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JULY: A MONTH OF GOLD

By Commander Helen Wong

In July the best known day is the 4th of July in the United States. Known as Independence Day, it is a federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States' 13 colonies from the monarchy of Britain's King George III on July 4, 1776. Fireworks, barbecues, family reunions, parades now are all associated with the day. But this year, something more memorable than fireworks or parades (both have been cancelled out of safety concerns) happened on the July 3-5 weekend when the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA) held the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) for Chinese American WWII Veterans Regional Ceremonies at their National Headquarters at 1044 Stockton St, San Francisco. For the WWII Veterans who finally received recognition for their bravery and service to the country when called on, or the NOK family members on behalf of their veterans, receiving the Gold Medal was the "boom and sparkle" of the day. For the volunteers from Cathay Post 384, from VFW Post 4618 (many dual members) and from CACA, seeing the thrill, joy, and appreciation was worth the hours of work and was the "gold" experience of a lifetime. Thank you to both our Posts volunteers (at the time of this writing): CJ Reeves, Richard Ow, Ray and Dara Wong, Bill Fong and Mrs. Fong, Ed Keile and daughter Mary, Frank Lem, Nestor Tom, John Baumhackl (photographer & videographer), Albert Tom, Jonathan Banks, Jr. Past CMDR Nelson Lum, Post 1 CMDR Chris McDonald, Post 384 CMDR Helen Wong.

For baseball fans, having two Bay Area teams, the San Francisco Giants and the

Oakland A's, being at the top of their divisions, and fans being able to attend games in the stadiums again seems like striking gold after long periods of restrictions. Before and after the All Star break, there will be many games to play. May both teams continue to play good ball and make it to the World Series to play against each other like they did in 1989 but this time, no earthquakes please!

With the Tokyo Olympics coming near the end of the month after being delayed a year after the original 2020 date, watching the U.S. Olympic Team trials has been "golden" as it has now been five years since the last summer games. You don't appreciate the strength and power of the athletes in their respective sports until you see them competing for a spot on the team and the chance to represent the United States at the Olympic Games. Of course if they happen to come in first place and earn a gold medal in their sport, it would be another "golden" moment that they will never forget too. In several of the track and field events, it was great to see the military was represented by elite runners/athletes. These are the future veterans who show the discipline and fitness that will last a lifetime too.

So for the Golden Month of July, one thing is very clear: without team work, none of the events that happened or will happen can be successful. From relying on buddies serving in the military, to having a first class ceremony, to having a first place baseball team, it takes people who work together to achieve a goal. This is an observation that is worth its weight in gold!



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NEW WWII BANNERS AT THE WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING

A little more than a month ago, there was a small group consisting of the Veterans Commemorative planning committee organizers: Maj.Gen Mike Myatt, retired Judge Quentin Kopp, Ken Maley, Dana Lombardi, Janice Tong, and Paul Cox along with 3 students from the Academy of Art and their professor, Cathay Post CMDR Helen Wong, dual VFW & Cathay Post member Nestor Tom, Michael Levin representing his father, Wallace Levin a member of Cathay Post & VFW Post who was not able to be present at the unveiling of 8 large banners hung in the lobby of the War Memorial Veterans Building. The WWII banner project was a year late due to COVID-19 shutting down the City. The art works were the creations of graphic arts students Regina Patron, Meagan Floris, and Julia Fernandez with input from their professor and text content from the Veterans planning committee. The project was sponsored by the San Francisco Performing Arts Foundation and will

hang permanently in the building after the initial showing in the lobby. Janice Tong, the granddaughter of WWI Veteran Frank Tong who was a charter member of Cathay Post 384 in 1931, also had worked on the previous WWI banners (now hanging on the 2nd floor north wall) and WWI Exhibit in the Veterans



Gallery on display from November 2018-February 2019.



Above: VFW/Cathay Post Nestor Tom & Cathay Post CMDR Wong saluting Wallace Levin and all WWII Veterans



Above: Photos from the event; Janice Tong and Legionnaire Paul Cox talking to Michael Levin, son of committee member Wallace Levin



MY THOUGHTS ON THE 2021 JUNE 25-27 DEPARTMENT VIRTUAL CONVENTION

I have attended three in-person Department conventions in the past 5 years, so after having 2020 cancelled and conditions in question for 2021, the announcement of having a virtual 2021 convention was met with skepticism from some members as there are so many moving parts in the number of commission meetings, caucus meetings, going on that it

took a long time to finish that election as no one got the majority of votes from that area's districts. So it was repeated several times with short caucus periods to deliberate until finally one of the 3 was elected. The capping ceremony for the new incoming District Commanders was missing as the convention ran longer than normal, and there was still the business of the new D.E.C. to conduct by the new Commander, Autrey James but at least all finally got installed by him including myself during

like that? So what did I learn from the weekend of meetings and long sessions? After all the past 15 months of being on videoconferencing, some people haven't adapted to the new technology and need to attend conventions in person. Sometimes, it is more efficient to be there in person to pick up information. But on the other hand, it is better to stay at home and not drive all over the state saving gas, and you can turn off the camera so others do not know you have left the room to eat something or you are outside playing with the dog to stay awake or that you are napping! Here are a few screen shots from the convention.



Above: Commander Ed Grimsley watching PDC Hugh Crooks swear in 2021-22 Commander Autrey James



Above: New Commander Autrey James swearing in Area Vice Commanders



Above: Commander James addressing the members.

would be very challenging. When you go to an in-person convention, part of why you go is to learn information you do not receive in a formal session. You see who the leaders from the different districts are, who the Area Vice Commanders are, and who you can call on for support from your neighboring districts. While the business of going through voting on By-Laws, Resolutions and elections was completed as in the past by the District Commanders, not seeing the post members of those districts seemed very odd. When you get use to a certain protocol and that gets changed, it takes some getting used to. There was no opposition in most offices, only for the Area 5 Vice Commander when 3 were nominated. It

the D.E.C. meeting. At one point there were over 165 members logged on to Zoom plus there were multiple attendees at satellite sites. The usual glitch with poor sound quality, excessive background noise, talking out of turn, talking without muting the mic was amusing at times and downright annoying at other times. There was someone who probably thought his video was turned off and was unhooking his belt, unzipping his pants before finally leaving the room! Do you not check your monitor and turn your camera off before you do things



Above: Commander James installing his staff appointments.



