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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

2008 Annual Convention - Chapter 57 had 13 members present on opening day. I don't know of any other chapter that had as many and we are about 15 largest in size. We needed to seat our members at three different tables to accommodate late comers.

At last minute notification, we put the Department color guard in the number one position for veterans organizations and our own honor guard (color guard plus banner bearers and a POW /MIA flag bearer) in the number two veterans organization position for the Shane Duffy funeral with nineteen members in attendance.

We provided our Honor Guard for the Elk's Flag Day ceremonies; where we again had the largest veterans group in attendance.

We have provided chicken fingers, cookies, crackers, ice cream, pizza and soda to the patients in Brockton VAMC, Building 2, Wards 2B and 2C in addition to some quality time and entertainment. These took place in 11 visits; one a month, except for July.

Chapter 57 was honored to be a participant in the Middleboro and Taunton Memorial Day parades and in the Vietnam Moving Wall ceremonies in Middleboro.

Chapter 57 members are taking a major role in District Council 7 functions. Pete Fox, Steve Horton, Norm Willoughby, Paul Waldron and I are currently holding positions. At the Department level Norm, Paul, Pete and I are appointed officers and/or committee members. And I have been elected to the Board of Directors for the 2008-2010 term.

Our Middleboro quartette - Walt Campbell, Fran Cheney, Abe Haynes and Norm Record have been showing up at functions from meetings to funerals in spite of their activities with the Middleboro Veterans Council, VFW and other local service organizations. And Frank Ardita, Chapter Armorer, has been pretty faithful, considering he's spread himself thin with his other organizations.

Other brothers involved on a regular basis include: Emeritus Chaplain Armando Medeiros who has been activated on several occasions; Greg Sullivan, Ed Hall and Ed Nunes, Bill Laliberte who did a masterful job with Ocean State; Bob Doherty who from sick bay contributes to *The 57 Program*; Ed "Tall Oak" Faria who drags his weary butt in to help out; SVC Leroy and NC Bruce Crossman; Ferdy Medeiros; Dick Mellon, Les Spousta, Jim Zahar, Jack Hines, George Dubord, Bill Boyden, Gene "Never on time" Cherry (gotcha didn't I) and others not mentioned, but not unimportant to us. We are the "Can Do Chapter" and we've a right to be proud.

RECORD NUMBER OF CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTEND STATE DAV CONVENTION



Delegates to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 87th Annual Convention pictured above are from left to right; Walter Campbell, Norm Record, Norm Willoughby, 57 Commander Mort Morin, Lou Demers, Pete Fox, Greg Sullivan, Steve Horton, Ed Hall, Fran Cheney and Adrien Haynes. In attendance but not in this photo are Frank Ardita and Paul Waldron.

Chapter 57, with thirteen members in attendance, had one of the largest representations of all of the Chapters. The Chapter has thirty delegate votes, which are based on membership. Normally only a small fraction attend the Department Convention, due to the financial constraints.

This year was different, in that the Convention was close to our home area. As a result we did not need to stay overnight and thus saved some costs that could be applied to allowing more members to attend. Those in attendance had a great learning experience and an awakening to the problems facing, not only the DAV, all organizations, with regard to membership.

Membership is an issue that continues to grow into somewhat of a problem. Our World War II veterans are passing on at an ever increasing rate. Our new veterans are busy raising families and making a living, relying on the work that the vets before them have done to insure benefits and health care. We continue to need new people to ensure we do not loose benefits that have been fought for and earned.

If you are a new veteran, that has been injured in the service, aggravated a condition in the service, has PTSD or thinks they may have a disability resulting from their service, contact us. Even more important join us to help us continue to fight for your benefits.

PRIZE DRAWING UPDATE

We have two different monetary prizes at each meeting. The first is a door prize with a chance being given to every member in attendance. It is \$25.00 for some lucky attendee at the meeting. Secondly, we have a Membership drawing which requires the member to be in attendance or forfeit the prize. The names of each individual member are maintained in a jar. One name is drawn at each meeting. This drawing is progressive, in that, the amount is increased each month until won by a member who is in attendance.

PRIZE DRAWINGS

\$25.00 Attendance Door Prize:

May – No Drawing - Installation

June - Martin Fox

Membership Prize

(If not present the prize is forfeited).

May – No Drawing - Installation

June – Thomas Raposa - Not present

CH. 57 CALENDAR

Meetings are held the

Third Tuesdays Except July & August

Meeting time - 6:30PM

Elk's Lodge 119 High St.

