

MILITARY TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

KIA: acronym used as an abbreviation for Killed In Action

Kill box: a three-dimensional area used to facilitate the integration of joint fires

Klicks: military slang used to denote a distance of one kilometer (originally used by the US military during the Vietnam War)

KP: abbreviation for the obsolete term "Kitchen Police", a duty assigned (to other than food service personnel) to perform menial, but necessary, kitchen chores such as dishwashing, serving and kitchen cleaning, oftentimes as a punishment for bad behavior



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Words to Ponder:

"Let me die in this old uniform in which I fought my battles. May God forgive me for ever having put on another."

~ Benedict Arnold

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 Leviticus



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Finishing Strong

Colonel Steve Martin

Few periods in American history are as romanticized as the Revolutionary War. We were a band of loosely allied colonies joined together against the greatest empire of that era. To look at it from a logical standpoint, there was no way that a military force with an army consisting mostly of militia and almost no navy to speak of could even begin to stand up against the strongest army and navy in the world.

Men of courage and conviction stood strong during this period of time: Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Patrick Henry - just to mention a few names of prominence in our history books. Military men under the command of General George Washington equally showed courage in the face of an overwhelming enemy strength. The names of Nathaniel Greene, Henry Knox, Daniel Morgan, Anthony Wayne, and of course the Marquis de Lafayette have captured the imagination of students and historians alike.

These general officers, serving under Washington, held together an army through crushing defeats, inferior equipment, inadequate supplies, and lacking every advantage enjoyed by their British counterparts. These generals led men, who a few short years before had no military training, to one of the most improbable victories in the history of warfare. When Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, the love and adoration of the American public was showered on these warriors. Towns, cities, forts, and monuments were dedicated to their honor and memory. These men stood as heroes of this newly formed country.



One man's name was not honored in the wake of this great victory - in fact it became a byword for betrayal. General Benedict Arnold will go down in history not as a great general, but as a traitor. But it was not always that way. At the beginning of the war he was considered by many as the best general in the Continental Army. He was not only daring and courageous, but he was an imaginative leader as well. His victories at Fort Ticonderoga in 1775, the Battle of Valcour Island in 1776, and the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 were pivotal in America's early success against the British. Many historians think that his early actions gave America the boost it needed showing that the Continental Army could stand and even prevail against a greatly superior British Army. The cannons Arnold captured at Fort Ticonderoga were used to fortify Dorchester Heights and end the siege of Boston. It is arguable that without his early contributions, America could have easily lost the war.

Yet in 1778, General Arnold became disenchanted with the prospects of ultimate American victory. He thought that other generals were receiving recognition that he ultimately deserved. He began to think that Congress was giving promotions to lesser men than himself and became fed up with the political atmosphere within the army as a whole. While serving as the military commander of Philadelphia in 1778, Arnold met Peggy Shippen, the daughter of a British loyalist and judge who had assisted the British during their occupation of the city. Arnold and Shippen were married in 1779, and thus began his frequent association with known Tories.

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Did You Know: THE ORIGIN OF THE JEEP (PART 2)

Editor's Note: Have you ever wondered where the ubiquitous "Jeep" came from? Let's pick up where we left off last month and show you the last three of the five theories.

Jeep Origin Theory No. 3: WWI Slang

Some reports indicate the use of "jeep" in military slang, dating to World War I, when the word meant a new recruit. The 1/4-ton jeep was a new idea in the U.S. military where previously larger trucks or motorcycles had been used, but never a jeep-sized four-wheel vehicle. Hence, the word may have been applied by soldiers to the unproven jeep vehicle when it was in the prototype testing phase.

Jeep Origin Theory No. 4: Other

Wikipedia reports that "Jeep" had been used as the name of a small tractor made by Modine. Other websites report that the term was "used in Oklahoma as early as 1934 to designate a truck equipped with special equipment for drilling oil wells." Other explanations have tried to link "jeep" to other products, slang, or events but no explanation has been definitely linked to the rapid and widespread adoption of the name in the early 1940s, attached to the military vehicle.

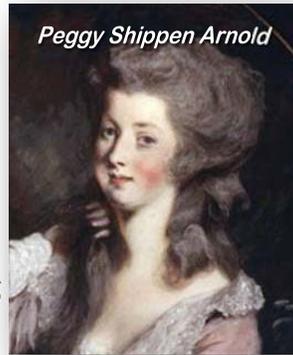
Other variants cropped up during WWII. The magazine Scientific American published a full review of the military's new wonder buggy in its Jan. 1942 issue. The author of that review, journalist Jo Chamberlin, had visited an Army base in Louisiana in September 1941 to try out the military's new "midget combat car" and came away duly impressed.



