



Pack 208

Newsletter Troop 208



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Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

June 2014



Memorial Day Parade

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Leaders are welcome to join in the annual Swanton Memorial Day Parade (again) this year.

Meet at Crestwood at 10:15am on May 26th

Please wear your Scout uniform so we can show Swanton our Scouting spirit and pride while we honor our veterans who have sacrificed for us through the years



Toledo Mud Hens 2014 Scout Sleepovers



This is a great family event...including the sleepover!

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014Mudhens.pdf

Friday, June 30th	Friday, July 11th
Saturday, June 31st	Saturday, July 12th
Saturday, June 28th	Friday, August 8th

Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camps 2014

Week 1	June 16th - 20th	Estimated cost is
Week 2	June 23rd - 27th	\$150 for the week
Week 3	July 7th - 11th	each additional week is
Week 4	July 14th - 18th	\$100

Thursday night is Family Night from 4:30 to 8:00pm



June 15th
Okay guys - hopefully you thanked Mom last month, Dad's turn



Flag Day is Saturday, June 14th
Honored at the Legion at 6pm on Thursday, June 12th

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/flag-day>

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes - one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag June have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to ... *urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.*

One hill: one Marine Guadalcanal

On Nov. 15, 2003, an 85-year-old retired Marine Corps Colonel died of congestive heart failure at his home in La Quinta, Calif., southeast of Palm Springs. He was a combat veteran of World War II. Reason enough to honor him. But this Marine was a little different. This Marine was Mitchell Paige. It's hard today to envision -- or, for the dwindling few, to remember -- what the world looked like on 26 Oct 1942.

The U.S. Navy was not the most powerful fighting force in the Pacific. Not by a long shot. So the Navy basically dumped a few thousand Marines on the beach at Guadalcanal.

As Platoon Sgt. Mitchell Paige and his 33 riflemen set about carefully emplacing their four water-cooled .30-caliber Browning machine guns, manning their section of the thin khaki line which was expected to defend Henderson Field against the assault of the night of 25 Oct 1942, it's unlikely anyone thought they were about to provide the definitive answer to that most desperate of questions: How many able-bodied U.S. Marines does it take to hold a hill against 2,000 desperate and motivated Japanese attackers?

Nor did the commanders of the Japanese Army, who had swept everything before them for decades, expect their advance to be halted on some jungle ridge manned by one thin line of Marines in October of 1942.

But by the time the night was over, The Japanese 29th Infantry Regiment has lost 553 killed or missing and 479 wounded among its 2,554 men, historian David Lippman reports. The Japanese 16th Regiment's losses are uncounted, but the [US] 164th's burial parties handled 975 Japanese bodies. ... The American estimate of 2,200 Japanese dead is probably too low.

Among the 90 American dead and seriously wounded that night were all the men in Mitchell Paige's platoon; every one. As the night of endless attacks wore on, Paige moved up and down his line, pulling his dead and wounded comrades back into their foxholes and firing a few bursts from each of the four Brownings in turn, convincing the Japanese forces down the hill that the positions were still manned.

The citation for Paige's Medal of Honor Citation defines the event: "When the enemy broke through the line directly in front of his position, P/Sgt. Paige, commanding a machinegun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he fought with his gun and when it was destroyed, took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire."

In the end, Sgt. Paige picked up the last of the 40-pound, belt-fed Browning (the same design which John M. Browning fired for a continuous 25 minutes until it ran out of ammunition, glowing cherry red, at its first U.S. Army demonstration) and did something for which the weapon was never designed. Sgt. Paige walked down the hill toward the place where he could hear the last Japanese survivors rallying to move around his flank, the belt-fed gun cradled under his arm, firing as he went.

The weapon did not fail. At dawn, battalion executive officer Major Odell M. Conoley was first to discover the answer to our question: How many able-bodied Marines does it take to hold a hill against two regiments of motivated, combat-hardened Japanese infantrymen who have never known defeat?

On a hill where the bodies were piled like cordwood, Mitchell Paige alone sat upright behind his 30-caliber Browning, waiting to see what the dawn would bring. One hill: one Marine.

But "In the early morning light, the enemy could be seen a few yards off, and vapor from the barrels of their machine guns was clearly visible," reports historian Lippman. "It was decided to try to rush the position."

For the task, Major Conoley gathered together "three enlisted communication personnel, several riflemen, a few company runners who were at the point, together with a cook and a few messmen who had brought food to the position the evening before."