Taunton, MA.

MEETING DATES :

Sept. 16, 2008 - Regular Meeting

Oct. 21, 2008 – Regular Meeting

RECENTLY DEPARTED

COMRADES

**Oliver J. Cardoza, US Army,
Vietnam**

June 2008

**Oliver was an At- Large member
of the DAV**

57'S CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This month it is time we talked about what is going on with people in our society and our area. It seems that we have lost something. I have been trying to figure out what it is.



The answer is... We have lost compassion and concern for others.!

Where did these two human attributes go? That is still a question and they have not been totally lost, but many times they are on the "back burner".

Two recent events that prompted this topic were; 1.) The news story of the man that was struck by a car and people walked past him as he lay in the street!, and 2.) The New York man in Falmouth that was beaten with a baseball bat in front of his family by youths who taunted him about being a Yankee's fan! What were these people thinking. The answer to that is they were thinking about themselves.

They thought I'm not going to get involved and I'm going to have some fun at somebody else's expense. The key being... **I**. It seems that the more people think that it is all about them and their dwelling on their own inconvenience, happiness, pleasure, revenge wants and desires the more they lose their compassion and concern for others.

Is their a solution to this selfish thinking that is brought on by the **Big I**? Yes, there is! It starts with doing for others and expecting nothing in return. It is called giving back to our society for the things that society has given us. Some may say that society hasn't given them anything! They are wrong they have freedoms no other country possesses. They are individual and as individuals we can give back to others as individuals.

Leave the Big I at home and please show your fellow man a bit more compassion and concern. It may be contagious.

Call 1-508-824-4920 or 1-774-526-3212. to notify me about the sickness or death of members God Bless until next edition!

WALK ALONG WITH US

It is really great to see the new people coming in to meetings and taking an active role in the Chapter. We have been seeking volunteers for several projects and activities and people are responding.

Our Chapter's work must go on. We have clothing to purchase and personal care items for distribution to Veterans Centers as well as the VA Hospitals. You would be with other members during these volunteer assignments.

Our 2008/9 VA Medical Center parties will resume in the Fall It would be great to see new volunteers at these events. This means a lot to the hospitalized Veterans please volunteer its only 1-1/2 hours a month out of your time, that's not asking a lot of you to put a smile on a vet's face. All parties begin at 6:30 pm in Bldg. 2. Meet at the front entrance of the building. The parties this year were a huge success and we actually got things running like clockwork. You can do that with enough volunteers.

If you would like to assist Chapter 57 at **Homes For Our Troops**, Call Sgt. At Arms Steve Horton for more info at 508-339-6587

The Chapter Color Guard is in need of younger members, that are able to walk and perform some of the manual of arms. (We can teach that.).

For more information on other opportunities to help out call Mort Morin at 508-828-1808 and help us in our commitment to Disabled Veterans.

Commander Morin is constantly in awe of all our members contribute He gets praise from within and without the DAV community as a result of your our accomplishments actions. Keep up the good work!

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INSPIRING STORY

Submitted by Kimberly Matthews

This month, I thought I would share with you a story that has touched my heart and inspired me every time I read it. I have seen this story in various publications, but I believe the original author is Rabbi Paysach Krohn, who titled the story "Baseball Heroes".

Where is God's Perfection?

In Brooklyn, New York, Chush is a school that caters to learning disabled children. Some children remain in Chush for their entire school career, while others can be mainstreamed into conventional schools.

At a Chush fund-raising dinner, the father of a Chush child delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he cried out, "Where is the perfection in my son Shaya? Everything God does is done with perfection. But my child cannot understand things as other children do. My child cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. Where is God's perfection?"

The audience was shocked by the question, pained by the father's anguish, stilled by the piercing query. "Believe," the father answered, "...that when God brings a child like this into the world, the perfection that he seeks is in the way people react to this child."

He then told the following story about his son Shaya:

One afternoon Shaya and his father walked past a park where some boys Shaya knew were playing baseball. Shaya asked, "Do you think they will let me play?"

Shaya's father knew that his son was not at all athletic and that most boys would not want him on their team. But Shaya's father understood that if his son was chosen to play it would give him a comfortable sense of belonging.

Shaya's father approached one of the boys in the field and asked if Shaya could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "We are losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

Shaya's father was ecstatic as Shaya smiled broadly. Shaya was told to put on a glove and go out to play short center field.

