

## 3/18 and 553 Field Artillery Association

### Hello Members!

First of all the strange news, Mr. Martin is at it again, we got a letter from his lawyer wanting us to remove pictures, a poem and names from our web site, something about copy right laws. Our Judge advocate is working on it and has already sent his lawyer a letter.

As far as the poem goes, it can be found on two other web sites and neither site states it's a copyrighted poem or that Mr. Martin owns it but as its been up for a long time it may be time to change it for a different one anyway but we will check to see in case we want to use it again. As far as removing names I'm not sure on that and will wait to see what our Lawyer has to say about it. Mr. Martin as you all know was not allowed to come back as our president after he resigned two times because he didn't get his way and then was fired as our Historian because we found some lies in his versions of what happened in Vietnam. We gave him many chances to prove what he was saying before the board took action but he was more interested in name calling and writing long rambling e-mails repeating himself over and over, which didn't go over very well with a lot of our members. He wants to see our Association shut down and has in fact stated he was going to shut it down in many e-mails all because we didn't want to go regiment as he wanted, that's one of the reasons; the other reason is we dispute that he was in the Ia Drang valley talking to Joe Galloway (see, we were soldiers once, and young) Joe has already denied that he knew Martin and this is just one of the many stories we question, there are many. We later found out about his record with the police department but in fairness to him he does claim that has been fixed and it wasn't true but it is still on public records. We are not planning any legal actions at this time and would prefer that he would just go away. He has his own website now and he has done a nice job on it and we wish

him the best of luck with it and hopefully this will be the last time I will have to report on his actions against our association.

Some of the following pictures just for fun, find the fake...



Photo# 80-G-12906 X-Wing Fighter in catwalk on the USS Long Island after landing accident July 1942



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## Cannons



Notice the large charge going in the tube, cover your ears!

**Steamboat**, steam-driven vessel, in common use during the 19th and early 20th centuries to carry passengers and goods across bodies of water (see [Boats and Boatbuilding](#)). Steamboats are also called paddle-wheel boats. The term *steamship* usually refers to larger, ocean-going, propeller-driven vessels, such as the cruise ships of the mid-20th century (see [Ships and Shipbuilding](#)).

In the early 1700s French physicist and inventor [Denis Papin](#) experimented with ideas for steam-driven boats. However, it was not until after Scottish engineer [James Watt](#) made a number of improvements to the [steam engine](#) during the last third of the 18th century that the first functional steamboats appeared.

Early models of steamboats include the steam-driven paddle-wheel boat built by French nobleman Marquis Claude de Jouffroy d'Abbans and tested on the Saône River in 1783. American inventor [John Fitch](#) built and tested the first working steamboat in the United States in 1786. In 1790 Fitch launched the first regular passenger and freight service, from Philadelphia to New Jersey. His venture failed and decades passed

before the public fully supported steamboat transport.

About 1800 Scottish inventor William Symington built the *Charlotte Dundas*, which worked as a tug. American engineer and inventor [Robert Fulton](#) designed the first commercially successful steamboat in the United States, the *Clermont*. In 1807 he traveled in it from New York City to Albany, a distance of 150 miles, in a running time of 30 hours (he made stops along the way). This was a major improvement over the tow barges and sailing vessels that had been the means of upstream transport until then. In 1809 American inventor and engineer [John Stevens](#) took a steamboat of his design, the *Phoenix*, down the Atlantic Coast from New Jersey to Philadelphia, the first time a steamboat was used in the ocean. Stevens subsequently launched a steam-powered [ferry](#) service. Soon steamers were sailing regularly on rivers and along coasts.

Early steamboats had relatively low power and thus proved most useful on calmer bodies of water such as lakes or wide, slow-moving rivers. Such vessels were important for transporting people and goods, especially on the southern portions of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Romanticized in the works of American writer author [Mark Twain](#) and others, some steamboats were rough and uncomfortable, while others were luxurious and had elaborate woodwork and decorations.

Steamboats became less important for transportation when faster forms of transport appeared (see [Public Transportation](#)). Rail and eventually road transport took over as the primary means of moving people and goods to and from cities, even those with river access. Restored steamboats and [motorboats](#) built to resemble steamboats still travel many bodies of water as ferries and tourist attractions.

## Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, <sup>[a]</sup> I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Now here is some interesting stuff about the number 23.**

### Mathematical Mayhem

There are 23 letters in the Latin alphabet  
W = 23rd letter of the alphabet. It's symbol is 2 points down, 3 up. W, the only letter in the English language to be renounced polysyllabically, is 23rd in line. Note also that it is a double(2)-u and that it has three(3) syllables.

$$\begin{aligned} WWW &= 23+23+23 = 69 \\ 69/3 &= 23 \rightarrow 6+9+3 = 18 = 23-5 \quad (2+3=5) \\ 2 / 3 &= .666 \end{aligned}$$

23 is the first prime number in which both digits are prime numbers and add up to another prime number.

