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CONSTITUTION ONCE KEPT IN TIN BOX

After the Constitution was signed it was sent to Congress in New York for ratification where it remained until Philadelphia became our nation's capitol. When Washington, D.C., was designated as our seat of government in 1800, it was moved there along with the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

For 146 years the Constitution was never seen by the public. During those years it was usually kept at various sites within the State Department. In only a few instances was it ever examined; John A. Adams looked at it during a political dispute concerning punctuation and an historian used it to prepare a book on the Constitution.

Once it was found in a tin box at the bottom of a closet. In 1894, the three documents were sealed between two glass plates and stored in the basement at the State Department after deterioration was noticed in the Declaration.

In 1921, a Presidential Executive Order directed that the documents should be turned over to the Library of Congress so they could receive expert care and be put on public display.

In 1924, the Constitution was finally put on public display there, along with the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. They remained there until 19 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor when they were moved to the United States Bullion Depository, Fort Knox, Ky., for safe-keeping.

On Oct. 1, 1944, they were returned to Washington for public view.

In December 1952, they were moved to their present location at the National

Archives, Washington, D.C., and displayed with other priceless national records. Only the first four pages of the Constitution are usually displayed and only on occasion are the fourth, fifth and sixth pages displayed.

When not on display, our nation's most valuable documents are encased in a bombproof, shockproof, fireproof vault constructed of steel and reinforced concrete located below the floor of Exhibition Hall at the Archives.



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FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

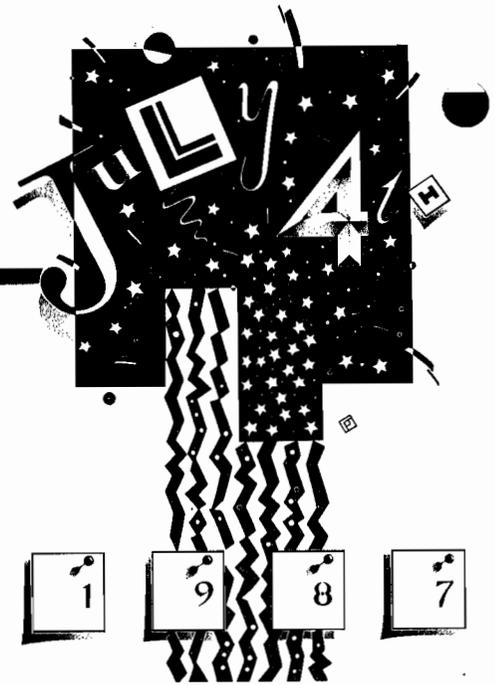
On July 4th, Americans everywhere gather to celebrate the birth of our Nation. We commemorate the achievements of the Founders who built the Republic; we reaffirm our dedication to liberty; and we pause in pride and gratitude to remember the service and sacrifice of those who made us and keep us the land of the free and the home of the brave—the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Independence Day 1987 is special, because this year we mark the Bicentennial of the Constitution, the anchor of the freedom and independence cherished by all Americans. The magnificent document the Founding Fathers hammered out two centuries ago remains as relevant and timely as the day the final draft was signed. But, as the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard well know, the freedoms it embodies have been safeguarded at great price.

Throughout our history, millions of Americans have made tremendous sacrifices—many giving up their lives—in defense of a common vision of a Nation governed of the people, by the people, and for the people. Today this legacy continues in the dedicated professionalism of you—our service men and women at home and in outposts around the globe. Long after this year's Independence Day parades are over, long after the last skyrocket explodes in the night sky, the American people will continue to look to you to guard their hard-won independence. As your Commander in Chief, I am proud to send a special salute to all of you who wear our Nation's uniform so proudly. Your commitment to our country's defense means that we will always have cause to celebrate freedom, on the Fourth of July and every day.

God bless you, and God bless America.

Ronald Reagan
Ronald Reagan



BUSINESS IS BOOMING IN SLD

Calendar Year 1987 is shaping up as a banner year in service to the public in St. Louis District. Two major yardsticks -- lake visitation and traffic on the waterway system -- seem to be heading for potentially record levels.

Lake visitation, which set a new record of 13.4 million visitor-days in 1986, is running well ahead of last year's pace through the end of May. It seems that the unusually warm and mild weather this year is encouraging outdoor recreation.

The overall increase in visitors, throughout the five District lakes, is 15.6 per cent. Rend Lake leads the list, in relative terms, with a 39% gain over the count for last year. Mark Twain Lake, not unexpectedly at its young age, logged a 30% rise.

Increases at the other lakes were less than 20%, but still significant.

Barring too much heat or rain, 1987 should produce a substantial increase over '86.

RIVERS BUSY TOO

River traffic on our portion of the Inland Waterway System is also running at a record-breaking pace.

Total cargo through the end of May, 1987, recorded at Locks and Dam 26, in Alton, was 26.8 million tons (MT). That is roughly 20 per cent ahead of 1986. Potentially even more significant is that 26.8 MT through May is 1.2 MT ahead of the pace of 1983, which was the all-time record year in our District.

Traffic below the juncture of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers has been running well in excess of 200 barges, most days. On June 13-14, in one 24-hour period, 301 barges passed through LD-26. That was the first time this year that 300 was exceeded at 26.

Locks 27, with the additional traffic originating or terminating in Pool 27, has exceeded 300 barges per day on numerous occasions this year.

DISTRICT DOINGS

CARLYLE LAKE

Twelve special requests were handled by the Interpretive staff, including appearances by Smokey and Woodsey Owl.



National Safe Boating Week (June 7-13) was recognized with distribution of a safe boating quiz to lake visitors. A

free drawing for prizes donated by local boat dealers and marine operators was organized.

On June 21, a Triathlon was held at the Coles Creek Recreation Area. One hundred forty-four men and women registered for the 1.5 kilometer swim, 40 kilometer bike ride and 10 kilometer run. Plans are for a larger event next year.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

David Gates, PD-A, spoke to a graduate class at SIU-Edwardsville on visual resource management.

Terry Norris, PD-A, told 45 members of the St. Louis Circle Club about St. Louis District sponsored archeological investigations at 18th Century French sites on the Middle Mississippi River.

Gary Dyhouse, ED-HE, spoke to the St. Louis section of the American Society of Civil Engineers about the October 1986 flood, especially the crossover flow phenomena.

Colonel Daniel M. Wilson spoke to the Society of American Military Engineers in Rock Island, Illinois, about construction of Locks and Dam 26 (Replacement)

LOCKS AND DAM 26 (REPLACEMENT)

Jack Vizer talked to six Calverton Park Homeowners about the construction project.

Bill Brown and Bob Wasitis gave a talk and tour for 15 members of the Round the Square Walking Club.

Jimmy Bissell spoke to District 18 of the Illinois State Police about construction at the project.

Ed Berghoff spoke to 10 members of the Brothers in Retirement of Emmanuel Congregational Church about construction of the project.

WAPPAPELLO LAKE

Wappapello Lake Armed Forces Celebration on 6 June kicked off a busy month, attracting nearly 10,000 visitors. MAJ Brown took part in one of the many events of the day as he competed in the 5K "U.S. Constitution Run". Attractions included helicopter landings, F-15 and F-4 flyovers, a U.S. Navy parachute jump team, the U.S. Navy Flying Rifles Drill Team, an Air Force security dog team and music by two live bands.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers history project at Wappapello Lake attracted

attention as Park Ranger Maureen Murrin appeared on KFVS-TV 12. The broadcast promoted public awareness of our search for historically significant personal contacts and information about the Wappapello Lake area. Since the broadcast, several community members have contributed historical information.

A series of water safety (Tuesdays) and nature (Thursdays) programs are being offered throughout the summer at the 4-H Camp located at Wappapello Lake. All programs are being conducted by the summer interpretive staff.

REND LAKE

National Safe Boating Week (June 7-13) was celebrated at Rend Lake with a variety of programs offered to the public. The Corps co-sponsored two programs with the Illinois Department of Conservation: A Safe Boating Course was held for kids from 12-17 and this authorizes them to operate a motor boat without parental supervision. Also, an Elementary Safe Boating Clinic taught youngsters boating safety while they had fun operating miniature electric boats. Other programs for this week included Courtesy Boat Inspections, the Sink or Swim Film Festival and interviews with local radio stations.

Park Rangers Ray Zoanetti and Mark Roderick were each awarded with Honorary Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff recognition for their assistance with a recent plane crash accident.

A special wildlife program was presented by Park Ranger Jerry Schutte and Park Aid Noelle Goss at the annual Kiwanis Fun Day held at Sleepy Hollow Group Camp.

The 1987 Archeology Field School began June 15th. Eight students from Southern Illinois University have enrolled in the course and 15 have signed on as Federal volunteers.

MARK TWAIN LAKE

More than fifty senior citizens from 18 states visited the lake as part of the national Elderhostle program. Ranger Jon Graznak gave the group an introduction to the project and lead a tour of the powerhouse.

Rangers Diane Hellhake and Mark Kane lead hikes, played nature oriented games and toured the Visitor Center with a group of 100 kindergarten students.

The Missouri Department of Conservation presented "Fifty Years of Conservation", a six projector, stereo sound multi-image program, to more than 100 campers at the Indian Creek Recreation Area.

Ranger Mary Anne Story represented the Corps at the program.

Members of the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Izzac Walton League of America met with Ranger Wayne Williams and discussed improvements at Henderson Lake. The five acre pond in the Indian Creek Recreation Area is scheduled to be developed as a handicapped accessible fishing area.

Girl Scout Troop 180 from Columbia, Missouri, earned their Conservation Award for eight hours of volunteer service improving campsites in the Hike-in Camping Area. The group was directed by Ranger Jon Graznak.

PROMOTIONS:

Edward Bond, DC
Shirley Hamilton, CT
Sharon Leeker, ED
Richard Reiter, CD

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS:

David Spencer, ED
Nels Jahren, ED
Melvin Baldus, ED
George Postol, ED
James Brown, ED
Clyde Wilkes, PA

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS

Thomas Mudd, ED
Michael Skinner, OD
Aloysius Saller, ED
Milan Hornak, ED
Thomas Leicht, ED
Betty Yuncker, IM
Robert Holt, ED
Stephen Summers, OD
Earl Ehlers, ED
Virgil Sanders, RO-L

SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN

The 1987 Savings Bond Campaign was held May 18 through 29, 1987. The bond representatives obtained 96 new bond purchasers and 33 increased allotments for a total District participation rate of 45%. The highest participation rate, 90%, was achieved by the Office of the Comptroller.

Thanks are extended to all employees who supported the Savings Bond Campaign by their participation. Special appreciation is extended to the Bond Campaign representatives whose dedication and enthusiasm was the driving force behind the success of the 1987 Savings Bond Campaign.

SHARPEN UP YOUR SUPERVISORY KNOWLEDGE

A one-day personnel management seminar for supervisors will be held in July. The program will feature the ins and outs of position classification and a workshop on the employment of the physically handicapped. A DF has been issued and sent to TAA outlining the specific information on the seminar.



AIDS DISCRIMINATION

The implications of the epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome have reached the workplace. The issues involved are myriad and very complicated. One very important threshold question is whether AIDS qualifies as a handicap under federal anti-discrimination laws.

In March, Sens. Robert Dole and William Armstrong and Rep. William Dannemeyer introduced bills which would amend the Vocational Rehabilitation Act to include the paragraph, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term 'individual with handicaps' does not include any individual who has a contagious disease, whether or not such individual is physically or mentally impaired during the period of such individual's contagion." This legislation is now in committee.

In response, Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. Henry Waxman are proposing legislation which would prohibit discrimination in employment based on AIDS. The rationale behind this legislation is that discrimination based solely on the presence of AIDS is unwarranted because no cases have been reported which resulted from casual contact in the workplace.

Every day brings new information on these important issues. Two-thirds of the nation's states have already indicated that AIDS will be treated as a handicap under their state handicap discrimination laws. Future medical and legal developments will determine how it is treated under federal law.

"A child's philosophy is a true one. He does not despise the bubble because it burst; he immediately sets to work to blow another one."

—J. J. Proctor,
British author



AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has established a toll-free complaint hotline for drivers in the United States (including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico) to solve personal auto safety problems.

Hotline operators provide callers with information on motor vehicle safety recalls, car crash test results and other information. They'll also take consumers complaints about possible safety defects.

The number is 800-424-9393. For hearing impaired: 800-424-9153.

For more information write to: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Auto Safety Hotline/NEF-11-HL, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

HOW'S YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE?

Telephone users, Defense Metropolitan Area Telephone System-St. Louis asks for your assistance.

On 21 March 1987, the DMATS-STL telephone switchboard operations became a commercially contracted activity. In view of this, DMATS-STL would like to hear from you if you have any comments and/or complaints relative to operator assisted calling, DMATS Directory Information, overseas call bookings, telephone repair and/or any other operator assisted service(s).

Your feed-back is needed so that we may continue to provide you the best service possible.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Jack Chase, the contracting officer representative (COR), at 263-3054.

RETIREES NOT REQUIRED TO FILE W-4

Officials at the Office of Personnel Management say they are concerned that a false perception has been planted among federal retirees who think they, too, must file one of the government's new W-4 tax withholding forms.

The W-4, a product of last year's tax reform act, is used to determine the amount of withholding from an employee's paycheck. Apparently, some retirees concluded that, since they must pay federal taxes on their annuities, they, too, must file a new W-4.

Not so, says OPM. The only retirees who need worry about the W-4 are those who wish to change their withholding. A spokesman at the Internal Revenue Service said the tax agency has also received numerous calls from federal retirees.

Pensioners in the federal retirement system are in the optional category for W-4 requirements," the IRS spokesman said.

RETIREE REVIEW

Attendance was down, a bit, at the June luncheon, at least partly due to four regulars (and spouses?) off to play in the LMVD Golf Tournament. Still, there were 39 present. Not a bad turnout on a 90+ degree day during the vacation season.

There was only one Newbee: Kate Crossley, who used to put this column in print. Kate says the nicest thing, so far, about being retired is waking up at 6 a.m., hearing the bus pull out from the stop by her house, and GOING BACK TO SLEEP!

Dave Lytle was back, having spent most of May in China. Sounded like a fascinating experience.

Bob Maxwell passed along the sad news that Elmer Siroky, formerly of Finance and Accounting, passed away about a month earlier. Elmer retired around 1970.

An announcement was made about the Retiree Day Special Event, a barge trip from Grafton to Lock and Dam 26 Replacement and a tour of the project, scheduled for July 28. Details on when, where and so forth are to be mailed out soon (perhaps by the time you read this).

Homer Duff maintained his perfect attendance record and Roger Cuddeback continued to make good on his promise to keep attending as long as we mention his name; he even brought Linda along, this time.

Next go-around will be July 16. Remind your friends. We keep hearing, "Gee, I planned to come, but I forgot the date." It's July 16 -- July 16 -- July 16!

FAREWELL

Ms. Laurel Nelson, RE, will be leaving us on 3 July. We wish her a long and happy retirement.



OFFICE CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

The St. Louis District recently instituted an Office Crime Watch Program to reduce crime in the building. The OCWP has a committee consisting of one or two representatives from each element. To foster an initial interest in the program, Mr. Gary Prindiville, Director of Corporate Security, Anheuser-Busch Industries, Inc., conducted the kick-off meeting on Friday, 15 May 1987.

His presentation was specifically prepared for our District and included items of interest for the work place, travels to and from and at home. Mr. Prindiville explained to the attendees the many things they can do individually to protect themselves and their property and the property they are charged with.

His extensive background in law enforcement and industrial security provided the audience with real examples of criminal activity he confronted during his career.

The District's OCWP Committee has been active since Mr. Prindiville's presentation. As a result, each employee has received a pink flyer alerting them to the fact that crime occurs in this building and that we are the victims. More importantly, other awareness steps are being considered which will show us that we really do control the opportunity to prevent property crimes.

For more information on the OCWP, contact your element's representative, or the District Security Office to find out who your representative is. Your input will be appreciated and considered for implementation or recommendation to the District Commander for approval.

District Deputy Commander, Major James E. Brown, Jr. presents Mr. Gary Prindiville with a St. Louis District District paper weight after his presentation.

Mr. Gary Prindiville talks about crime in the workplace.