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OCEAN STATE JOB LOT PRESENTED A PLAQUE



Comrades Bill LaLiberte and Norm Willoughby present a plaque to Marc and Clair Perlman, the owners of Ocean State Job Lot.

During the month of May, Norm Willoughby, and Bill LaLiberte, made a down to North Kingstown, R.I.. A plaque was presented The owners of Ocean State Job Lot, Claire and Marc Perlman, to express our gratitude, for their generous donation, to veteran's, throughout a wide area of New England. It is donations, from companies, like Ocean State Job Lot, that makes this country great. Our veterans and their sacrifices are not forgotten. All of our veteran's are proud to have friends like Claire and Marc.

The time and effort put into this project by Bill and Norm speaks volumes of just how dedicated these two are to helping others. They are deserving of a rousing round of applause for their efforts. Great work men!

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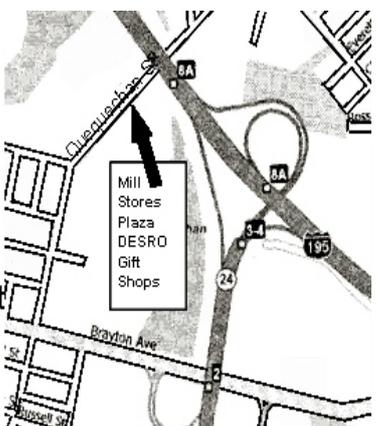
Art's Bakery, once again, donated a beautiful cake for our Installation of Officers Ceremony. The cake was thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests, of chapter #57. The cake had a large DAV Seal in the center in full color, along with the red white and blue theme. It was also a white and chocolate to suit everyones taste. Art's is always, a great source of great pastries, rolls, and theme cakes.

Donations such as these allows us to donate more of the Chapter Funds to our programs to help our Disabled Veterans.

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SURVIVING OUR ROADS

The other day, while driving on Route 24, and what was once Route 128 (Now it is something else, and I'm not sure what it is), gave me pause for thought. Driving is a far cry from what it was five, ten, twenty and forty years and more ago. Today, you find yourself caught in what at times seems like a cross between the Indianapolis Speedway and a Demolition Derby.

Route 24 has a sixty five mile per hour speed limit. Route 128, or whatever it is has a fifty five mile limit. When the cruise control is set to these limits is when things begin to happen! People have changed in the past fifty years. We have gone from a society where drivers were polite and concerned for others to a society of drivers that are only concerned for themselves. As you sit at your governed speed limit, you notice that you are being passed on the left and right. Other drivers flash their lights to get you to move, while people toot their horns at you. Other drivers tailgate you and sometimes you can only see the grill of a very large truck in your rearview. Some swerve around you and give you obscene gestures. Ah, the pleasure of driving the posted limits! So much for politeness!

Now, surly you have noticed that outside rush hour the cars seem to bunch together in little groups as they travel along. This is a strange phenomenon as it seems they really are all trying to get ahead of one another. A safer place than in the pack is in between them. But alas, the packs catch up with the lone driver and envelope him in their game of jockeying for the lead! The group passes and then you enjoy a brief respite until the next group catches you. All the time you are driving at the set limit.

Isn't it amazing how the lane changers think they are going to get a bit further and then change back to the lane they were in originally, most of the time without looking and simply cutting someone else off. (*Might this be called - Driving to In-danger?*).

Then you have the breakdown lane enthusiasts. They don't change lanes they zip along looking for unsuspecting vehicles entering from on ramps and cutting them off! What a dumb idea to allow driving in the breakdown lane! If you break down where do you go? Maybe just stop in place and then watch the traffic snarl! Of course, if you do this....do not leave your vehicle as someone in a rage will run you down!

So how do we survive this madhouse that we call highways? We follow the law, even if the others don't. Set your cruise controls and mosey on in spite of horns, lights, grills, gestures, dirty looks, weavers and the breakdown gang. Even though it is a jungle on the blacktop, we don't have to join the rest of the wild beasts, that inhabit our highway system. Let them talk themselves silly on their cell phones break speed laws while we go quietly along praying for a safe journey and an observant police officer!

CHAPTER 57 HAS SEVERAL DISTRICT AND STATE OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR



New Chapter 57 District and Department of Massachusetts Officers are pictured above, at the Department Convention. (L. to R.) Norman Willoughby, Ch 57 Quartermaster & Assistant Adjutant / State Dist. 7 Aide to the Dept. Commander. Steve Horton; Ch. 57 Sgt. At Arms/ District Officer of The Day. Dept. of MA. Commander Francis Yestramski, Martin "Pete" Fox; Ch 57 Treasurer. Dept By Laws Committee. Mort Morin; Ch.57 Commander / Dist. 7 Adjutant & Dept. Inspector. Paul Waldron Ch.57 Adjutant / Dist. 7 Sgt.-At-Arms and Dept. Publicity Committee.

