

**MILITARY TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS**

**LCPL:** "Last Cleaning Position Left" - a play on the abbreviation for Lance Corporal, the highest non-NCO rank, used to remind them that they are still subject to having to clean

**Lawn dart:** pejorative nickname for the F-16 Falcon, based on its appearance and crashes early in its career. Also a pejorative nickname used by bomber pilots to refer to fighter jets

**Leatherneck:** nickname for a US Marine, from the high leather collar formerly worn with formal uniforms, when Marines were issued a leather gorget



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**Words to Ponder:**

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled..."

~ Jesus Christ



**Pray for our Deployed Members:**

Chaplain Brian Palmer and Family: US Army, serving the Lord in Fort Hood, Texas  
Merry Dare Goodwin: US Navy, aboard USS Decatur

**Together in Scripture Reading:**

This month: the book of Deuteronomy



**A Lasting Peace**

The term "peace" has been used throughout human history, but only enjoyed for short intervals. In his book, "The History of Warfare," John Keegan states that "the written history of the world is largely a history of warfare, because the states within which we live came into existence largely through conquest, civil strife, or struggles for independence."

The human history of warfare speaks to the lack of a lasting peace. Great cultures were often started with war, declined during war, and ended as a result of war. War and peace are the opposite sides of the same coin and all human history is framed in the ever rotating face of this coin.

Each year on November 11th, we celebrate Veterans Day. Originally, it was named Armistice Day, a day set aside for celebrating a lasting peace. This month marks the centennial of the official end of World War I with the signing of the armistice (depicted above, center) on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month on November 11, 1918. The Treaty of Versailles was officially signed the following June in the town of Versailles, France. This was generally regarded as the "war to end all wars."

As you may know, "the war to end all wars" did not come to fruition. In fact, the Treaty of Versailles actually set the stage for World War II a little over twenty years later. The 20th and 21st centuries have been marked by "wars and rumors of war," much like the centuries that proceeded. Modern



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history is replete with war, not peace.

Humankind has tried to make peace work. On December 10th of each year, a ceremony is conducted by the King of Norway and an individual is awarded The Nobel Peace Prize. Since 1901, 107 people have received this prestigious award, yet none have been able to

contribute to a permanent peace. The Bible teaches us that we will not see a lasting peace until Christ's millennial kingdom comes to earth.

In the book of John, Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." It is clear that what Jesus considers peace and what this world considers peace are two separate things. In fact, you can have peace when all around you is in chaos. Jesus says a short while later in John: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

There are three points I would like to give you that I think will help you have peace in your life. First, where is your trust? In Isaiah we are told: "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, is the rock eternal." Peace and trust are just like best friends and you will see the two together often. The absolute best way to have trust in Jesus is to spend time in His presence.

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## Did You Know: Facts About Military Working Dogs (PART 2)

**Editor's Note:** In the conclusion, we feature excerpts from an article posted in 2018 by Donna Miles, American Forces Press.

Dogs have long been recognized as "force multipliers" by military fighting forces around the world, as explained by US Army Col. David Rolfe, director of the Defense Department's Military Working Dog Program based at Lackland AFB in Texas. The Romans put razor-sharp collars around their dogs, then sent them into the enemy's ranks to bite and cut their foes.

The U.S. military has used working dogs since the Revolutionary War, initially as pack animals, and later, for more advanced uses, such as killing rats in the trenches during World War I.

But World War II witnessed the biggest surge in use of working dogs to support military operations. The U.S. military deployed more than 10,000 specially trained canines, most as sentries, but others as scouts, messengers and mine detectors.

Meanwhile, the military is increasing its reliance on working dogs. Before Sept. 11, 2001, Rolfe said Air Force security forces trained about 200 working dogs a year for the Defense Department. That number is up to more than 500, with the vast majority of dogs being trained as sentries and bomb-sniffers.

The 120-day program teaches the dogs basic obedience as well as more advanced skills, such as how to attack and how to sniff for specific substances. Rolfe said the initial training program, conducted by the 341st Training Squadron team, is based on "positive rewards" – generally a ball or rubber toy rather than food. "We learned long ago that food works only so long. What the dog really wants you to do is play with it."

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## A Lasting Peace

Over my years in military service, I've seen many instances where a new officer or supervisor would be assigned to a section. I've often counseled these new officers to get out and know the people. If they spent all of their time in an office or behind closed doors, that all important trust could not be established with those they need to lead. The only way to build trust was to spend time in the presence of those whose trust is vital to a successful mission accomplishment.

