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President

Post Meetings

3rd Thursday each Month
1900 hrs
Room 202
Veterans' War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco

ALEXANDER HAMILTON Post #448



White House Opposes DADT, Marriage Provisions in Defense Bill

By Chris Geidner—poliglot via MetroWeekly

Today, the administration issued its Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) regarding the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), as passed by the House Armed Services Committee earlier this month.

Responding to a decision by the House Armed Services Committee to include provisions in the NDAA attempting to expand the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal process and to reaffirm or expand the Defense of Marriage Act, the administration stated today that it "strongly objects" to all three amendments – expanding on previous comments to Metro Weekly by White House spokesman Shin Inouye that the administration had "serious objections to any amendment that would unnecessarily delay" repeal.

Despite the strong objections, the White House did not state that inclusion of any of the three provisions would lead to a recommendation that President Barack Obama veto the bill – as the SAP states would be recommended as to other provisions relating to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the New START Treaty and detainees.

From the SAP:

Attempts to Prevent, Delay, or Undermine the Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell": On December 22, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010, in order to strengthen our national security, enhance military readiness, and uphold the fundamental American principles of fairness and equality that warfighters defend around the world. As required by that statute, DoD is diligently working to prepare the necessary policies and regulations and conducting educational briefings to implement the repeal. Should it be determined, as required by the statute, that the implementation is consistent with the standards of military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion, and military recruiting and retention, then the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will send forward the required certification. The Administration strongly objects to any legislative attempts (such as section 533) to directly or indirectly undermine, prevent, or delay the implementation of the repeal, as such efforts create uncertainty for servicemembers and their families.

Military Regulations Regarding Marriage: The Administration strongly objects to sections 534 and 535, believes that section 3 of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is discriminatory, and supports DOMA's repeal.

The DADT-related amendment, proposed by Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), expands the required certification process for repeal – which already includes the president, defense secretary and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – to include the sign-off of the service branch chiefs of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

The first of the two marriage amendments, proposed by Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-Mo.), "reaffirms the policy of section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act." The amendment – made applicable to the NDAA by referencing Department of Defense rules and regulations, as well as DOD employees – also repeats section 3's policy of defining "marriage" and "spouse" as relating only to opposite-sex marriages.

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C.O.'s MEMO



Dear Comrades:

As of today, We have become the second largest American Legion Post in the City and County of San Francisco. As I have been informed, the Post is entirely composed of

Homosexual War Veterans, that is, 217 paid members for the 2011 year. So none of us stands alone, I am not alone. The employment situation all around the Country has been sever on all of our citizens, but the sunshine fund is available to you, if you cannot pay your dues for this year. In this regard, please drop

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UPDATE

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POST FINANCIAL REPORT	
Post 448 Balance Sheet—for 19 MAY 11	
Account	Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Wells Fargo Checking Acct—9136	\$1,320.48
Wells Fargo Savings Acct—4206	\$222.56
Sterling Bank CD—2704 <i>(no change from last month)</i>	\$13,582.91
Sterling Bank CD—2712 <i>(no change from last month)</i>	\$15,558.07
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$30,684.02
TOTAL ASSETS	\$30,684.02

★★★ Minutes for General Monthly Meeting of 19 MAY 2011 ★★★

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Meeting commenced at 1915, with the Presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and recognition of the POW/MIA Chair opened the meeting.

The meeting was then suspended for nominations for Post Officers.

- COMMANDER:** Mario Benfield
- 1st Vice:** Dick Manning
- 2nd Vice:** Bill Watson
- 3rd Vice:** Jimmy McConnell
- Judge Advocate:** Arch Wilson
- Adjutant:** Ernie Gaudrau
- Finance Officer:** John Forrett
- Sgt. At Arms:** Jimmy McConnell
- Historian:** David Magness
- Service Officer:** Robert Potter
- Scribe:** Art Mauck
- Chaplain:** Paul Goerke - declined

- Delegate to the War Memorial Commission:** John Forrett
- Alternate Delegate to the War Memorial Commission:** Art Mauck
- SAL Commander:** George Gomez
- SAL 1st Vice:** Bill Watson
- President of the Association:** Carl Tebell
- Meeting resumed at 1925
- Sgt at Arms Report:** Thanks to the volunteers Will not be able to attend Memorial Day Celebration due to his participation in a fund raiser at the Edge Bar, 18th & Collingwood
- He has Raffle Tickets for sale for Ducal Council - contact Jimmy @ 415-350-0968 for more information
- He will be in charge at the Pride Parade, and more information will be forthcoming at the Officer's Meeting and decimated to all Parade participants.

year - we hope to have the same this year!

