

MILITARY TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

HOB: acronym for "height of burst" - the vertical distance from the Earth's surface or target to the point of burst for the munition

hovering: a self-sustaining maneuver whereby a fixed, or nearly fixed, position is maintained relative to a spot on the surface of the Earth or underwater

howitzer: a cannon (having a typical tube length of 20 to 30 calibers) that combines certain characteristics of guns and mortars



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Words to Ponder:

"America today is running on the momentum of a godly ancestry, and when that momentum runs down, God help America."

~ General Omar Bradley

Pray for our Deployed Members:

Chaplain Brian Palmer and Family: serving the Lord in Fort McCoy, Wisconsin
LCpl Timothy Robinson, USMC: Praise!! He has come home; now living on base at Cherry Point!

Together in Scripture Reading:

This month:
the book of Galatians



A Story to Tell

In 1966, the United States Marine Corps dedicated a lonely marker beside a remote path near Chu Lai in Vietnam to mark the spot where a dear comrade had died almost a year earlier on November 4, 1965. The simple inscription carved on the marker reads, "She was one of us." This marker commemorated the amazing life of "Dickey" Chapelle; a war correspondent and photographer known to be precocious, intrepid, determined and brave.

Born Georgette Louise Meyer, Dickey Chapelle grew up in Wisconsin and by age 16 was attending aeronautical design classes. She was fascinated with aviation and changed her name to "Dickey" after aviation hero and explorer Admiral Richard "Dickey" Byrd spoke at her high school. She was an excellent student and was one of three women selected to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to study engineering. She began to realize that her real passion was for photography and the stories that pictures could tell. She dropped out of MIT and moved to New York where she studied photography and eventually married her photography teacher Tony Chapelle who had served as a Navy photographer in World War I. Tony's stories of photographing combat intrigued her and fueled her desire to become a war correspondent and photographer. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, in December 1941, Tony volunteered for the military and went off to war.

In 1942, Dickey signed on with the War Department as a correspondent. For over two years she covered stories around the states and some training exercises being conducted in Panama; however, she continued to lobby to be sent to the front lines to be able to cover the war. Finally, in 1945, she was assigned to the hospital ship USS Samaritan with orders to stay aboard ship. While aboard ship, she was appalled at



the horrors of war she witnessed in the broken bodies of the marines and sailors being treated. She felt that she could offer a different perspective to many Americans at home who were hungry for news about the war. She finally found a way to go ashore at Iwo Jima and was eager to go to the front lines. She found two marines who agreed to take her there so that she could take pictures of the action. Standing on a small ridge, she snapped a series of photos from different angles. Finally, a

furious marine lieutenant pulled her off the ridge and reprimanded her for "allowing all the artillery and snipers on both sides ten minutes to make up their mind about you!" Dickey learned her craft literally under fire. When she returned to the safe area, she greatly amused some marines by describing having to swat at all the wasps at the front lines. One marine replied: "Those weren't wasps. Those were sniper bullets. Iwo Jima is a volcanic island. There are no insects."

Dickey (pictured above, circa 1938) later went ashore at Okinawa to take pictures of marines under fire. Over a period of time, she gained an even greater respect and love for the marines who bravely fought and sacrificed in the worst of conditions. While taking a picture of a wounded marine he asked her where her gun was. She replied that correspondents do not carry guns. He reached over and handed her his K-A-BAR knife and said, "Here, you take it. Where I'm going, I won't need one. And if you ever do, you'll need it bad." She immediately put the knife on her belt and from that point forward, it became a part of her equipment whenever she was covering war or conflicts across the globe. When the War Department found out that she had gone ashore at both Iwo Jima and Okinawa, they terminated her press credentials and returned her to the states.

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HERE'S WHY: REMEMBER THESE MEN (PART 2)

Editor's Note: Picking up where we left off from last month's listing of TV and movie stars from the "greatest generation" who served in our Armed Forces.

Frank Sutton: US Army. Took part in 14 assault landings including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan, and Corregidor.

Fred Gwynne: US Navy Radioman

Gene Autry: US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater.

George Gobel: Army Air Corps, taught fighter pilots. Johnny Carson made a big deal about it once on the Tonight Show, to which George said, "The Japs didn't get past us."

George Kennedy: US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor; stayed in sixteen years.

Harry Dean Stanton: US Navy. Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.

Harvey Korman: US Navy.

Henry Fonda: US Navy. Served aboard destroyer USS Satterlee.

Jack Klugman: US Army.

Jack Palance: US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.