FROM OFFICE OF 1ST VICE COMMANDER GEORGE TSANG

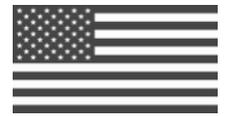
Many of the shops along Grant Avenue, from the Dragon Gate on up were quiet. The stores, which generally cater to tourists, were closed, their metal gates pulled firmly shut. There were windows advertised going-out-of-business sales. But most restaurants, spice shops and grocery stores along Broadway and Stockton Street that catered to serve local residents, were bustling. The crowds made sidewalks nearly impassable and most everybody still wore masks in Chinatown.

Let's all try and support local businesses and restaurants in an effort to bring back the Chinatown we all know and love. We will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary Dinner at Far East Café, one of the oldest establishments in Chinatown first opened in 1920. Please solicit businesses, friends and acquaintances to buy seats or tables to our event. The flier is in this month's dispatch, print it out, make copies or send it electronically and try and get commitments by August

4th, 2021. Please follow up and have them mail the checks to the post or pick up from them personally and give them to me or Anthony Lyau for deposit.

Car break-ins are an all time high in Chinatown. Please do not leave any items such as luggage, bags or any personal items in your vehicle while parked that may catch the eye of a burglar. They will smash your window in order to steal your belongings or anything they deem to be of value. Parking garages, seemingly more secure do not have enough security. I have parked many times at St Mary's and Portsmouth Square garages and have not seen a security guard. The local news is stating that car break-ins in Chinatown/North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf rose to 700% to 800% for the same time last year.

See you all at the next post meeting which will be on Saturday July 10th at 11:00 am. The theme for the lunch will July 4th, Independence Day!



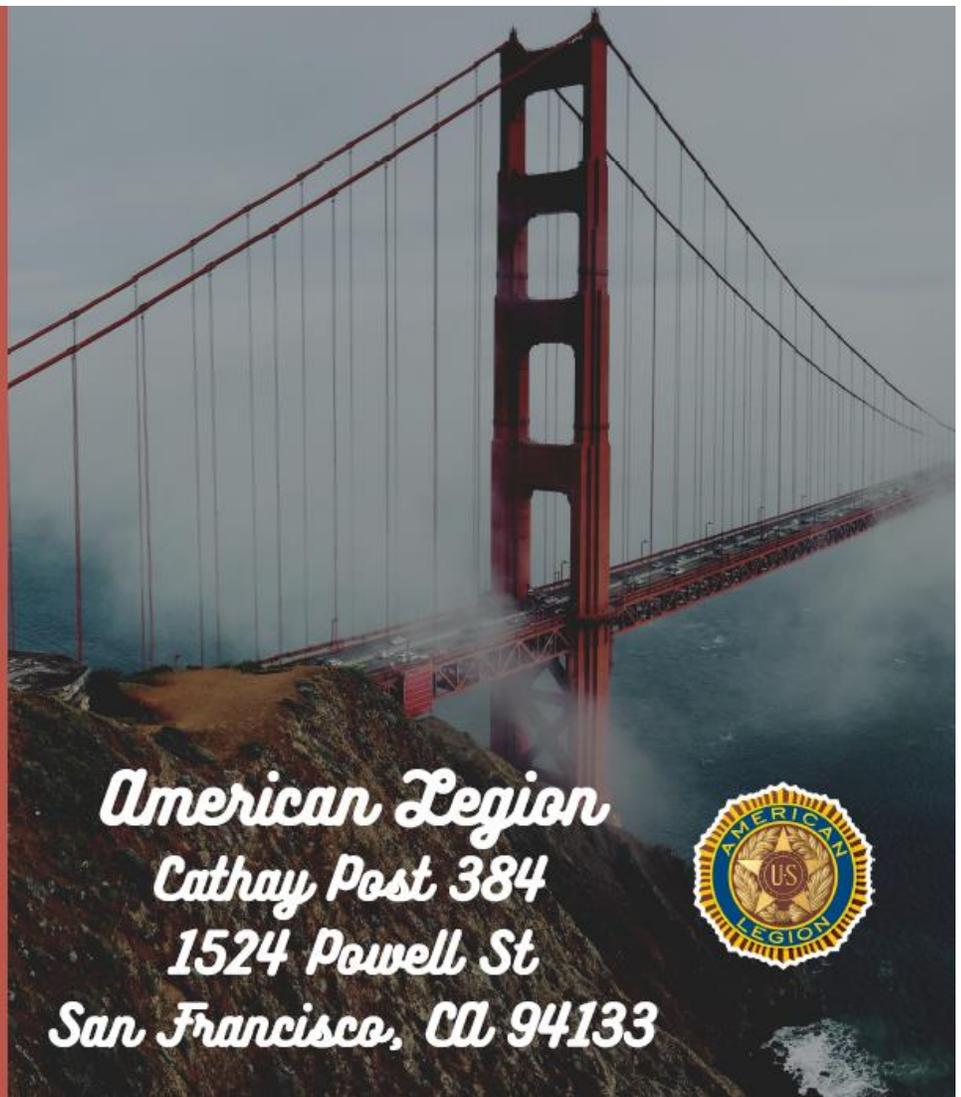
**90th Anniversary
Installation &
Awards Banquet
August 14, 2021**

**5:30PM Cocktails
6:30PM Dinner**

**Far East Cafe
631 Grant Ave
San Francisco**

**\$60 per person
or \$550 table of 10
R.S.V.P**

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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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Calling on all members of the Department Executive Committee to join:

Team California's 100 Miles For Hope Breakout Challenge

Additionally, we ask that you encourage your respective posts to join! With your enthusiasm and leadership, we will win this challenge.

"One Team, One Fight"
(OTOF)



100 MILES FOR HOPE BREAKOUT CHALLENGE

July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

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BREAKOUT EVENT



Register here: <https://www.kilterrewards.com/events/american-legions-100-miles-for-hope>



AFGHAN INTERPRETORS WHO MAY BE LEFT BEHIND

The American Legion, National Headquarters, has been instrumental in getting the U.S. Congress to pay attention to the needs of the many Afghan Interpreters and workers for the U.S. Government who may be left behind. There are approximately 30,000 individuals with their families who are subject to execution by the Afghans when the U.S. withdraws.