The Chapter 57 team hopes to assist Commander Yastramski with growing interest in and improving the Department of Massachusetts over the next year. We have seen the dedication of the 57 group and what they have accomplished at the Chapter level. Hopefully, they will be able to bring the same energy and dedication to the District and Department level. There is much work to be done.

With the members volunteering at District and the Department level, it becomes important for Chapter members to assume new responsibilities and assist with existing work. The current members are a great crew and we hope to get more new people involved in our activities. It is not really about membership! It is about doing for others and protecting the benefits for future generations of Disabled Veterans.

Not all of our Disabled Veterans are combat wounded. One must remember that only a small percentage of our troops ever really see combat. Most are in support roles. Even in the support roles injuries are real and severe. We want this message to go out to those that feel they are not entitled to anything, because they did not stop a bullet. Our service injured are entitled. They sustained the injury in service to our country. Join us!



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MY CONVENTION ADVENTURE

by

Comrade Frank Ardita

I want to tell this story of the day at the Disabled American Veterans Convention for our Comrades who could not attend. This was my first convention, and I hope the first of many in my happy comradeship with chapter 57. I did not know what to expect or how to dress, or most importantly, what am I supposed to do..... The first face I saw was our Sergeant at Arms Steve, I could not miss him for he filled the doorway with his imposing stature, so much so that I failed at first to see Louis. The guys helped me get located in the right room and I entered seeing the Maestro himself, Mort seated at the front of the room, waiting for the various chapters to come in for the information briefing. We waited a good hour as members from New Bedford entered, organizing themselves to receive information. The rest of the morning was a nomination selection of candidates for the State Officers of DAV. I was not very impressed with some of the candidates as it seemed they were just stepping up as in rotation rather than in accomplishment of a activity for the good of all chapters. Some had no answers to questions presented and if they did they were repetitive at best. Well I did not understand the "Going through the Chairs " and needed clarification from our Commander. I got to tell all of you Our officers are not only nice guys but they are well informed about the DAV in general and some in very specific activities. Lunch was great , again I had the companionship of my Commander and comrades from New Bedford and Chapter 57. It's amazing what can be learned by a rookie over food and beverages.

The afternoon session was a change of wording in the Massachusetts Constitution, by the way, I did not have a copy and when I asked , The Secretary advised He would send me one to my home. (Still haven't gotten it) People were shuffling in and out and the room seemed to have little or no order, there were no small tables to write or use computers, speakers were not adequate to maintain good volume, (buy the way I noticed many of us wearing hearing aids so it was hard at best to hear) I had no idea what was being discussed even though I did have a program and attempted to keep up. Funny, I was diligently looking through the national Constitution and By-laws and they were working on the State one. (Oh Well, Next time) Supper that night was much fun, lots of pictures and a good bunch of comrades

All in all, I learned a great deal and Next year, I plan on attending the entire convention. Thanks Mort for asking me to go!!

UPDATE ON THE CHAPTER 57 CORPORATION OWNED BUILDING



The former Chapter 36 building was offered to the New Life Baptist Church, the present tenant. The church had the first option of buying or refusing the property. The pastor notified the Corporation of their decision to refuse the purchase at the price offered to them.

The decision was made to place the building on the open market through Mr. George Chase of Milbrook Realty, in Middleboro. Chapter 57 Corporation President Mort Morin signed the papers to list the property with Mr. Chase and through the Multiple Listing Service, of which Mr. Chase is a member. As of now we are in a holding pattern awaiting a buyer in a bad realty market.

WOMAN'S ARMED SERVICES INTERGRATION ACT ANNIVERSARY

We are reminded by **Comrade Macaila Britto** that this year marks the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. On June 12, 1948, Congress signed the Act, giving non-nurse women permanent status in the US Armed Forces and eliminating most women-only "components" from the service branches. This historic event would not have been possible without the excellent service of women in World War II who proved that the presence of women in the military only improved the U.S. Armed Forces. The signing of the Act represented a leap forward in the long journey toward women's equal participation in the military. I want to thank each of you for your dedicated service to our great country.

