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Calendar of Events

March 2016

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

April 2016

Apr 12th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Apr 26th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

May 2016

May 8th.....Mother's Day
 May 10th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 May 21st.....Armed Forces Day
 May 24th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 May 30th.....Memorial Day

Quotable

As a rule, men worry more about what they can't see than about what they can. – Julius Caesar (100 BC - 44 BC)

The most important lesson that I have learned is to trust God in every circumstance. – Allyson Felix (Olympic athlete)

When God can do what He will with a man, the man may do what he will with the world – George MacDonald (1824-1905)

Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble. – George Washington (1732-1799)

Obedience keeps the rules. Love knows when to break them. – Anthony de Mello (1931-1987)

Few delights can equal the presence of one whom we trust utterly. – George MacDonald (1824-1905)

Warrior's Witness

July 1966: Echo Company was going up Highway 1 near the DMZ. Heat and humidity were oppressive. The Gunny walked over to me and said, "Throw a grenade into that water. There might be a VC in there breathing through a hollow reed." I looked at the small pool of inky black water and decided the Gunny was insane. However, I was a PFC and he was a Gunnery Sergeant and I had been given a legal order. So I pulled the pin on an M26A1 grenade and chucked it in. It sank into soft mud so deep that the blast only reached the surface as a bubble and some small concentric waves. We all obeyed the Gunny because he had the force of law behind his orders. But we did not trust him. So our obedience, to him, was based in fear of the consequences of disobedience. Of course, our Commanding Officer's orders also had the force of law. However, we trusted him, so our obedience, to him, had less basis in fear and more basis in trust.

While it is certainly possible to obey without trusting, this is the path of legalism and it leads to pride. The Pharisees were proud because they strictly adhered to every religious law. Yet, in Matthew 23:27, Jesus called them **whitewashed sepulchers**. In Luke 18:18-23, when a rich young ruler told Jesus that he had always obeyed the law, he still went away sad, because he trusted more in his wealth than in God. In John 16:29 (AMP) Jesus said, ***This is the work of God: that you believe [adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith] in the One whom He has sent.*** There exists a false obedience which is found in fear and a true obedience which resides in trust.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strope

"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