The problem is that many of these individuals

worked for the CIA and other clandestine U.S. Organizations, and have no proof of their U.S. employment, and the names of the people they dealt with were cover names. They were normally paid in cash with local currency.

This is a very pathetic situation that must come to light to help these unfortunate people and their families, who helped the U.S., and now may be left to their death at the hands of the Afghans.



THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE ON JUNE 25, 2021

THE KOREAN MEMORIAL SERVICE honored LtCOL John Stevens, USMC (Retired), and all Korean War Veterans. John was a Member of our Legion Post, and the drive behind creating the Presidio Korean War Memorial. The Service was well attended, and the audience heard the remarks by Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.) on behalf of the Korean War Memorial Foundation and remarks by Sangsoo Yoon, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea. The following members of our Legion Cathay Post 384 were in

attendance: Commander Helen Wong, Korean War Veteran Chaplain Richard Ow, Director Ray Wong, Vice Commander Chuck Paskerian, Sgt-At-Arms CJ Reeves, Nestor Tom, and Legion Auxiliary Member, Dara Wong. Legionnaire John Baumhackl also attended and was the photographer & videographer for Cathay Post. We then attended a hosted luncheon by Mann Jay Kim, Director Emeritus & former Vice President, KWMF at the Sessions Restaurant in the Presidio.



Top Row: Judge Quentin Kopp addressing the audience; Consul General Sangsoo Yoon giving his remarks; Sergeant @ ARMS CJ; **Bottom Row:** 2nd Vice CMDR Chuck Paskerian with other Korean War veterans; Chaplain Richard Ow with other Korean War Veterans; Chaplain Ow & 2nd Vice Paskerian; Legion Post 448 members, AMMVETS Frank Mendes & Judge Kopp



WHAT'S NEW AT THE FORT MILEY SFVA?

SGT@ARMS CJ CLOCKS 10K COVID-SCREENING HOURS @ SFVA

Well, with all the vaccination taking place, the Respiratory Symptoms Clinic (RSC) is no longer viable. It is no more. You may know it as LINE A. It was used outside our Single Point of Entry (SPOE) for those veterans or patients stating they had COVID-19 symptoms or needed a rapid COVID-19 test. If a veteran coming inside has any symptoms, they will now just go to the Emergency Room (ER). Any veteran needing a rapid COVID-19 test will now report to the new BI-VAX clinic in Building 1 on the first floor. The new BI-VAX clinic will do both rapid COVID-19 testing and continue to vaccinate.

The new Veterans Experience Center (VEC) located on the Ground Floor in Building 3 is up and running. Volunteer staffing has most days covered. Drop by for some refreshments.

High School Student Volunteers are set to return. Volunteers are slowly returning. Unlike last year's hiatus, the SFVA is currently accepting student volunteers as needed. Contact the new CDCE, formerly Voluntary Services, for more details.

As far as our Voluntary Services is concerned, we have changed our name. It is quite a mouth full. Our new name is Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). Someone in the Central Office in DC had way too much time on their hands apparently. Until we can get used to the new CDCE name, we will still qualify our new name with Formerly, Voluntary Services. I'm not sure of all the implications of such a change, but the VAVS may or may not be affected. VACDCE doesn't roll off the tongue as easy as VAVS. Our next VAVS meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1pm via ZOOM. All are welcomed to join us. As most of you may know, I am the American Legion Representative appointed by National HQ for the VAVS. We have had the Deputy post opened for some time

now. We hope to announce a new Deputy by next month's meeting. You may also know that each and every volunteer's hours go to the VAVS organization of their choice. Rep. Nestor may have his hours count toward VFW, Rep. Helen may have hers count toward AMVETS, but my hours have always gone to the Legion. Every year, the VAVS Representative sits down with the CDCE for their Annual Joint Review (AJR). It is there that all the hourly, monetary and various donations are specified, verified and quantified. The AJR is then sent to the National Headquarters. For me, the Legion AJR is scheduled for November. It is official that I have volunteered 10,000 hours for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's pause a minute to break this down. That averages out to 150 hours a week. The average work week is around 40 hours. 150 hours is over three times the 40 hours a week. This will be a featured component of our AJR. Won't National certainly be surprised. You, too, can make a difference. Volunteer at the VA and have your hours count toward the American Legion.

For all our East Bay veterans, the two VA NORCAL Oakland CBOC and 21st Street Clinic, as well as the Alameda Point major construction project will all be transferred to the Fort Miley SFVA. Alameda Point will house a new SFVA Clinic and offer a water-front Columbarium. A great opportunity for our veteran navy squids to grab the USS Hornet - Anchors Aweigh, my friend. This transfer is set for October 1, 2021 – just in time for the new fiscal year 2022 to begin. Keep in mind that the fiscal year for most Federal Government Agencies is from 1 October to 30 September. It's no different for the Fort Miley SFVA.

Fort Miley SFVA has made several landscape upgrades on the property. We've added a sprinkler system and stoned-décor trimming. Come on down and see



how much better we look.

Just a head's up though. Despite recent state mandates, the hospital still has required masking and continues to COVID screen anyone entering at the Single Point of Entry (SPOE).

This brings us to the end of an era. As of June 30, 2021, contracted Security from Global Force International will be taking over screening completely. CDCE personnel will return to their offices upstairs and I will probably roam from the VEC to the Outpatient clinics and Modules.

Now that you are leaving screening at the SFVA, what will you do next???

Where will you go??? Will you be going to Disney World???

No, I won't be going to Disney anytime soon. This will mark the end to a long chapter that has lasted nearly 18 months. Honestly, it will take some time getting used to. It was a pet project of mine since its inception over a year and a half ago. Ergo, it has run its course and now is the time to move forward. There is much to be done. We will be busier than ever when the state reopens. I'm looking forward to playing "To the Colors" on the bugle for our July 4th celebration and volunteering that whole weekend with CACA for the WWII Chinese-American Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Regional Ceremony. We also have our Installation Dinner coming up in August and Fleet Week is right around the corner in October. All I can say is BUSY, BUSY!!!

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Fleet Week 2021 will go on as planned. This means that the sailors and marines will be stopping by to pay their respects to the patients and veterans at the CLC and hospital. We look forward to hosting them here, in order to show them the great work we do every day for our veterans. We will also be hosting them for lunch and a guided tour of our campus with its lovely views. This is a rare time to use all the Sempers, meaning always.

*Navy motto is Semper Fortis
– always courageous*

*Coast Guard motto Semper P is the shortened version of Semper Paratus
– always ready*

*Marines motto is the abbreviated version Semper Fi for Semper Fidelis
– always loyal*

*Space Force motto is Semper Supra
– always above.*

ARMY OBTAINS “SEMPER” – NO LONGER RELEGATED TO CARGO HOLD

The Army is now a member of the “SEMPER” club. SEMPER just means ALWAYS in Latin. So, when added to the Army’s official motto “This We’ll Defend” now becomes “Always This We’ll Defend”. Who doesn’t love ALWAYS? Leave it to our resident linguaphile and SGT@ARMS CJ to put the Army motto in its rightful place. I would be remiss in my duty and obligation if the Army weren’t included in the elite “SEMPER” club with the rest of the branches. The Army deserves to

have its motto in Latin, especially since it’s the oldest branch in the military. Back in the day, Latin was the vernacular and gave credence to a university motto or a coat of arms shield. Having to brush up on my Latin studies, this is what I come up with. “Always This We’ll Defend” becomes the unofficial motto “Semper Hanc Defendemus” in Latin. Thus, the Army is no longer refused membership into the “SEMPER” club nevermore, nevermore.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA
July 4th, your special day
To wish you Happy Birthday
Your grand red, white and blue
Happy 245 years to you



ODE TO THE SUN

Each morning in the eastern sky
The sun comes shining through
And with the magic of your touch
To melt the morning dew

Across the blue dome of the sky
You shed your beams of light
And in the warmth of those beams
We bask in pure delight

No painter has such works of art
You spread across the sky
You put the moon and stars to shame
Whenever you pass by
At night, in all your splendor bright
With banners broad and gay
You sink to rest there in the west
To rise another day



MOON BEAMS

Moon beams weave a pattern of lace
Of lace upon the ground
Dew drops glisten on the grass
Like jewels scattered 'round
The wind sings a lullaby
While fairies dance with glee
And stars twinkle in the sky
Along the Milky Way

SUMMERTIME

Summertime, sweet summertime
You bring to us so much
You erase the scars of wintertime
By your magic touch

You bring new life to mother earth
And make her born anew
Flowers, fruit trees and grain
In their natural hue



AVOIDING WAR WITH CHINA ... CAN WE AVOID THIS CONUNDRUM? PART 1

It Defies Sanity that America would want to go to War with a Myriad of Challenges at home, not the least of which is an exhausted military.



War is bad, so why are a few people pushing America to fight against China?

Why is the relationship so hostile? Professor Graham Allison, former assistant of defense serving every president from Reagan to Obama, explains in his research documented in his best seller, "Destined for War, Can America and China Escape the Thucydides Trap?". The Thucydides Trap, whenever a growing powerful nation challenges the most powerful nation, 75% of the time the two most powerful nations end up fighting. This consistent behavior of Man has not evolved much since the Neanderthal days. And no one can deny that we are all human, thus our behavior is easy to predict.

Why is China so bold and aggressive? Professor John Mearsheimer, an American political scientist and international relations scholar from the University of Chicago says that it is in our human DNA, to want to dominate, so that we won't be conquered and dominated. Measheimer, a hard core political realist, says that the Chinese have learned in the 18th and 19th Centuries, that when you are weak, you will be attacked and dominated by others stronger than you. Thus, it is in everyone's, including China's best interest to be strong, - very strong - , so you will not be attacked and exploited by those who are stronger than you.

America, the strongest nation in the 19th and 20th Century, never had to deal with an enemy on our home soil. With a very strong military and residing on a large land mass (nearly 4 million square miles), bounded and protected by large bodies of water on our East and West, (and friendly weaker neighbors to our north and south) we were never attacked on our soil by foreign adversaries until 9/11/2001. Today, we even have 91,000,000 AR-15 assault weapons to deal with anyone who dares to assault us on our turf.

Today, with our myriad of national issues requiring a lot of funding, the Covid pandemic, mass killings of Americans by Americans, climate change with the threat of severe drought in key parts of our Country, the huge national debt, and legislators who cannot focus on important legislation, but spend valuable time courting special interest for re-election funding, we must deal with the lack of unity at home, we don't have time or resources to fight any adversary, especially a strong adversary 7-9,000 miles away.

Who should be concerned that our military, mainly our Army and Marines involved in Afghanistan for 20 years are really tired. Our Air Force is short 2000 pilots and hundreds of drone operators, and our tired Navy which has had four (4) collisions with friendly civilian ships in the last few

years. Our military needs to rest up and rejuvenate a few years, before another war, a big war if we must fight China! Our Pentagon's war games involving us versus them (China) have not been successful. Fighting an enemy 7,000 - 9,000 miles away requires a lot of planning and a lot of expensive logistics. Recall Vietnam, a foe, much smaller than China, also in Asia, lasted from November 1, 1955 - April 30, 1975 was not a victory and cost us a trillion dollars (in today's dollars which we are still paying for because our Vietnam vets are suffering from Agent Orange after-effects). And the Vietnamese also did not have any nuclear weapons. We should really be thinking really hard before preparing to fight China, with nuclear weapons, and a nation that has studied our war tactics and has prepared their weaponry to counter our weapons and past fighting strategies.

In part 2 of this subject matter we will address how and why we have demonized China, resulting in most Americans hating China and ready to do everything possible to contain and limit her economic, political and military progress.

In part 3 of this subject matter, we will discuss some solutions that some top experts have recommended for avoiding war, promoting mutually beneficial objectives and the toleration needed by both parties so that war is avoided.





NORTH KOREA REPORTEDLY IN A FOOD CRISIS, WITH JUST 2 MONTHS OF FOOD LEFT FOR HER PEOPLE

North Korea's Kim Jong-un has declared a national food crisis. People are only consuming about 450 calories a day, and are already starving. Beijing does not appear to be helping her neighbor. Food supplies are only sufficient to feed North Koreans two more months. Typhoons have added to the misery in Kim's kingdom. The despot's public admission of a severe food shortage is "getting tense," and that the state run economy cannot afford to feed its citizens.

The food shortage is exacerbated by the Covid virus panic that is reportedly uncontrolled throughout the country.