The human body has 46 chromosomes, which are paired, in somatic cells. Generative cells have half this number, 23, which is the number of chromosomes each parents gives to human deoxyribonucleic acid.

The number of joints in the human arm is 23. 63 years, the average lifespan of a human being on the planet Earth, is roughly 23,000 days.

23 days in the male sex cycle (according to Tantrists).

69 ( $23 \times 3$ ) is one of the many loved sexual positions of humans. The Zodiac sign for Cancer looks like a sideways 69. Cancers are born between June 21 and July 21 and  $21+2$  (the number of characters in 69)=23

On average every 23rd wave crashing to shore is twice as large as the average wave.

The name of the Uranium isotope used in bombs is U235.

The symbol for the 23rd element (Vanadium) is V (roman numeral 5).

The number of atoms of an element in one mole (cf. Atomic Weight) is  $6.21 \times 10^{23}$ .

### **Astronomy & Astrology; Space, and all that.**

First landing on the Moon was in the Sea of Tranquility, 23.63 degrees East. Second landing was in the Ocean of Storms, 23.42 degrees West. Notice the names of the picked sights and how they contrast. Note: First two landings were Apollo 11 & 12 ( $11+12= 23!$ ). Just exactly what does NASA know?

The days on which the signs of the Zodiac begin and end are the 22nd and 23rd of most months.

The axis of the Earth (which currently points vaguely at Polaris) describes a circle in the heavens (switching off 'pole stars' and sometimes going without) over a period of 23,000 years. Precision, as this motion is call.

The axis of the planet Earth is 23.5 degrees. The distance from the center of the planet Mars to the center of it's farthest moon is 23,500 kilometers.

Average Lunar Cycle is 28 ( $23+5$ ) days.

On March 14, 1997, NASA representative states that MIR 23 space station is having problems resulting from the February 23, 1997 fire and has used 23 of their oxygen-generating canisters. It is the 23rd day aboard for the Russian crew. Progress 233 supply vehicle has problems of its own and cannot redock with MIR.

Saturn V ( $2+3=5$ ) rockets were used to launch the Apollo missions to the moon.

The longitudinal coordinates of the Apollo 11 moon landing were 23.63 degrees. ( $2+3=5$  while  $6+3=9=3^2$ )

### **Ufology**

$23+23+2+3 = 51$  (Area 51)

Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 and died on April 23, 1616. Most of Shakespeare is known to us through the first folio published in 1623.

$23+23=46$ . Shakespeare was 46 years old in the year 1610 ( $1+6+1+0=8$ ,  $8=2^3$ ), the year the King James Bible was published. Psalm 46 in that translation has as its 46th word "shake" while the 46th word from the end is "spear." Go ahead, explain that one. I dare ya. It's also a fun party trick!

In the early '60's in Tangiers, William Burroughs knew a certain "Captain Clark" who ran a ferry from Tangiers to Spain. One day, Clark said to Burroughs that he'd been running the ferry 23 years without an accident. That very day the ferry

sank, killing Clark and everyone aboard. In the evening, Burroughs was thinking about this when he turned on the radio. The first newscast headlined the crash of an airline plane on the New York-Miami route. The pilot was another Captain Clark and the flight was listed as Flight 23

### **Religion, sects and the occult**

Numbers 32:23 - Be sure your sin will find you out  
In Aleister Crowley's Cabalistic Dictionary, he defines the number 23 as the number of "parting, removal, separation, joy, a thread, and life..."  
Refer to Chapter 69 of Aleister Crowley's Book of Lies.  $69/3=23$ .  $6+9+3=18$ .  $18=23-5$ . We could go off all day...

The most frequent numbers in the Book of Revelations are 4 (the powerful beasts), 7 (seven seals, seven churches, etc.), and 12 (12 apostles, etc.).  $4+7+12=23!$

*There is no known 23rd Chapter to Revelations.*

I Corinthians 15:56, Paul said "The sting of death [23] is sin and the strength of sin [13] is the law [10]."

Daniel 8:14 "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

Psalms 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..."

Two-thirds of the angels decided to stick it out in Heaven with God after Lucifer and the other third fell.

The address of the Freemasons lodge in Stafford, England is 23 Jaol Rd. In New York it is on 23rd street.

Henry Price is buried in the cemetery of Townsend, Massachusetts. His monument is an obelisk that measures 69" tall ( $69 / 3 = 23$ ). On the side of the monument facing west it says: Henry

Price "Founder of Duly Constituted Masonry in America." On the east face it says: Born in London about 1697, removed to Boston about 1723, appointed Provincial Grand Master of New England in 1733. The monument is carved on 2 faces, made of 3 pieces - base, block, and cap stone.

