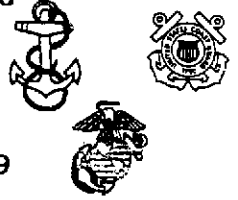




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REPRESENTING ALL ENLISTED PERSONNEL USN - USMC - USCG
AKRON-CANTON BRANCH 324

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NEXT MEETING: Will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2003 at the Army Reserve Training Center, 3120 Parkway St. NW, Canton, Ohio. Doors will open at 1:30PM, meeting starting at 2:30PM. In case of illness or death please notify one of the above Officers.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: We will have nomination of Officers at the April meeting, Election of Officers at the May meeting and Installation of Officers in June. **PLEASE:** attend these important meetings. We need more Shipmates to attend these meetings if we are to survive as a Branch. The present slate of Officers have carried the load for many years, I am sure there are many well qualified Shipmates out there that could step forward and help lighten the load.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 187 Total members, 1 past due, 186 members in good standing. **THANKS:** To the following Shipmates who have renewed: John Demeter, James Foster, Charles Kelly, Dallas May Sr, Bonnor Nickerson, John Ondrusko (2yr discount payment), and Samuel Vechter. The following Shipmates are paid up to April 30 and need to renew: Harry Aman, Kevin Anderson Sr, Edward Berg, Frank Blake, William Byers, Myron Koyle and James McWhorter.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: A member in good Standing is defined as one whose dues are paid up to and including the current date, or one who maintains eligibility and is dues exempt. A member in arrears is one whose dues have elapsed from one day to three months. A former member is one whose dues have lapsed beyond three months. The name of the former member shall be removed from the membership roll. Former members shall not have any rights or privileges of membership until reinstated.

IN MEMORIUM



CORT, CHARLES A. Jr, YNC USN RET. of Akron Joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander November 10, 2002. He had been a continuous member since February 1980. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.



THE TOLL OF THE SHIP'S BELL REMINDS US OF THE REVERENCE WE OWE TO OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES.

CAMPING TRAILER: If anyone has or knows someone who has a small camping trailer for sale at a reasonable price, please contact the Branch President, Sam Vechter. (Address and phone # at top of newsletter).

MEET YOUR SHIPMATE: Where: McDonalds in Massillon off Lincoln Way just before you get to Rt. 21. Time: April 16, from 10 to 11 AM. Wear a Retired Cap - Ships Cap - USMC Cap to identify yourself. Just for a coffee and Gab fest. If this works out we can get together in other areas where Shipmates are located. Suggestions and arrangements welcome.



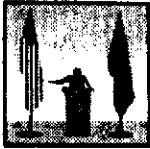
"That's what I think I'll do."

American flag etiquette

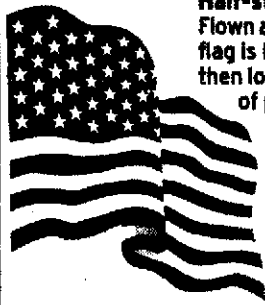
Custom suggests that the American flag be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless it is illuminated. The flag should not be allowed to touch the ground. If placards with the image of the flag are used, they should be treated with the same respect as the actual flag.



Wall
Flag can be displayed vertically or horizontally; stars should be at the top of flag's right and observer's left



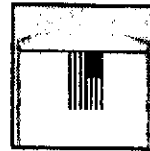
Podium
Flag placed to right of speaker or staging area; other flags placed to left



Half-staff
Flown at half-staff during national mourning, flag is hoisted to top of pole for a moment, then lowered to half-staff; raise flag to top of pole before lowering at end of day.

How long flag usually flies at half-staff:

- 30 days: Death of president or former president
- 10 days: Death of current or former vice president, chief justice or speaker of the House
- 1 day: Death of a governor, U.S. senator or representative
- Memorial Day: Fly the flag at half-staff until noon, then raise to top of flagpole
- The president can declare a period of national mourning. In reaction to the terrorist attacks, he ordered flags at half-staff through Sept. 23rd.



Street
When flag is suspended across a street and can be seen from both directions, it should hang vertically with stars to north or east



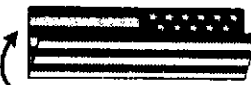
State
American flag flies at center and at highest point of group when flags of states, localities or societies are grouped for display



Group
When the American flag is flown with other national flags, they should be of equal size and flown on separate staffs of same height. International law forbids a nation's flag to be flown above any other nation's in peacetime.

How to fold the flag

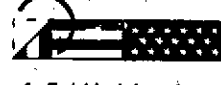
1. Bring corners together lengthwise



2. Fold again lengthwise



3. From stripe end, bring corner to flat edge



4. Fold in triangle pattern the end



5. Folded flag will be triangular



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GARFIELD H.S. NJROTC: Are having their Awards ceremony on 9 May at 1800(6PM) We present a Fleet Reserve Association Medal and Certificate to a student picked by the NJROTC who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of academic and leadership skills. This is called the Belcher Award. This is presented in honor of Herbert E Belcher GM1, a member of our Branch who was killed in Vietnam in 1969 while serving his country.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Georgia T. Saftarides 8th grade, Taft Middle School in Canton who received a \$100.00 Savings Bond and Certificate for first place 8th grade in our Americanism Essay contest at the local level. (Theme--(What was the impact of the Louisiana Purchase). She also came in 2nd at the Regional level and will receive a plaque and another \$100.00 Savings Bond.

FREE COFFEE BREAK: We are having our Free coffee Break on the 6-7 and 8th of June. We will be on the North Bound Rest Area between Dover And Strasburg. We will need help in manning the Trailer. Martha will have the sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings.

DID YOU KNOW? The hearing of the average cat is at least five times keener than that of a human adult. Cats can rotate their ears 180 degrees. Butterflies taste with their feet.** Ants can lift 50 times their weight, pull 30 times their own weight.** Polar bears are left handed.** The catfish has 27,000 taste buds-more than any other animal.