



Legion of Honor News

By JOHN BOHLING

ANY of you old guys remember what "gremlins" are? You got it! They were, or are, the little imps from WWII days who caused all kinds of problems for our military. Broken fuel line? "Gremlins". Cold powdered eggs? "Gremlins." Short rounds? "Gremlins." Engine change? "Gremlins."

Well, don't look now, but one of their number has infiltrated the Aleppo Shrine News. In my last article I had a piece about a Major League "switch-pitcher." However, that little gremlin caused his name to be left out. His name was Calvin Coolidge Julius Caesar Tuskahoma McLish. Don't believe me? Call me and I'll prove it.

Anyways, onto the news for now. We are coming to the end of the parade season, so here's a brief recap. Marlborough's Labor Day Parade proved to be a great time, even though it was an uphill start. Our appearance at the NESAs Parade in Manchester NH turned out to be a great success for us in particular; we finally took first place in Parade! That was a great job by all hands, and maybe it was because for the first time, I was forced to ride as **Fred Green's** co-pilot due to a damaged Achilles tendon.

The gremlins were still at play, though, as we lost all oil pressure in our jeep on the return trip. It was like those old WWII Air Corps movies: keeping an eye on the motor temperature and listening for any strange sounds from the engine. Nevertheless, we got back to base OK, and the diagnosis was a faulty oil pressure switch. It was repaired in time for the rest of our parade engagements to be trouble-free.

A quick check with sickbay shows Commander **Wendell McMillan** still laid up, along with P.C. **Tony Anello** and **Dan Taylor** on the mend.

As for me personally, I was very pleasantly surprised to receive the International Legion of Honor Distinguished Service Award at the Manchester NESAs Days from our International 3rd. Lt. Commander PP **Tony Murray**. It

is only given to seven members of the International LOH each year. I am pleased to share credit for this award with all the members of our unit, and thank each and every one of you, because without your support none of this would have happened. Hopefully this will not be the last time this award will come to us.

Please remember to support "Chuck-A-Buck" as we continue to need funds for replacement of the flags out front.

As we close, here's a bit of wisdom from **Jack (Ollie) Betts** of the Clown Unit, who realized that the real decision on "Roe vs. Wade" was not made by the Supreme Court, but by our Masonic predecessor **George Washington**, on the occasion of the crossing of the Delaware River.

(I just write this; I don't make it up).

Till next time!



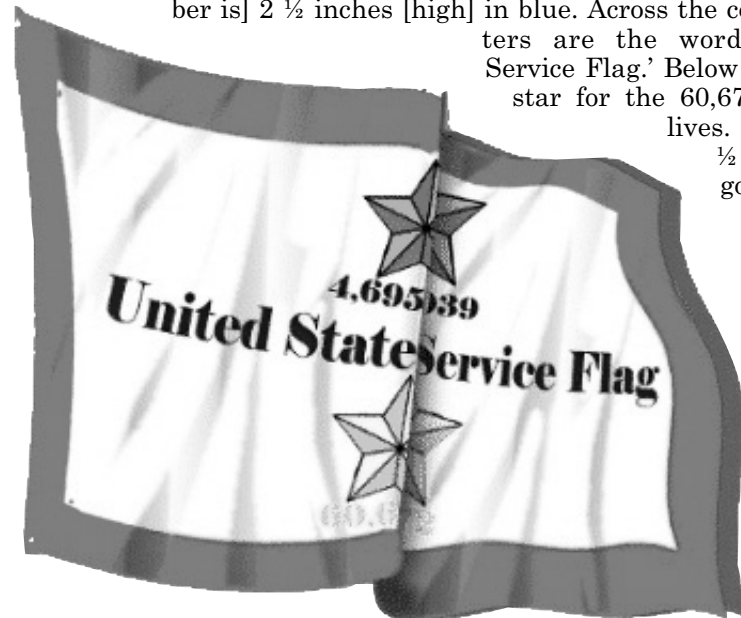
A Flag You Never Knew About

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OK, stand up, all you guys who think (or thought) you knew all there was to know. Are you standing? Good. Now, how many of you knew there was such a thing as "The American War Mothers Flag?" I thought so. Take a seat, and read on...

The American War Mothers is a national organization chartered by Congress, headquartered in Washington, DC. Its members are mothers of those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and its objective is to aid servicemen, veterans, and their families. The American War Mothers Flag was purchased by them and first flown over the US Capitol (under the American flag) on Armistice Day (Nov. 11) in 1926. That year, and every year since, written permission has been granted by the Vice President and Speaker of the House to fly the flag on every Armistice Day, and in 1960, when the flagpole on the east front of the Capitol was lengthened, another halyard was installed.

Traditionally, the flag is raised at 11:11 by a Capitol Police detail. Taps is played, and a memorial service is held. The flag flies until sundown. When not in use, the flag is kept in a safe in the US Capitol. It is "47 X 72 inches in size, consisting of a white field with a red border 11 inches wide. At the top is an 11-inch blue star for the 4,695,039 who served in World War I. [The number is] 2 1/2 inches [high] in blue. Across the center in 4-inch letters are the words 'United States Service Flag.' Below is an 11-inch gold star for the 60,672 who gave their lives. [That number is] 2 1/2 inches high in gold."



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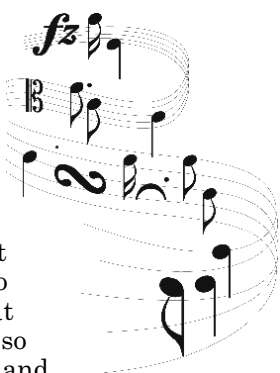


Swing Band Notes

IT has been a hot and wet Summer. The members of the Swing Band have been rehearsing every Tuesday evening. These wonderful volunteers are what makes this band so great. This is what makes this fraternity so successful. The pride and dedication of these talented musicians is a tribute to each and every one of them. When they cannot make a rehearsal or performance, they take it upon themselves to find a qualified replacement. It is because of them the Swing Band has been able to donate to the Burns Hospital and the Transportation Fund tens-of-thousands of dollars over the last 33 years.

You, the Nobility, can help us to continue our mission, to donate monies by recommending Aleppo's own Swing Band for ALL types of fraternal parties and events. ALL proceeds are donated to the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. The musicians play for FREE!

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