The Templars had only 23 Grandmasters. Jacques de Molay was the 23rd and last of the Templar Grandmasters. "Jacques de Molay, thou art unhinged!"

October 13 ( $10+13=23$ ) is the month and day that the Knight Templars were arrested in France... hence Friday the 13th being considered a day of bad luck. Amazing how it all starts to fit together, isn't it?

Level of ONE; The newest front society of the Illuminated, the 23rd level of the ONE is reported to be the last level attainable (achieving departure from Earth). Remind you of something else?

There are 23 buildings on the Microsoft campus in Redmond, Washington. Where do you want Bill Gates to go today?

Computers communicate in  $2^3$  bits (bytes).  
SEGA;  $19+5+7+1 = 32$  ;  $1+9+5+7+1 = 23$

### **Moving pictures**

In the epic cartoon Yellow Submarine the Blue Meenies are comprised of a wild pack of destructive anti-music villains. Among them is a character named the Butterfly Stomper (butterfly being a symbol of transformation). The Butterfly Stomper is one who destroys all things of beauty. On his shirt is the number 23... and you know what that means.

Bug Bunny says in one cartoon "frick-a-frack-a fire-crack-er siss boom bah! Bugs Bunn-y Bugs Bunn-y Rah Rah Rah!" There are 19 syllables in

this cryptic statement.  $1-9=-8$ , or  $-2^3$ , the prime number before 23. Wow... people are funny.

Tank Girl ; the Tank Girl comic-books are literally packed with the number 23.

Twin Peaks ; Laura Palmer was murdered on februari 23rd.

The Academy Award winning film "Charly" is the story of a low-grade moron (IQ around Dan Quayle's) who is transformed by neuro-surgery into a superhuman genius (IQ 200 plus). In the crucial operation scene, the number on the operating room is visible, and it is 23.

In the movie Babe, the little piggy is the 23rd contestant for the Sheep Dog contest. Kind of takes the innocence of the flick away doesn't it?

When Luke Skywalker is in the trench during his bombing run, the first number you see on the targeting computer is 23. The Sesame Street; Bert is a member of the National Association of W Lovers. W is the 23rd letter of the alphabet, if you haven't had that driven into your head by now.

X Files; Ten-Thirteen ( $10+13=23$ ) is the name of the production company famed for producing shows like the X-files and Millennium. 10-13 is the Birth date of creator Chris Carter and the day the Knights Templar were arrested in France in 1307. Aha! you exclaim, More proof!  
1013 ( $10+13=23$ ) is the number on the abandoned nuclear missile silo where a UFO is contained and Crycek is locked up by the Men in Black in an episode of X-Files.

Agent Mulder goes to the apartment of a recently deceased man in one episode, and we see the number 23 on the door as he is let in.

Max Headroom broadcast on Network 23

August 23, 1970; Birth date of River Phoenix, actor. Died of drug overdose, "You call him Dr. Bones, doll!"

## Historical events, politics, and related stuff

Two planes hit the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001:  $9+11+2+0+0+1 = 23$

230 people died on TWA Flight 800. The two recovered seats from TWA Flight 800 with shrapnel damage were Seats 23J and 23K. The explosion is theorized to have occurred at this location.

April 19th; As in 4-19...  $4 + 19 = 23$ . April 19 is the date the Battle of Lexington, Waco, and the Oklahoma City Bombing... ( $4+19=23$ ).

August 23, 1305; The day William Wallace, whose life is fictionalized in the movie Braveheart, was executed for treason to the crown by leading a Scottish revolt. Interestingly, this was the precursor to the underground Knights Templar refugees' involvement with Robert the Bruce at the Battle of Bannockburn.

Over 50% of the national media is owned by 23 major corporations, as reported by Noam Chomsky. To recapitulate... more than half of the information thrust upon the American people is controlled by only 23 corporations.

Hiroshima was bombed on August 6, 1945 ( $8+6+4+5=23$ ).

Adolf Hitler organized the National Socialist Congress on January 23. On November 23 he tried to seize power.

On January 23, 1968 the USS Pueblo was hijacked off of North Korea. The crew was held exactly 11 months until December 23, 1968 when they were released after being beaten by soviets to give back an intercepted USSR message stating plans to start a nuclear war with Red China.

There are exactly 23 plainly visible characters (letters & numbers) on the front of U.S. Coins.

The Articles of Impeachment meant for Richard Nixon were under Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution. In the sweetest irony, Our Beloved First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, was one of the young lawyers who helped research the constitutionality of impeaching a reigning President. Nice of her to do all the groundwork for us...

