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The COVID pandemic appears to be past, society is opening up again, and the Lewis and Clark Chapter is happy to start meeting again. We will gather at the Clover Island Inn for an interesting speaker, good food, pleasant company, and a nice view of the river in the evening sunset. Plan on joining us on Tuesday, April 19.

Our speaker will be Commander Jim Wicks. He originally enlisted in the Navy, then was commissioned through the Naval Enlisted Scientific Program, attaining a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He served a tour on the USS Bluefish, a sturgeon-class submarine. Following this tour, he was medically disqualified from serving aboard submarines. Although disqualified from riding submarines as a crew member, he rode numerous submarines helping them prepare for Special Deployments and sea trials. He transferred to the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) Program, which counts Admiral Rickover among its alumni. Jim attended and graduated from MIT with graduate degrees in Nuclear Engineering, Naval Architecture, and Marine Engineering. His EDO positions included Nuclear Repair Officer Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and

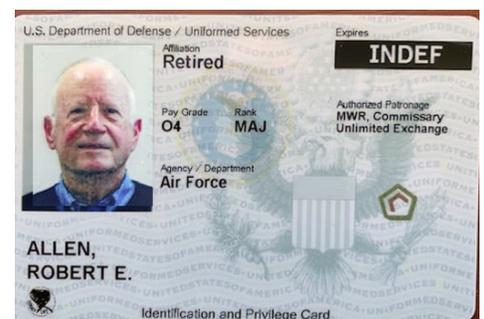
Repair Officer Holy Loch, Scotland. A high point of his career was working with and for Naval Reactors in the Nuclear Propulsion Program. Jim will give a talk on life under water on a nuclear submarine.

Dues still valid

Our last meeting was in March 2020. We're starting in April, so it's like two years was cut out our calendar. We will extend the 2020 memberships through the end of this year.

New ID cards

The Department of Defense came out with a new ID card, white background, color photo, lots of bar codes on the back. My wife's was expiring, so we went to the Yakima Training Center for a replacement. They gave me a new one too, even though the old one was "Indefinite." If you're renewing anywhere, call first for an appointment.



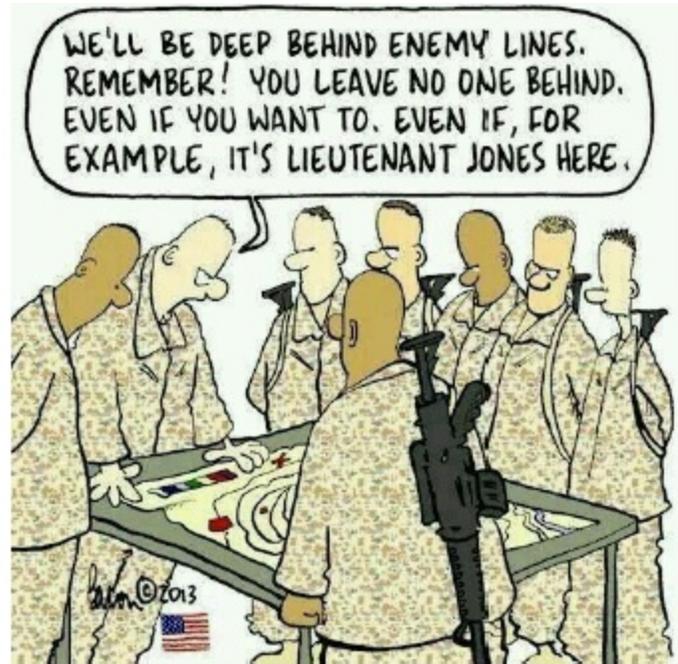
A bit of humor

A young officer is working late at the Pentagon one evening. As he comes out of his office about 8 p.m. he sees the General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand.

“Do you know how to work this thing?” the General asks, “My secretary’s gone home and I don’t know how to run it.”

“Yes sir,” says the young officer, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in.

“Now,” says the General, “I just need one copy.”



Army Ranger, Marines, and alligator shoes . . .

An Army Ranger was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana, and he wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking. After becoming frustrated with the “no haggle” attitude of the shopkeepers, the Ranger shouted, “Maybe I’ll just go out and get my own alligator so I can get a pair of shoes made at a reasonable price!”

The vendor said, “By all means, be my guest. Maybe you will run into a couple of Marines who were in here earlier saying the same thing.”

So the Ranger headed into the bayou that same day, and a few hours later came upon two men standing waist deep in the water. He thought, “Those must be the two Marines the guy in town was talking about.” Just then, the Ranger saw a tremendously long gator swimming rapidly underwater towards one of the Marines.

Just as the gator was about to attack, the Marine grabbed its neck with both hands and strangled it to death with very little effort. Then both Marines dragged it on shore and flipped it on its back. Lying nearby were several more of the creatures.

One of the Marines then exclaimed, “Damn, this one doesn’t have any shoes either!”

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

Clover Island Inn

Social hour 6:30

Dinner at 7:00

\$27.50 per person

*A reservation made
is a reservation paid*

Reservations by

Thursday, April 13 to

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Menu

Beef tips with vegetable

Seasonal special

vegetable Melody

Baby reds

Salad with dressings

Cookie

Coffee