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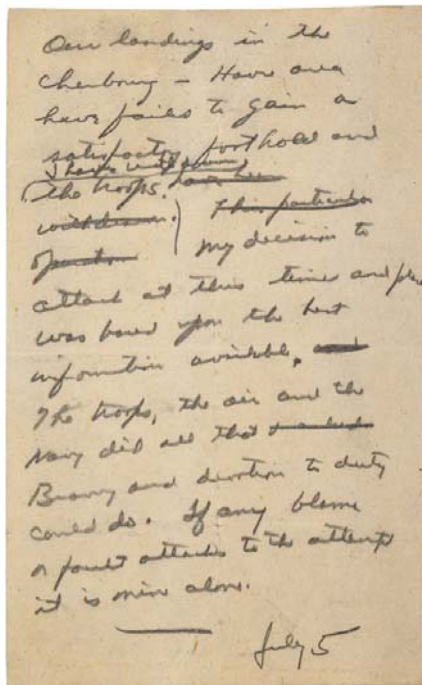
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Special points of interest:

D –Day 65 Years Ago



General Eisenhower's note, mis-dated July 5, (he was nervous) to be used if the D –Day invasion failed

Potpourri

By Ken Mahal, AIA, NSC President

IS IT PAST TIME WE SHOULD HAVE THE LOTTERY IN NEVADA?

In the Saturday June 6th article in the RJ was the story about Neal Vanless of Pierre, SD. winning a \$232,000,000 Powerball jackpot, one of the largest single winners in history. I know it has been talked about here any number of times for Nevada but has always failed in the legislature I guess because of a certain group who feel it would not be in their best interest if we allowed such to be in Nevada. Tell me, why would it be such a bad thing to allow it in Nevada? I went to the California boarder a time or two over 25+ years when the jackpot was extremely high. Why shouldn't we allow it to be in Nevada? I don't know anyone who wouldn't enjoy wining that much or even a little less, do you? Maybe we older folks should look into the possibility and do what it takes to get it approved in the next legislative session in 2011. Anyone wants to volunteer looking into what it would take to do it in 2011? Oh I can hear at least a dozen of you want to take it on already. In reality there are probably no more than a half dozen power brokers against it.

IN THE 2009 SESSION, THERE WAS SOME PROGRESS FOR SENIORS.

I must admit that this past session saw me doing nothing which is the first time in many years that I didn't do a thing. It was so quiet that one could hardly believe there was a session taking place. The RJ had a couple of things that are reported as progress for seniors. According to the RJ article Senate bill 314 is a broader powers-of-attorney which is aimed at protecting seniors from abuses by caregivers including their own children in some cases. Senate bill 313 revises the Nevada guardianship laws in line with broader national laws that help to prevent financial exploitation of seniors. It might be good to have Lora Myles of the RSVP Care Law Program come and speak to us given the lineage she is given in the article. What is interesting about this session is that so many legislatures are being term limited. It may not seem fair to them now but for most of we voting citizens we might even like more term limits especially at the federal level.

WHAT HAS THE SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATURE ACCOMPLISHED?

Really the headline should read "What has happened with the Silver Haired Legislature?" Really the headline should read "What has happened with the Silver Haired Legislature?" This was a venture we took on longer ago than I can put a number on it with a lot of help from Jacky Ridley. All the work went into setting up an organization of we older folks who would work with the state and federal legislature and all I ever remember was a lot of fan- fare but not a lot of results. I guess if you are not elected you are not going to put up with old upstarts like us. If anyone can tell us what they ever accomplished and if they are still alive let us know about it.

LITTLE GREEN CARS MANUFACTURED BY GOVERNMENT MOTORS.

As bad as it seems we are going into the automobile manufacturing business with Congress and President Obama in charge; not that they don't have enough on their plate already. Can you imagine what the little green car will look like with two wheels and a gyroscope

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to keep it balanced and who knows what will be used as an engine to propel it? Maybe a solar panel roof for powering an electric motor with a wind driven sail for a turbo charged engine. You never know what people who know nothing about the business will come up with, but can it be any worse than General Motors and Chrysler, probably not but let's not bet the house on it. What is really going on with this country when our banks were about to fail, insurance companies, automobiles and who knows what is next? Maybe it's good if you are older – but then we have the grandchildren – we can pray for them.