The USA performed 23 tests of atomic detonations at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific.

Parliamentary Procedure; 23 votes are required to rescind a Motion.

Words to this point 1,913 you guess it,

$19+1+3 = 23$

*Do not go gentle into that good night.  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.  
don't give up your years and lose the fight  
your grand daughters child awaits your sight  
aged you will be with eyes still bright  
do not go gentle into the night.  
Live long to see your seed grow  
rivers of life that ebb and flow  
ninety years may seem slow  
as time's wind slowly blows  
You will be awarded towards the end  
your great grand daughter will have a friend  
Old and wise with wisdom for all your ken  
a life time of hard won living plus a few sins.*

*Do not go gentle into the night.....*

*By G. Baxter (untitled)*



Germany circa 1963 Ernst Ludwig Kaserne .  
Don't have any information on this picture other than when and where, what it was doing there, maybe training or storage maybe somebody has more information on it and will be so kind as to send it to me.



Somewhere in Graf circa 1963



Germany circa 1963 live round training

Colonel Samuel M. Hart, Sr., 89, of Ridgewood Terrace, Friendship Village of Columbus, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday, October 16. He is survived by his wife, Fern, of the Village, a son, Sam Jr. and wife, Carren Lee of La Grange, IL, and a daughter, Karen Snyder and husband Jim of Zanesville. Also surviving are grandchildren Sam Hart (wife Jennifer), Katie and Kristine Snyder, and one great-grandchild, Kate Hart. He is also survived by two sisters: Lavern (of Olympia, WA), and Kathryn (of IA) as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Sam spent his life in service to his country, first in WWII as Commanding Officer of the 553<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, and then continuing in the Army Reserves for 30 years, attaining the rank of Colonel.

Sam attained his degree in chemistry from Colorado State University (near where he grew up) and became a chemist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Denver. He was transferred

to New Orleans, then Cincinnati, then Washington D.C., then Chicago. Each move was accompanied by a promotion until Sam was serving as Regional Director of Chicago. Then, with a transfer to Washington D.C., he became the Deputy Director of the U.S. Product Safety Commission where he remained until 1975. At his request, Sam then returned to Chicago as the Director of Consumer Product Safety Commission until his retirement from Civil Service in 1978.

Sam was an active member of the American Legion. For several years after retirement, he was a Red Cross Volunteer at Homestead Air Force Base, FL, near his winter home. Sam was also very active in the Elks Club, in Wheaton, IL, where he served as Chaplain and was active in their volunteer activities.

Note: The 30 years of service in the Army Reserves was a result of a demotion that the Army planned to give Grandpa when he came back from WWII. See, over there he was a Commander, and he was the youngest man in the army to attain the rank of Colonel at that time. Some of the older men with that rank were upset that a man so young had already earned the title, so the Army was going to demote Grandpa to help smooth some feathers if he stayed in active service. My Grandfather wouldn't accept that, and so he went into the Army Reserves and retained his rightful rank.

Side-note: My Grandpa only had three grandchildren, but there were so many more that considered him a father-figure or friend. My Grandpa loved children, and when he and my Grandma lived in Wheaton, their next-door neighbor had a son named Jason who would have grown up without a male figure around the house, had it not been for Grandpa. I daresay Jason was a second son to him. Also, whenever he and Grandma came to visit my family in Columbus, the neighborhood kids would recognize their car and show up at our door asking if "Grandpa" could come out and play....without mention of us! They

knew that even if their parents were working or too tired, Grandpa Hart would always have time for them. That's the kind of kind and loving heart that Grandpa had. He was a respectful and fair boss to his employees, treating them like friends, and in turn earned himself a reputation as a man of integrity. I love him...no, WE love him, and we always will.

The above was sent in by his loving Grand daughter.

### **VA out clinics**

Most of us have been there, it's a busy place but they do the best they can to keep on time with appointments and the waiting rooms are comfortable , some offer coffee even... and you can always find something to read. The Doctors and other staff members can be, at first glance, remote and cold but that's only at first glance, a few visits you will see that they really do care for you and your health and you become more relax with them, a lot of Vets have good reasons to be a little suspect of anything to do with the government but for the most part the Va is there for you and offer a lot of services that can make your life a little easier, you can get counseling if you have post stress and it's a very relaxed class with other vets. The counselors are laid back and a lot are retired military and have a deep insights into post stress and you can let your guard down with them. There is no cure for post stress but you can learn to live with it, understanding how it effects you and your love ones can be a great help in your life. If you were in a war zone get yourself tested, it cost nothing. Editor

The following 20 pages are after action reports arrange by day as much as possible; please feel free to send any questions my way, more reports will be posted so make sure you download these if you wish to keep. Mr. Baxter

**Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas**