

INDEPENDENCE DAY -- THE LUCERNE VALLEY WAY

Are you going to come out on Thursday, July 4, and experience our little hokey parade? I mean that in the warmest and most appreciative sense. We are proud to be a hokey, backwater, plain desert community, not yet swept away by the currents of modern cynical urbanism. I hope you come and step back in time, away from the electronic distractions and into the USA 50 or 75 years ago.

Yes, we fight the cultural rot that is afflicting this country, same as anywhere else. But we have managed to keep a grip on some of the good old-fashioned celebration of what our country has meant to the ideas of liberty, virtue, and happiness, and the beacon of light we have been to the world.

I am often tempted to throw up my hands in despair at the destruction of our culture caused by the Leftists. But better we should defy them with our little parade and park activities, and proudly wave our flags, in their faces if we must!

The following article and poem were sent around the email circuit for Flag Day, June 14, a short two weeks ago. They are also appropriate to Independence Day.

Confession: I found myself responding to these a somewhat cynically, since I, too, have been infected with the Leftist virus a little. As you read them, observe your own reaction to them. If you respond at all with thoughts of "How quaint" or "How old-fashioned", then you, too are infected.

Come to our parade for an antidote to that poison. And then thank God for what He has done for us and join the fight to get our country (and this nasty state of California) back. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to hand them what we ourselves received, a great nation, under God, providing opportunity for all who will take advantage of it.

That's the Lucerne Valley Way!

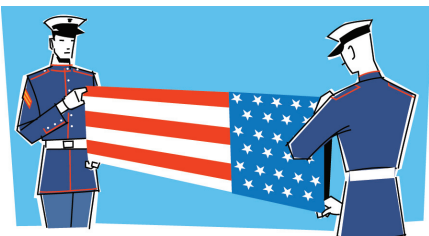
Linda Grummel

OUR FLAG. DID YOU KNOW?

From the Web.

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 notice the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn some new every day!



- ★ The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- ★ The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- ★ The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance

of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

★ The 4th fold represents our 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 our 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 our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

★ The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies,

whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our 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 defense of our 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 Spirit.

★ The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's 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 us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

BATTLE OF THE FLAG

by Gary Huddleston

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn, Round a makeshift stage they charged on, Fifteen hundred or more they say, Had come to burn a flag that day. A boy held up the folded flag, Cursed it, and called it a dirty rag.

An old man pushed through the angry crowd, With a rusty shotgun shouldered proud. His uniform jacket was old and tight, He had polished each button shiny and bright. He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace, Until he and the boy stood face to face.

"Freedom of Speech" the old man said, "Is worth dying for, good men are dead, So you can stand on this courthouse lawn, And talk us down from dusk to dawn. But before any flag gets burned today, This old man is going to have his say!"

"My father died on a foreign shore, In a war they said would end all wars. But Tommy and I wasn't even full grown, Before we fought in a war of our own. And Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach, In the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach Where five good men raised this flag so high, That the whole world could see it fly!"

"I got this bum leg that I still drag, Fighting for this same old flag. Now there's but one shot in this old gun, So now it's time to decide which one, Which one of you will follow our lead, To stand and die for what you believe?"

For as sure as there is a rising sun, You'll burn in Hell 'fore this flag burns, son" Now this riot never came to pass.

The crowd got quiet and that can of gas, Got set aside as they walked away To talk about what they had heard this day.

And the boy who had called it a "dirty rag", Handed the old soldier the folded flag. So the battle of the flag this day was won By a tired old soldier with a rusty gun, Who for one last time, had to show to some, This flag may fade, yet the colors don't run!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

No meeting in July

Next meeting:
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at the Senior Center

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July 4, Wed.

Parade, 9AM
Pioneer Park, 11AM:
Ringin' of Bell
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Patriotic Song
Parade Awards

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