

### MILITARY TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

**Judge advocate:** an officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and the United States Coast Guard who is designated as a lawyer who advises a court-martial on points of military law and provides legal support to military operations

**Jumpmaster:** the assigned airborne qualified individual who controls paratroops from the time they enter the aircraft until they exit

**key terrain:** any locality, or area, the seizure or retention of which affords a marked advantage to either combatant



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### Words to Ponder:

"We can determine and know what manner of men we will be, whenever and wherever the hour strikes and calls to noble action."

~ Joshua L. Chamberlain

### Pray for our Deployed Members:

Chaplain Brian Palmer and Family: US Army, serving the Lord in Fort Hood, Texas

### Together in Scripture Reading:

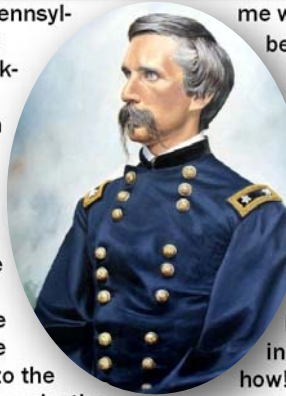
This month: the book of Exodus



## Hold to the Last

It is a hot July day in the southeastern Pennsylvania countryside. A man stands on the crest of a low hill overlooking an embankment in front of him. He considers the options in front of him. They are few. In a few moments he will have to make a decision that will ultimately decide the fate of his troops, and though he doesn't realize it at the time, the fate of his country. His regiment is the extreme left flank of the army. If he does not hold this position, the entire army will be flanked and the battle, perhaps even the army itself lost. His orders are to "hold to the last." He has repelled five bloody advances by the enemy up to this point. In each instance, he has held the advantage. The enemy had to charge uphill against his force that is dug in behind rocks and trees. Now he realizes that he will be at a great disadvantage on their next charge. Half his regiment is dead and many remaining are wounded. He is outnumbered five to one; his men are almost out of ammunition; there are no reinforcements; to stay and be overrun or retreat. "Hold to the last....hold to the last...hold to the last" rings in his mind.

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (*depicted in the painting above, center*) was not your typical soldier. Although the grandson of an American Revolution militia Colonel and son of a militia Lieutenant Colonel in the Aroostook War; nothing up to this point in his life has given him the military tools to be the deciding factor in the greatest and most consequential battle in American history. Having made a decision for Christ at the age of sixteen, Chamberlain had considered going into the ministry (possibly as a missionary), but he also considered going to West Point and a life in the military. His life had not quite followed either of these paths, but his confidence was his belief "that God is over all things and that he will put



me where he wants me and where I ought to be."

A brilliant academic, Chamberlain rose to be a professor at Bowdoin College and spoke nine languages. Though a learned man, he considered his greatest lessons from his father. When confronted with a problem great or small, complex or insignificant his father accepted no excuses.

Recalling the value of his father's teaching later, Chamberlain said, "Do it, that's how!...was a maxim whose value far exceeded the occasion." It was "an order for life that was worth infinitely more than years of book learning and dilatory irresolution - action, not words!"

While at Bowdoin College, another Professor's wife had a huge impact on his future. Harriet Beecher Stowe held "Saturday Evenings" for friends, including Chamberlain, where she read the latest installment of her work. Eventually her work was published as *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and its depiction of slavery struck a nerve within states both above and below the Mason Dixon line. This publication, more than any other, contributed to the high feelings that led to the Civil War. Believing that "every man ought to come forward and asked to be placed at his proper post," Chamberlain applied to the Governor of Maine for a commission and was appointed Colonel over the 20th Maine.

On July 2, 1863, the nation is two days short of "fourscore and seven years" and Chamberlain stands on "Little Round Top" in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania helping defend the United States of America. His troops could not take another charge. It seemed an impossible situation.

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## DID YOU KNOW: THE ORIGIN OF THE JEEP (PART 1)

**Editor's Note:** Have you ever wondered where the ubiquitous "Jeep" came from? The following two-part piece, adapted from an article posted on olive-drab.com, lists five probable theories for your consideration.

