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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Today's speaker was **CWO Jack Beckman, U.S. Army**. Jack has 32 years in the Army, the last 20 on active duty and before that he was a cop and had 12 years in the Reserves. He spoke to us about his impressions of the Army today and compared it to the Army of the late 70's. He felt the Army was in poor shape in the 70's due to the Viet Nam situation and the loss of NCO leadership. With the military build up in the 80's the Army got bigger and better. He is an advocate of the all-volunteer force and opposes a draft. He noted that the Army today has high morale and is very motivated. The all-volunteer force is highly trained and educated with many enlisted soldiers having degrees and Masters. The Reserve components today no longer just do a week-end a month and two weeks training a year, but are integrated into the regular Army and are routinely deployed to Iraq or wherever needed.

Jack serves in an engineering battalion and spoke of their deployment to Iraq. Composed of about 615 personnel and with bull-dozers, earth graders, trucks, cranes, fork lifts, etc. they built forward operating bases for the troops, and assisted building water purification and power plants. No matter the job they were in the middle of the action as there are no "front lines". Jack says the Army is doing many good things but that it attracts little attention in the media. He also stated that the troops believe in their mission and are doing the job that needs to be done. Since this is a non-linear war, non-conventional war we are still learning and have to remember we are fighting against a culture, not a State.

Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

News for Aug 24

Invocation

Don Iley' Invocation urged us to think only of the best, to work for the best, and to expect only the best.

Guests

Today's guests were ghosts! **Ron Cisco** had one who was not here, but he wanted it to count as we have done with Fred's in the past and then **Fred**, not to be outdone said he had a ghost here too! We did Welcome Back Frank Middleton (but not as a guest).

Super Market Sales

Cy Regan sold a total of \$900 worth of Safeway and King Soopers goodies today. Sales may have been down a little due to a rather small turnout because of the District Convention.

History

Paul Bernad's this date in history included: 79 AD, Mt. Vesuvius erupted burying Pompei; 410 AD Rome was overrun; In 1814 The British burned down the White House; and, most importantly, in 1869 the waffle iron was invented!

Sign-Up Stuff

Paul Bernard needs members to sign up to give the **invocation** and a sheet was passed around. **Donlie Smith** (after a weak joke) asked that those attending the **Installation Banquet** pay up...\$40.00 per couple (and/or that's \$20.00 per person for those who are math deficient). The Banquet is Sep. at Blossoms at Heather Gardens. Cocktails 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Rockies hand-out Fundraiser

Curt Jefferies thanked all those who helped hand out jerseys at the Rockies game on the 22nd. Optimists who gave their time were: Bob Avery, Jim Brown, Ed Collins, Tom Hock, Curt Jefferies, Harry Johnson, Gary Laman, Doug Morton, Fred Pasternack, Gary Rife, Jack Rife, Bryce Slaby, Don St. John and Elson Strong.

Get Well update

Frank Middleton is back and doing well. **Dick Nicoloff** announced that his future daughter in law is still in an induced coma but that her prognosis is good.

Fort Lupton Duck Race

Peter Dimond is still pushing duck sponsorships for that world renowned Ft. Lupton Duck Race held on the South Platte River 9 September. For only \$5.00 you could win as much as \$500.00. Even if you win nothing you are supporting the Fort Lupton Optimist Club in their main fundraiser.

Joke of the Day

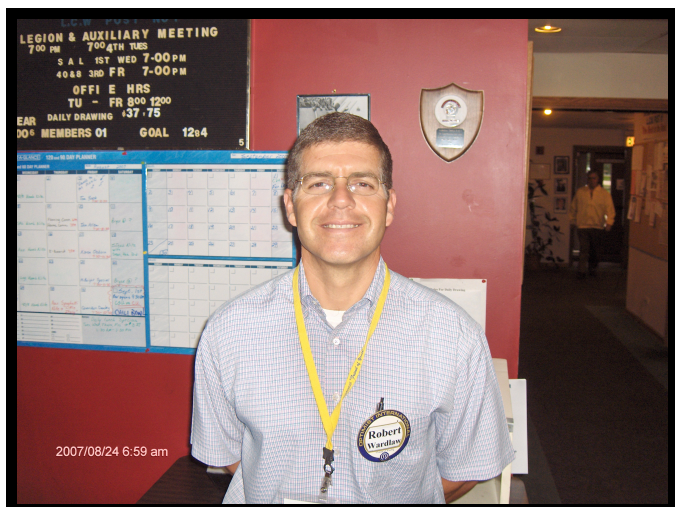
Gary Laman told the best joke today (maybe for the entire year based on some we have heard) about a wish to go backward in life!

The Ray Gun

John Young says do not be talking during the saying of the Creed or you will be shot with a vicious looking ray gun! (This could also apply when speakers are on the podium).

GUMS Editors Wanted

Only one more editor needed. John Young and Frank Middleton have already volunteered.



BOB WARDLAW

Bob, our newest member, was sworn in last week and was one of our greeters today. A Big Welcome Aboard to Bob!

Significant dates in September include the 2nd when in 1945 President Truman declared "V-J Day" as Japan surrendered aboard the USS Missouri; the 3rd, Labor Day; the 21st which is POW/MIA Recognition Day; and, the 23rd – Autumn begins!

THE BATHTUB TEST

During a visit to a mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him to empty the bathtub."

Oh, I understand, said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR

Fri, Aug 31 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall – Dr. Shane Steadman, Stress Reduction

Mon, Sep 3

Labor Day

Fri, Sep 7 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, - First Tee

Sat, Sep 8 6:15 p.m. Monaco South Installation Banquet – Heather Gardens

Fri, Sep 14 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall – Craig Eley, Constitutional Quirks

Mon, Sep 17

Constitution Day

Thu, Sep 20 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting – Eley Office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., # 200

Fri, Sep 21 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall – **100% Day**

Fri, Sep 28 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall

Fri, Oct 5 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall

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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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