calls out your name and you look to see who the poor SOB is. When one of your buddies taps you on the shoulder and tells you it's you, you realize your size isn't such a plus after all.

New ID Cards being Issued for Military Family Members, Retirees: The Defense Department began issuing Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Cards on July 31, 2020, the first time since 1993 that changes to the card have been made. Michael Sorrento, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center, discussed the new ID cards that are for military family members, retirees and other eligible card holders. The new ID card transitions the current laminated paper card to much more durable plastic material, similar to that used for the common access cards used by military members and DOD civilians, he said. Also, the new ID cards feature enhanced security measures that will reduce the likelihood of them being compromised, Sorrento said. Although the new ID cards are available now, Sorrento said, only about 20 Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification Card System sites currently offer the card because new equipment is required to produce them, and that takes some time. All RAPIDS sites worldwide likely will have the new equipment by the end of the year, he said. However, to reduce foot traffic — particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic — Sorrento said that unless a card is about to expire, it would be better to wait until summer to get a new one. Even then, he added, it would be good to call ahead first to schedule an appointment.

The National Army Museum will be the first and only to tell the 245-year history of the U.S. Army. The National Museum will open its doors to the public on Veterans Day. The museum, which has been in the works for years, will be the first and only museum to showcase the entire history of the U.S. Army since its establishment in 1775. The 186,000-square-foot building sits on 80 acres of publicly accessible land at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and more than 700,000 visitors are expected to visit each year. The museum is a joint effort between the Army, which owns and manages the museum, and the Army Historical Foundation, which led a \$200 million privately funded campaign to build the museum. The Association of the U.S. Army, a major financial contributor, believes having this museum open to the public is a monumental achievement on behalf of the Army and our Nation.

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

New Army Green Uniform Will Soon Be Available for Soldiers to Purchase: The Army Green Service Uniform will not be mandatory for about seven more years, but soldiers will be able to start purchasing the iconic World War II-style uniform by late this summer, according to uniform officials. Army senior leaders approved the new uniform for everyday wear in late 2018 as a replacement for the blue Army Service Uniform (ASU) but announced an extended phase-in period, which is intended to give enlisted soldiers time to save up their annual clothing allowance to pay for the higher-quality uniform. Beginning in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year, the Army will begin fielding the uniform to recruiters and drill sergeants, Lt. Col. Jonathan Allen, the outgoing product manager for Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment, told Military.com. The Army Green Uniform will also be available for purchase at select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) stores, beginning in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. The number of AAFES outlets offering AGSUs will expand over time. The exact costs of the new uniform items are still unclear, but Army officials have said that the uniform will be "cost neutral to the taxpayer and the soldier in the long run." The higher-quality fabric used in the Army Green Service Uniform, or AGSU, will give it a service life of six years, compared to the ASU's four years, Army officials maintain. New soldiers will be issued the AGSU jacket, two pairs of pants, socks, brown leather shoes, both a short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirt, neck tie, garrison cap and an all-weather coat. Female soldiers will have the option of wearing a skirt and pumps.

IRS Reopens Deadline for Veterans who Missed Corona Virus Stimulus Checks: Veterans Affairs officials are reminding families who missed out on some corona virus stimulus checks last spring that they have a few more weeks left to claim that cash. In a social media post Friday morning, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie urged veterans who think they may be eligible for the money to contact the Internal Revenue Service and see if they are owed any money. At issue are payments of up to \$500 per dependent child for disabled veterans who do not typically meet the threshold for filing annual income tax returns. The money was part of a massive emergency spending package pass in the spring designed to offset financial losses due to the corona virus pandemic, then in its initial months. Payment concerns disabled veterans with dependents who have not filed tax returns in recent years. After Congress approved one-time payouts of up to \$1,200 per person, the IRS struggled to get those stimulus checks to some veterans whose current address and bank account information was not up-to-date in their systems. The agency eventually partnered with VA officials to use some veterans benefits records to help with that challenge, but could not identify all of the individuals who may have been eligible to receive the additional \$500 child payments along with the other stimulus payouts.