Although the name Jeep® became the commercial trademark of the Daimler-Chrysler Corporation, its origin in the early 1940s is somewhat of a mystery. There are a number of explanations, but no one really knows exactly how the name began. Here are some theories of how the little 4x4 1/4-ton truck became the world-renowned and popular jeep, now the most universally recognized automotive shape in the world.

The origin of the term or name "jeep" is not firmly established. There are several plausible explanations, but none that is fully supported by evidence that can be said to settle the matter. The most likely explanations come from one or more of the following based on historical facts about the period of the development of the jeep, in 1940 and 1941, just before the beginning of World War II.

### Jeep Origin Theory No. 1: GP

One popular idea is that the name jeep came from the military designation "GP" for "General Purpose." After all, the jeep was certainly general purpose, doing every task imaginable during the war, all over the world. And the WW II jeep prototype produced by Ford was indeed designated Ford Model GP.



Bantam BRC-60 (prototype Jeep, c. 1941)

## Tips to Help Prevent Identity Theft

Federal Trade Commission

**Editor's Note:** Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine new technology with old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. Here are some practical tips found by Colonel Steve from the Federal Trade Commission to help you stay a step ahead.

1. Never give out personal information over the phone, on the internet, or through the mail unless you initiate the transaction or know who you're dealing with.

2. Before you reveal any personal information, find out how it will be used and shared with others.

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3. Ensure the passwords to your credit card, bank, phone, and all other online accounts are not easily available and cannot easily be guessed.
4. Keep items with personal information in a safe place. Tear up or shred (preferably with a cross-cut shredder) all unnecessary papers containing Social Security numbers, account numbers, and birthdates before discarding them so that a "dumpster diver" can't retrieve them.
5. Make sure the information you're entering when shopping online is secure. Look for "https://" or a "lock" icon in the website address.

6. Protect your mail. Get incoming mail in a locked mailbox or slot. Take outgoing mail to a postal mailbox or to the post office. If your mail suddenly stops, go to the post office. Thieves sometimes submit change of address forms to divert mail to their addresses.



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## MILITARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DISCOUNTS:

**Clothing & Accessories:** Update your kids' wardrobe with new clothes and accessories using military discounts at stores like Old Navy, Banana Republic, and others. Visit [military.com](http://military.com) and search 'back to school discounts' for more information and requirements.

**Classroom Supplies:** Take advantage of military discounts available at Michael's, Jo-Ann Fabrics, and AC Moore for pencils, crayons, notebooks, scissors, glue, and other classroom supplies. The discount at Michaels is 15% every day. Military ID required.

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They were so low on ammunition that on the last charge some of his troops were throwing rocks at the Rebels and some were punching the enemy with their fists. An obscure military maneuver from an army training manual comes to his mind. "We move forward, or we die! 'Fix bayonets!'" His men looked at him as if he was crazy! "We will execute a right wheel of the entire regiment moving downhill...swing the left first...Fix bayonets'...charge!" The rest as they say "is history." Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and the men of the 20th Maine, decimated by enemy fire and almost out of ammunition, charged downhill (as depicted at right) into an enemy that outnumbered them five to one. In ten minutes time, they captured the



entire regiments of the Fifteenth Alabama and Forty-seventh Alabama and secured the left flank of the Union line.

How important was this one decision? It is an accepted fact that, at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg, the North – the Union – was losing badly. Confederate troops had taken Fort Sumter, and then routed the Union army at Manassas. General Robert E. Lee's men won major victories at Richmond in the Battle of the Seven Days and once again at Manassas in the Second Battle of Bull Run. The South defeated General Hooker's divisions at Chancellorsville and dealt a crushing blow to General Burnside at Fredericksburg. Had the 20th Maine been over-

run, the entire Union army would have been flanked. Historians agree that had the South been victorious at Gettysburg, the entire conflict would have been over by the end of summer. Nothing stood between Gettysburg and Washington D.C. that could have stopped Lee's army. The Confederate States of America were one victory away from winning the war. But that didn't happen because one professor had the backbone and steady resolve to defend his assigned position at all costs. America as we know it today was held by a thread. That thread was a man who knew that God would place him where he ought to be – and that was a mighty strong thread! For his actions at Gettysburg, Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for bravery in the face of the enemy.