So it is with our relationship to Jesus. We need to spend time in his presence everyday through reading our Bible and praying. There is no substitute for prayer and knowing Scripture to build that trust in our Lord.

Romans 8:28 tells us: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to

them who are called according to his purpose." My question to you is, do you really believe that?

My second point is "Don't Worry!" How many Christians have wasted valuable time worrying about something that may or may not happen? My Grandmother had a saying that I've often referred to in my life; "Worry is concern out of control."

It is perfectly human and normal to be concerned about the circumstances of life. Concern means that you are genuinely interested in the outcome of a certain situation. For Christians, concern means that it is a subject that you have taken to the Lord in prayer. You can be concerned about a situation and still trust in the Lord to bring it to the right conclusion.

Worry, on the other hand, is that all-

consuming thought and fear that it won't come to the right conclusion...in other word, you don't trust in the Lord. It can be said that worry is a small trickle of water that left uncontrolled becomes a massive flood crushing everything in its path.

Jesus told us in Matthew not to worry about our life, what we will eat, what we shall drink or for our body itself. He then told about how he takes care of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. Next he tells us: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." In other words, if you belong to Him, He is going to supply your needs.

Finally, submit yourself to the Lord. When we bring our problems and worries to the Lord in prayer, it doesn't mean that it's all going to work out the way we had planned in our mind. My experience is that it is often much different than I had planned in my mind and often on a different timetable than I preferred.

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## The Last American WWI Veteran

Cpl. Frank W. Buckles

**Editor's Note:** In honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI, the celebration of which is known today as Veterans Day, we present this brief tribute in memory of Frank Buckles, the last surviving American WWI veteran.

Frank Woodruff Buckles enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917 at the age of 16 and served with a detachment from Fort Riley, driving ambulances and motorcycles near the front lines in Europe, attaining the rank of corporal before being honorably discharged in November 1919. He went on to serve in World War II, but as an employee of a shipping company involved in resupplying US troops in the Pacific Theater. "Unfortunately for me," said Frank, "my stay [in Manila] was extended

by the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in 1941." After being captured by the Japanese, he spent the next three years as a civilian prisoner. While in prison, Buckles led his fellow captives in calisthenics

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to encourage them to keep their morale up. In spite of cruel treatment at the hands of his captors, they allowed him to grow a small garden, which he often used to help feed children who were imprisoned there.

After being liberated by the 11th Airborne Division in 1945, Frank returned to the United States, settling in San Francisco. He married Audrey Mayo in 1946, then in 1954, returned to his roots in West Virginia, buying a 330-acre farm and taking up cattle-raising. By the late 1950's and onward, the world traveler had settled down to a life of farm activities, social events, and

serving as an officer (eventually president) of the county historical society near Charles Town, West Virginia.

Corporal Buckles remained active the remainder of his life, still driving a tractor on his farm at age 103, and still giving media interviews through 2010 at age 109. In a Washington Post interview on Veterans Day in 2007 (at age 106), he said, "If your country needs you, you should be right there. That is the way I felt when I was young, and that's the way I feel today."



Buckles, circa 1918

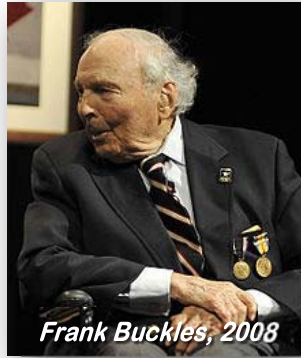
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Frank was the Honorary Chairman of the World War I Memorial Foundation, which seeks refurbishment of the District of Columbia War Memorial and its establishment as the National World War I Memorial on the National Mall. He was named ABC's World News Tonight's "Person of the Week" on March 22, 2009, in recognition of his efforts to set up the memorial. Those efforts continued, as Buckles appeared before Congress on December 3, 2009, advocating on behalf of such legislation, and doing so as the oldest per-

son who ever testified before Congress.

On February 27, 2011, Frank Woodruff Buckles, the last surviving American WWI veteran and recipient of the World War I Victory Medal (among other honors), died of natural causes at his home at the age of 110 years and 26 days.



Frank Buckles, 2008

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He was the second-oldest living man in the United States as well as the oldest WWI veteran in the world at the time of his death.

Adapted from articles found on the Gerontology Wikia and the official Frank Buckles website.