VA Plans to Outsource all Compensation and Pension Exams: The Department of Veterans Affairs is eliminating its in-house compensation and pension exam program and will outsource all of the exams, which are crucial to determining whether veterans are eligible for VA benefits. In a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie on Tuesday, Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., said the plan was developed with no notice to Congress. She's concerned the move could slow work to reduce a backlog of compensation and pension exams, commonly referred to as C&P exams, and she's worried about the VA's ability to oversee the contractors. Luria also criticized the department for cutting federal jobs during a pandemic.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Army-Navy Game to be held at West Point for first time since World War II: The 121st Army-Navy Game will be hosted by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, this December, marking the first time it has been played at a home site since World War II, the two service academies' athletic directors announced October 23, 2020. The game was supposed to be held in Philadelphia, but it was moved after Pennsylvania placed attendance restrictions on outdoor events due to the corona virus pandemic. Those limits would not have allowed the entire Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen to attend, according to a West Point statement. Instead, the game will be held at West Point's Michie Stadium on Dec. 12. There will likely not be fan attendance allowed at the stadium beyond the Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen, the statement added. Midshipmen and cadets, however, will be present and some COVID-19 mitigation measures are expected for those individuals, said West Point spokesman Lt. Col. Christopher Ophardt. Planning is still underway, but Ophardt told Army Times precautions for these types of events typically include segregation of attendees and COVID-19 tests 48 hours before their arrival.

Veteran Readiness & Employment Program Increase: The VR&E program would like to remind you that a 1.43 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to VR&E Veterans' subsistence allowance rates went into effect on October 1, 2020. The subsistence allowance is a monthly benefit and is based on the rate of attendance in a training program (full time, three quarter time, or half time), the number of dependents, and the type of training. The new VR&E subsistence allowance rates are effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. If you are pursuing an education or training program, veterans will receive an increase in the substance allowance rate. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays subsistence allowance for training that has been completed in the previous month, the first payment at these rates will be reflected in the November 1, 2020 subsistence allowance payment/disbursement. The VR&E subsistence allowance will automatically adjust with the new COLA rate effective Oct.1, 2020.

California Man Posing as a Combat-Injured Marine Found Guilty for Receiving \$195,000 in Medical Benefits: A California man who falsely claimed to be a combat-injured Marine with two Purple Hearts so he could receive medical and housing benefits was sentenced to federal prison. City of Orange, California, resident James Stiles, 43, received 16 months in prison and was ordered to pay \$167,234 in restitution, City News Service reported.

MyPay Announces Two-Factor Authentication Coming Soon: Two-factor authentication is rapidly becoming the standard for banks, credit unions, online shopping accounts and other organizations to make sure the individual accessing the online accounts is, in fact, the person who created and is responsible for that information. To myPay, the online pay management application for military members, military retirees and many federal civilian employees is preparing to launch two-factor authentication as an added layer of security for users who depend on their accounts for pay information, important tax documents and to make changes to their online profiles. Initially, myPay's two-factor authentication function will be offered as a voluntary option. According to myPay officials, the function will become mandatory for all myPay customers sometime in 2021.

[Recognize that outrage is the weaponization of emotion which can be easily manipulated to twist the truth to dark beliefs and beyond reason.](#)

The Fight Starts Again to Advocate for Burn Pit Victims: The bill, Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2020, would entitle service members to lifetime health care coverage if they were present at a burn site and suffer from cancer or any respiratory disease linked to carcinogenic toxins. The VA calls burn pits a "common" way for soldiers to get rid of waste at military sites. The agency has downplayed the long-term effects of burn pits, but Bill sponsors say that being in close proximity to the sites may have regularly exposed soldiers to toxic fumes. First responder advocate John Feal has been a regular presence in Washington in the last two decades to advocate for first responders. "It doesn't matter who's president, it doesn't matter who's in control of the House or the Senate," Feal said. "Whoever gets in our way and opposes us— you guys saw what we did to Congress for 15 years— we're gonna punch them in the mouth."