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## Block & Tackle: Financial Future

**Editor's Note:** The following is from an article by Curtis Sheldon, Certified Financial Planner and 27-year veteran of the US Air Force. We trust his sage advice in this two-part feature will be beneficial.

If you've spent much time watching football at some point you've heard the following from a football coach: "We need to concentrate on Blocking and Tackling and then the wins will come." What does the coach mean by that? Well, I'm not an expert on football but I'm pretty sure the coach means that without solid basics you can't try the fancy plays and you can't win games. The same applies to your financial future. Don't even try the fancy "plays" like precious metals, leveraged ETFs, options or even stocks and bonds until you have your financial blocking and tackling in place. If you do try the fancy "plays" first, you're setting yourself up to "lose" when it comes to your financial future. So just what is the blocking and tackling of your financial future? There are a couple, but the first one you need to get in place is your Emergency Fund. I know, Emergency Funds are boring...they're not exciting to talk about at a cocktail party. But just like blocking and tackling in football, an Emergency Fund is essential.

There was a time, about 10-15 years ago, that I didn't really think that an Emergency Fund was that important for a military member. If you were on active duty and did a reasonably good job you had solid job security. Now, that is not necessarily true. Within the last week I've read articles about the USAF conducting a Reduction in Force (RIF) and planning a Date of Separation (DOS) rollback. Folks affected by these boards will get about 6 months' notice and will then be out of uniform and looking for a job in a pretty tough job environment. As forces return from the Middle East and budget pressures set in, I'm fairly confident that we'll see more force shaping activities and these activities will affect more and more people. So, do you have an Emergency Fund to carry you through the job transition phase or other scenarios where your income is significantly reduced?

Hopefully, the discussion above convinces you that you need an Emergency Fund. But how big should it



be? Well, the conventional wisdom is that an Emergency Fund should have enough money in it to cover your expenses for about 6 months. That is probably a minimum. In today's job environment, you may want 9 to 12 months' worth of expenses.

Now, remember we're talking about covering your expenses not replacing your income. Some things you won't have to pay or that will be significantly reduced are income and payroll taxes, expenses associated with your job like dry cleaning uniforms and commuting to work and you will probably want to reduce the amount you spend on optional expenses like dinners out and entertainment. On the other hand, you'll probably need to budget for job hunting expenses. The bottom line is that you will need to look at your budget and figure out how much money you need if you don't have a job. Once you figure out how much you will need, you need to do the really hard part...figuring out how you will fund the Emergency Fund.

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## Did You Know: The Origin OF THE JEEP (PART 1)

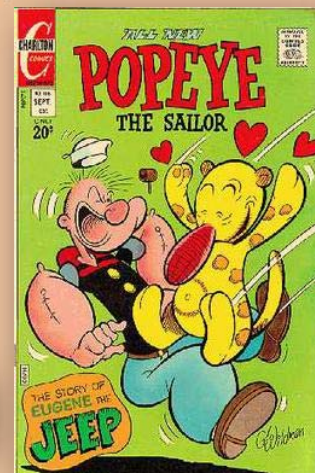
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While the Ford Model was the "GP" it did not mean "General Purpose" rather it came from Ford production codes: G for government, and P for the 80-inch-wheelbase of the vehicle. The Ford prototype was not selected for production, rather the Willys MB was. Ford then manufactured the Willys design under license, designated Ford GPW. The Willys MB and Ford GPW are the standard World War II jeep, with over 700,000 produced.

The early jeeps were called "Combat Car", "Reconnaissance Car", "Bantam", "Quad", "Peep", "Pygmy" and "Blitz Buggy", but not "General Purpose" a phrase which did not appear in any official nomenclature or designation of the jeep.

### Jeep Origin Theory No. 2: Eugene the Jeep

Another explanation centers on the cartoon character Eugene the Jeep, who appeared in the Popeye comic strip during 1936 (pictured below from the first issue on 16 March 1936). This mythical animal of African origin could only say one word: jeep. It has been speculated that this popular and affectionately thought of character who could go anywhere may have inspired the nickname for the nimble little military truck when it appeared.



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## Tips to Help Prevent Identity Theft

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7. Check your bank and credit card statements promptly. If you see any problems, report them immediately.
8. Order a copy of your credit report annually from the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Review each report for accuracy.
9. Tell credit card companies you do not want to receive pre-approved credit offers by calling the Credit Reporting Pre-Screening Opt-Out Number at (888) 567-8688 or visit [optout-prescreen.com](http://optout-prescreen.com).
10. Don't believe your caller ID. Tech-



nology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.