Kim insists that their nuclear program,

believed to be in limbo after a 2017 nuclear testing disaster, is continuing to build its nuclear stockpile as defense against any attacks from the US. There is no evidence that there has been any progress in recuperating their nuclear programs. Recent rocket launches were simply rocket tests without any warhead displays. Kim appears to have lost weight, following suspected heart problems and thus all North Korean analysts are seeking accurate information of Kim's health.

North Korea's vulnerability gives the U.S. President some leverage to negotiate for our objectives. This is an unusual opportunity to pressure Kim into some useful agreements.



Sources: SEE N. KOREA at this link: <https://www.sfcathaypost384.org/rc.html>



DOES CHINA HAVE ANTI-SATELLITE CAPABILITIES?

Our military analysts know that the Chinese very carefully studied our military tactics during our combat missions in the Middle East. One of the important lessons learned was that our military operations, especially our air operations depend on satellite communications. Thus, modern Chinese military strategies and tactics were designed take advantage of weakness or vulnerabilities of our combat tactics, especially air operations. They know that our troops, especially, those operating in foreign countries depend on satellite signals locating enemy forces and guiding our troops on the ground, in the air, or at sea.

Fact is, we need satellites for GPS guidance for pilots and targeting, communications, guiding precision munitions and photo-reconnaissance. Some pilots have advised that in foreign territory, they cannot function without GPS.

Accordingly, they have developed counter satellite capabilities, using offensive missiles to knock out our space systems.

In 2006 lasers were used to probe our satellites, but the lasers were not high

power lasers so our systems were not damaged. We assume that in war, those lasers will likely be high power lasers to damage or destroy our satellites.

In 2007 China used a kinetic kill system to destroy one of their own satellites, and subsequently conducted several other satellite killing missions. They clearly understand the importance of disrupting communications.

Next in 2008, China after completing its first manned spacewalk. One of her astronauts released a microsatellite—weighing 40 kilograms, or nearly 90 pounds—into space. Four hours after release, the satellite came about 27 miles from hitting the International Space Station, according to calculations by the U.S. Strategic Command.

One of the unintended problems created by Chinese satellite destruction is that thousands of pieces of the destroyed satellites have created a huge amount of space debris. This harmless debris is traveling at 18,000 mph, and will damage anything these high speed space junk strikes. They are a danger to space vehi-



cles launch into their vicinity, and sometimes are a hazard to space vehicles returning to earth.

It's a big mess that affects all nations using space vehicles leaving or returning to Earth.

In a war with China (or Russia), we can expect a robust amount of satellite warfare.

Read more about this topic: See **CHINA ANTI** at this link:

<https://www.sfcathaypost384.org/rc.html>





LOCAL HACKERS ARE EVERYWHERE

Trouble making hackers are jamming our electronic systems everywhere. Early in June 2021 a neighborhood in San Mateo was subjected to a powerful jamming frequency that disrupted garage door openers, car fobs and WiFi signals. There were no crimes committed linked to the signals interference, but it is likely a trouble maker testing out his electronic interference capabilities that might help in committing some type of criminal activity.

We should all be alert to electronic signals that disrupt any of our electronic systems at our homes and report to the local police.

Read more about this topic: See **HACKERS** at this link: <https://www.sfcathaypost384.org/rc.html>

OUR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS HAD A GREAT MONTH

FBI Global Sting Operations Nab 800 Suspects

In perhaps the most successful FBI directed global sting operation ever, and working in 16 countries with around 9,000 law enforcement officials, 800 suspects were arrested from many criminal networks. The Bureau set up a messaging operations that was convincingly conveyed to a few criminal networks that a secure network was built to provide secure communications. It certainly was secure for the FBI, and with months of patience, hundreds of law break-

ers were reeled in and many crimes and criminals were apprehended.

Truly an outstanding effort and most impressive results. Congratulations to all our friends at the Bureau. Sometimes thinking how criminals operate and employing ingenuity and Intelligence, their operation was most effective.

The Bureau rolls back Ransomware at Colonial Pipeline

Our FBI running operation "Trojan Shield" successfully tracked more *Continued on Page 12... SEE FBI*

THEY ARE EVEN HACKING HOSPITALS. WHY?

Ransomware bandits find that hospitals are most vulnerable to blackmail when hospital computers are disrupted, and data and communications are under control of the cyber criminals. When hospital computers and its networks are under control of cyber criminals, information needed for hospital care, especially critical and timely data to support major surgical operations, human lives are at stake.

In recent history, 250 hospitals, many linked to Universal Health Services, Inc. (yipes that's my insurance company) were attacked, all their data files were frozen, meaning all patient records could not be viewed, rendering most of the hospital services unavailable. Universal is one of the largest American healthcare services organizations.

Universal Health courageously refused to pay the ransom and instead, spent \$67 million to recover it operations. It took several weeks (and a lot of pain) to get back to normal hospital operations. It is obvious why hospitals are so vulnera-

ble to blackmail, when so much of their functions depend on their computer networks that give access to patient files and all other communication links needed to perform 90% of hospital activities.

Who is responsible for these sick, crypto-criminal activities?

As early as 2007, authorities have been investigating the "Business Club," which targeted wealthy victims when they accessed their bank accounts, stealing their credentials and passwords, then emptying bank accounts at the first opportunity. This organization subdivided in 2013 and a new entity, Ryuk surfaced. Ryuk is a name out of Japanese manga series Death Note. It operates as a single entity, but appears to be multiple entities working under the auspices of one large syndicate.

It shutdown hospitals in Las Vegas, New York, and in Oregon. An attack in Oregon (Klamath Falls) was resisted and the city-side medical loss access to patient files for

23 days. At this location a patient with an imminent brain operation was cancelled and moved to another hospital for his medical emergency where his operation was delayed for 2 weeks.

Since 2018, the Ryuk hackers have penetrated the computers at "235 general hospitals and inpatient psychiatric facilities."

Ryuk targets are large organizations with deep pockets. It is called ruthless as it refuses to negotiate terms and victims either pay up, or pay the price.

Also notable, in May 2021 hackers shut down the national healthcare system throughout Ireland.

[Source: "Hospital Hacks Traced Back to Ruthless Cyber Gang," Kevin Poulsen, Melanie Evens, WSJ, June 11, 2021 A1, A9.]





HONORING THOSE WHO PASS

A few of us younger veterans have been wondering about our veteran's benefits when we make our final good-bye.

The good news is that all of us vets are entitled to military funeral honors. Funeral honors will include the folding and presentation of the U.S. flag and the playing of Taps.