A TRIP TO FLORIDA SEES A LOT OF VENTURES WORSE THAN VEGAS.

On our recent trip to the southwestern part of Florida we saw plenty of unfinished acreage left partially torn up, some with the equipment still on the land. This is a really different piece of landscape with what seems to be thousands of acres of flat land with an abundance of trees that look like young trees most likely new growth areas where they cut down the trees, dig a lake to raise the land a few feet higher for the lots with water front and golf courses as well. By the way this is a good time of the year to go there when most of the snow-birds are gone home and if you want to play a few rounds of golf the prices are right given the scarcity of permanent home owners there during the warmer part of the year. For a bad economy it is strange to see that every seat is filled both ways on the planes, which seems strange from all we hear about the economy. I guess there are always people who have a few bucks to spend no matter what the economy as a whole is.

Our son talked us into coming down to the Fort Meyers area where they live when he is not in Europe for his company. I managed to swing my golf clubs which have not been out of the bag since we were there the last time a year ago. We used to play here in Las Vegas but most of us are too rusty or have gone to the above (we hope) and are playing on a different course. When one travels if you need help the wheel chair service is a lot of help. In fact I even pushed it myself on one stop when no one was available. Even the airlines are getting to be self-service. All I can say it is good to be home. It has taken Agnes and I more than a week to feel like we are back to our Las Vegas time line.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS LET US KNOW.

ALSO IT IS GREAT TO HAVE MORE NEW MEMBERS JOINING NSC.

IF I FORGET TO ANNOUNCE YOU AS NEW MEMBERS LET ME KNOW.

ENJOY WHAT VERN DOES ON THE REST OF THE FOGHORN.

HAVE A GREAT DAY, AND MANY MORE DAYS.

KEN MAHAL, PRESIDENT, NEVADA SENIORS COALITION

History of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

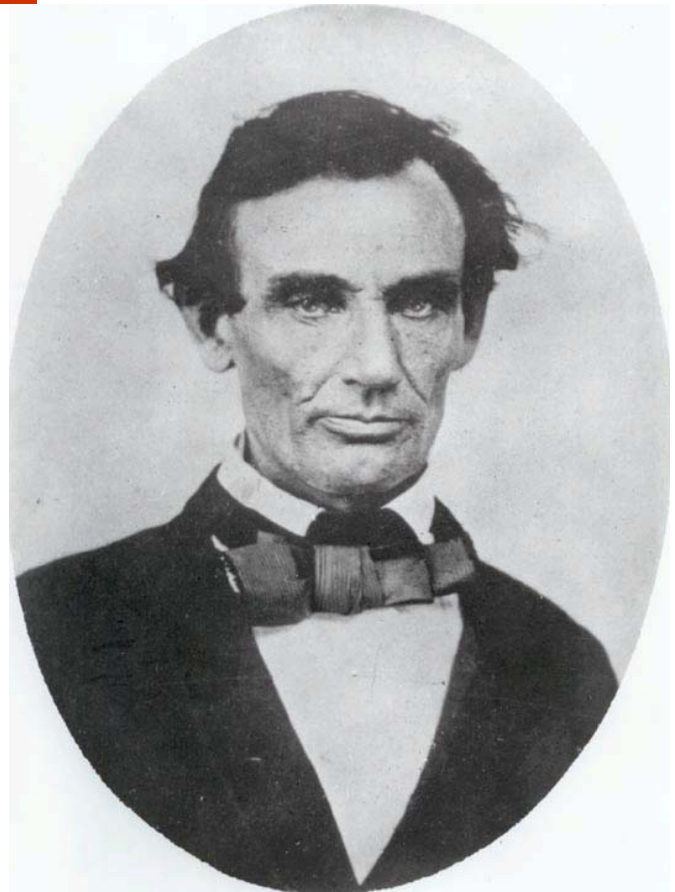
"Please Don't Quote Me"

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations." Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half-slave and half-free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved - I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other." Lincoln's 'House-Divided' Speech in Springfield, Illinois, June 16, 1858.

