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| Legislative Officer | Bill Blight       |
| Armorer             | Mort Morin        |

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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

This will be my last Commander's Message. I'm finally going to be able to "retire". Chap. Armando Medeiros is also retiring; the old war horses are going out to pasture. Looking ahead, rather than hindsight, I see a great many things that are just waiting to happen.

You are moving from a World War II mentality to the Vietnam age with your new Commander, Leroy Crossman. Commander Crossman will be bringing new thoughts and projects to supplement what we have been doing for the past ten years. Backing him up is a solid rank of "Vietnam youngsters" from the same era. SVC Frank Ardita, Treas. Pete Fox, Adj. Paul Waldron, Quartermaster Norm Willoughby are retirees from the Morin Regime; but, younger thinking. They will be joined with incoming Chaplain Don Ryan; another young kid. And I'm sure there will be others from the Gulf Wars and Iraq and Afghanistan as well as an occasional old timer. You can rest assured that they are going to come up with some new ideas.

To touch on these newer ideas and projects, I only have to go back to our last meeting. The "Widows and Wives Project" will be kicking in the beginning of June. This is an attempt to involve the entire family into Chapter 57 activities. Summer activities to make our quarters available all during the meeting-less summer months got brought up for consideration at the meeting. A "Rainy Day Fund" was initiated. The second, advanced photography class started this morning.

We have been very fortunate in attracting new members this past year. We've gotten some as transfers from less active chapters and others from new arrivals to our area. And, we've gotten some from the publicity the chapter has generated by its activities. Whatever the source of our membership, we have to realize that the only way we are going to be able to keep from losing membership is to keep offering activities, projects and programs and involving our members. Our chapter is only as good as we make it. And that means you have to become involved.

I doubt that this will be the last time that I preach to you. Frankly, I'm looking forward to sitting in the audience with you and getting up to preach to the officers. In the meantime, please give your incoming officers as much support as you gave me.

*Thanks, Mort*

**Editor's Note:** Commander Morin and Chaplain Medeiros are the last two WWII Veterans holding elected office in Chapter 57. Their departure from office is in reality the end of an era and a new beginning for our Chapter. We must take the torch and continue to build our Chapter as these men did with the torch passed to them by the WW I Veterans.

**CHAPTER ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**HELD AT THE APRIL 20 MEETING**

Chapter 57 held its annual election of officers at our regular meeting in April. Those running for office all ran unopposed. This made for an easy voting process. Since all were unopposed the present Commander followed election protocol with the first two positions.

The protocol calls for the position to be named three times and ask if there are any other nominees for that position. He was interrupted during the queries for the Sr. Vice Commanders position with a motion to suspend the rules, since there were no other candidates for the offices. Commander Morin, after querying the body to ascertain if there were any other nominees for any position allowed the motion. After the motion was seconded it was passed unanimously voice vote. Commander Morin instructed Adjutant Waldron to cast one vote for each of the candidates.

The newly elected officers for 2010 -2011 are as follows:

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| Commander -----          | LeRoy Crossman    |
| Sr. Vice Commander ----- | Francis R. Ardita |
| Jr. Vice Commander ----- | William LaLiberte |
| Treasurer -----          | Martin Fox        |
| Chaplain -----           | Donald Ryan       |
| Officer of The Day ----- | James Zahar       |
| Sergeant at Arms -----   | Stephen Horton    |
| DEC Delegate -----       | Norman Willoughby |

Commander Elect Crossman promptly appointed his team to all appointed positions. For the coming year. Those appointed are as follows:

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| Adjutant -----            | Paul Waldron      |
| Quartermaster -----       | Norman Willoughby |
| Armorer -----             | Mort Morin        |
| Legislative Officer ----- | William Blight    |

As you may have noticed our Commander Mort Morin and Chaplain Armando Medeiros have stepped aside after having held their positions for most all of the last ten years. These two individuals have been part of the core group of six that rescued the Chapter from losing its Charter and being merged or dissolved. Commander Morin has worked diligently, feverishly in rebuilding the Chapter into one of the, if not the most active Chapter in the State. Chaplain Medeiros has performed his Chaplain Duties, even when ill himself. He also is a driving force behind the resurgence of our Chapter. We wish for both of these individuals FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS.

### CH. 57 MEETINGS

Third Tuesdays of each month

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### MEETING DATES

May 18, 2010 –by reservation only.