At least two (2) uniformed military personnel, and a bugler, if available, shall perform the ceremony. Our own SGT @ ARMS, CJ will be present for all our passing Post members. If CJ is away on special matters, a ceremonial bugle will do Taps.

The military service may include additional elements of honors and may add additional uniformed military personnel, or other appropriate personnel such as members of the veteran's organization to augment the funeral honors details.

The appropriate individual must request the funeral honors. DoD policy calls for funeral directors, rather than next of kin, to contact the military, and the toll free number is (877) 645-4667.

Funeral Directors should use this link:

<https://dwp.dmdc.osd.mil/dwp/app/main>

Here are your basic veteran's burial and memorial benefits:

The VA operates 136 national cemeteries, of which 78 are currently open for both new casket and cremation interments, and 17 may accept new interments of cremated remains only. Burial options are limited to those available at a specific cemetery and may include in-ground casket, or interment of cremated remains in a columbarium, in ground, or a scattering area. See <http://www.cem.va.gov> for more details.

Who's eligible? Burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the Armed Forces, and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, and were discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.

Members of the Reserve components of the Armed Services who die while on active duty, while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, or were called to active duty and served the full term of service for which they were called, may



Above: Final military honors presentation

also be eligible for burial.

All the relevant sections of the "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors," the current version published in 2019, pages 63-70 can be downloaded. I will have these pages available at our July 10, 2021 meeting for all interested parties.

Here is what can be expected in terms of VA remuneration for the responsible party handling the funeral expenses: VA will pay a burial allowance when the veteran's death is service-connected of up to \$2,000. For non service-connected burials, the remuneration is \$300. The VA will pay \$762 when the Veteran's death occurs in a VA facility, a VA-connected nursing home, or a state Veterans nursing home.



FBI

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than half of \$4.4 million ransom were payments from Colonial Pipelines to the Russian/East European DarkStar criminal hackers and disrupted and seized \$2.3 million bitcoin payments before the hackers could receive the total payments before disappearing into the dark side of the internet. If these successful aspects of the FBI offensive operations can be further improved, and strengthened, that would be a most valuable 21st Century crime stopping achievement.

These international Hackers, not only are a threat to energy organizations, their

disruptive activities are a serious threat to our national security. In the past few months, this type of hacking has been used against our healthcare systems, and disrupting computer operations that manage the information systems and patient records, threatening virtually all

medical/hospital operations. Deaths to patients undergoing serious operations can occur when critical information is needed, and not available to the attending surgeon.

In November 2020, the Bureau "seized roughly \$1 billion in crypt-ocurrency associated with the Silk Road online black market." Then in January 2021 the "Bureau seized more than \$454,000 in

crypto-currency from the ransom-ware group known as NetWalker."

The hacking must be stopped, and President Biden recently told Vladimir Putin, that future intrusions will be dealt with in kind. He reminded Putin that there are Russian oil pipelines that are vital to the Russian economy managed by computer networks, so Biden's suggested that we can also cause serious consequences to the Russian economy and national security.

Read more about this topic: See **FBI** at this link:

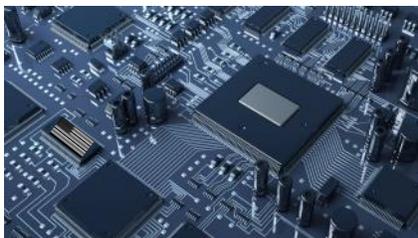
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MORE NEWS ABOUT SEMICONDUCTORS

Last month, our article on the state of semi-conductors in the whole world briefly discussed the importance of Taiwan's Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC). We noted that TSMC is the largest foundry for semiconductors in the world, and the company makes the chips for almost every country that need chips, especially the most advanced chips for manufacturing many, many electronic products. TSMC makes the chips needed by the world, but large companies including Apple, Nvidia, Broadcom and Qualcomm design the chips they need and avoid the high expense of getting into producing the chips they need themselves. Building a modern chip making plant runs into the billions and requires a lot of experts and specialists that are hard to find and expensive to upkeep.

While TSMC dominates the chip making world, the demand is so high, that TSMC



Above: semiconductor stock photo

cannot come close to providing all the chips their list of customers need. Thus, the company has already begun adding more chip production facilities (called Fabs) with the state of Arizona targeted add as many as 10 plants costing \$10 billion per plant.

When this TSMC expansion is complete, America will be in position to dominate in partnership with TSMC, the future inventories of the most modern and powerful chips

to the world, including our international competitors - China and Russia.

TSMC's very significant position as the major, advanced semiconductor source is considered by some people as a severe vulnerability to the world. Today, this single company provides 92% of the most advanced chips in the world containing transistor circuits that are one-thousandth the width of a human hair. The largest chip contains a billion transistor circuits. Each of these super dense chips takes six (6) months of processing to complete.

TSMC's customers are all screaming for more product, but the company is already at full capacity, running 3/24, or three shifts of workers every day.

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WHERE IS THE HERNANDO DE SOTO BRIDGE? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This is the bridge that connects Tennessee and Arkansas and is a major hub in our nation's infrastructure, where Fed Express has its headquarters and its central hub, along with a half dozen major freighters. 40,000 trucks and vehicles use this critical span every day. Their economy has been paralyzed and everyday businesses, and the trucking industry are losing million\$ in jobs and business.

On May 11, 2021, a large crack was discovered in one of the bridges major beams, and all traffic has been closed off since that day. It is now estimated to be ready for re-opening some time in July.

This is another dire warning to our nation that our roads, and 45,000 bridges must be maintained. The Army Corps of Engineers advised the need for maintaining our national infrastructure 50 years ago, and our elected officials, from both parties, have been too busy with other legis-



Above: Tennessee Department of Transportation/Associated Press

lation and funding the maintenance of our infrastructure has not been seriously discussed or funded.

It does not take a genius to know that neglecting roads and bridges, especially bridges is a dumb and dangerous pass time. If several of our interstate connecting bridges were suddenly disabled, it could affect our entire country. Air transportation cannot handle all the freight

that is transported by truck.

Without a national network of trucks operational 24 hours a day, there would be no food in our groceries, or gasoline at our gas stations. Our ATMs depend on funds fed regularly by guarded bank trucks. Life would be drastically altered for everyone.