"I have never studied the art of paying compliments to women; but I must say that if all that has been said by orators and poets since the creation of the world in praise of women were applied to the women of America, it would not do them justice for their conduct during this war. I will close by saying, God bless the women of America!" The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume VII, "Remarks at Closing of Sanitary Fair, Washington D.C." (March 18, 1864), p. 254.

"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser - in fees, expenses, and waste of time. As a peacemaker the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough." The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume II, "Notes for a Law Lecture" (July 1, 1850?), p. 81.



"I happen temporarily to occupy this big White House. I am living witness that any one of your children may look to come here as my father's child has." The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume VII, "Speech to One Hundred Sixty-sixth Ohio Regiment August 22, 1864), p. 512.

"It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him the words: 'And this, too, shall pass away.' How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depths of affliction!" The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume III, "Address Before the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin" (September 30, 1859), pp. 481-482.

United States and Continental Flags



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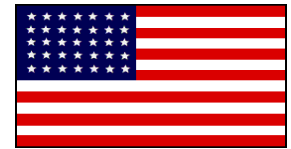
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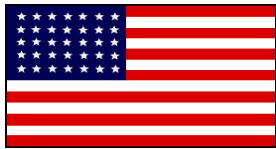
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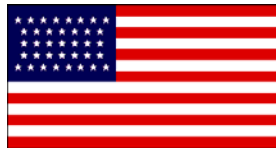
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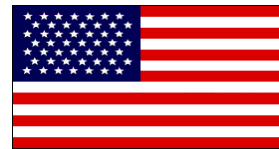
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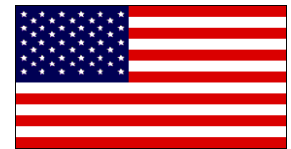
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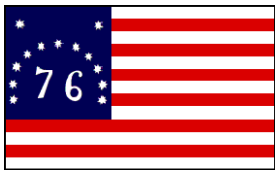
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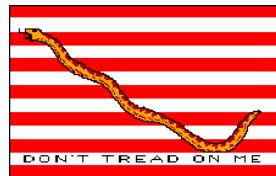
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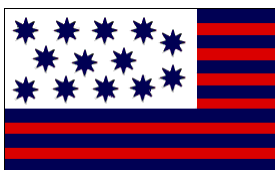
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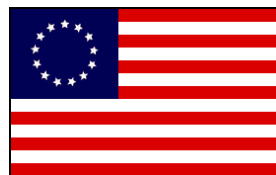
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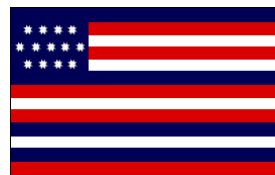
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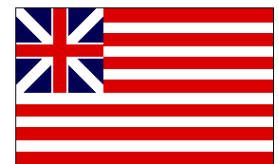
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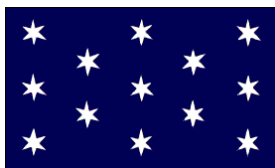
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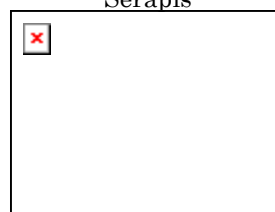
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General Washington