Secretary of Defense Esper reminds Public that Only 1 Active Duty Servicemember has Died from Corona Virus: Only 1 active-duty service member has died from Corona Virus; 1.3 million since the outbreak of the pandemic. The United States military has active personnel deployed worldwide, spread over 150 countries. As many as 165,000 are assigned permanently in foreign countries, according to the Defense Manpower Data Center. On its website, the Department of Defense lists eight military deaths due to COVID-19, but that number includes guard or reserve service members. The one service member, Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Charles Robert Thacker Jr., 41, died in April. Thacker Jr. served on the Theodore Roosevelt.

Remains Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS):

Beneficiary Travel was one of the top subjects throughout 2019 and the majority of 2020. Therefore, The VA is proud to announce that on October 5, 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) unveiled the [Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System \(BTSSS\)](#). This new system replaces the previous Beneficiary Travel claim process. The goal is to make it easier and safer for Veterans to file their beneficiary travel claims. **We are helping to inform Veterans.** The new BTSSS gives Veterans:

- The ability to submit online 24/7, 365 days a year
- The ability to track the status of your claim
- The ability to reduce processing time for claims
- The ability to use self-help tools to make claims submissions fast and easy

The new BTSSS gives Veterans greater peace of mind and ease of submitting travel reimbursement claims. Veterans and Caregivers can submit claims and supporting documentation for reimbursement of costs incurred from use of: Privately-owned vehicles (POV's), Pre-approved meals and/or lodging, and Travel related expenses such as tolls, parking, and luggage.

A DS Logon (username and password) is required to access the new BTSSS. If Veterans need to acquire a DS Logon please share the link with them. It is located [here](#).

November 20, 2020 will be the last day kiosks can be used to process travel claims.

History is not here to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us.

Veterans Answer Call to Staff U.S. Voting Stations amid COVID-19: A decade after Dan Berschinski deployed to Afghanistan to fight for freedom and lost his legs in battle, the former Army infantry officer is training for a key role in U.S. democracy: manning a voting station in place of elderly poll workers at risk of COVID-19. The retired Army captain, now 36, said a "perfect storm" is driving him and other former military members to volunteer at voting centers on Election Day, Nov. 3., where they will check IDs and bring people to voting booths. "Our infrastructure is undermanned and the people who traditionally do this job for us are at risk," said Berschinski, a small business owner who lives in Atlanta with his girlfriend. "I'm younger and, other than not having any legs, I'm perfectly healthy," said the 2007 West Point graduate with a 2015 Stanford Business School MBA. Berschinski is among 1,000 military veterans expected to be recruited by non-profit group Human Rights First through its "Veterans for American Ideals" project in an effort called #VetsPowerThePolls.

New Sculpture Honoring Servicewomen and Military Working Dogs Unveiled at Arlington National Cemetery: Servicewomen and military working dogs were honored with a new sculpture that was unveiled at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Titled "The Pledge," the sculpture is part of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial located at the cemetery's entrance. Created by sculptor Susan Bahary, the life-size bronze statue shows a female dog handler kneeling alongside her working dog and was commissioned by the U.S. War Dogs Association National Headquarters, reported the Associated Press. The unveiling took place during a closed ceremony, due to health concerns stemming from the ongoing novel corona virus COVID-19 pandemic. One side of the statue includes a quote from Anne Sosh Brehm, who served in the Army as a nurse during World War II. It reads: "Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom. That our resolve was just as great as the brave men who stand among us. And with victory, our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast — that the tears fell just as hard for those we left behind."



Here's How the National Guard is Supporting the Nov. 3 election: The National Guard is gearing up to activate across the country to support the Nov. 3 general election in several capacities. The missions range from assisting with cyber defense, working the polls, and standing-by in case of post-election civil unrest. The pandemic has presented new challenges necessitating the use of Guard personnel to support the election, as have concerns about foreign actors attempting to disrupt the election through cyber attacks, explained by Guard officials from Nebraska, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin. At least 1,400 Guard troops have been committed to the effort, with about 1,000 from Texas alone. Many states yet to determine how many will be. "Being a poll worker is something that's new to the Wisconsin National Guard," said Army Brig. Gen. Robyn Blader, assistant adjutant general. "However, serving our state during times of need is one of our core missions, and that isn't new. Our service members continue to answer the call, and they continue to be willing to serve their state and nation in times of need."

Borrow money from pessimists . . . they don't expect it back.

