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KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

NAZI BUNKERS

Three Nazi bunkers on a beach have been uncovered by violent storms off the Danish coast, providing a store of material for history buffs and military archaeologists. The bunkers were found in practically the same condition as they were on the day the last Nazi soldiers left them, down to the tobacco in one trooper's pipe and a half-finished bottle of schnapps.

This bunker was entombed under the sand dunes until a violent storm swept away the sands three months ago.

The bunkers had not been touched since the war.



The bunkers were three of 7,000 built by the Germans as part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall from Norway to the south of France. But while the vast majority were almost immediately looted or

destroyed, these three were entombed under the sand dunes of a remote beach near the town of Houvig since 1945. They were uncovered only because recent storms sent giant waves cascading over them, sweeping away the sand and exposing glimpses of the cement and iron structures.

Kim Clausen, curator of the Ringkoebing-Skjern museum views a heater retrieved from the bunker.



For more information you can Google Nazi Bunkers found in Denmark.

WWII VETERAN REUNITED WITH DOG TAG

A chance find by two teenagers shopping in Manhattan reunited Joseph Farish with his dog tag from World War II.

Miss Sydney Rector and Steven Tyska noticed something on the ground and when they picked it up they realized it was a dog tag of a veteran.

It had Joe Farish's name, address and serial number. Miss Rector put it in her pocketbook and later looked up Mr. Farish and found that he still lived and worked in Florida. She called him and he confirmed that it was indeed his dog tag which he never realized he had lost 66 years ago!

Miss Rector returned the tag to Farish. She believes she wasn't the first one to pick it up over the years. "It was probably picked up and dropped by many other people."

The dog tag "meant a lot to me," Farish said. "It brought back a lot of memories because I went to North Africa and into Sicily. I was with the Big Red One (Infantry Division). We made the

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landing on D-Day on Omaha Beach in Normandy and went all through Europe and ended up the war in Czechoslovakia .

“I have to admire Sydney, Farish said. “She’s a very kind and patriotic person to recognize that returning the dog tag was important. To get it back to me is very dear to my heart. Mr. Farish is 87.

News Item from the NPR, by Robert Siegel.

WWII HONORS FOR U.S. NAVY AT UTAH BEACH

The U.S. Navy was honored for its key role in the massive amphibious wartime invasion that helped propel the allies to victory in World War II.

Hundreds of American sailors and French well-wishers, as well as a few Navy veterans of the war, joined U.S. and French officials on Utah Beach for the inauguration of Normandy’s first monument honoring the sacrifices of U.S. sailors in the conflict against Nazi Germany. Utah was one of five landing beaches for the invasion.

The US Navy Monument at Normandy features a 12-foot statue of a Navy captain and two sailors overlooking the beach, where a 5,000 vessel armada landed June 6, 1944, with about 156,000 soldiers, mostly Americans, British and Canadians in the massive assault known as D-day.

Article by Michel Spingler, AP

NEW GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SALUTE THE U.S. FLAG

“The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one’s military service,“ Senator Inhofe said. “Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. “Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag.

My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. “I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others.

The bill was passed July 25, 2007. Let your veteran friends know about this bill.

GREETING CARDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greeting cards from the President are available to individuals celebrating an 80th or more birthday or for couples on their 50th Anniversary.

To arrange for a card, send your request at least **four weeks** ahead of time to the Greetings Office, Room 39, the White House, Washington, DC 20502. Be sure to include the name of the honoree, address and date of the event.

YOUR MONEY SAVERS

Get help paying for prescription drugs, health care, utilities and more. At BenefitsCheckUp (<http://benefitscheckup.org>), sponsored by the National Council on Aging, older Americans can get information about more than 1,500 programs to help with health care, taxes, energy costs and more. Once you find a program you can print out application forms or apply on-line for benefits.

Article from Bottom Line



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GREAT INVENTION: TEA

This clever shortcut for tea lovers came about by accident. In the 1920s, Thomas Sullivan, a New York tea merchant, began sending out samples of his wares in small silk bags. Customers welcomed what they mistook for an improvement over tea balls and tea eggs which had to be packed with loose leaves. Several wrote to Sullivan, praising his little bags, but suggesting he use a coarser fabric which would be better for steeping. Sullivan began making tea bags in earnest, first using gauze, then paper and eventually adding a string with a tag at the end of it—just like the bags we dangle today.

Article from Real Simple Magazine

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VETERAN'S DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial day started in the 1860's in various towns as a day to remember and honor the soldiers who died in the Civil War. It was originally called Dedication Day. In 1868, the first official military proclamation of the day was given, and flowers were put at the graves at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to recognize Memorial Day as a holiday was New York in 1873. Eventually all the Northern states adopted it in the late 1800's, while the Southern state had other days for honoring Confederate war dead. In 1971 Congress set the official date of Memorial Day to be the last Monday in May.

Veterans day, which is celebrated November 11 of each year, is set aside to honor all veterans, both living and dead. It was called Armistice Day, to celebrate the day when WWI was ended with the signing of an armistice on November 11, 1918. After WWII, the holiday changed to honor all veterans rather than remember the peace and sacrifice of those in the first World War. In 1954, the President changed it to Veterans Day to honor all servicemen and servicewomen. Many other countries which also participated in WWI also celebrate a day of honoring those who served in the military (living or dead) on November 11.

In short, Memorial Day is an American holiday established for honoring the war dead. Veterans Day is a holiday celebrated in many countries honoring veterans, living and dead.

Article from Yahoo.com



HOLIDAYS

April

- 1 April Fools Day
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 9 Passover
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter
- 21 Holocaust Remembrance Day



May

- 1 May Day
- 10 Mothers Day
- 25 Memorial Day



June

- 14 Flag Day
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Begins



BIRTHDAYS:

April 1

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April 14

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May 17

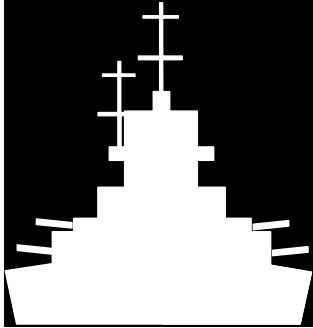
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Just for Fun

Just for Fun is a column meaning just that—FUN!

I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move? With any luck, right after it finishes college.

Why are married women heavier than single women? Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

A woman confided to her girlfriend, "My ex-husband wants to marry me again." The friend said "How flattering." The woman replied, "Not really, I think he is after the money I married him for.

Jokes by Roger Lee, AVMG



Nautical Terms:



In memory of James Richard Drew who contributed to this column until his passing.

Aloft - Above the deck of the boat

Amidships - In or toward the center of a boat

Anchorage—A place suitable for anchoring in relation to the wind, seas and bottom

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