President

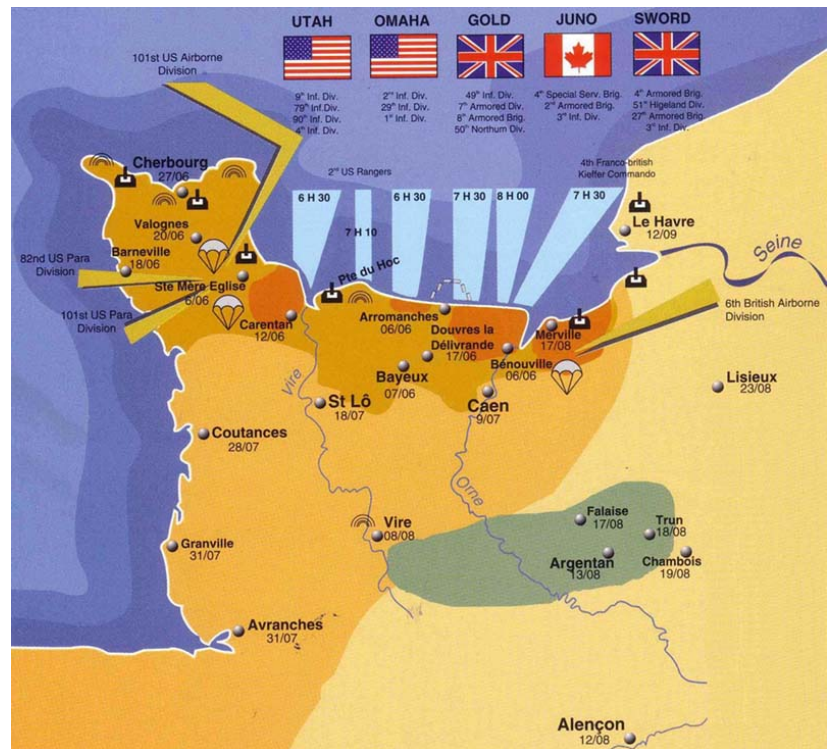
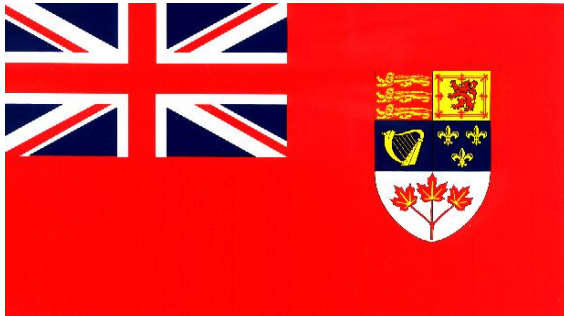


Vice President

Flag Day is June 14th. The flag design was not standardized until an executive order doing so was issued by President Taft in 1912.

Canadians on D-Day: June 6, 1944

Canada's divisions stormed ashore under the Red Ensign. Originally designed to identify Canadian ships at sea is Britain's standard merchant marine flag with the Union Jack in the quarter of a red field — to which is added Canada's coat of arms in the fly. The Canadian beach was at Bernières-sur-Mer, between Caen and the Orne River. **There, for the first time in history, Canada fought under her own national flag.**



The military planners had given Canada a major role on D-Day: to take one of the five designated beaches where Allied forces were to land to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany. The Americans had Utah and Omaha beaches in the west, then came the British at Gold, then the Canadians at Juno Beach and finally the British at Sword on the east.

The greatest seaborne invasion in history was aimed at 80 kilometers of mostly flat, sandy beach along the Normandy coast, west of the Seine River, east of the jutting Cotentin Peninsula. Canada's objective was right in the middle. There were about 155,000 soldiers, 5,000 ships and landing craft, 50,000 vehicles and 11,000 planes set for the coming battle.

Before dawn on D-Day, 230 heavy bombers from RCAF No.6 Group pounded German shore batteries with 860 tons of bombs. And in the daylight hours, RCAF fighter squadrons flew top cover for the invasion beaches. Fifty Canadian destroyers, frigates and corvettes assisted in covering the invasion, providing anti-submarine escort and bombarding shore targets. 14,000 Canadians stormed ashore on Juno Beach and were the only force to capture all their initial objectives that day, at a cost of 1000 casualties, of which 350 were fatal.

In preparation for the invasion, Americans, British and Canadians underwent months of special training. Supplies were amassed in southern England. Ground, sea and air forces rehearsed endlessly to ensure perfect timing and co-operation.

