



# Pack 208

# Monthly Newsletter

# Troop 208



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Kilroy was Here, and our John Youngs went there!



Honor Flight Northwest Ohio is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization formed in 2007 to send the veterans of Northwest Ohio to Washington, DC to see the memorials built to honor their service. To date, 1450 veterans have safely flown on 29 flights to see their memorials.

The Honor Flight Network was founded by Earl Morse in 2005. To date, this network, which is comprised of 101 regional hubs in 39 states, has flown approximately 81,000 veterans to the memorials in Washington, DC. As one of the networks safest hubs, we are proud to be a part of this overwhelming achievement.

Our own John Youngs just made the trip with his son to Washington, DC

Thanks John for your service to our country and thank you just as much for your service to our units today!

The Honor Flight T-Shirts included the "Kilroy was here" cartoon drawing and statement on the sleeves. But what was the history of "Kilroy was here?" Well.... Maybe.....

"There are, however, theories about the origins of Kilroy that have some credibility. Perhaps the most well-documented origin, as reported by *The New York Times* in 1946, credited James J. Kilroy, a welding inspector at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Quincy, Mass., with starting the craze during the frantic ship-building days of the war.

According to this account, Kilroy used an indelible crayon to mark completed welds to prevent unscrupulous welders from erasing chalk markings in order to get paid twice for their work. His phrase "Kilroy was here" was discovered by astonished Navy repair crews when sealed compartments were opened for repairs to warships.

Yet another theory says Kilroy was actually Richard Kilroy O'Malley, a well-traveled war correspondent for the Associated Press whose work took him around the world.

Joseph Stalin was perplexed. "Who is Kilroy?" the Soviet strongman sputtered to one of his aides after emerging from a bathroom break during the Potsdam Conference with American and British leaders in July 1945. Somebody had scribbled "Kilroy Was Here" in the world leader's private potty, perhaps with a crude cartoon drawing of a bald head peeping over the top of a fence, showing two little eyes on either side of a long, U-shaped nose."

<http://www.thehistorychannelclub.com/articles/articletype/articleview/articleid/152/kilroy-was-here>

Regardless of the actual history ,

"During those years, "Kilroy Was Here" was something of a national joke—a sort of declaration that U.S. servicemen were everywhere—and, at the same time, a kind of deflating message to the same servicemen, telling them that they weren't seeing anything new, no matter how exotic their surroundings. Indeed, the image was not as significant as the places where it could be found."

We can be sure John, along with the fellow veterans who went on the Honor Flight, made their presence known throughout the world as they helped to bring peace and democracy to citizens of other countries.

To Mr Youngs, Mr Janes and other WWII, Korean & Vietnam era Veterans - *Thank you!*

## Happy Father's Day

June 16th, 2013



The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm--perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910.

<http://www.history.com/topics/fathers-day>

## CUB DAY CAMP 2013

For the Tigers, Wolves, Bears and First Year Webelos we'd like to remind you that Erie Shores Council will be offering Cub Day Camp again in 2013.

June 17th - 21st CDC Week #1

June 24th - 28th CDC Week #2

No CDC this week due to the 4th of July Holiday

July 8th - 12th CDC Week #3

July 15th - 19th CDC Week #4

If you can help with transportation for the Cub Scouts please let Gary or Alan know so we can coordinate driving and help each other out...

June 30th - July 6th

Summer Camp in Pioneer, Ohio

A week in the woods & sun!

Early prices are over - must pay full price now guys. MEDICAL FORMS... YES - ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP You can download the BI-LINGUAL form if you need another copy of it from our site (whole BOOK):

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001whole.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001whole.pdf)

Or get just Parts A&B which are all you need...

[www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001a&b.pdf](http://www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/forms/680-001a&b.pdf)



## Memorial Day

Evolution of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

<http://www.history.com/topics/memorial-day-history>

Thanks to our Veterans who fought on foreign shores.

## Flag Day

June 14th, 2013

In Waubeka, Wisconsin, in 1885 Bernard John Cigrand a nineteen

year old school teacher in a one room school placed a 10" 38 star flag in an inkwell and had his students write essays on what the flag meant to them. He called June 14th the flag's birthday. Stony Hill School is now a historical site. From that day on Bernard J. Cigrand dedicated himself to inspire not only his students but also all Americans in the real meaning and majesty of our flag.

<http://www.nationalflagday.com/history.asp>



## Awards & Recognitions & Training Info

Training is "over" for the spring/summer. As soon as any fall/winter training is scheduled we'll let you know both in the newsletter and on the Units' respective website under "TRAINING". If you have any questions about training, please ask and we'll be more than happy to answer them for you.



[www.legionpost37.com/Coffin.html](http://www.legionpost37.com/Coffin.html)

Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word live in. Many fought and died to establish our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms and others while serving to vigilantly protect these rights and freedoms. and teachings to establish our Great Nation we live in. Many fought and died to establish our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms and others while serving to vigilantly protect these rights and freedoms.

To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America , and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

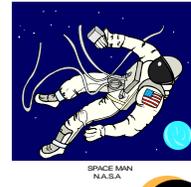
After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. Now you will know about folded flags.

# June Historical & Current Events

June 2nd

- United States citizenship granted to all American Indians, 1924
- Baseball great Babe Ruth's last game, 1935

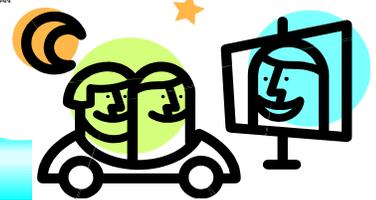


June 3rd

- Astronaut Edward White became the first American to walk in space, 1965

June 4th

- Henry Ford made successful test run with his horseless carriage in Detroit, 1896



June 6th

- First drive-in movie theater opened in New Jersey, 1933



June 9th

- The first U.S. Ballistic Missile Submarine launched, 1959

June 10th

- The first United States Mint was established in Boston, 1652



June 11th

- The first U.S. patent for gas-driven auto issued, 1895

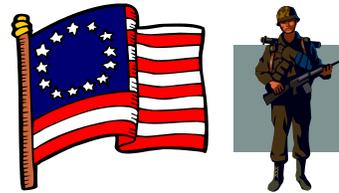
June 13th

- Landmark Supreme Court Case, Miranda vs. Arizona was established, 1966
- Thurgood Marshall became the first black justice on the United States Supreme Court, 1967



June 14th

- The United States Army was founded, 1775
- The Stars & Stripes was adopted as the American Flag, 1777



June 15th

- Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity, 1752
- Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton established a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery, 1864

June 18th

- Astronaut Sally K. Ride, became America's first woman in space, 1983



June 19th

- Slavery was outlawed in United States Territories, 1862
- The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington, 1910

June 20th

- The Great Seal of the United States was adopted, 1782

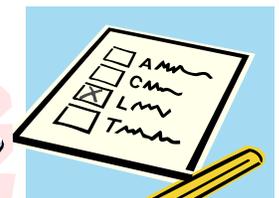


June 22nd

- Congress created the Department of Justice, 1870
- President Nixon signed a measure lowering the voting age to eighteen, 1970

June 23rd

- A patent was received for the typewriter, 1868
- Disney's "*Lady and the Tramp*" opened in Los Angeles, California, 1955



June 24th

- The National Minimum Wage law was enacted, 1938
- The last day that silver certificate currency was redeemed for silver, 1968



June 28th

- Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American Soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, 1778
- Labor Day was established as a federal holiday, 1894