Short Meeting followed by  
The Installation of Officers  
for 2010 - 2011

June 15, 2010 – Regular Meeting  
Last Meeting until  
September.

### RECENTLY DEPARTED COMRADES

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### PRIZE DRAWING UPDATE

We have a \$25.00 door prize drawing at each meeting. Every member in attendance has a chance to win. You must be in attendance and present when the prize is drawn.

#### **PRIZE DRAWINGS**

**\$25.00 Attendance Door Prize:**

March – Ed Hall

April - Francis Creney

### 57'S CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Recently, I found the following Statement. "Many of us – from all walks of life and at every level of society have become addicted to suffering. Our addiction reaches such extent that even when everything going perfectly; we find a reason to feel bad. The good news is we can free ourselves".



Are you or someone you stuck in this suffering and self pitying, wallowing cycle? Everything is bad and it only gets worse. This is not only unhealthy for them but for those around them.

The wonderful season of Spring is all around us. We see the plants blooming, birds and insects coming to life, the grass getting greener and growing like crazy! Everything is being renewed. Well maybe not for those described in the quote. They need to be renewed.

What can our suffering individuals do you ask. The simple answer, it is to help themselves. They need to become re-acquainted with their inner love and talents. They need to see that inner peace and love anew. We all have it and it is a constant in our being.

Living in the moment and enjoying it is a good step. Dwelling on the past only prolongs suffering. Enjoying and savoring each moment allows for happiness to creep into our lives. Sure we may see things we don't care for but they simply open challenges for us to try and make changes.

We see things we have worked on and nurtured torn down and destroyed, we loose loved ones. This is a time to start anew and rebuild things. People usually resist taking responsibility for their unhappiness. They feel that their problems are caused by others, inanimate objects, God or whatever. It is not that God has a terrible sense of humor, it is our human problem to wallow in problems. They need to take responsibility for their actions and unhappiness. Find their internal love and talents and begin again with the innocence to as a child rebuilding a house of cards, after a wind. It is then that inner peace and happiness will come as we find our true and good inner love and begin to enjoy ourselves in our own Springtime.

Please notify me of any illness of or passing of members at **617-816-1927** God Bless Don Ryan

### WALK WITH US

We are still looking for and Honor Guard members. We hope to be able to perform rifle volleys with the M-1 Rifles at ceremonies. Please contact The Chapter Quarters at 508-823-0409. The Honor Guard and Color Guard will perform as a Unit.

Our Forget-Me-Not, annual fund raiser is in need of volunteers to help us in various locations. This is our most important fund raising event of the year. 100% of the funds collected go to support Disabled Veterans in a variety of ways and in particular the donation of clothing, hygiene items and the pizza parties at the VAMC Brockton. We hope to see some new members involved in this heart of the DAV event.

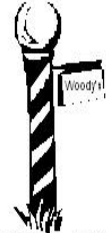
**Call Pete at 508- 823-0409**

If you would like to assist Chapter 57 at **Homes For Our Troops**, Call Sgt. at Arms, Steve Horton, for more info at **508- 823-0409**.

We are in need of help in a variety ways at our headquarters. If you can spare some time wallpapering, and painting **call Norm at 508- 823-0409**

You have given of yourselves in the past. You can still serve you fellow veterans and countrymen, just in a different way than before.


The Chapter is getting more and more active and even though we see new members we are finding that we just don't have enough people to cover all the events and activities. This Memorial Day we are splitting our forces to cover three parades, In Middleboro, Dighton/Rehoboth, and Taunton and We really feel bad when we must turn down request for invitations to appear at various functions or are spread so thin that it seems that we are only a few. Sometimes we are covering two or three things, all at the same time! We need you to help.



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### POW / MIA DAY CEREMONY

Chapter 57 participated along with other veterans groups in the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association (TAVVA) sponsored POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony. The event is held annually at the Vietnam memorial Fountain on Church Green in Taunton.



**Chapter 57 members and Color Guard assemble on Church Green for the POW/MIA ceremony on March 28, 2010.**

The event is conducted in remembrance of all POW's and those MIA's. It includes music, speeches, a display of the names of those missing from Massachusetts as well as a reading of the names of those missing. Oversized "Dog Tags" representing each one are then hung by volunteers from those in attendance on a makeshift signpost, similar to what would be erected by GI's in combat areas.