HAVE FUN AT THE PICNIC?

It didn't rain and it wasn't too hot. But the best part was the 230 pork steaks, 280 hamburgers and 72 hot dogs served up by Ulas Wilson, Bill Groth and Kenny Rogers.

Of course, some would say that Bingo was the best part - there were some nice prizes. And some would say Beer and Soda Poker - there was a lot of screaming coming from that area.

The District's annual award ceremonies and picnic was undoubtedly a success, due in large measure to the volunteers who gave their time and energies to help the beleaguered Civilian Activities Council members run the show.

"We learned a lot," says Jackie Jones, the lady who holds the purse strings for the new CAC. "Next year's is going to be better."

The CAC says thanks to all who helped and all who came. We'll see you out there next year.

Chaperone: one who could never make the team, but is still in there intercepting passes.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Any person in government service should:

I. Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to persons, party or government department.

II. Uphold the constitution, laws and regulations of the United States and of all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.

III. Give a full day's labor for a full day's pay: Giving earnest effort and best thought to the performance of duties.

IV. Seek to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of getting tasks accomplished.

V. Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not; and never accept, for himself or herself or for family members, favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of government duties.

IX. Expose corruption wherever discovered.

X. Uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

REMINDER: It is time for the semi-annual review of the Standards of Conduct found in AR 600-50. Supervisors should ensure that all employees review the Army Regulation and sign form LMV 442-R.

VI. Make no private promises of any kind binding upon the duties of office, since a government employee has no private word which can be binding on public duty.

VII. Engage in no business with the government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of government duties.

VIII. Never use any information gained confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means of making private profit.

LMVD GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 6th annual LMVD golf tournament was held 19-20 June at DeGray State Park near Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Representing St. Louis were Jim Baker (retired), Don Brown (OD-RS), Mike Houser (ED-PJ), Elmer Huizenga (retired), Rich Mills (ED-HE), Bruce Moore (ED-G), Paul Olson (ED-HS), Joe Pollaro (retired), Lew Scheuermann (retired) and Stan Wiseman (retired).

In the first round, a two-man best ball match, Don Brown and his partner won the "A" flight. With their partners, Rich Mills, Paul Olson and Elmer Huizenga swept the "B" flight, taking first, second and third, respectively.

For the second round, the golfers were divided into six flights. The overall tournament winners in each flight were determined by the two round total.

Don Brown and Lew Scheuermann each finished second overall in their respective flights. Rich Mills won a prize for closest to the pin and Elmer Huizenga was awarded a special prize for celebrating his 72nd birthday at the tournament.

A home town is where they wonder how you ever got as far as you did.

NINE YARDS OF WHAT?

Jack Niemi passed along the following:

It seems that old cliché, "The whole nine yards", does not refer to football or yard-goods, as is often thought.

According to columnist and language authority William Safire, the original reference was to the full load of a nine-cubic-yard concrete truck.

Actually, Safire said "cement truck", but several engineers pointed out to him that cement is only one of the ingredients of concrete and the trucks carry concrete, not just cement.

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ACCIDENT SUMMARY

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE

ACCIDENTS - JUN 87: One

Total vehicle accidents, FY 87: Three

Total vehicle accidents, FY 86: Two

PERSONAL INJURIES - GOVERNMENT

EMPLOYEES - JUN 87: None

Total accidents for FY 87: Three

Total accidents for FY 86: Fourteen

PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR

EMPLOYEES - JUN 87: Four

Total accidents for FY 87: Fourteen

Total accidents for FY 86: Fourteen

A laborer at L&D 26(R) had a chipping hammer fall on his foot fracturing the left toe.

A crane oiler, fractured his right hand when he fell from a crane, while in operation.

An ironworker at L&D 26(R) crushed a finger when it was caught between swage head and #18 rebar.

An ironworker has a bodily reaction due to a spider bite on his left wrist.

LAKE FATALITIES - JUN 87: One

Total lake fatalities for FY 87: One

Mark Twain - 1

Total lake fatalities for FY 86: Eight

Mark Twain Lake - 4

Carlisle Lake - 2

Rend Lake - 1

Wappapello Lake - 1

Adolescence is when children begin to question the answers.