



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

June 2021

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



At this time there are plans for Swanton's Cornfest; August 7th. More details to follow as planning is announced... MILKSHAKES too!!!

June 20th, 2021 ~ Happy Father's Day to all those great gentlemen who help us out and help take care of us throughout the year.



Troop 210's Invitational Pool Party @ the JCC Sylvania Pool will be Sunday, July 25th from 6pm to 8pm; see flyer for details
pool party flyer

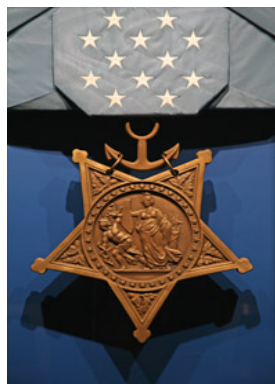
Please let Mr Raven know as soon, as possible, if you (and/or your family) will be attending so he can pass this on to Troop 210 and their Scoutmaster

The Congressional Medal of Honor

July 12, 1862 President Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor, in the name of Congress, "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection." The previous December, Lincoln had approved a provision creating a U.S. Navy Medal of Valor, which was the basis of the Army Medal of Honor created by Congress in July 1862. The first U.S. Army soldiers to receive what would become the nation's highest military honor were six members of a Union raiding party who in 1862 penetrated deep into Confederate territory to destroy bridges and railroad tracks between Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1863, the Medal of Honor was made a permanent military decoration available to all members, including commissioned officers, of the U.S. military. It is conferred upon those who have distinguished themselves in actual combat at risk of life beyond the call of duty. Since its creation, during the Civil War, more than 3,400 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions in U.S.

There are actually 3 versions of the Medal of Honor, one for each branch of the service.



US Navy & Marines



US Army



US Air Force



Congratulations to our Arrow of Light recipients and newest Troop's Scouts! Welcome guys May your path on the way to becoming Eagle Scouts be both challenging and fulfilling.



Just a reminder As we all look forward to the 4th of July and celebrations, please keep safe. It's easy to get excited and to enjoy the fireworks, but safely.

Parents please watch your children (and their friends) so no one gets hurt with the sparklers or other fireworks! Hope everyone has a Safe & Enjoyable 4th!!

Meaning of a Flag Draped Coffin and the 13 Folds



www.legionpost37.com/Coffin.html

Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word live in. Many fought and died to establish our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms and others while serving to vigilantly protect these rights and freedoms and teachings to establish our Great Nation we live in. Many fought and died to establish our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms and others while serving to vigilantly protect these rights and freedoms.

To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. Now you will know about what the folded flag stands for and it's not just for our Veterans who have served.

Veteran's Grave Markers for the different Wars & Conflicts

As the Troop assisted the American Legion putting American Flags at Veterans' grave sites this year, some noticed the different bronze emblems for the first time - Here's a short listing of many of these markers used for Veterans.



it all started with...
The Revolutionary War
 1775 to 1783
 US (the Colonies) and Great Britain



Indian Wars
 1780's to 1890's
 The "colonists" conflict with the Native tribes to expand the territory



The War of 1812
 1812 to 1815
 US and Great Britain
 Our desire to expand our Colonies and country



The Grand Army of the Republic
 1861 - 1956
 Post Civil War group of Union Soldiers (like the American Legion)



Spanish American War
 1898
 US and Spain
 Started with the sinking of the USS Maine (ACR-1)

Veterans' Grave Markers help to commemorate their service to our country and when they served



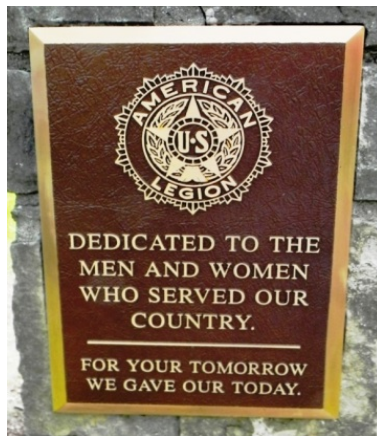
World War I
 1917 to 1918
 Allied Powers and Central Powers
 it started in 1914; the US joined in 1917



World War II
 1941 to 1945
 Allies and the Axis
 started 1939; we joined due to Pearl Harbor



Korean War (conflict)
 1950 to 1953
 South Korea (US help) and North Korea (with Communist Nations)



Vietnam War
 1955 to 1975
 South Vietnam (SEATO) and North Vietnam



Persian Gulf War
 1990 - 2011
 Coalition Forces (led by the US) and Iraqi Forces in two war efforts



Afghanistan War
 2001 - 2014
 US & British invasion against the Taliban & al-Qaeda in Afghanistan



Other US Veteran Markers



There are many more, these are just a few you may find

(hopefully all correct)

June Historical & Current Events

June 2nd

- Baseball great Babe Ruth's last game, 1935



June 3rd

- Astronaut Edward White became the first American to walk in space, 1965



June 4th

- United States Secret Service organized, 1778

June 5th

- Know-Nothing Party was created; now called American Party, 1855



June 6th

- D-Day (invasion of Europe occurred), 1944



June 9th

- The first U.S. Ballistic Missile Submarine launched, 1959

June 12th

- Virginia's colonial legislature became first to adopt a Bill of Rights, 1776

June 13th

- Landmark Supreme Court Case, Miranda vs. Arizona was established, 1966
- Thurgood Marshall became the first black justice on the United States Supreme Court, 1967

June 14th

- The United States Army was founded, 1775
- The Stars & Stripes was adopted as the American Flag, 1777



June 15th

- Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton established a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery, 1864



June 17th

- The Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston, 1775
- Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, from Newfoundland to Wales, 1928

June 18th

- Astronaut Sally K. Ride, became America's first woman in space, 1983



June 19th

- The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington, 1910



June 20th

- The Great Seal of the United States was adopted, 1782

June 22nd

- Congress created the Department of Justice, 1870
- President Nixon signed a measure lowering the voting age to eighteen, 1970



June 23rd

- A patent was received for the typewriter, 1868

June 24th

- The last day that silver certificate currency was redeemed for silver, 1968

June 26th

- Jefferson Memorial was created, Washington, D.C., 1934
- Franklin D. Roosevelt established credit unions, 1934
- The Korean War ended, 1953



June 28th

- Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American Soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, 1778
- Labor Day was established as a federal holiday, 1894

