



THE COMPANION



San Diego Chapter
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Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (US Navy Photo)

Old, Obscure and Obsolete

Is your U.S. Navy job obsolete? As new Navy jobs are created other jobs are merged or eliminated.

The USNI News recently published an article listing jobs that were old, obscure and obsolete.

**“Companion Craig Noble and myself served in rates that no longer exist. Craig was a Data Processing Technician and I was a Data Systems Technician.”
Companion Darryl Peralta**

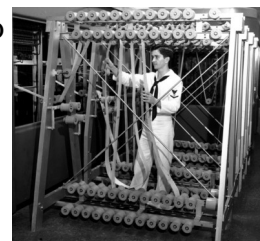
Enlisted U.S. Navy personnel are identified by their job and rank.

“Wearing special rating/rate badges on your uniform to designate both your enlisted rank and specialty is unique in the U.S. Armed Forces.”
Companion LT Darryl Peralta, USN, Ret.

From the article, “The following is a collection of former Navy ratings (and one defunct officer rank) made mostly obsolete by advances in technology and occasionally by more modern stances on race, gender, and—at least in one case—child-labor norms.” One example:

International Business Machine (IBM) Operator

With a need to better calculate gun trajectories, ensure accurate accounting, and handle mass logistics, the Navy turned to IBM tabulating



equipment during WWII. The move gave birth to the rating of International Business Machine operator. The rating only existed for about a year before it was changed to the generic but even more unwieldy name of punched-card accounting machine operator, but IBM continued to develop new products for the Navy. In 1944, IBM introduced the nation’s first large-scale electromechanical calculator (the automated sequence controlled calculator or the “Harvard Mark I”) that was used by the U.S. Navy Bureau of Ships. The operator rating went through several transformations until becoming the current information systems technician.

Read full story at:

<http://news.usni.org/2014/12/03/brief-list-old-obsolete-obsolete-u-s-navy-jobs>

Historical Tidbits

The day of December 16th is somewhat unique because three major events of historical significance occurred on this date.

The first of these occurred in 1770 when Ludwig van Beethoven was born. He is considered by many musicologists to be one of the greatest composers of all time. Although he composed only nine symphonies, three of them, III, V, and IX, are in the repertoire of virtually all of the symphony orchestras of today. His fifth even played a part in World War II.

Its first measure which begins with three notes that are commonly pronounced Da, Da, Da, Dah, resembled the Morse code for the letter V. This was declared by the BBC to be the V for Victory and was used by it as the introduction to all of its broadcasts to occupied Europe.

The second event occurring on this date was the Boston Tea Party which occurred in 1773. This event in which 50 “Sons of Liberty” dressed as Indians boarded three ships in Boston Harbor, the *Dartmouth*, *Eleanor* and *Beaver* and threw 90,000 pounds of tea overboard. The tea was valued at 10,000 British Pounds (approximately \$1.5 million in today’s currency). This was done to protest the Tea Act which had been enacted earlier that year. This event was one of the seminal events leading to the American Revolution which began 17 months later.

The third event occurring on December 16th occurred in 1944. On this date, the Battle of the Bulge began. This battle, which eventually involved 610,000 US troops, was the largest battle ever fought by the US Army. It lasted approximately 6 weeks and resulted in a significant US victory, albeit at a high price. 19,276 US soldiers were killed, 47,493 were wound-

ed and 23,218 men were captured for a total of 89,987 total casualties. The German casualties were approximately 100,000 in total. While the number of casualties suffered by both belligerents was roughly comparable, the Americans could rapidly replace their losses but the Germans could not. This led to a more rapid collapse of the German forces when the Allies resumed their offensive in the spring of 1945 and to the end of the war in Europe in May 1945.

Thus, one can see that from a historical perspective December 16th is more than just nine days before Christmas.