Jack Warden: US Navy (1938-1942), then US Army (1942-1945); 101st Airborne Division.

Jackie Coogan: US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

James Arness: US Army. As an infantryman, he was severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.

James Stewart: US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force, bomber



pilot who rose to the rank of General (pictured at left).

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William Blake, USAF (part 2)

Editor's Note: We pick up the story after 1965, when Bill was serving at Johnston Island Air Force Base.

In 1966 Bill (pictured below, right), now a Staff Sergeant, was sent TDY again, this time to Argentina to set up another support detachment there. While there, in his spare time, he acted as a "conversational partner" at a local Argentinean language school teaching English as a second language. He told about how he was ribbed by fellow Yankee airmen for talking too slow, but at the language school, he "talked too fast."

One morning they woke up to the sound of armed military formations marching in the streets, and found out shortly that the government had just been overthrown. They were very unsure of their status and safety for a while, but they got out OK. (*Wikipedia: the Juan Carlos Onganía-led coup d'état called the Argentine Revolution.*)

Bill commented on the traffic laws, or the lack thereof, in Argentina, where there are very few stop signs or traffic lights; whoever had the loudest horn had the right of way. They weren't allowed to drive off-base, for obvious reasons. One of the highlights of the visit, Bill said,

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was the fact that Argentina is beef country, and they ate steak three times a day, except Wednesday, which was pork day.

In 1967, shortly after arriving back at Sandia from Argentina, Bill was called into the orderly room and informed that he had orders for Japan. He told the man that he (1) didn't want to go, (2) wasn't going to go, and (3) he didn't have enough time left on his enlistment to go. However, when given the choice between Japan and Vietnam, (he knew he was going to reenlist, but they called his bluff - he had about 14 years of service at this time) he promptly changed his mind.

In Japan, he set up a detachment to support C-57's flying weather missions. There was a small chapel in Japan which he attended, one of the very few opportunities he had during his career to attend church. Certain elements of the Japanese population didn't like the US being there and frequently threw fire bombs over the fence at them. While in Japan, he was promoted to



In 1971 TSGT Blake got orders to Shaw AFB in South Carolina, which he liked, but they shortly got changed to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) HQ at Offutt AFB near Omaha, Nebraska. He tried to get out of the assignment, but was told that "once SAC has got ahold of you, you ain't goin' nowhere but SAC."

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A Story to Tell

Following World War II, Dickey and Tony co-founded American Voluntary Information Services Overseas (AVISO) and spent their time documenting international relief work for magazines and charitable organizations. For the next two decades she reported from Japan, India, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Cuba, Algeria, the Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Korea, Laos, and Vietnam. She displayed fearlessness

by going into hostile and unforgiving situations with only her camera and notepad. She was once imprisoned for two months after being captured while covering the plight of refugees during the Hungarian Revolution in



1956. After being captured, she stuffed her tiny camera into her glove and tossed it out the window as she was being taken for interrogation. Had the Russians found the camera, she could have been executed as a spy. Her work kept the

American public aware of conflict around the world and was displayed in many publications over the years, most notably in Life, National Geographic, and Reader's Digest. She felt her contribution was to help people understand the horrors of war and the terrible price they exact.

Dickey was a pioneer in a time when most editors did not send women to

war. She wanted to live an exciting life and at barely over a diminutive 5 feet tall, she was short but feisty and tough. She was known for wearing pearl earrings with her combat fatigues, combat boots and bush hat to show that she "wasn't one of the boys." She would verbally spar with officers who did not want to take her on patrol or thought that "combat was no place for a woman." In a time when journalists could be a distraction to troops trying to stay focused on their mission, she pulled her own weight often helping to dig foxholes, carrying her own equipment, and eating the same food as the marines. The marines loved her and she called them "my marines."

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(1956-1976)

MEET THE MILITARY

Tech Sergeant, supervising maintenance on the flight line of both B-57's and KC 135's, whose mission was flying from Japan to Alaska and back monitoring weather via an on-board computer "about the size of a refrigerator." The collected and analyzed data were relayed to commercial airlines flying in the vicinity.

From Japan, he made a brief TDY trip to the weather detachment in the Philippines, then to Singapore, then to Vietnam (he re-enlisted there, in a war zone, so all his re-up pay was tax-free), to Thailand, and back to Japan where he stayed until 1971.

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2016 Military Times Benefits Guide

(Part One)

Military Times is publishing its annual Benefits Guide, a one-stop resource on the dizzying array of pay and benefits programs offered to active-duty and reserve component service members, retirees, veterans and their families. It has everything they need to know to get the most out of their government benefits.