Since this Act was implemented the role of women in our military has expanded greatly. Today we find women in roles that take them into harms way. We have witnessed the heroic acts of women in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have also witnessed the burials in Massachusetts of fine Women that gave all for their Nation in combat.

Chapter 57 salutes our service women, past and active.



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IN APPRECIATION

Below is a thank you letter received by the Chapter for the donations from Ocean State Job Lot, that were coordinated and processed through Chapter 57 by Comrades LaLiberte and Willoughby. It is but one of many similar letters received as a result of this partnership with Ocean State Job Lot.

Massachusetts Veterans Inc.

March 27, 2008

Norm Willoughby, Quartermaster

Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 57

P. O. Box 57

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Dear Quartermaster Willoughby and Members

On behalf of the residents, staff and Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of seven pallets worth of assorted goods. 300 Winter Hats, 400 Sweat Pants, 400 Sweat Shirts, 400 Tee Shirts Colored, 200 Shorts, 400 Breakaway pants, 400 Athletic Shoes, 400 Boxer Shorts, 400 Under Shorts, 500 Socks, 500 Shower Shoes, 200 Bath Towels, 200 Wash Cloths, 200 Hand Towels, 200 Duffle Bags, 300 Razors, 300 Toothpaste, 300 Toothbrushes, 300 Fingernail Clippers, 300 Toe Nail Clippers and 25 puzzle books. Your commitment to helping veterans in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year Massachusetts Veterans Inc. continues to advance its mission to the care and rehabilitation of veterans in need. With the help of donations from supporters such as Ocean State Job Lot we will continue to help veterans toward reintegration into their community.

Your thoughtfulness is underscored by the fact that you received no compensation or goods and services for your contribution. Thanks to you and the many others who extend their generosity to us, we will continue to provide the best possible care to the many veterans we serve.

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In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shaya's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shaya's team scored again and now with two outs and the bases loaded with the potential winning run on base, Shaya was scheduled to be up. Would the team actually let Shaya bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shaya was given the bat.

Everyone knew that it was all but impossible because Shaya didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. However as Shaya stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shaya should at least be able to make contact.

The first pitch came in and Shaya swung clumsily and missed. One of Shaya's teammates came up to Shaya and together they held the bat and faced the pitcher waiting for the next pitch. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shaya. As the pitch came in, Shaya and his teammate swung at the bat and together they hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher.

The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shaya would have been out and that would have ended the game. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman.

Everyone started yelling, "Shaya, run to first. Run to first." Never in his life had Shaya run to first. He scampered down the baseline wide-eyed and startled. By the time he reached first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman who would tag out Shaya, who was still running. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions were, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second." Shaya ran towards second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases towards home. As Shaya reached second base, the opposing short stop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base and shouted, "Run to third." As Shaya rounded third, the boys from both teams ran behind him screaming, "Shaya run home."

Shaya ran home, stepped on home plate and all 18 boys lifted him on their shoulders and made him the hero, as he had just hit a "grand slam" and won the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "those 18 boys reached their level of God's perfection."

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2. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
3. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. You'll be afraid to cough!
4. You only need two tools in life – WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the Duct Tape.
5. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

RESUME

Submitted
by
Norm Willoughby

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried to be a Tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, I tried to be a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted to be a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory, I tried but I just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.
11. I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in a coffee shop but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.
15. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

SHARING IN MARRIAGE

Submitted
by
Pete Fox

He ordered one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink. The old man unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half. He placed one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them kept looking over and whispering. You could tell they were thinking, "That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table. He politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine - They were used to sharing everything.

The surrounding people noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

As the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?"

She answered "The teeth"

THE COURT ROOM SCENE

These are from a book called Disorder in the Court, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters - who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Q: What is your date of birth? A: July 15th.

Q: What year? A: Every year.

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you? A: Forty-five years.

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

June 30, 2008: President Bush today signed legislation ushering in a new era in GI Bill benefits. The legislation, which the Senate last week passed overwhelmingly, is part of a \$162 billion war spending bill. In signing the bill, Bush praised the bill, including a provision favored by the Pentagon that permits veterans to transfer unused benefits to spouses and children. "We also owe a debt of gratitude to our nation's military families. They endure sleepless nights, and the daily struggle of caring for children while a loved one is serving far from home," he said. "So I'm pleased that the bill I sign today includes an expansion of the GI Bill. This legislation will make it easier for our troops to transfer unused education benefits to their spouses and children." Bush said the expanded benefits will help "to recruit and reward the best military on the face of the Earth."

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

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