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In May 1779, Arnold began having secret discussions with Major John Andre, the Chief Spy of British Commanding General Sir Henry Clinton. Serving as a Major General in the Continental Army, Arnold began negotiating a switch to the British Army at an equal rank. He immediately started passing information to the British about Continental Army troop strength and movements to help in his negotiations. He eventually settled for the rank of Brigadier General in the British Army.



Peggy Shippen Arnold

On August 3, 1780, General Washington appointed Arnold the commanding general at West Point which gave him command of the entire area of the Hudson River from Albany to the British lines just outside of New York City. Arnold began immediately weakening the defenses of his lines in anticipation

of surrendering to the British. On September 23, 1780, Major Andre was captured and the papers he carried exposed Arnold's plot to surrender West Point. Arnold received word that Andre had been captured and knew General Washington would know of the plot as soon as he received the papers Andre was carrying.

Arnold immediately escaped to the British sloop HMS Vulture (depicted below, right). Major Andre was later hanged as a spy.

Arnold was rewarded for his betrayal by receiving a British commission as a Brigadier General, but was never paid his full negotiated salary since he did not succeed in surrendering West Point. Throughout the remainder of his life, his fortunes dwindled away. In 1801, he died in London, England with many debts and virtually unknown

(Continued from page 1) in his adopted country. In America, he was demonized as no other in our history. Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Judas sold only one man, Arnold three million." Benedict Arnold was a man who could have had great fame and honor. He started strong, but in the end gave up on the cause and deserted a nation that had placed so much trust in him. In our minds, we often compare Arnold to the New Testament account of Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus Christ.



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Block & Tackle: Financial Future

(Continued from last month)

Editor's Note: The following is the conclusion from an article by Curtis Sheldon, Certified Financial Planner and 27-year veteran of the US Air Force. We pick up the narrative from the point where he talks about establishing an emergency fund as a means of covering expenses rather than 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.

I don't know about you, but for me for most my time on active duty, the money was pretty much gone at the end of the month. I didn't feel like I had a lot of opportunity to save or invest. So, what I did was every year, about this time, was I

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would look at what the planned pay increase would be come January 1. I would then take a portion of that and automatically send it to a savings or investment account before I ever got used to having the money. I used both payroll deductions and automatic transfers from my checking account.

Since I didn't invest the total amount of the raise I still had some extra spending money and I was



saving towards my long-term goals. I did the same thing when I got a promotion or a longevity raise. It does work. Finally, once you make the commitment to saving the money for your Emergency Fund, you need to decide where to put the money.

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Generally speaking you want to put your Emergency Fund money in a very liquid account with little to no risk. By that, I mean when you need the money you need to be able to get it now and you want to be able to get out the money you put in without investment losses.

Typically, Emergency Funds are invested in Savings Accounts and Money Market Mutual Funds. You can also consider putting a portion of the funds into short-term CDs to earn a little extra interest but you might incur an interest penalty if you withdraw the funds

before the CD matures. Once you get the money going into your ac-



count, you are on your way.

Sorry, this post isn't about the triple reverse, razzle dazzle investment "play". But just like those coaches that focus on getting the blocking and tackling in place first, if you put

an Emergency Fund in place first, you'll be well on your way to success for your financial future.

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Did You Know: The Origin OF THE JEEP (PART 2)

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Chamberlin made two mentions of the origin of the name, writing:

"Our Army's youngest, smallest toughest baby has a dozen pet names such as jeep, peep, blitz-buggy, leaping Lena, panzer-killer. The names are all affectionate, for the jeep has made good. Only a year old, it stole the show in Louisiana. Now the Army plans to have 75,000 of them."

Jeep Origin Theory No. 5: Mixed

The most likely explanation is probably that the origin was mixed and converged on "jeep" from multiple directions. The mighty Ford Motor Company certainly pulled out all the stops in promoting its Ford GP to get the military contract, putting the term "GP" into use. The military people involved in the procurement and testing of the vehicle may have called it jeep from the WW I slang, merging with the Ford name. The civilian contractors, engineers, and testers may have related it to the Eugene the Jeep character in Popeye. Others may have come to the same name from other directions as one person heard it from another and put their own understanding and explanation on it.

Regardless of the origin, the result was the same: the "indestructible, go anywhere, do anything jeep", one of the innovations that won the war.

The name Jeep® is now the commercial trademark of the Daimler-Chrysler Corporation, the result of fifty years of mergers and acquisitions leading back to the Willys-Overland Co. of World War II who established the trademark for its civilian jeeps after the war.

Sources: Article posted on olive-drab.com, essay by Larry Vellequette posted on autoweek.com, and questions answered on quora.com.



UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE FOREVER GI BILL

Reserve Component Benefits: The law authorizes service by qualified Guard and Reserve members to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. An individual entitled to educational assistance as a result of this section may use such entitlement to pursue a course of education beginning on or after August 1, 2018.

Pilot Programs for Technology Courses: The VA will develop a pilot program to provide eligible Veterans who are entitled to educational assistance with the opportunity to enroll in high technology programs of education subject to VA approval. This change will take effect 180 days after August 1, 2018.

For more information: Visit benefits.va.gov and search 'Forever GI Bill'

When a Veteran Passes Away

US Dept of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) realizes the loss of a loved one is a difficult experience.

VA has established a streamlined process for families, executors and legal representatives to follow to notify VA about the death of a Veteran enrolled in the VA health care system.

Why should I notify VA about the death of an enrolled Veteran?

- Notifying VA limits the chance for others to falsely use the Veteran's identity.
- By updating the Veteran's information, you will reduce the likelihood of VA continuing to send you correspondence about VA benefits, services and bills.
- You will be helping VA to maintain up-to-date records, which will enhance the agency's efforts

to better distribute services to the Veteran community.

The Steps for Notifying VA are Simple and Easy to Follow:

1. Step one is for the next-of-kin and/or legally authorized representative under State law to retrieve an official copy of the Veteran's death certificate.
2. Step two is to submit the death certificate to VA by:
 - a. hand delivering or mailing a copy of the death certificate to the Office of Decedent Affairs at the VA medical facility where the Veteran was receiving healthcare benefits, or
 - b. contacting the VA Health Resource Center at 1-877-222-VETS (8387) for additional instructions.



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- Shelly Dupree - 26

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- Shelly Dupree - 3
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THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

2 Sep 1944 - Navy pilot George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. Bush was rescued by the crew of the U.S. submarine *Finback*; his two crew members, however, died.

5 Sep 1804 - In a daring night raid, American sailors under Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, boarded

the captured *USS Philadelphia* and burned the ship to keep it out of the hands of the Barbary pirates who captured her.

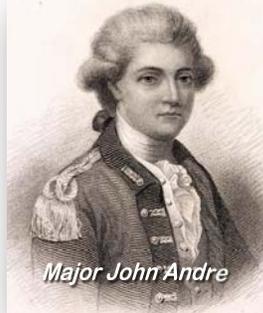
9 Sep 2005 - United States Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff appoints Vice Admiral Thad W. Allen, chief of staff of the United States Coast Guard, to direct Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans, in

place of Federal Emergency Management Agency director Michael D. Brown, who returns to Washington to direct planning for future disaster relief.

29 Sep 1904 - Despite three discovered (and thwarted) attempts to sabotage her, the *USS Connecticut*, launched in New York, introduced a new era in naval battleship construction.

Hold to the Last

There are many Christians in the early church who went about their daily lives serving the Lord and taking care of others in their community, having no idea their sacrifices would be forever chronicled in Holy Scriptures. Aquila and Priscilla are examples of two whose names have been read over and over through



Major John Andre

the centuries since listed by Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth. A name also mentioned by Paul was his companion in Rome, Demas. Among the very last words written by the Apostle Paul were to Timothy as recorded in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." A few lines later, Paul wrote words that had to be very disturbing to him as an Apostle and friend when in verses 9 and 10 he wrote: "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica." Paul was finishing strong yet he was distressed that his friend had chosen the world instead.

Having been mentioned in Philemon. Demas was a traveling companion not only of Paul, but of other notables such as Mark, Luke, Epaphras and Aristarchus. These were men of resolute faith who not only helped form the early church, but some of whom wrote large portions of the New Testament. What it must have been like to labor, learn, and teach among the Apostles; yet in the end, Demas did not endure. The Bible does not tell what drew Demas away from Rome to Thessalonica. It may have been that he did not want to suffer the same death as Paul. Maybe it was the lure of the world or lust of the flesh that pulled him away. John warned of the dangers of the world in 1 John 2:15-16: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." It was indeed a sad note that Demas had

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come so far, accomplished so much, only to fail in the end.

Self ambition, jealousy and pride took one of America's greatest generals away from family, friends, and country. Had he endured for one year longer, Benedict Arnold would have had a great future in a country that would have adored him following final victory at Yorktown in October, 1781. Now his only legacy is that of a traitor. Had Demas persevered to the end, his name would have been immortalized in Holy Scriptures as an example of a faithful servant of the Lord and true friend to the Apostle Paul. What plans did the Lord have for Demas that were torn away by his love of this world? This should be a sobering reminder to us all that we cannot let this world or the trials of life diminish our gaze on the prize ahead. Jesus said: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." The path is before you: finish strong!

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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. Also, please ask the Lord to let Redgie Chambers' Lymphoma stay in remission, and pray that God would give wisdom to Dianna Perez's doctors in treating the ongoing issues with her knee.

NOTE: If you have a friend or a

relative who is deployed into a combat zone, please let us know so we can include them in our prayer list.

~ Colonel Martin

Coming Up Next Month:

- A Tribute to the First Military Pilot
- Did You Know: Facts About Military Working Dogs



The Brian Palmer Family

