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Calendar of Events

January 2016

Jan 1stHappy New Year
 Jan 12th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Jan 26th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

February 2016

Feb 9th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Feb 14thValentine's Day
 Feb 15thPresident's Day
 Feb 23rd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

March 2016

Mar 8th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Mar 13th.....Daylight Saving Time
 Mar 22nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Mar 27th.....Happy Easter

Quotable

Tradition is the illusion of permanence. – Allan Stewart Konigsberg (Woody Allen)

The faintest ink is better than the strongest memory. – Chinese proverb

Never miss an opportunity to keep your mouth shut. – Will Rogers (1879-1935)

The distinction between the past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion. – Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

We have met the enemy and he is us. – Pogo (Cartoonist, Walt Kelly 1913-1973)

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. – Helen Keller (1880-1968)

Piedmont Outpost - TAPS

Glen Vern George Heinz (1949-2015) US Army

Warrior's Witness

Dong Ha, Vietnam 1966: I was returning from my first patrol and we had just gotten back inside the wire when I made a mistake. Of course, it was the squad leader's mistake to let the new guy be the last one in line. However, as we walked right by my tent, it was my mistake to drop off the end and crawl in for a nap. No one saw me or was aware that I was gone. I had no idea we supposed to go to the CP for debriefing. When the rest of the squad got to there, they found they were missing a man. Part of the "warrior's code" is the obligation to "leave no man behind". Fortunately, my squad leader found me, in my tent, before a search and rescue was mounted. To say he was upset would not adequately convey his reaction.

There are times when we may feel like God has given up on us and left us behind. Yet, in Hebrews 13:5, the Lord promises, *I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you*". Some may reference Matthew 27:46 and question that. *"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"*. However, the Father did not desert the Son. Since both the Father and the Son are God, how could God forsake Himself? Then why did Jesus say what He said? Isaiah 59:2 tells us, *...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God and your sins have hidden His face from you...* In 2 Corinthians 5:21 we read, *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*. From these two verses we see what happened. The sin that Jesus became, on the cross, blinded Him to the presence of His Father. To paraphrase, Jesus was saying, "Father! Father! Where are You? I can't see you."

When we sin, we are blinded to the presence of God, who never left us and never will. Repentance restores our sight so we can see Him again.

Semper Frateri

Bud Strobe

"For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us..." II Corinthians 1:8~10