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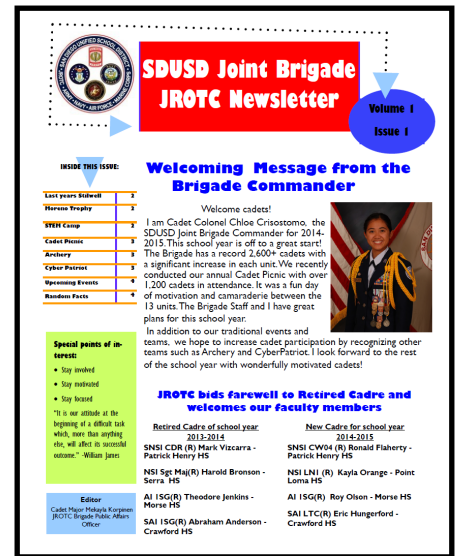
JROTC News

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) JROTC Joint Brigade Staff has published it’s first newsletter.

Editor c/MAJ Mekayla Korpinen has done a fantastic job in this inaugural issue. The goal is to publish two newsletters this school year and eventually expand to one each quarter. I hope you enjoy it and most definitely welcome your suggestions. Thank you to MOWW for your continued support.

**Companion LTC (Ret) David T. Guzman
JROTC Program Manager**

Note: An copy of this newsletter was emailed to Chapter Companions by Companion Guzman.



Veterans Memorial in Arizona

It is not uncommon for us to receive several emails each day were we are instructed to forward and pass it on. This one caught my eye, because I happened to discover this memorial on one of my travels for MOWW. The memorial is surround by a beautiful park with a pond, ducks, flowers and walking path. A very peaceful place to rest and enjoy.

Anthem Veterans Memorial was dedicated November 11, 2011. Every year on



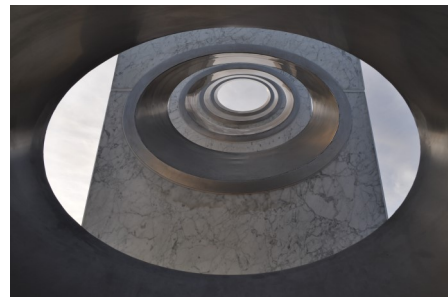
Veterans Day, the five pillars of the Memorial will align perfectly to cast one, long shadow across the circle of pavers at precisely 11:11 a.m. At the exact same time, the sunlight projecting through the elliptical openings in the pillars will pour through and perfectly encompass and illuminate the mosaic of the Great Seal of the United States forever reminding us of the courageous U.S. military veterans who have served and sacrificed to protect our nation.

The five pillars represent the unity of the five branches of the United States military serving steadfast together.

Companion Debbie Kash

www.onlineatanthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial

Pictures: Left and Top taken by D. Kash, Right, website.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 CAPT William Blank
- 08 CAPT David Dahmen
- 13 COL David Gill
- 19 LtCol Jack Harkins
- 30 Sheryl Harris



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

- 52 CPT Lewis Schock
- 48 Gregory Gewalt
- 48 Vincent Gewalt
- 46 LCDR Charles Irby
- 46 CPT Kevin Rick
- 37 LT James Bonner
- 23 LCDR Walter Fetgatter
- 23 LTC Joe Hall
- 08 Pauline Yoder



PRAYERS FOR AMERICA

Father, thank you for the many houses of worship in our land. We are so blessed to be able to sing, pray and gather together without fear of punishment or imprisonment. Be with those in other nations who cannot worship freely. Give them courage and perseverance. Help us be aware of their situation so we can continue to pray for them and never take our own religious freedom for granted. The fellowship we enjoy with other worshipers ins foundational in our lives. Thank you for giving us a country that protects that fellowship. Amen.

**Prayers for our Country Daily Prayer Book
December 25th**

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The San Diego Chapter convenes monthly for luncheon meetings and conducts numerous special activities with and for civic, educational, and service programs. Visitors are welcome and are encouraged to contact the Chapter for dates, times, and locations of current meetings.

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The Preamble

- ◆ *To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;*
- ◆ *To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag;*
- ◆ *To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;*
- ◆ *Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;*
- ◆ *To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;*
- ◆ *To promote the cultivation of Military, Naval and Air Science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of National Security for the United States of America;*
- ◆ *To acquire and preserve records of individual services;*
- ◆ *To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of Memorials of the World Wars;*
- ◆ *And to transmit all these ideals to posterity, under God and for our Country, we unite to establish;*
- ◆ "The Military Order of the World Wars."



“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

Harry S. Truman