Chapter 57 would like to recognize and thank the TAVVA for their diligence in sponsoring this event each year. The motto to which the live up to is to "NEVER FORGET" The organizations supports and applauds efforts to return our MIA'S home.



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### IF YOU'RE OVER 70 AND OVERWEIGHT – IT MAY ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE

Despite the warnings that being overweight will kill you, a new Australian study finds that overweight adults over the age of 70 are less likely to die over a 10-year period than their normal weight peers.

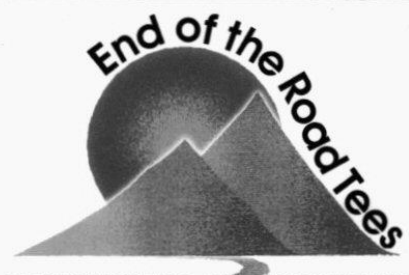
The study, published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, conflicts with research that suggests that being overweight contributes to a long list of health problems, including Heart disease.

"Our study suggests that those people who survive to age 70 in reasonable health have a different set of risks and benefits associated with the amount of body fat to younger people," lead researcher Leon Flicker, of the University of Western Australia, said in a news release from the journal's publisher.


Flicker and colleagues looked at a decade's worth of data regarding the health of more than 9,200 Australians aged 70 to 75 in 1996 when the study began. Australia is ranked as the third most obese country in the world after the United States and the United Kingdom, the study authors noted. The study defined overweight and obesity levels based on body mass index, a measurement that takes weight and height into account. The four weight categories used in the study included underweight, normal weight, overweight and obese.

Those who were overweight -- a step below obese -- faced a 13 percent lower risk of death compared with those who were normal weight. But there was no benefit found for those who were obese, the study authors noted.

The researchers also found that being sedentary doubled the risk of death for women and raised it by one-quarter for men. Conclusion – If you're over 70, you can be fat, but you have to exercise



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### LOOKING BACK

Wow!!! It's been a long, long time. Ten years as a matter of fact. And it all started out so simply. I went into the Veterans Agent's office to file for real estate abatement information. The agent was Mike House. He wanted to know if I belonged to the DAY. When told that I was a member in one of the Boston chapters, he collared me to transfer to Chapter 57; "After all, you live in Taunton, don't you?" Two meetings later, Boston paid us a visit and said that unless the Chapter became active they were closing it down. At the end of that meeting I was Senior Vice Commander and shortly thereafter the Acting Commander.

When I became Commander of the 400 member chapter, six people (sometimes) attended meetings sporadically; 394 never showing their face. The group included Armando Medeiros, Charlie Bliss, Walter Zagoll, Mel Lewis, Carl Olson and Paul Waldron as true blue members at every meeting. We had no newsletter, radio program, TV Show or money; we had word of mouth. And truthfully, I really didn't want to open my mouth because I wasn't sure how to pronounce Taunton!

One by one we began recruiting active members. One by one we began to loose the WW II members. The chapter picked up Dick LaVoie, Steve Horton, Pete Fox, Norm Willoughby, Ed Nunes, Ed Hall, Dick Lavoie, Bill Laliberte, Bob Doherty and a group of old and new members attending meetings. And we lost Charlie Bliss, Carl Olson, Walter Zagol and Mel Lewis and Bob Doherty among a host of old timers. We were meeting at the VFW, in those days. They were gracious enough to let us use a small room for our meetings. As we grew in numbers we were given a larger area - however, we began to feel uncomfortable. We were growing and getting some decent publicity.

By now, we had a regular newsletter going out to all of our members, whether they lived in Florida or North Adams or points in between. Chapter 57 had its own television program, The 57 Show, airing every month. We were participating in civic

ceremonies and parades on a regular basis. Chapter 57 was growing up and beginning to feel as if we really belonged to the Greater Taunton area.

The Elks, as an additional way to serve veterans, offered us quarters in their palatial home on High Street. We jumped at the chance, feeling really welcomed. By this time we had grown to about 15 -18 members attending meetings and were getting itchy for quarter of our own. We didn't have a pot to p. in; but we had big ideas and started wishing out loud.. About this time word came down that Chapter 36 was in trouble.

One thing led to another; Chapter 57 absorbed Chapter 36. We won a couple of active members: Walt Campbell, Fran Crenney, Abe Haynes and Norm Record and, miracle of miracles, a building. The Middleboro building wasn't suited to our needs; but, was sold to purchase Chapter 57's home at 5-7 Taunton Green.