We should all remind our elected officials that we must fund and maintain vigilance on the status of our local and national infrastructure. It is in everyone's best interest to keep our national infrastructure healthy and our trucks rolling.

Read more about this topic: See **BRIDGE** at this link:

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WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE POST



ROW 1: Post members group photos with Nelson Lum, Randy Toy, Vic Lum, CDR Helen at the CGM Cremony; **ROW 2:** great group photos from the CGM Ceremony; **ROW 3:** CGM Ceremony event in progress; **ROW 4:** Flags raised at the Chinese Benevolent Association.

WHO IS SHOHEI OHTANI?

Due to the pandemic, you likely don't know, but he is a true superstar!



Above: Los Angeles Angels Pitcher Shohei Ohtani, courtesy of the Los Angeles Angels

Shohei Ohtani, nicknamed "Sho-Time," is the brightest potential superstar to join recent major league baseball. Noting his name, you would guess that he is from Japan. He is from Hokkaido, Japan and is 6'4" and solidly built, but not bulky. Ohtani is a very exceptional athlete and already a star baseball player.

Ohtani is a very nice guy, you might even call him an Angel. After all, he plays for the Los Angeles Angels. He also insists on playing regularly, not just on his pitching days. His hitting skills earn him the right to play most days, although, the Angels normally rest him two days before he pitches. This has been a very wise move.

Ohtani pitches righty and bats lefty. That's unusual, but what is really unusual are his skills. His fastball has been timed at 115.8 mph, although he normally just fires in rockets in the high 90s. With that much speed, his controlled change-ups are a huge challenge to opponent hitters.

For all of us baseball fans, he is really a treat to watch. Even for some of us senior baseball fans would love to see this special athlete displaying his super skills. Note his blazing speed on the base paths. Thus, when he doesn't homer, he steals bases frequently.

Oh by the way, he bats with some power. His home run production was number 3 in the majors - in his rookie year. One of his homers measured at 470 feet. If he had been hitting his own fastballs, my goodness how far would his homers travel?

Here's a review of Ohtani's 2021 season. Link: <https://youtu.be/iBQfrKUYIQQ>

Like a little more, here are all his hits in one season. Link: <https://youtu.be/7e3PecjehLQ>

In his first game in the majors, he homered at his first at bat, and struck out 10 batters.



In Japan, they call Ohtani their Babe Ruth. Here in America, he is called "Sir".



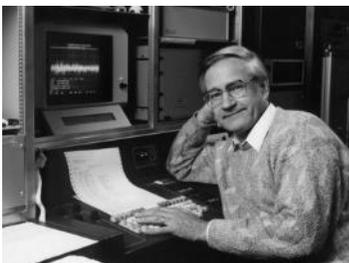
MORE IMMIGRANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

We have reminded our readers that immigrants have played a very important part in our American history. True, not all immigrants have made major contributions to our Country, but those that have, have affected lives we noted the two of our major COVID vaccines were developed by immigrants working for Pfizer Corporation and Moderna, two of the most successful Covid-19 vaccines developed in the past year. Hooray!



Above: Biogen CEO, Michel Vounatsos

Now we have Mr. Michel Vounatsos, who is of French nationality, but of Greek ancestry, and is now the CEO of Biogen. Biogen recently announced a new drug, Aduhelm, approved by the FDA that slows down the onset of Alzheimer's. Some experts have questioned the judgment of the FDA to bless this drug as it doesn't cure Alzheimer's, but a drug that can delay losing one's mind for a year or more, that is a much needed remedy. For some of us, delaying losing our mind to Alzheimer's is like delaying death.



Above: Dr. R. Ernst. Nobel Prize winner

We recently lost Dr. Richard Ernst (1923-2021), a German from Switzerland who had received the Nobel Prize for his contributions in nuclear magnetic resonance, the technology that led to the MRI scanner. MRI scanners provide images of our

insides, so that surgeons can see the patient's interior composition during diagnosis and this additional detailed view can better determine whether surgery is needed. This technology has also been very useful in providing tools to develop modern drugs and vaccines.

There is also a truly outstanding Dr., but he isn't in medicine. This Dr. has made a major contribution that today affects virtually everyone's life. He is Dr. Morris Chang, a Chinese American, born in Shanghai, China and immigrated to America in his teens. Chang was a wiz in math and started his studies at MIT (for his BS, MS), then attended Stanford University and completed his PhD.

Leaving Stanford, he joined Texas Instruments, honed his knowledge and semiconductor development skills for 25 years, before deciding to start a business and moved to Taiwan. He could not raise sufficient funds in America, so decided to move to Taiwan and open a semiconductor manufacturing facility, the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). His firm was primarily funded by the Taiwan government, so TSMC was the first semiconductor foundry and is now the largest and most advanced semiconductor producer in the world. TSMC manufactures the fastest chips in the world, 30% faster than its top competitor, Intel. TSMC must increase its production capabilities as there is a severe shortage of semiconductors in the world, and firms like Apple, NVidia, Qualcomm, among many major organizations depend on TSMC chips. To meet demand, Dr. Chang is opening more manufacturing plants in America. When these new plants are built and productive, it will likely make America the prime provider of chips to the whole world.

Read more about this topic - See **IMMIGRANTS** at this link: <https://www.sfcathaypost384.org/rc.html>

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Some analysts are stating that China is so desperate for TSMC's best products that military action to capture Taiwan may be imminent. Other "experts" believe that this situation may actually deter Chinese military action, as war and rocket attacks on Taiwan will almost certainly disrupt TSMC's operations (and cancel Chinese chip orders).

Taiwan can also threaten, or actually destroy or move their key components (to America?) to deny China (and others) access to the most advanced chips every major nation needs, and wants.

Technology is advancing and the current 5-nanometer technology chips will soon be replaced with 3-nanometer chips. If the Chinese do not attempt to grab Taiwan, the plan is to keep the best chips in Taiwan, with their foreign manufacturers making the 5-nanometer chips which will be important for some years into the future.

Dr. Morris Chang, the founder and principal owner of TSMC is an American citizen, but since the Taiwanese government funded most of his plant, and not American sources such as Intel, he is not abandoning Taiwan and moving their future 3 nanometer chip production out of Taiwan. Many officials in Taiwan also believed that TSMC and several other high tech companies in Taiwan provide a shield for Taiwan against Chinese aggression.

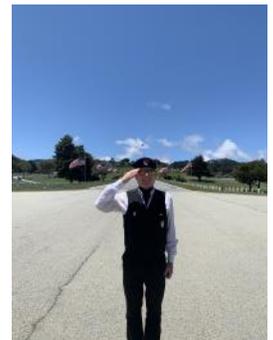
Read more about this topic: See **MORE ON CHIPS** at this link:

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WHAT HAS OUR SERGEANT @ ARMS BEEN UP TO THIS PAST MONTH?



TOP ROW: SGT@ARMS CJ plays Commodore at the SFVA, SGT@ARMS CJ CATCHES HIS BREATH OUTSIDE THE SFVA, SGT@ARMS CJ AS THE SFVA AMBASSADOR, SGT@ARMS CJ on FLAG DAY/ARMY BDAY @ Golden Gate National Cemetery; **2ND ROW:** SGT@ARMS CJ shows off burgers and shakes donated by Post 384, SGT@ARMS CJ IN FULL PPE TIMES (x) 30, SGT@ARMS CJ PREPARES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY, No fighting like cats and dogs allowed; **3RD ROW:** FRONTLINE SCREENERS POSE WITH FOOD DONATED BY POST, SGT@ARMS SALUTES FLAG ON FLAG DAY ; **BOTTOM ROW:** SGT@ARMS CJ escorts Mayor London Breed for CDR Wong's installation, SGT@ARMS CJ assists at a Veteran's funeral.



SOLUTIONS TO JUNE'S PUZZLES

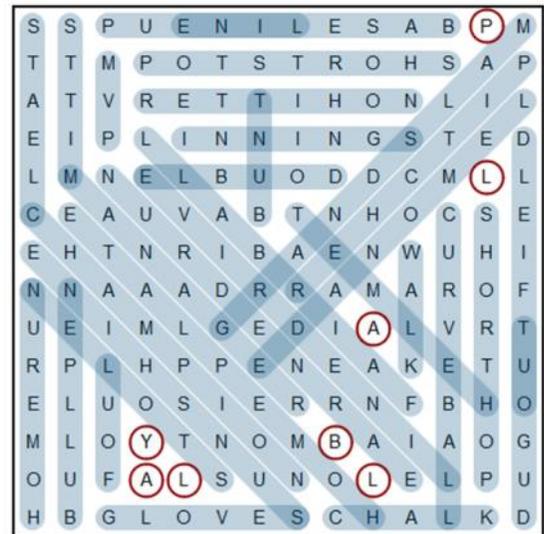
Did you solve everything?

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

SUMMER IS HERE

What two word phrase do we hear at every game? Answer: **PLAY BALL**

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| BASELINE | GRANDSLAM | PITCHER |
| BULLPEN | HELMET | SHORTHOP |
| BUNT | HOMEPLATE | SHORTSTOP |
| CHALK | HOMERUN | STOLEN |
| CHAMPION | INNINGS | SUNSHINE |
| CLEATS | LEMONADE | WALK |
| CURVEBALL | LINEDRIVE | |
| DOUBLE | LINEUP | |
| DUGOUT | MANAGER | |
| EARNEDRUN | MITTS | |
| FAIRBALL | MVP | |
| FOUL | NOHITTER | |
| GLOVES | OUTFIELD | |



SUDOKU SOLUTION

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4	6	2	3	1	9	8	7	5
9	7	3	8	5	2	4	1	6

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE AMERICAN FLAGS?



IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, COUNT THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN FLAGS THAT APPEAR THROUGH-OUT THE JULY ISSUE OF THE CATHAY DISPATCH



KNOW THE SIGNS OF A CRISIS: Recognizing red flags and knowing when to get help can make a difference in a veteran's life. Read more at:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/education/signs-of-crisis>

If you feel you are in a crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, please call. The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. People have called for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

CALL: Veterans and their loved ones can call **(800) 273-8255** and Press 1 to speak with a caring and qualified responder.

TEXT: Veterans and loved ones can also send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or call your local 24-hour mental health crisis line.

Veteran Combat Call Center - Combat vets and families can call any time 24/7/365: **1 (800) 927-8387** to speak with other combat vets and families about any issues from military experience to readjusting to civilian life.

CHAT ONLINE: Veterans Chat 24/7/365 Confidential Support is just a Click Away. If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line online chat offer help that can make a difference. Caring, qualified VA professionals are standing by to provide free and confidential support:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>



CRYPTOGRAM

Decode the message. Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number. Try to decode the Spring Riddle. Good Luck!

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WORD SEARCH

INDEPENDENCE DAY - ON July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, marking this country's freedom from British rule. In 1777, the first celebration of independence, was celebrated with a 13 gun salute via cannon fire, in honor of the 13 colonies, and then followed by a fireworks show. The fireworks tradition continues as a symbol of American freedom. Find all the words to reveal the new name that Continental Congress selected to replace 'The United Colonies.' Good Luck!

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- BLUE
- BRAVE
- CHARCOAL
- CONSTITUTION
- FAMILY
- FATHERS
- FIRECRACKERS
- FIREWORKS
- FLAGS
- FOOD
- FOUNDING
- FOURTH
- FREEDOM
- FRIENDS
- GRILLING
- HISTORY
- HOLIDAY
- JULY
- LIBERTY
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- OLDGLORY
- PATRIOTISM
- PICNIC
- PINWHEEL
- RED
- REPUBLIC
- RESPECT
- SERVICE
- STARS
- STRIPES
- TRIBUTE
- VETERANS
- WETHEPEOPLE



JULY 2021



Happy 4th of July



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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY	26	27 NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY	28 NATIONAL BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY	29 ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS BIRTHDAY	30	31



4TH OF JULY FUN FACTS



1. The Continental Congress voted in favor of declaring independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776.
2. July 4th was declared a National Holiday in 1870, but did not become a paid holiday until 1941.
3. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.
4. The first July 4 celebration took place at the White House on 1801, hosted by Thomas Jefferson.
5. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn't celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
6. In 1778, George Washington gave his soldiers a double ration of rum to celebrate the July 4 holiday.
7. As of 2016, July 4 was the number one holiday for beer sales in the U.S.
8. American typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day.
9. The famed Macy's fireworks show in New York City uses more than 75,000 fireworks shells and costs about \$6M.
10. About 16,000 July 4 fireworks displays happen around the country each year.