# Did You Know: Facts About Military Working Dogs (PART 2)

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Once the dogs receive their initial training, members of the 37th Security Forces teach the dogs and their trainers to work as a team. "One of the biggest challenges is getting a handler to recognize what a dog is showing him," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Luloffs, an instructor at the school.

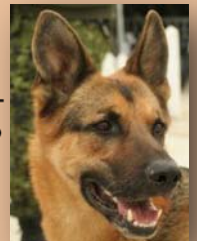
While the Air Force trains military working dogs and their handlers, Army veterinarians posted around the world help keep them fit for duty and treat their ailments.

Telemedicine, so popular in the civilian health realm, is being used to provide expert consultation for military working dogs. "We want them to stay in the field and be treated in the theater," said Army Maj. Kelly Mann, chief of radiology for the Military Working Dog Program at Lackland Air Force Base facility.

Research is also underway to create an "artificial nose" capable of duplicating a dog's — but Rolfe predicts it's a long way down the road. "Some people say it could be 50 years before we'll have an artificial nose that can replace a dog," he said.

Besides, dogs possess something Rolfe said a machine probably never will: immense loyalty and a desire to please. "A machine doesn't care if it finds something," Rolfe said. "But a dog wants to please its handler. A dog will go looking for something on its own where a machine won't."

Bottom line, he said, "Dogs have a heart; something that makes them an invaluable asset to our fighting forces."



# Tribute to the First Military Pilot

**Editor's Note:** Who is this mystery aviator to whom we were introduced in last month's feature? We pick up the story with the grand reveal.

During World War I, he tried numerous times to be sent overseas to join the fight. He worked on some sketches for a new aviator insignia that sought to break away from the Army's badge heritage. In August 1917, his design was incorporated into an embroidered patch — pilot wings were born. Finally, this mysterious aviator managed to get assigned to a unit in Europe. Unfortunately, he arrived in theater on November 11, 1918 — the same day as the signing of the armistice agreement that signaled the end of the war. He oversaw the demobilization of aviation units with the help of his new executive officer.

Later that year, the Army Air Service was established, and another new rating badge was created. Sculptor Herbert Adams' design built on the embroidered wing patch from our unnamed aviator, changing the center to a shield design (approved in 1919). By 1921, the policy was modified to permit the wear of badges made of oxidized silver.

In 1925, when his mentor, Billy Mitchell, was court-martialed for his radical views of airpower, this aviator and his former executive officer, Spaatz, were among the few witnesses who testified on his behalf. His support

for Mitchell came with a near-court martial of his own and a fitness report that stated "in an emergency he is liable to lose his head." Years later he named the B-25 bomber the "Mitchell" in honor of his late mentor — the only American airplane named after a person. His relentless passion for airpower endured.

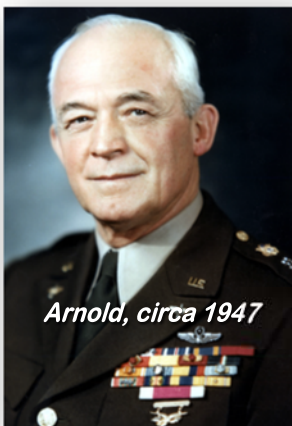
In time, this mystery airman rose to become the Chief of the Air Corps. While he often got along with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and they agreed on the future of airpower, they disagreed with the policy of prioritizing the delivery of airplanes to Britain instead of building U.S. air forces. He was almost fired numerous times by Roosevelt, had his promotions personally withheld, and even endured an eight-month ban from the White House. He eventually won Roosevelt over and on June 20, 1941, a law was passed that created the United States Army Air Force (USAAF). This airman's job title changed, and he became the first chief of this body.

By 1943, the stress of running both the U.S. Army Air Forces and the war with 2.4 million personnel and nearly 80,000 aircraft was too much and he had a heart attack. Roosevelt personally waived the mandatory medical retirement requirement and let him continue to serve. From 1943 to 1945, this airman suffered four heart attacks and yet continued to diligently serve.

During this time, he was appointed a five-star General of the Army, placing him fourth in Army rank succession behind Generals Marshall, MacArthur, and Eisenhower.

His name: **Henry Arnold**. To fully capture the influence he had on airpower and technology development is simply impossible today. He served during all of the formative years of aviation, having realized that technology begets capability, which fueled a plethora of leading-edge research and design efforts. He has been granted ten honorary doctorates from prestigious universities, as well as an amazing 26 decorations and awards just from foreign countries honoring his service in World War II. He is also the only person to hold a five-star general rank in **two** U.S. military services. On May 7, 1949 Public Law 58-81 changed the designation of his final rank and grade to that of "General of the Air Force," and he remains the only person to have the title. Unfortunately, his health continued to decline and he died less than a year later (15 Jan 1950).

Despite his accolades, achievements, and visionary thinking, Hap Arnold never forgot his heritage. He never stopped wearing his original Army Aviator Badge and it can be seen in virtually every photo of him, proudly hanging under his ribbons. And he passed on his lineage, which is now today's heritage: His pilot wings that he wore along with this army badge are the same wings worn by Air Force pilots today.



Arnold, circa 1947

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- Gary & Therry Johnson - 19
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# THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

**11 Nov 1865** - Dr. Mary Edward Walker, the first US Army female surgeon, was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson for her work as a field doctor for outstanding service during the Civil War at the Battle of Bull Run, at the Battle of Chickamauga, as a Confederate prisoner of war in Richmond, Virginia, and at the Battle of Atlanta.

**11 Nov 1885** - Birth of George Smith Patton, one of the great American generals of World War II

**11 Nov 1909** - Construction began on the naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii

**11 Nov 1918** - At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended with the signing of the Armistice.

**11 Nov 1993** - A bronze statue honoring the more than 11,000 American women who had served in the Vietnam War was dedicated in Washington, D.C.



## SELECTED VETERANS DAY DISCOUNTS

**North Carolina Zoo:** Active duty, veteran, and retired military receives free admission and a discount off admission for up to six accompanying guests Nov 10-16 with ID verification.

**Great Clips:** Customers who come in for a haircut to any Great Clips will receive a free haircut card to give to an active/inactive/retired military member of any branch, including the National Guard. Veterans can also visit any U.S. Great Clips salon on November 11 to get either a free haircut that day or to pick up a free haircut card to use later. Haircuts are redeemable until December 31.

**For more information:** Visit [militarybenefits.info](http://militarybenefits.info); search 'military discounts'

## A Lasting Peace

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I heard a short verse that I think well describes this process in our lives:

*If the request is wrong; God will say, **no.***

*If the timing is wrong; God will say, **slow.***

*If you are wrong; God will say, **grow.***

*If the request is right, and the timing is right, and you are right; God will say, **GO!***

If you trust in the Lord and that He is working everything out to your benefit, then there is no need to worry. You can trust that His decision is the right decision, even if you don't understand it.

When making a military decision, it was understood that there was a very simple implementation process. You could bring up objections, concerns, and questions during the time a decision is being formulated. Then you reached that "good idea cut-off

point" when the decision was made by the commander. The time for debate was officially over. As the saying goes, "you would salute smartly and then go make it happen." It did not matter if you were in favor of the decision or opposed, you went forward with the decision just like it was your idea all along. No complaining, no undermining, and no lackadaisical attitude.

When God makes a decision and gives the answer for your prayer, you can rest assured that He has seen it from all angles and His answer is the best possible answer. That doesn't mean you can't still pray about it, ask for His help in understanding, and sometimes even ask for comfort. However, if you go around blaming God, giving everyone the "woe is me" speech, and displaying an attitude of the down-trodden, you can be assured that

you have a trust issue with God.

Believe me, I know how it feels to worry constantly about life in general. I used to be there myself. I've walked in the same shoes that some do today. However, I want to tell you there is a better way to live your life and a better way to approach your future. I believe these three small steps will go a long way in helping you have real peace in your life; not as the world gives; but as given only by our Lord and savior Jesus Christ:

- Trust in the Lord.
- Don't worry.
- Submit yourself to the Lord.

Make today that day you achieve real peace in your life! Turn your life over to Christ. Turn your worries over to Christ. Turn your heart toward Christ!



## Prayer Notes, Event Announcements

Please continue to keep our missionaries, Brian and Ivey Palmer, in your prayers as they minister to our service members at Fort Hood, Texas. Please keep Merry Dare Goodwin in your prayers as she is serving aboard the USS Decatur. In recent weeks the USS Decatur came in close contact with a Chinese Destroyer in the South China Sea that made world news. Merry Dare is the grand-



daughter of Dixie and Dale Ulmer and the niece of Rachel Vradenburgh. **NOTE:** If you have a friend or relative who is deployed into a combat zone, on active duty, or at a military training school, please let us know so we can include them in our prayer list.

~ Colonel Martin

### Coming Up Next Month:

- 12 Days of Christmas (Military Style)



The Brian Palmer Family