The guide is a living document, updated each year with changes made by the Pentagon, the Veterans Affairs Department and Congress.

A 20-page special pullout detailing highlights of this year's Benefits Guide was included in all April 18 print editions of Air Force Times, Army Times, Marine Corps Times and Navy Times. Subscribers to

these publications can access the full 72-page Benefits Guide online by visiting militarytimes.com, typing "Benefits Guide" in the search box, following the prompts to log in, then choosing "Benefits Guide" in the menu (right side of the screen).

Active-duty service members are eligible for a free annual digital subscription, including access to the full Benefits Guide.

Some of the highlights of what's new in this year's guide include:

PAY & BENEFITS updates: The most important compensation issues that affect service members' wallets, none more so than the annual basic pay raise. In 2016, all members received a pay raise of 1.3

percent effective Jan. 1. In addition to updating all the major pay and allowance rates, this chapter also details major changes to the Thrift Savings Plan that are tied to the major military retirement reform plan that was signed into law in 2015.

SUPPORT SERVICES has details of a new Defense Department expansion of child care services. Child development centers across the military will stay open 14 hours a day, once they have been able to implement the defense secretary's directive. Eligible parents will be entitled to 12 hours of subsidized child care a day.

For more information, visit www.militarytimes.com

An Independence Day Account

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams became fast friends during the First Continental Congress but the political elections, which made them both presidents, illuminated their very different political views, creating a rift that would last most of their lives. A mutual friend engli-

neered a reconciliation between the two, culminating in a rich and heartwarming relationship, documented in 12 years of letters between them, which historians say must be read to be fully appreciated. As two of the few surviving signers of the Declaration of Independ-

ence, they were finally able to see that they had far more in common than any differences they had once perceived.



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posted by Jason Earle

William Blake, USAF

At Offutt he was assigned as Line Chief, working twelve hours on and twelve off to keep the Airborne Command Post (ACP) flying. The ACP was a specially-fitted KC-135, the military version of the Boeing 707. It was capable of being refueled in the air, and that happened when its replacement (every eight hours)

couldn't get airborne, for whatever reason. The ACP provided a contingency headquarters for the SAC commander and his staff in case of a threat or emergency. Bill's crew also worked on the

RC-135, the reconnaissance version of the C-135 aircraft. The last thirty days there, Bill told me, the temperature never got above zero.

After a short stint as Line Chief, Bill was picked to be the Team Leader for a 22-man Inspection Team, with responsibility to thoroughly inspect

every assigned aircraft according to a closely scheduled program which insured that every part of every airplane was checked, deficiencies corrected and then reinspected on a set schedule. Periodically, a Quality Control Inspection was conducted by headquarters to insure that standards were being maintained. Bill is

proud of the fact that he held that position for three years and his team never failed a QCI. He had an agreement with his Squadron Commander that the CO would buy his team a keg every

time they passed a QC Inspection; the CO finally had to tell him,

"You're breaking me... I can't afford you any more - there'll be no more beer."

It was at Omaha that Tech Sergeant Blake retired in 1976 after twenty years of faithful and productive ser-

vice. He returned to Carrboro where he worked for his dad for a short while, then was contacted by an acquaintance from Japan who was working at Rex Hospital. His old friend offered him a job repairing medical equipment, even though Bill told him he didn't know anything about it. "Just come on over", his buddy said, "I'll train you." Not long thereafter, Bill met his wife, Cheryl, who was working there as a nurse.

Cheryl was attending Friendship at that time, and they continued so after they were married. Bill worked at Rex for twenty-eight years before retiring in 2011. He's now semi-retired, working two days a week.

Bill commented very strongly on how blessed he feels he is, being an American. After seeing the way a very large part of the world lives, he really appreciates what we have here, "even with all its faults." And we're blessed to count him and Cheryl as part of our church family. Thank you for your service, Bill.



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blake, circa 2004

REMEMBER THESE MEN

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Jason Robards: US Navy. Was aboard heavy cruiser *USS Northampton* when it was sunk off Guadalcanal. Also served on the *USS Nashville* during the invasion of the Philippines - surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.

John Wayne: Declared "4F medically unfit" due to pre-existing injuries. He nonetheless attempted to volunteer three times (Army, Navy, and Film Corps.), so he gets honorable mention.

Jonathan Winters: USMC. Battleship *USS Wisconsin* and Carrier *USS Bon Homme Richard*. Anti-aircraft gunner, Battle of Okinawa.