Plans for Vets Suicide Prevention Training, new Three-Digit Emergency Crisis Line Signed into Law:

Pres. Trump recently signed into law bills designed to help prevent veterans suicide, including a measure to establish a new three-digit national crisis line similar to 911 for mental health emergencies. Both measures passed through Congress without significant objection. In a statement VA Secretary Robert Wilkie praised the moves as key improvements in efforts to better reach veterans in times of emotional or mental instability. "People in distress and in need of timely care should face the fewest obstacles possible to get help," he said. "The bill will make it easier for those at risk to be quickly connected to a trained responder and will help save lives." The new suicide crisis hotline measure will designate 988 as a universal telephone number for national suicide prevention and mental health crisis services. About 20 veterans and service members die by suicide each day. That figure has remained at about the same level over the last decade despite focused efforts by the department and Congress on outreach and new intervention services.

Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families Starting Next Month:

Starting next month, veterans and Gold Star families will be able to visit national parks and other public lands for free, under a new initiative from the Department of the Interior announced on Wednesday. Active-duty service members and their families are already granted free access to those sites under existing department rules. The new announcement broadens that benefit to more than 20 million more individuals in recognition of their service and sacrifice on behalf of the country. In a statement, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said the move gives all veterans "free access to the iconic and treasured lands they fought to protect." The policy goes into effect starting on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Army's V Corps, with a Long History in Europe, is Back in Action:

The Army's storied V Corps officially reactivated with a ceremony at Fort Knox, Ky., and a small portion of the unit is already on the ground in Poland to take up a new mission. "We currently have a handful of V Corps troops stationed in Poland and will continue to build capacity throughout the year," U.S. Army Europe said in a statement. Full rotations to Poland will begin in the 2022 fiscal year, USAREUR said. The military announced in February that it was reforming V Corps to bring more command and control support to an expanding Army mission in Europe. In September, the Army selected Poznan, Poland as the site for a command post.

Retirees Start Paying for Tricare Select Now or Lose Coverage in January:

Most retirees enrolled in Tricare Select will soon be required to pay a new monthly premium or lose their health insurance coverage. A little noticed provision in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act is going into effect next year. It authorized the new fees, which will impact only retirees, their family members and survivors on Tricare Select. You are not affected if you use other Tricare programs such as Tricare For Life, Tricare Prime, Tricare Reserve Select, Tricare Retired Reserve or Tricare Young Adult. And there is no enrollment fee for active-duty members and their family members. Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, anyone who is enrolled in the Tricare Select program and is a recipient of retired pay must pay a monthly enrollment fee or their health insurance will be canceled.

99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

Texas Man Granted US Citizenship – 53 Years after Serving in Vietnam, Receiving Purple Heart:

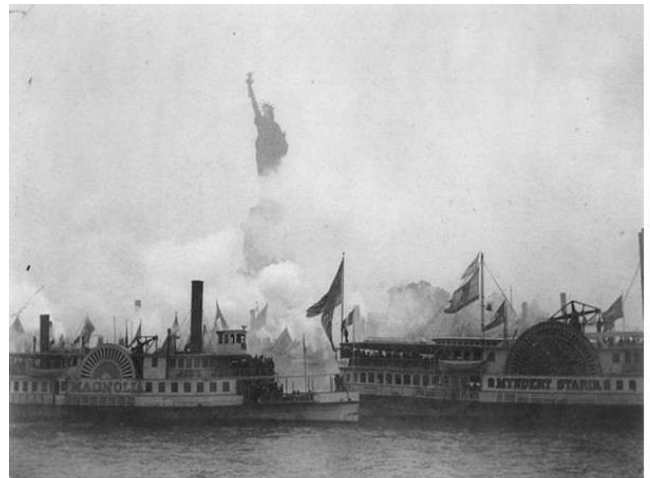
Ruben Sanchez said he and other immigrants were promised U.S. citizenship in exchange for their service but it didn't happen. A Mexican American living in Texas, who is a Vietnam War veteran and a Purple Heart recipient, has finally received U.S. citizenship -- more than 50 years after his military duty, according to a report. Ruben Sanchez was 20 years old when he joined up to defend America in Brownsville, Texas. "L.B. Johnson took over and he started drafting the people, the young guys like myself," he said. He quoted President Johnson's predecessor, John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Sanchez told a reporter he and other immigrants were promised U.S. citizenship in exchange for their service but it never happened. "They promised, if they to go fight, they were gonna get their citizenship and they lied to them," he said, adding that some veterans were deported after returning from the war. Sanchez took the oath of allegiance in the Rio Grande Valley city of Harlingen, Texas, where he was also recognized with a certificate noting his wartime service along with an American flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Navy just Sent a Drone to Resupply a Submarine in the Pacific:

A quad-copter-type drone delivered a small payload to the U.S. Navy's *Ohio* class ballistic missile submarine USS *Henry M. Jackson* as it sailed on the surface of the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii. The service said that this was a test to explore novel concepts for resupplying *Ohio* class submarines while they're out on their nuclear deterrent patrols, but it certainly also brings up thoughts about how some aspects of at-sea replenishment, in general, may look in the future. The replenishment by drone took place on Oct. 19, 2020, according to the Navy. It's not clear how long the USS *Henry M. Jackson* has been operating in the Pacific or whether or not it is on a deterrent patrol at present. As of Sept. 1, the boat was in its homeport in Washington State after completing its 100th deterrent patrol the previous month.

Inauguration of the Statue of Liberty, 134 Years Ago:

The inauguration of the Statue of Liberty, "Liberty Enlightening the World", in New York Harbor, on October 28, 1886. A military and naval salute, marked the event, presided over by U.S. President Grover Cleveland. The Statue of Liberty, 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States.



Brother, life is too short to wake up with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right. Forgive and avoid the ones who don't just because you can. Believe everything happens for a reason. There is a God and there are things we will never understand. Have faith.

How a Pigeon Helped save the 'Lost Battalion':

Cher Ami, the carrier pigeon which carried a message from the Lost Battalion to the 77th Division on Oct. 4, 1918. The pigeon survived German rifle fire to carry a message calling on American artillery to stop firing because it was hitting American Soldiers. After Cher Ami died she was stuffed and is currently in the collection of the Smithsonian Institute.



Army Eyes Shorter Deployments, Reducing Low-priority Unit Obligations:

The Army has been looking at the possibility of instituting shorter deployments, as well as reducing some requirements on units that would trickle down to the squad and platoon levels, the Army chief of staff said Oct. 6, 2020. "We're working our way through that right now," Gen. James McConville told Army Times. "Nine-, 10-month deployments, year-after-year, [put a] strain on families, so we're looking for opportunities to reduce those lengths." The potential changes coincide with an effort by Army Forces Command and other readiness officials to analyze how the service can better balance its global missions with modernization and the reality that some key assets, including air defense artillery and armored forces, have been saddled with a high operations tempo recently. "I am concerned about the Army's ops tempo as a whole," McConville said. "For the last 19 years, the Army has been heavily, heavily deployed. And even more recently, with our air defense units, our requirements around the world and particularly in the Middle East have really upped their ops tempo." That tempo has also been high on armored units, those built around Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, which are in the midst of modernizing their guns, rounds, defensive kits and other systems.

South Carolina Hesitant to allow Parris Island Facility closing:

The venerable Parris Island facility where Marines have undergone basic training for more than a century may close, as the branch seeks to integrate male and female recruits and retrofitting the camp appears to be too costly. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger said Sept. 24 that the South Carolina basic combat training base may be closed and replaced with a third facility for gender-integrated training. "Nothing, the way we're organized right now, lends itself to integrated recruit training," Berger said. "If that's our start point — and it is — we have to get to a place on both coasts, or at a third location." A spokesman for Berger expanded; while nothing had been decided, the Marines had to consider what would be the best way to spend its money. "If you have to update a lot anyway, do you save manpower, resources and personnel by just combining the two into one?" Marine Maj. Eric Flanagan remarked. Closing Parris Island would cost 6,130 jobs.

Two US hostages held by Iran-backed group in Yemen freed:

Two U.S. hostages are now free after a trade that returned the remains of Bilal Fateen, another U.S. hostage who had been held by the militants, more than 200 Houthi militants to Yemen. The trade secured the release of humanitarian worker Sandra Loli and businessman Mikael Gidada. Loli had been held captive for about three years, and Gidada had been a hostage for about one year. Also returned were the remains of Bilal Fateen, another U.S. hostage who had been held by the militants.

Proposed Rule Change for Burial at Arlington would Exclude more Veterans, Service Members:

Active-duty service members who die from an incident that was not in support of combat operations would no longer be eligible for burial at Arlington National Cemetery under a new proposed rule posted Tuesday to the Federal Register. The current burial eligibility states any service member who dies while on active duty can have an in-ground burial at the cemetery or be inurned in a columbarium. According to the Federal Register notice, recent trends show about 43 service members are buried annually at Arlington National Cemetery who died on active duty "neither as the result of armed conflict service nor from preparations or operations related to combat." The new proposed rule is part of several changes meant to extend the active use of the cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery is expected to run out of space for new burials by 2055 despite two recent expansion projects. In fiscal year 2019, there were 3,691 new graves at the cemetery, according to the register notice. That year's National Defense Authorization Act included instructions for the Army secretary to develop new criteria for burial at Arlington — restrictions that would allow it to remain an active cemetery for the next 150 years. The Department of the Army oversees the running of the cemetery. "Changes to eligibility at Arlington National Cemetery will preserve this national symbol and shrine as an active burial ground for current and future generations of military service members," the register notice states. The proposed rule is posted to the Federal Register as part of the process to change the regulation regarding burial eligibility. The rule would allow for about 700 new in-ground burials and 1,950 above-ground burials annually at the cemetery for eligible service members, veterans and family members. The public comment period on the proposed rule is open to until Nov. 16. Service members who are killed in action or whose death "results from preparations or operations related to combat" would be eligible for in-ground burials, according to the proposal. Veterans and service members are still eligible for in-ground and above-ground burials if they have served in combat and received one of the following decorations: the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force or Navy), Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star or Purple Heart. The proposed rule also states "without other eligibility," such as being awarded those specific medals, veterans and service members who served on active duty for at least two years and "performed armed-conflict service" are still eligible for above-ground inurnment at the cemetery. If they do not meet these criteria, they are no longer eligible for above-ground inurnment unless they served honorably during an armed conflict prior to July 27, 1953.

US-Developed Hypersonic Missile Hit within 6 Inches of Target:

U.S. Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy reported at the Association of the U.S. Army conference that the Pentagon's hypersonic missile hit within 6 inches of its target. "Hypersonic missiles are hitting their targets with a variance of only a mere 6 inches," he said. McCarthy was referring to the Army and Navy's successful hypersonic glide body flight test this year, which launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii. The Common-Hypersonic Glide Body, or C-HGB, launched and flew at hypersonic speed to "a designated impact point." Hypersonic weapons are capable of flying faster than Mach 5 — much faster than the speed of sound — and can maneuver between varying altitudes and azimuths, making it harder to detect.

Capitalism is freely giving your money in exchange for something of value. Socialism is having the government take your money against your will and give it to someone else for doing nothing.

Capitalism vs. Socialism

A man boasted to his friends at the local tavern on the sports car that he had just bought and how a man approached and told him that the money used to buy this car could've fed thousands of less fortunate people.

His response to this man made him famous among those having a taste of the bitters. READ his story as stated to a bar tender serving both individuals:

A guy looked at my Corvette the other day and said,
"I wonder how many people could have been fed for the money that sports car cost?"

I replied I'm not really sure;

it fed a lot of families in Bowling Green, Kentucky who built it,

it fed the people who make the tires,

it fed the people who made the components that went into it,

it fed the people in the copper mine who mined the copper for the wires,

it fed people in at Caterpillar who make the trucks that haul the copper ore.

It fed the trucking people who hauled it from the plant to the dealer and fed the people working at the dealership and their families.

BUT,... I have to admit, I guess I really don't know how many people it fed.

That is the difference between capitalism and the welfare mentality. When you buy something, you put money in people's pockets and give them dignity for their skills. When you give someone something for nothing, you rob them of their dignity and self-worth.

Capitalism is freely giving your money *in exchange for something of value*. Socialism is having the government take your money against