



PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MEMBERS

- Bob Shaut
- Noah Barnhill

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D-Day Remembered

On June 6, 1984, President Ronald Reagan gave a speech commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day invasion. He spoke to a group of veterans assembled at Pointe du Hoc, overlooking the beaches of Normandy. In his moving talk, he asked rhetorically why men like these would put aside their instinct for self-preservation and risk their lives to overcome such overwhelming obstacles. What inspired them?

"We look at you, and somehow we know the answer. It was faith and belief; it was loyalty and love. The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge – and pray God we have not lost it – that there is a profound, moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those others did not doubt your cause. And you were right not to doubt.

You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the

most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man...

Something else helped the men of D-Day: their rock-hard belief that Providence would have a great hand in the events that would unfold here; that God was an ally in this great cause. And so, the night before the invasion... General Matthew Ridgway on his cot, listened in the darkness for the promise God made to Joshua: "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." These are the things that impelled them; these are the things that shaped the unity of the Allies."

This generation of Americans owes a great debt to the service men and women who have gone before us. They picked up arms and stood in harm's way when our country needed them the most. Every day we lose more and more of our World War II veterans. These great Americans have been described as the "greatest generation" and the sheer magnitude of their effort bears the truth of this depiction. We have in our congregation many Korean and Vietnam War veterans who equally sacrificed to preserve our freedoms. More recently we have veterans of the Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism who have

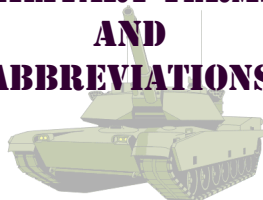


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been and are still deployed in harm's way. All of us have stood in the gap and wore our nation's uniform in peace or war, ready to pay the ultimate sacrifice if required to keep our nation free. We who have worn the uniform have the responsibility to teach the generations that follow what it means to love and sacrifice for our country. It is important that we show our kids and grandkids that "One Nation under God" and "In God we Trust" are not just clever catch phrases, but have been the foundation of our great nation for over two hundred years.

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MILITARY TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS



- **CLACKER:** firing device for triggering claymore mines and other electrically initiated demolitions
- **CLARA:** air intercept code meaning, "radar scope clear of contacts other than those known to be friendly."
- **CLSS:** Combat Logistics Support System
- **COMJTF:** Commander, Joint Task Force
- **CRISP:** Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan

Three Steps To A Happy Homebuying Decision *by James P. Graf*



“If you can no longer afford your home payments, consider refinancing into a longer-term mortgage at a lower rate.”

[Editor’s Note: We’re featuring part 1 this month. Be on the lookout for part 2 next month.]

A generation ago, aspiring homeowners faced limited choices among mortgage loans. There were a few adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) to go with conventional fixed-rate loan products, and a no-down-payment loan was available through the Veterans Administration.

Today, homebuyers can confront literally hundreds of different ARMs with variations that even mortgage professionals have trouble explaining. These variations can provide a loan that will suit you just fine, but determining which one works best for you can prove difficult.

So what do you do as a first-

time homebuyer? What do you do if you have an adjustable rate mortgage that has "adjusted" up to a payment you can no longer afford and you want to refinance? How do you make the right decision?

First, determine your objective. If you are a first-time homebuyer and you want to live in a small townhouse or condominium for two, three or four years, you may find it best to consider a three- or five-year ARM. A fixed-rate mortgage usually is recommended if you intend to stay in the home for a longer period.

If you can no longer afford your home payments, consider refinancing into a longer-term mortgage at a lower rate. In many cases, even if your credit is imperfect, you may find opportunities to refinance into an

FHA 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at an attractive interest rate. But you must not sit there and ignore the issue until your loan is 30, 60 or 90 days past due. The longer you wait in that scenario, the fewer your options.

Second, consider the costs of home ownership and make an honest assessment of what you can afford each month. Your mortgage payment does not include only principal repayment and interest - you also must consider real estate taxes, homeowner's insurance and perhaps other fees. You'll need to maintain the property - something will always need fixing! You may need to pay additional assessments and homeowner's association fees.

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Leland Eugene (Gene) Hayden, Captain, U S Army Ordnance Corps



A two-part article by Don King



Gene Hayden was commissioned in August of 1958 through Virginia Tech's Army ROTC program. It was during a lull in the military, between Korea and Vietnam; a time of peacetime make-work and downsizing.

Having run track and cross-country in college, Gene was in top shape for the Basic Course. Additionally, he had learned to shoot at an early age so, combined with the leadership training he had absorbed in ROTC, he excelled. He achieved the highest scores of his platoon in PT, marksmanship and leadership. After placing fifth out of 112 officers in the Ordnance Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG), Maryland, he was offered a Regular Army commission. He chose the Automotive School

and was assigned to the Automotive Maintenance and Repair School, Wheeled and Track vehicle section, as a Senior Instructor.

[Author’s Note: It happened that I had enlisted in '59, and after basic training was assigned to APG for my specialty training in vehicle maintenance and repair. I was a student there when Gene was a Senior Instructor. We never met, but have a common acquaintance in MSG Bush, who was my Senior Instructor.]

His future military career was seriously affected when he, in his own words, "became the Colonel's favorite duty officer." "I have just the man for you" seemed to be the CO's favorite phrase, with 2LT Hayden in mind, whenever an extra duty requiring an officer materialized. Gene recalls, "Then the phone would ring and I

would hear, 'the Colonel wants to see you immediately.' Instead of being stuck in the school with little to do, I saw every duty on base including some very interesting ones." Among these was a two-week assignment to Army Ordnance Headquarters in Washington, DC, to sit on a selection board for O-4s pursuing master's degrees. On those days when the Colonel didn't call, he signed out for "physical training" and played nine holes of golf. Although his official position was Senior Instructor, Gene didn't mention anywhere in the interview a single day of being either senior to, or instructing, anyone. "But", says Gene, "the training and the experience have made a definite impact on my life and character."