Cleaned up, painted and spackled, touched up here and there, diddled with and mothered over it is turning into a magnet for activities and membership. Our attendance at monthly meetings is in the 30's. And we are adding to our membership each and every month; new members and transfers in. We are hosting meetings of DAV District Council 7, MA DAV Department activities, classes in various studies, regularly scheduled Service Officer hours and still working to get the place looking in tip top shape.

It's time for me to move on and let the younger ones to take over. The Chapter and I owe a great deal to a few dedicated members;. To cite just a couple that I haven't mentioned before: John Fielding, Steve Horton, Lorie Mathias and Les Spousta among the elders and among the newer kids Don Ryan, Jimmy Zahar and Jim Gray. It isn't fair to exclude many others who have contributed to Chapter 57's growth and are working right now to keep us as the premier chapter in Massachusetts; but, I'm being shut off.

There are many, many happy hours spent in DAV and Rats activities in the past decade. It's time for me to sit back in a rocking chair and spin tall tales. There is one upstairs in our Headquarters that I plan on using if Ruthie will let me slip out of the house once in a while. Come visit me there.


My own activities had mirrored that of the chapter. I became involved in District Council 7 as Chapter 57's Commander. Then I became the District Commander and Adjutant. At the Department level, I've been a District Inspector, Department Inspector, Constitution and By-laws Committee member and am currently finishing up the second of a three year term as Department Director for District 7.

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**VET HEALTH CARE GAPS**

A new report from the Institute of Medicine says U.S. government agencies need to do more

Nearly 1.9 million U.S. troops have been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq since October 2001. Most return successfully to their normal lives, but many have encountered serious challenges readjusting after their return home. These wars are unlike past conflicts, and the demographics of the all-volunteer military population have changed drastically since the previous war. Many service members deploy multiple times; reservists and National Guard members are called to active duty at an unprecedented rate; more service members are returning home with severe injuries; and more women and parents of young children serve on active duty. These unique circumstances cause unique problems for service members, veterans, and their families, both during and after deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2009, Congress asked the IOM to conduct a two-phase study to examine the physical, mental, and other needs of military personnel returning from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and of veterans and their family members. This preliminary report presents findings on the scope and magnitude of the problems facing these populations, and lays out a plan for the detailed assessment in the second phase. In the interim, this initial report makes several recommendations that the Department Of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can act on now, including:

- estimating the number of mental health professionals needed and where they should be located to best care for the full population of returning service members and their families;
- conducting or funding research to develop guidelines for long-term management of poly-trauma and traumatic brain injury; assessing the potential benefits of third-location decompression; examining how multiple deployments may affect domestic violence; and evaluating the effectiveness of mental health treatments for women and minorities;
- coordinating and evaluating the many existing readjustment and support programs to maximize their reach and effectiveness;
- producing annual long-term forecasts to ensure the VA will have the resources to care for and support this generation of veterans and family members throughout their lifetimes.

There are other problems in the routine delivery of VA Health Care Services Discussed in a separate article.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHAPTER 57'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUILDING FUND**

This fund is to be used to cover administrative and building needs. It is totally separate from the Forget-Me-Not funds. We will put this column in each newsletter to recognize those that have contributed to this important fund. This drive is on going and our members are responding. Please consider donating to this fund.

**CONTRIBUTORS****\$1 - \$50****Joseph Fortes****Robert M. Leavitt****\$500 - 750**

**2- \$500.00 anonymous donations to the Building fund  
in memory Theresa M. Waldron**

Chapter 57 is very grateful for the support of the Administrative and Building Fund. These donations provide a place not only where help with claims is available, but also to have a place to interact with the wives and widows, as well.

Your donations are needed on an ongoing basis to ensure we have a properly maintained home for OUR Chapter.

**OPEN LETTER TO WIVES AND WIDOWS**

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 57 of Greater Taunton has made continued progress toward restoring the Chapter to viability. In recent years we have accomplished many goals, including having our own "Home" across from Taunton Green.

The driving idea and goal of having a place where Chapter 57 could continue to provide service to America's Disabled Veterans their wives, widows and orphans. This home is unique to many veteran's buildings. It does not have a bar, nor is one planned. The entire idea is to provide service to those we consider family.

You are or were in the past a large part of the Disabled American Veterans and this Chapter's family. In light of that we would like to extend an invitation to you to attend a gathering of the widows, wives. For what purpose you ask! The purpose is to become re-acquainted with you and see if we may be of assistance to you.

There are benefits and things available to widows that you may not be aware of. We may also be able to provide assistance through the Chapter, with various things. The Chapter can be resource for you. Here in your family you can find support, interaction with others, and other activities.

An initial meeting is planned for Saturday June 5, 2010 from 1:30pm to 4pm. We hope you can attend this introduction to your new "Home" and meet friends both old and new. We hope that your input at this meeting will result in a lively ongoing place for activities that interest you. This is your DAV Chapter and we are here to help you.

**Please call the Chapter Office at 508-823-0409 between 9am and Noon by May 25, 2010 to R.S.V.P. so that we can determine how**




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### **VIETNAM ALL OVER AGAIN: STIGMA MAY KEEP VETERANS FROM FINDING EMPLOYMENT**

During the Vietnam Era, veterans separating from the service found themselves with few employment opportunities – the false but popularized image of drug crazed killers stuck to them – employers were unwilling to take a chance they'd be hiring some battlefield nut. Unemployment among veterans was in the double digits for years.

Fast forward 40 years: When Joe Tryon left the Army in early 2009 he assumed his six years as an officer and command experience in Iraq would make him an attractive employee. More than a year later, he still hasn't found a job. "I thought my combat leadership would outweigh boardroom experience," the 32-year-old said. "But apparently it does not." Part of the reason for that, say veterans groups, is a lingering stigma among some employers who worry what else combat troops carry with them: post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, or similar mental health problems.

Veterans have left their military status off their resume, for fear of the stigma of the invisible wounds of war. Among all recently separated veterans the unemployment rate now stands at 14.7 percent, well above the national unemployment rate of 9.7. Among veterans under 24 the situation is even worse; Labor officials estimate that more than one in five could not find work last year.

"People outside the military don't know about PTSD or TBI. It's all new to them. So they worry, 'Am I going to see some sort of outburst? What might he do?'"

The Congress is looking at the problem, but the damage has been done. The question for we Veterans is what can we do to educate the public? What can our Veterans organizations do to educate prospective employers?


### **VA SAYS IT'S TRYING TO FIX PROBLEMS WITH G.I. BILL BENEFITS DELIVERY**

HEADLINE: "Veterans trying to get an education under the new GI bill face delayed checks, erroneous payments and uncertainty about actual benefits, officials told a congressional committee this past week." What is going on here??? This fiasco has been going on since last September. The government would have us in jail if we didn't pay our taxes, but they come up with excuse after excuse for their failure to support our veterans. Please call your Congressman and voice your displeasure at this lack of support for our vets.



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### **CHAPTER 57 VAMC PARTY PROGRAM**

The schedule for this program, which is held in Building #2 at the Brockton VA Hospital on Belmont Street in Brockton, MA (Just off Route 24), is as follows;

**Two more before Summer break. 5/25/10 & 6/22/10**

We meet at 6:00 – 6:15pm at the entrance to Building #2, the night of the program. Please join us in helping other veterans.

### **ANNUAL FORGET-ME-NOT DRIVE PLANS**

The necessary permissions are in place. We are going to need a lot of help in this endeavor. Please don't be bashful about volunteering. The big need is for a lot of people to man the collection points.



The actual drive doesn't begin until August. However, in order to ensure a successful fund raiser the planning begins in January. The money raised during this event is spent solely for the benefit of the Disabled veterans we serve. All of the money raised from the Public goes to direct service and charitable activities for Disabled Veterans and their families.

Yes, there is a separate administrative fund that is used to pay building expenses and for office supplies and equipment. This way we are able to maintain the building and provide services there.

Unlike most veterans groups that have buildings, we do not have a bar, nor are there plans to do so. Our building is dedicated to serving the needs of our members, their widows and orphans. Won't you help us in our efforts to help others? Chapter 57 needs you!

If this message sounds like a plea for help, then my job has been halfway successful. If you'll step up and volunteer time and effort, then my job has been worthwhile. The reward in this is the pleasure that is derived from helping others and in knowing you made a difference in someone's life.

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### **FUNNY ONE LINERS AND STORIES**

The following story was submitted by Chapter 57 Member, our Comrade Mr. Gardner Sherman, one of our WW II veterans. He was at Okinawa on the USS Pinkney. Thanks Mr. Sherman.

#### **THE HUNGRY PASTOR**

"A pastor goes to a nursing home to visit an elderly parishioner. As he is sitting there, he notices a bowl of peanuts beside her bed and takes one. As they continue their conversation he can't help himself and eats one after another. By the time they are through visiting, the bowl is empty. He says "Mrs. Jones, I'm so sorry, but I seem to have eaten all your peanuts." "That's O.K.", she says. "They would have just sat there anyway. Without my teeth, all I can do is to suck the chocolate off and put them back in the bowl!"

#### **THE PERFECT SALES PITCH**

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before.

Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

#### **SIDEWALK LITIGATION**

An American attorney had just finished a guest lecture at a law school in Italy when an Italian lawyer approached him and asked, "Is it true that a person can fall down on a sidewalk in your country and then sue the landowners for lots of money?"

Told that it was true, the lawyer turned to his partner and started speaking rapidly in Italian. When they stopped, the American attorney asked if they wanted to go to America to practice law.

"No, no," one replied. "We want to go to America and fall down on sidewalks."

#### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE BROKE WHEN**

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### **DID YOU KNOW!**

**By Norm Willoughby**

#### **ORIGIN OF THE TERM SABRE RATTLING**

Saber-noise or saber-rattling (Spanish: *ruido de sables*) may be used to refer to a historical incident in Chilean history that took place on September 3, 1924, when a group of young military officers protested against the political class and the postponement of social measures by rattling their sabers within their scabbards.

This is not the origin of the phrase, however; in speaking at a Congressional hearing of the need for Pacific coast fortifications to address the rising militarism of Japan, on February 21, 1921, Congressman John F. Miller made repeated reference to Japan as the place "where the saber is rattling", and it is apparent that it was regarded as a common figure of speech at the time.

The term is now applied generally to cover any indication of military aggressiveness. In a sense, strategically-timed war games can serve as an explicit form of saber-rattling, in that the extent of a country's military muscle is put up on display for other countries to see.

#### **INSTALLATION OF 2010-2011 OFFICERS**

Our annual Installation of Officers will be held on May 18, 2010 at the Elks hall. This is the same evening as our regular meeting. There is a very brief Meeting and then the Installation Ceremony begins. There is dinner after the Installation. **Anyone attending the meeting, Installation and dinner must have a reservation call 508-823-0409.**

This year the Installing Officers for the incoming officers is a completely in-house affair. The Installing Officer will be our out-going Commander Mort Morin, in his capacity as District 7 Board of Director for DAV. Dept. of MA. His Officer of the Day is Fran Crenney, Member of 57 and Past Commander of the Middleboro Chapter 36. The Adjutant will be Past Chapter 57 Commander Ed Nunes. This is a first for Chapter 57. Congratulations and Good luck to our newly elected officers.

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### **WATCH OUT FOR PHONE SCAM**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers, bank routing information or any personal and financial information over the phone to callers claiming to update, confirm, or verify VA-related information. VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone. A veteran targeted by scammers alerted VA, saying that someone called claiming to be with the VA pharmacy and asking a lot of questions. VA has not changed its process for dispensing prescriptions or for enrollment. Veterans with questions about VA services should call (877) 222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center.

### **CHAPTER 57 NEWSLETTER EDITOR TURNS OVER THE DUTIES**

Your Newsletter Publisher and Editor Adjutant Paul Waldron will be turning over the reins of this publication to Our Legislation Officer Bill Blight, beginning with the next issue. Paul has been doing this Newsletter since it began six years ago. It is time to give someone else their turn and to add their improvements.

The Newsletter has evolved into something of value to all of you. It has been at times a chore to get it done. But for the most part it has been fun. Above all it has been a way of communicating with our members we only see on paper. It has been a privilege to have been of service to you. Please support Bill in this task. I will!

**Come and join us. ----- We can use your skills if you would like to help. ----- Will you walk with us???**

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Out going Chapter 57 Chaplain Armando Medeiros gets an opportunity to talk with Senator Scott Brown after the POW / MIA Remembrance Ceremony.

Senator Brown was the Keynote speaker at the Ceremony. He was able to identify with veterans in attendance, since he has a military background. He listened to those that wanted to speak to him and stayed long after the ceremony ended.

This year's ceremony was well attended and in fact seems to grow each year. Public awareness of the plight of the POW / MIA's and their families is important in bringing them home.

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