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Largest Re-enlistment Ceremony - Ever



I'm sure you already know about this. It was shown over and over on TV right? OK, so maybe it wasn't shown over and over, but surely it was shown on TV at least one time, wasn't it? This was the largest re-enlistment ceremony ever held in military history. The ceremony was held on the 4th of July, 2008 at Al Faw palace, Baghdad, Iraq . General David Petraeus officiated. This amazing story was ignored by the 'mainstream' media. For those who have been in the Al Faw Palace, you'll have a better appreciation of the number of people crammed around the rotunda supporting the re-enlisting soldiers. American men and women volunteering to stay longer in Iraq, so that when we leave, the new democracy will have a chance of surviving, is the exact opposite of what the media wants you to think about Iraq. If only a bomb had killed 5 civilians in a marketplace - now that's the kind of news the media is eager to tell you about.

A pizzeria in Chicago donated 2000 pizzas that were made and shipped to Baghdad, and were delivered on the 4th of July. The media did report that 2000 pizzas were sent to Iraq on July 4th.



Veterans Day – 2008

Veterans Day in Yuma, Arizona is going to be a BIG event for VVA Chapter 835. First, we want to remind all of you associated with our chapter that we have an event at **FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 1798 Arizona Avenue at 10:00am on November 9th 2008.** **Please be in full Cammies.**

Faith Baptist Church will be hosting the largest Veteran's Day Celebration this city has ever seen. Starting at 10:30 am on Sunday, November 9th 2008, there will be the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 835 to present the colors, and perform a celebratory Change of Flag Ceremony with the YPG Commander, Col. Bullington. In addition, a 21 Gun Salute will also be executed. Our key note speaker will be none other than Col. Bullington. In honor of the World War II veterans, in our audience and speaking will be one of the last surviving Pearl Harbor veterans named Les Ritchey who during that war, was tasked to jump in the water as the USS Arizona was half sunk and retrieve the bodies of the those who perished when Japan bombed that U.S. Naval Base. In addition, there will be DVD's provided to all veterans of what **"Veteran's Day Means To Faith Baptist Church and all Americans"**. After the ceremony, all present will receive a very nicely put together meal for all to enjoy. If you are active duty or part of a fraternal organization, we encourage you to be in uniform and be a part of this memorable day. **God has certainly preserved America!!**

Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action. If World War I had been "the war to end all wars," November 11 might be still called Armistice Day. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill as November 11th being **Veterans Day.**

Who Remembers These??

Oh, what it must have been to be 16 years back in the day when it was safe to do anything and "cool" to drive a car such as this? If you take a quick in your minds eye, all the cars today pretty much look the same.



Complimentary Meal on November 11th 2008

Golden Corral offers a complimentary meal for all Veterans and Military on our day. There are certain hours this takes place, so we recommend that you call first and confirm what they are. In any event, blessings to you receiving it.

Veterans Day Parade

Gentlemen, those of you who love to march, we are asking that you be ready for looking sharp as we hup-two-three-four down 4th Avenue in Yuma. We do not have a certain time a yet, so we watching for the email from Gerald, full cammies and polished boots. And thank you for your service.

Cookie Drive for the Marines

A **Valerie Geraux** is heading up a cookie drive as a gift for the US Marines and our mission as a VVA Chapter is to bring cookies of any kind to the next meeting. If you can't get them or bring them, please send a check and we'll do it for you. They will appreciate it a lot.

VVA to Help out Cross Roads Mission

VVA Chapter 835 is helping out Cross Roads Mission with \$56.00 which will in turn supply nearly 70 meals to the homeless. If you are interested in helping them out with a check or volunteering, please call Myra Garlit at Cross Roads or send a check to VVA835, PO Box 6281, Yuma, AZ 85366. Thank you for helping those that cannot help themselves.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is to be **November 18th 2008 at 7:00pm**. We ask that as many of you come as possible. Location is American Legion Post 56 at 1490 W. 3rd Street, Yuma, AZ. 85364.

Thank You Dinner for Andy Noriega

November 8th 2008 at the America Legion on, Post 56 on 3rd Street and 14th Avenue will be a great event, and we are asking that as many as possible come out to celebrate a night set aside for Andy. We are gathering to thank him for five great years as President of VVA-835 and desire your company that night. **Details are: Saturday, November 8th 2008 at 6:30pm, Post 56 of American Legion (3rd St & 14th Avenue), cost is \$15.00 per person.** It will be a memorable evening for all of us, and we ask that you bring your wife, girl friend or family to join in on the fun and evening events. An invitation will be coming in the mail in a day or two. **Please RSVP by mail as soon as possible, tickets will be at the door.**

Adopt a Family

VVA 835 has usually had the tradition to "ADOPT A FAMILY" during the holidays and we're going to attempt to find one for the Christmas Season. If you happen to know of a family in need, please call Walt Schumacher at 920-0907 and we'll bless them for this season. Gifts will include gifts for the children and food for the family that they might no otherwise enjoy.

Military Trivia



Can you name this river which is one of the largest on the country? **If you said the Mekong, you are right.**

The Vietnam flag colors means the race is YELLOW, while there are three regions of Vietnam, North, Central and South in RED. This flag came into existence in 1954.



- How long did the Battle of Waterloo last? (**9 ½ hours.**)
- What did the famous backstage mother of actress of Ginger Rogers do during World War One? (**A Marine Sergeant**)
- How did wartime conservation efforts affect the Oscars handed out at Academy Award ceremonies during World War II? (**They were made out of wood--gilded wood**).
- Soldiers of what nation do not have to salute officers and are paid overtime for KP and undesirable assignments? (**Holland, whose army was unionized in the 1960's**).