VISITOR = Paul Cox, who only stayed for the Sgt. At Arms Report.

Adjutant: During the past month, we received an additional seven returns on the form that was published in the last newsletter. I'm somewhat disappointed in this response, but must assume from the response that our records are correct and up-to-date.

Current Memberships stand as follows:

1. American Legion: 254 Members up from 246, with 182 Paid and 37 PUFL giving us 219 total paid, for 86% of our retention goal.
2. SAL: 26 Members; 18 Paid; for 69% of our retention goal.
3. Association: Membership is at 12 with 6 Paid.

We had a good turnout last

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As per the Department of California, the 2011 dues year is not closed. Any delinquent members who wish to maintain their Consecutive Years of Membership may still pay 2011 dues and I will insure that records properly reflect these payments. However, we will now concentrate on the recruitment and retention of members for the 2012 Dues Year.

The 2012 Membership statistics are as follows:

1. American Legion: 254 Members with 10 Paid and 37 PUFL for 14 paid and 18% of Goal.
2. SAL: 26 Members with 1 Paid for 3% of Goal
3. Association: 12 Members with 0 paid to date.

Just a reminder that it is never too late to pay your dues. Our dearly departed Comrade, Steven A. Humphries, formerly of Fremont, California, and listed by National Records as "deceased" since 2008; has been exhumed and is now resting comfortably in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Witness to this, I received on the 16th day of May 2011 four (4) separate envelopes with four (4) separate checks, each in the amount of \$30.00, in payment of dues for the years 2008 through 2011! All checks were duly negotiated and signed by said deceased. Comrade Humphries has now been resurrected, only the second such case in 2000 years.

Post Notes:

1. The Post appeared in the New York Times on 30 April 2011, in an article about the Repeal of DADT and prominently featured our 1st Vice Commander.
2. Memorial Day Ceremonies will take place at the Presidio, with a parade at 10:30 and Program at 11:00 am. Services will be held at the San Francisco National Cemetery, in the Presidio. For those needing information about transportation to the Presidio, you may call 415.561.5418 or online at ww.presidio.gov.

3. The three finalists have been submitted for the monument in the Veterans' War Memorial Grove. A showing of the three designs will be held in the Green Room from 1730 hrs to 1930 hrs on Tuesday, 7 June 2011.

Please RSVP to Ruby Henderson at 415.554.6377 or visit:

WWW.SFVeteransMemorial.org.

Donations:

We received two anonymous donations of \$500.00 this month; a \$20.00 donation from Charles Kendrick, Post 333; a \$10.00 Donation from Carl Tebell; and a \$5.00 donation from City Councilman Kevin W. Johnson of Portsmouth OH, who is a member of the Association.

Congratulations:

Alexander Hamilton Post 448 would like to add it congratulations to the United States Navy SEAL Team Six, which conducted the operation that brought down Osama Bin Laden. Although the President awarded the team the Presidential Unit Citation, I, for one, would like to call upon the President and the Chief of Naval Operations to insure that every servicemember on that team is awarded the Navy Cross for their heroism. The fact that they accomplished their task without loss of life or limb is truly astounding and a testament to the skill, dedication, and professionalism of today's military and in particular, the US Navy SEALs.

General Information:

For those interested in obtaining a copy of their DD214, keep in mind that there are things that you can do on your own at no or low cost, but it will take you some time and effort.

Online at the following sites:

<http://freedd214.com> (for immediate service at a nominal cost of \$9.95. In most instances, you can then print out as many copies of your DD214 as needed.)

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

For copies of your DD214 try <http://www.military.com/> and click on <Benefits>.

For benefits, forms, or proof of VA Benefits, register with the VA at <http://www.va.gov/>.

The Adjutant also has a copy of Standard Form 180 for obtaining records. You can email the Adjutant or send me a snail request. The form can be filled out online, and if you want help, just make an appointment to meet me at the office and we can fill it out and mail/fax it from there.

If you have filed your DD214 with Post 448, we can supply as many copies as you need, free of charge. It is not a requirement, but it is recommended that you provide the Post with a copy of your DD214 and any other military records you might have. The Adjutant has embarked on a program to digitally scan and store all records, so copies of your records are just a matter of a few mouse clicks.

Finally, if you want to obtain your decorations, you can write to the Military Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd, St Louis MO 63132. I have a form you can use for this purpose. If you want a copy of the form, send your request to me at adjutant@post448.org by email or send me a request by snail mail to the Post's mail box. (BTW, in researching this information, I found out that my personal medal count went from 4 medals and 2 unit citations, to 7 medals and 2 unit citations. This can happen when medals are awarded after your service is over. For example, I found I was entitled to the Vietnam Defense Commemorative Military Medal, instituted in 1995. It was struck to honor all military personnel who served in South Vietnam or in direct support from Thailand, Guam, Okinawa or the waters off shore between 1962 and 1975.)

You can also get your mounted ribbons or medals from Medals of America at <http://www.medalsofamerica.com/>. This site is also good for researching medals as they offer a history of when a medal was first struck, the dates of inclusion, if any, and who is eligible.

These are not the only options. You can do more research by simply Googling

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Capitulation to the Board of Trustees by the War Memorial Chairman

By Roger Dong (emphasis added and *date of meeting corrected)

From: Roger Dong
 Sent: 16 May 2011
 Subject: Veterans Space & Rights



Dear WMC Delegates and Post Commanders:

Veterans' Spaces and Rights in the Veterans' Building After the Retrofit (Hopefully) the last draft of the WMC's demands for veterans' space in the Veterans Building for 2015. It is intended to be delivered to the BoT at the beginning of discussions, and is also the WMC's instructions to the negotiating committee that these are the minimum conditions that we will accept.

are now 6 months in to a very tight 24-month schedule. The Project Manager for the City has given us until July 15 to not just decide what space we need, but also to finalize our agreement with the BoT and decide on room configurations and specifications. Thus it is critical to decide now on our spaces.

While it is normally best practice in negotiations to ask for more than you will settle for and gradually negotiate away portions until you get the best deal you can, we simply do not have time for this approach. As we all know, the design phase for the retrofit began in January, so we

Secondly, this demand document is for space that we can reasonably justify that will be needed by future veterans of San Francisco. It has ample office space and meeting space on the second floor for the AL Posts and other veteran groups we choose to install, and space on the third floor for the Department of California and a variety of Veterans Ser-

vice organizations that will provide services and assistance to veterans. **This is a reasonable set of demands, one that we think we can secure without a lot of unnecessary maneuvering around the BoT.**

This version has only a few changes from the previous version sent out last Tuesday. We will propose that it be accepted by the WMC May 17*.

ALWMC Agreement. Once the negotiating committee brings back the best deal they can get from the BoT, it will be voted on by the entire ALWMC. If that deal with the BoT is ratified by the majority of the posts of the ALWMC, **this document is a promise by each post that it will abide by the final decision.**

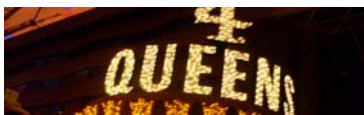
We will be voting on our plans attached, so be ready to speak up or **suffer the consequences.**



Gay Troops To Hold Las Vegas Convention

By

A group of actively serving gay, lesbian and bisexual military personnel is planning its first convention this fall in Las Vegas in what may be another sign that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy's days are numbered.



Wednesday that found 78 percent of respondents said they were "out" to at least some in their unit. More than one in four said they had "come out" since President Barack Obama signed the bill to repeal DADT.

By scheduling its Armed Forces Leadership Summit for 13-16 OCT 11, OutServe, an underground network of more than 3,000 gay troops, appears to be thumbing its nose at the 17-year-old rule.

The findings, which may help explain the reasoning behind the high-profile summit, confirms that troops who have told colleagues they are gay have suffered "no negative impact," said

group spokesman Jonathan Hopkins, a former Army captain and veteran of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The group said it hoped the summit would "provide an international forum on enhancing military readiness through encouraging an environment of respect with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity." Although it is unclear how many active-duty personnel will risk attending – DADT remains in effect as the repeal process is implemented – organizers say it will be open to veterans and civilians as well.



OutServe also released an unscientific survey of its members

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“military records”. Keep in mind the cost can be from zip to hundreds of dollars. There are many unscrupulous people out there more than willing to take your money, so be careful.

Whether you have three or thirty medals, all Legionnaires should wear their honors with pride, particularly on special occasions such as parades, dinners, and other outings where the Post’s image is at stake. It’s a reminder to the general public and straight Veterans that we also served.

Remember, in the military, if you failed to wear your honors properly, you were considered to be out of uniform.

You earned your honors. Wear them with pride.

Conclusion:

1. Something the Post should keep in the back of its collective mind, once the Repeal of DADT has been certified, there is a very distinct possibility that other predominantly GLBT, or at least Gay Friendly, posts will be organized across the country, particularly in the

larger cities like Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Portland, etc. Post 448 must remain in the forefront by offering assistance in their organizational efforts, as well as partnering with these new Posts to present a united front.

2. Finally, Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers killed in the line of duty.

The next time you run into a Police Officer or Firefighter, who is not engaged in an emergency situation, thank them for their service and remind them to stay safe. Remember, Police Officers and Firefighters are our first line of defense.

Finance Report:

Totals for Checking and Savings texted to the Scribe prior to the meeting and read to the members in the Finance Officer’s absence.

Checking: \$1,320.48
Savings: \$ 3222.56

A motion was made to accept, was 2nded & carried.

1st Vice:

4 JUN 11, monthly board meeting – Tony will provide transportation

Would like 10 volunteers to go to KQED 1500-2130 for volunteers for phone fundraising. Wear caps, but no white shirts. Ernie will get them the requested graphic for televising our info

Alameda Leather Corp: Tenderloin Tesie and the Alexander Hamilton Post will be beneficiaries this year. He and Al Aiden will be attending to accept.

Women’s Commander:

Doing outreach with different groups, Two Spirits, Noble Warriors, etc.

Wanting to set up a meeting in Oakland for Gay Lesbians in the East Bay. Would like the Commander’s help in obtaining space. He will contact the 10th District to see if women could have a meeting space once a month in their building.

Scribe:

Related WMC meeting goings-on. Motion was made to direct the Delegate to the WMC they must bring back any negotiations to the Post, and that the Delegate MUST vote the will of the Post. The

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From: Tom Swann
Sent: 20 May, 2011 3:19 PM
Subject: Final Flight Ceremony and Taps for late Bud Robbins of Post 448

Later that day Post 448 was presented with an award plaque for outstanding service:

VETERANS For PEACE, Inland Empire CA

OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION FOR 2011:

ALEXANDER HAMILTON POST 448

of the AMERICAN LEGION

San Francisco , CA

Below is a video link to "Final Flight Ceremony" and playing of taps on May 7, 2011.

One of the doves was named in memory of late Post 448 Scribe Emeritus Bud Robbins.

This was at the May 7 memorial service cosponsored by Post 448 in Cathedral City.

We honor your leadership and devoted service to our nation’s veterans. Also your tireless efforts to advance equality for the LGBT Community.

<http://goo.gl/Yi1Jt>

Tom Swann
tomswann@earthlink.net



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us a line by phone or mail to notify us of your need. Remembering too, that we are all a part of this great experiment (the United States) especially when it comes to enforcing tangible expressions of justice, freedom and democ-

rac; none of us should feel impotent or constrained in exercising our constitutional rights. Therein, what a great honor it has been for me to serve as your Commander for the 2011 year. The continual constructive criticism..... the debates..... and all of the various engagements which we

Post officers have encountered and then overcome over the past year could not have occurred without the support of every single Hamilton veteran, American Veteran. This truly is one for the gipper!

Best wishes to all of you.

Mario A. Benfield
Commander

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The second, offered by Rep. Todd Akin (R-Mo.), expands upon the current restrictions of DOMA by effectively banning same-sex marriages from being performed at military bases or by military employees. Akin's amendment prohibits weddings

from taking place on military installations - such as bases - or other Department of Defense property if they don't comply with DOMA. It also prohibits chaplains or other DOD employees from performing non-DOMA-complaint marriages while "acting in an official capacity."

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network executive director Aubrey Sarvis said in a statement, "We are heartened to see the White House standing firm against attempts to use the defense spending bill as a vehicle for delaying or derailing repeal and expanding DOMA. The

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From: Pete Pistochini
Sent: 19 May 11
Subject: 05 JUN 11 Guernville Pride Parade

Tony,

Here is the information about the parade:

- 1) There will be two rooms provided at the Guernville Lodge (the old Willows), each for two people.
- 2) The Parade Committee will be making a modest donation to the post.
- 3) The parade starts at 1100 hrs. on the morning of 05 JUN 11.

4) The pre-parade gathering spot is at the corner of Guerneville Road and Brookside Lane, across from the Safeway parking lot.

That's about it. I am picking up the General the morning of the parade and getting him to Guerneville from Santa Rosa.