Joined by Paige, this ad hoc force of 17 Marines counterattacked at 5:40 a.m., discovering that this extremely short range allowed the optimum use of grenades. They cleared the ridge. And that's where the previously unstoppable wave of Japanese conquests finally broke and began to recede. On an unnamed jungle ridge on an insignificant island no one had ever heard of, called Guadalcanal.

But who remembers, today the ridge held by a single Marine, in the autumn of 1942?

Some time after, when the Hasbro Toy Company telephoned asking permission to put the retired Colonel's face on some kid's doll, Mitchell Paige thought they must be joking. But they weren't.

That's his face on the original little soldier Hasbro called "G.I. Joe."

In memory as we honor our veteran's on Memorial Day and respect those who have sacrificed for our nation on Flag Day.

Upcoming Activities

Mini-Cub Day Camp June 30th - July 2nd

Come out for one, two or three days; \$30/day

Have some fun with all the same activities

Webelos I Overnights @ Miakonda

June 21st and 22nd or July 12th and 13th

\$35 per Webelos and \$35 per Adult Partner

Webelos II Resident Camp @ Camp Frontier

\$127 for the Webelos Scout & \$66 for the Adult

3 days out at Camp Frontier during the last week of the regular Boy Scout Camp in the summer



Toledo Mud Hens 2014 Scout Sleepovers



Get the Scout flyer on our website:

www.swancreekdistrict.org/Troop208/flyers/2014Mudhens.pdf

How much more fun can you ask for?

A ball game with Max Klinger's own MUD HENS!

A chance to sleep in the outfield

And don't forget the late, late show MOVIE too!

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Early Bird registration is over, but Cub Scouts can still sign up and attend Cub Day Camp anyways.		



Flag Day observances at the American Legion
June 12th @ 6pm

Please wear your uniforms and be a little early

We will, again, be helping the American Legion and other veteran's groups to honor our flag and veterans

Outdoor Ethics Action Award for Adult Leader Action Award (requirements)

[Outdoor Ethics Awards Homepage](#)



The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Action Award are as follows:

- Do each of the following
 - Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award
 - Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course
 - Show the National Park Service Leave No Trace video to your den or pack.
- Read about the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate your Cub Scouts' learning about a principle.

<https://lnt.org/learn/7-principles> <http://treadlightly.org/education/learn/tread-principles-2/>
- Facilitate or participate with a family or den when they put on their activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at a den or pack meeting or outing about a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!
- Help plan and participate in three activities that your pack or den can complete while following Leave No Trace principles or the front country guidelines.
- Contact a local landowner or land manager to arrange the pack or den service project that reduces impact from our use of the outdoors. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Examples might be collecting litter, cleaning fire rings or grills, or other steps suggested by the landowner or land manager.
- Make or assist in a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your pack or den did for requirement 4.
- Help your Cub Scout or another Cub Scout earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

National Park Service's LNT Video

[VIDEO LINK](#)



Application only

Boy Scout & Scouter Action Award Requirements will be in next month's newsletter

June Historical & Current Events

June 1st

- The Beatles UK album, "*Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*," was released, 1967

June 3rd

- "*Casey at the Bat* " by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the *San Francisco Daily Examiner* , 1888

June 4th

- United States Secret Service organized, 1778
- Battle of Midway began during WWII, 1942



June 6th

- D-Day (invasion of Europe occurred), 1944

June 7th

- Daniel Boone first began to explore Kentucky, 1769



June 9th

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

June 11th

- United States Sugar rationing ended, 1947



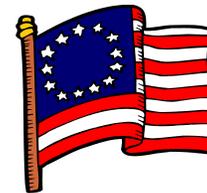
June 12th

- Virginia's colonial legislature became first to adopt a Bill of Rights, 1776
- The invention of Baseball was first presented, 1839



June 13th

- Landmark Supreme Court Case, *Miranda vs. Arizona* was established, 1966



June 14th

- The United States Army was founded, 1775
- The Stars & Stripes was adopted as the American Flag, 1777
- William Harding became the first United States president heard on radio, on Baltimore station *WEAR* , 1922

June 15th

- Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton established a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery, 1864

June 17th

- The Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston, 1775
- Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, from Newfoundland to Wales, 1928



June 19th

- 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

June 26h

- Franklin D. Roosevelt established credit unions, 1934
- The Korean War ended, 1953

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

June 29th

- The Interstate Highway System was established, 1956



June 30th

- Margaret Mitchell's novel "*Gone With The Wind*" was published, 1936