Karl Malden: US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force- NCO.

Kirk Douglas: US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.

Larry Storch: US Navy. Sub tender on *USS Proteus* with Tony Curtis.

Lee Marvin: US Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action on Saipan. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Sec. 7A next to Greg Boyington and Joe Louis.

Lee Van Cleef: US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser, then a mine sweeper.

Mel Brooks: US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mickey Rooney: US Army under Patton; awarded Bronze Star.

Mickey Spillane: US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.

Neville Brand: US Army, Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.



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AN INDEPENDENCE DAY ACCOUNT

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Amazingly, on July 4th, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, these two luminaries died... within hours of each other. This alone leaves me spinning.

What's more, Adams' last words, as

he drifted in and out of consciousness on his final day, were, "Jefferson...survives."

Jefferson had passed away hours earlier. In his last moments, Jefferson awakened to ask his aides in his

final utterance, "Is it the Fourth?"

Indeed it is, Mr. Jefferson. Today is the Fourth of July. We owe you and Mr. Adams tremendous thanks.

Happy Independence Day

A Story to Tell

Dickey was killed while embedded with a marine platoon in Vietnam on patrol in 1965. When a marine tripped the wire on a booby trap, a piece of shrapnel hit her in the neck and severed her carotid artery. She died only minutes later. She once said, "When I die, I want it to be on patrol with the United States Marines." Her last words were, reportedly, "I guess it was bound to happen." Her body was returned home with a Marine Honor Guard and she was buried with full military honors at a family plot in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the first American woman correspondent to die in combat and after 50 years the Marine Corps League continues to honor her by awarding the "Dickey Chapelle Award" annually to a woman who contributes substantially to the morale, welfare and well-being of the officers and men and women of the United States Marine Corps.



Dickey Chapelle
(circa 1959)

Dickey Chapelle displayed courage by stepping into a non-traditional role for women and she broke down many biases and walls of discrimination along the way. In the Gospels, we read the wonderful story of the women who were the first to arrive at the empty

tomb and receive the exciting news that Jesus had risen from the grave. First the angel at the tomb confirmed that Jesus had risen. They were instructed to go tell the disciples and that Jesus would go before them unto Galilee. Then Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and told her: "*Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall see me.*" Though fearful of what they had just seen and heard, I'm sure that these women could not contain the complete joy they had at that moment as they quickly made their way to tell the disciples! They had just been given the greatest news ever given!

In first century Jerusalem, women were suppressed and discriminated against in most of the traditional roles of men. In fact, women could not be used as a credible witness in legal proceedings.

However, as you look at Jesus' ministry, He was very concerned about the treatment of women.

During His ministry, He focused on women quite often through the use of women as spiritual examples in His parables; healing and spiritual restoration of several women recorded in scripture; and having women

such as Mary and Martha as very close friends.

Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene and I believe that He carefully selected her to bring the good news of His resurrection. In first century Palestine, she would have been a social and religious outcast because of her disgraceful past. Yet Jesus was not bound by the social and religious mores of man. He appeared to her first and sent her to give not only the word that He was risen, but His specific instructions to His disciples. She was the first eye witness and the first to carry the wonderful news of the gospel - HE LIVES! What a wonderful example of Christ's restoration and commission. This first act by our risen Savior lets us know that the good news of His resurrection and saving power is for all men and women who are equally precious in His sight. His commission to go and teach all nations is given to all men and women who believe in Him as Lord and Savior. We all have a story to tell the good news and we are to share our relationship with Christ as a testimony to others. To those that are reading this now, you are not bound by social and religious mores of our time, you are not bound by your disgraceful past; you are not bound by your sex, race, creed or national origin. The good news of Christ is for all and to be shared by all. You have a story to tell!

Prayer Notes, Event Announcements

Please continue to keep Ashley Huskey in your prayers as Doctors are treating her for vasculitis over the next few months.

Ashley is the daughter of Todd and Tammy Huskey; please pray that the treatments she is taking will completely stop the vasculitis. Praise the Lord for the good report given to Albert Watkins during a recent surgical procedure. The cancer that was around his only remaining kidney is in full remission!

Albert is sore from the surgery, but praising the Lord for this wonderful news. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for Kevin Fitts who is deployed overseas with the Air Force. Kevin is a good friend of Matt Stewart who has requested that we keep him in our prayers. Please also pray for Brian and Ivey Palmer as they minister to soldiers and families at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.

~ Colonel Martin