We will be in town early and at the gathering spot at 1030 hrs.

Pete Pistochini

For more information:

<http://www.sonomacountypride.org/>

NOTICE

Do you have comments about articles or news reported in the Intelligencer? Do you have an idea for an article or would like to submit an article you want considered for publication in the Post 448 Newsletter?

Send your **PDF or Word** docs to:

postnews@post448.org

Deadline for publication in the next newsletter is the 25th of each month.

The Post has the right to refuse publication of any article without explanation.

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Due to limited space, obituaries and memorial notices will be printed on a space available basis for members in good standing only.

25th ANNUAL
AIDS WALK
SAN FRANCISCO
JULY 17, 2011

JIMMY McCONNELL— WALKING FOR 22 YEARS

Since 1987, AIDS Walk San Francisco has raised nearly \$74 million for San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other HIV/AIDS organizations in the six Bay Area counties. Established in 1982, the unrestricted funds raised by AIDS Walk San Francisco, the Foundation is able to provide direct services to promote health among those living with HIV and implement ground-breaking prevention programs to create sustainable progress against HIV.

I would really appreciate your help. Please sponsor me for AIDS Walk SF! Just visit the link below to get to my personal fundraising Web page:

<http://tinyurl.com/6cestr8>

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motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Another motion was made that the proposal giving away 83% of the building is unacceptable and that we support Commander Larue Grimm's proposed lawsuit to fight for the entire building. This motion was also seconded and carried unanimously.

Service Officer:

Nothing to Report other than some suggestions of venues that might help us with fundraising (the Lonestar, Aunt Charlies, the Gangway and any other local gay bar, approaching

2nd Vice:

Nothing to Report

Judge Advocate:

Clarified that the Delegate

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most troubling is the Akin language which infringes upon the religious liberties of chaplains, service members, and Department of Defense civilian employees. This would set a dangerous precedent.

"At SLDN, we are focused on the Senate, where we should be

must do the will of the post.

Chaplain:

We are VETERANS and used to fighting. We should.

COMANDERS REPORT:

A Flag Retirement ceremony will be needed soon to retire 125 flags. He is working with the City, Park Rangers, Police, Fire Department, et al. about the retirement ceremony at Ocean Beach.


He reminded the Post that we upgraded the computer system's internet connectivity, and that we are saving \$40/month as a result.

Color Guard to be provided for this year's SF Annual Pride Concert, 24 JUN 11, 2000 hours at Everett Middle School, (Church & 16th).

Meeting adjourned at 2117.


better positioned to fight back these attacks."

Human Rights Campaign spokesman Michael Cole-Schwartz concurred, telling Metro Weekly, "Our focus is on working with our allies in the Senate to remove these unnecessary provisions meant to slow down DADT repeal."



POST 448

2011



DATE	EVENT & LOCATION
04 JUN	Officers' Meeting 1200 Hrs.; Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Building
05 JUN	Sonoma Pride Parade, Guerneville, CA (see http://sonomacountrypride.org for more info)
16 JUN	Post Meeting 1900 Hrs. Room 202, War Memorial Veterans Building
26 JUN	San Francisco Gay Pride Parade Stay Tuned for Details
04 JUL	Independence Day ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
09 JUL	Officers' Meeting 1200 Hrs.; Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Building
17 JUL	SF AIDS Walk—Golden Gate Park
21 JUL	Post Meeting 1900 Hrs. Room 202, War Memorial Veterans Building
6 AUG	Officers' Meeting 1200 Hrs.; Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Building
18 AUG	Post Meeting 1900 Hrs. Room 202, War Memorial Veterans Building
3 SEP	Officers' Meeting 1200 Hrs.; Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Building
15 SEP	Post Meeting 1900 Hrs. Room 202, War Memorial Veterans Building
01 OCT	Officers' Meeting 1200 Hrs.; Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Building

For a more accurate, up-to-the-minute calendar, event information and special announcements, please check our website.

SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AT COLE HARDWARE!

Shop at any Cole Hardware store and mention that you heard about them from Alexander Hamilton Post 448 or mention account number 411. At the end of the year, the Post will receive a donation for all of the referrals. So tell all of your friends and family. Also, beginning in JUNE, 2009, Cole Hardware is extending a 20% discount to all active military members and veterans on the last Thursday of each month. They call them Recession Buster days – 20% off almost everything (sale items, Muni, gift cards & special orders excluded).

Thanks for your support!!!

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It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag,

It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.



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