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A Brief History of Flag Day

(adapted from an article at usflag.org)

On June 14, 1877, the flag of the United States was flown in every government building marking the centennial of the adoption of a national flag.

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893, adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. It was later suggested that from then on, this day

should be known as "Flag Day," and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small flag.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14, the flag be displayed on all public buildings. Three years later, New York officially declared June 14 as Flag Day.

Flag Day (the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777) was

officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Incidentally, American Samoa observes Flag Day on April 17.



For more info visit:
www.usflag.org

Meet the Military (continued)

Leland Eugene (Gene) Hayden

Because it was peacetime, his active duty requirement was reduced to 6 months, plus 8 ½ years of Reserve duty. Because he was employed in the defense industry for Westinghouse, doing design work on secure communications for the spook-type agencies, he was further assigned to the Standby Reserve, requiring thirty hours of correspondence course work and two weeks of Summer Training each year. Because he wasn't assigned to a unit, he wound up with a different unit each year,

including Maryland and Virginia National Guard units, a unit in Pennsylvania and one most unusual one. That unusual one came about when Gene mentioned to a government agency for whom Westinghouse was doing contract work that he would be away for 2 weeks on active duty. They pulled some strings and got him assigned inside the "skunk works", doing his regular job, but wearing a uniform and "acting like an officer."

Gene entered active duty as a

heathen, in his words, and came out a believer. "The Lord makes no mistakes", he said. "Getting saved during that time was the greatest part of my Active duty. Nothing compares to that experience."

The fact that Gene was a Christian did make his two-week assignments each year rather interesting. "Those were drinking weeks for the civilian troops, especially on the last night before breaking camp," recalls Gene.

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HERE'S WHY - "D-Day"

Where did "D-Day" get its name? The term, "D-Day" is most famously used to refer to the June 6, 1944 Allied invasion of Normandy in WWII.

The terms D-day and H-hour are used for the day and hour on which a combat attack or operation is to be initiated. They designate the day and hour of the operation when the day and hour have not yet been determined, or where secrecy is essential. The letters are derived from the words for which they stand, "D" for the

day of the invasion and "H" for the hour operations actually begin. There is but one D-day and one H-hour for all units participating in a given operation. It is unnecessary to state that H-hour is on D-day.

The earliest use of these terms by the U.S. Army that the Center of Military History has been able to find was during World War I. In Field Order Number 9, First Army, American Expeditionary Forces, dated September 7, 1918: "The First Army will attack at H hour on

D day with the object of forcing the evacuation of the St. Mihiel Salient."

D-day for the invasion of Normandy was set for June 6, 1944, and that date has been popularly referred to by the short title "D-day."

Source: The General Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Combat Orders (Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: The General Service Schools Press, 1922).



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- 16

MARK THE DATE:

- Saturday, June 26 –
Our next social event is at the home of Troy and Dana Anderson. More information to follow via e-mail.

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY:

2 June 1995 - USAF Capt Scott O'Grady's F-16C shot down over Bosnia

3 June 1916 - Congress establishes the ROTC

4 June 1934 - USS Ranger (CV-4) commissioned, first US purpose-built carrier

6 June 1944 - D-Day (read the article on page 3)

9 June 1863 - Battle of Brandy Station; largest

cavalry fight of the Civil War

12 June 1775 - USS Unity takes British Margareta: 1st US naval victory of the Revolutionary War

16 June 1864 - Battle of Lynchburg, VA

17 June 1998 - USS Missouri is dedicated as a war memorial, Pearl Harbor.

20 June 1779 - American Revolution: Battle of Stone Ferry

22 June 1944 - President Roosevelt signs the GI Bill of Rights

30 June 1815 - USS Peacock takes HMS Nautilus, 6 months after the War of 1812 ended



D-Day Remembered

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God has richly blessed us, but it is up to us to pray for our leaders and for our nation that we never lose our trust in God.

In the book "With the Old Breed," Marine Private E.B. Sledge gave his account of the horrors and hardships of the World War II battlefield. His book ends with a saying of the troops during the war: "If the country is good enough to live in, it's good enough to fight for. With privilege goes responsibility."

It is up to our Yellow Rib-

bon Ministry to assist one another. It was great recently to see Bob Shaut home from Afghanistan on a couple of weeks of well deserved leave. We have a responsibility to pray for Bob and Rita during this difficult period of separation during his deployment. If you are not already praying for Bob and Rita, I ask that you join me daily in prayer for their family.

I have added one name to our deployed list that you are not familiar with. Noah Barnhill is the son of a close friend from Atlanta. Noah and his

wife Tammy live locally and they do not have a church they attend. His father is concerned about him and I told him that not only would I pray for Noah, but I would ask my church to pray for him as well. I pray daily for Noah's safety in Afghanistan, but I more importantly pray for his salvation. I ask that you join me in praying to this end.

Thank you to each of you for your continued prayers during my recent illness. God continues to bless me and I'm looking forward to a complete recovery in the coming months!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

- Psalms 33:12

Meet the Military (continued)

"When they found out I was a non-drinker, they would put me into some duty that got me away from the 'extracurricular activity'. One summer the officers wanted to go home for the weekend so they asked if I would be duty officer for the

weekend. Well, I had found a church in Virginia Beach and had made friends with a family who had invited me to church and dinner. So I told the commanding officer my desire and he cut orders stating that I was to attend church and take the

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Army Sedan in case I was called back to base."

[Want to hear the rest of Gene's story? You'll have to wait and read it in next month's newsletter!]

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