11. Don't pay upfront for a promise. Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear.

12. If you are about to deploy, place an "active-duty alert" on your credit reports to protect your identity while you are away.

**Editor's Note:** Do you know someone who has been a victim of identity theft? Or have you been a victim yourself? Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov), the federal government's one-stop resource to help you report and recover from identity theft.



For more information, visit [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov)





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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- Joe Wilson, Jr - 3
- Elena Carver - 10
- Sophie Wilson - 15
- Joyce Allen - 17
- Brenna Stewart - 24
- Cheryl Folz, Josh Perez - 27
- Gina Stewart - 29

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

- Don & Edith King - 22
- Bill & Cheryl Blake - 30

# THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

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**1 Aug 1942** - Ensign Henry C. White, while flying a J4F Widgeon plane, sank U-166 as it approaches the Mississippi River, the first U-boat sunk by the U.S. Coast Guard in American waters.

**8 Aug 1862** - Joshua Chamberlain was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th Maine Regiment under the command of Col. A. Ames.

**16 Aug 1950** - The first 313 KATUSA (Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) recruits left Pusan by ship to join the badly under strength U.S. 7th Infantry Division in Japan. Once started, the flow of Koreans reached nearly 2,000 per day until a total of 8,625 Korean officers and men joined the division.

**22 Aug 1994** - The Coast Guard icebreaker Polar Sea and the CCCS Louis S. Ste Laurent became the first "North American surface ships" to reach the North Pole. An HH-65A from Aviation Training Center Mobile, detached to the Polar Sea, became the first U.S. (and also Coast Guard) helicopter to reach the pole as well.

## MILITARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DISCOUNTS:

**Backpacks & Lunch Bags:** Pottery Barn Kids has an adorable collection of lunch bags and backpacks, and they offer a 15% in-store military discount. Visit [potterybarnkids.com](http://potterybarnkids.com) for more information.

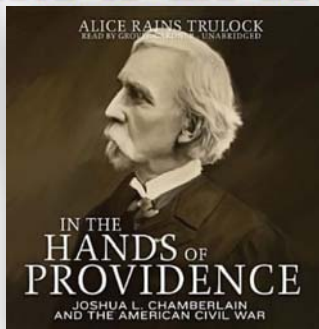
**PCs, Laptops, & Software:** Microsoft offers a 5% military discount on Surface devices, PCs with Windows, and offers 10% discount on Microsoft Office. Apple also offers military discounts ranging from 5 to 15% on their computers. Visit each company's respective website for more information.

**Tutoring & Test Prep:** Tutor.com offers free tutoring for active duty military families. eKnowledge.com donates SAT & ACT College Test Prep Programs to service members and their families at minimal prices.

**SUMMARY:** Always remember to contact each store or company directly, as individual participation may vary. Be ready to provide proof of military identity (military ID, DD-214, VA benefits card, etc.).

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As you read this, you may be in a difficult situation. Whether it is a tough job situation or lack of a job; your finances may be decimated; your health may not be able to take

another blow; you are worn out and tired of the fight you are in. You feel you are surrounded by the enemy and your situation may seem hopeless. David was confronted by many situations that seemed impossible, situations where his enemies relentlessly pursued him. In Psalms 56, he said: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." In Ephesians, we are told to "take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." The enemy will

attack again and again, but God has given us his Spirit and the armor to stand against these attacks without giving up ground. In Revelation, Jesus said: "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Resolve to stand your ground against your difficulties. You may feel like you are hanging on by a thread, but a thread in the hand of a mighty God is strong indeed.

**HOLD TO THE LAST!**

**Author's Note:** Adapted from "In the Hands of Providence" by Alice Rains Trulock; "The Travelers Gift" by Andy Andrews and "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara.

*'In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.'*

**Psalm 56:4**

## 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. **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:

- The Origin of the Jeep (conclusion)
- Block & Tackle: The Key to Your Financial Future (conclusion)
- What to Do When a Veteran Passes Away



The Brian Palmer Family