Objectives:

- ∴ The Canadians were responsible for "Juno" in the centre of the British front.
- ∴ Establish a beachhead along the five miles between Courseulles and St-Aubin-sur-Mer
- ∴ Push through the gap between Bayeux and Caen
- ∴ Penetrate to Carpiquet airfield some eleven miles inland

Objectives of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion:

- ∴ Cut the bridges on the Dives and Divette Rivers in Varville and Robehomme.
- ∴ Protect the left flank of the 9th Parachute Battalion as it attacked the German artillery position in Merville.
- ∴ To take a strategic position at a crossroad in Le Mesnil.

At the May Meeting



Adele Solomon ,
Southern Nevada Health Department,
Adult Immunization Coordinator

Members

Renewing Members:

- *Ronald Hilford*
- *Vivienne Kerns*
- Mary J. LePire*
- Tina Q. Rowe

Thank you for your continuing support

New Members:

- *Beverly Hansford*
- *Albert K. Khan*
- *Joan D. Nations*
- *Adele Solomon*

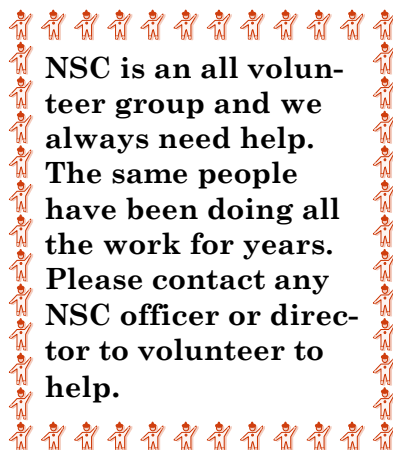
Welcome, Welcome, Welcome...



Father's Day

Thanks to all of you who
contributed to NSC last
month.
We really appreciate it.

Thanks



 NSC is an all volunteer group and we always need help. The same people have been doing all the work for years. Please contact any NSC officer or director to volunteer to help.



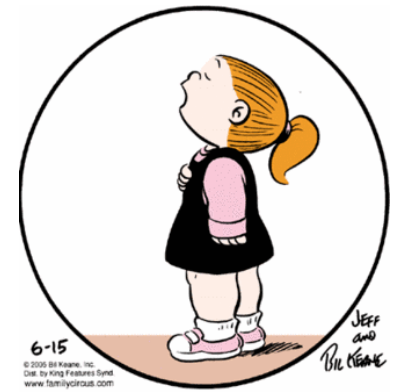
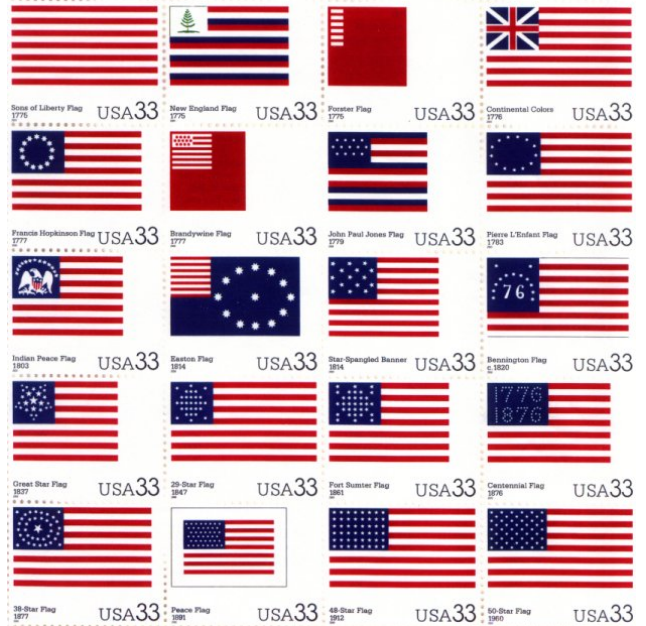
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From the Editor

THE STARS AND STRIPES



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“... and to the Republic for
witches dance ...”



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be
Thursday, July 9 at 10 a.m.
at >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>



After the meeting why
don't you eat and play,
and stay all day?

**Our July 9th Speaker will be:
Will be announced later.**

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June 11,

June 11, 1940

Britain strikes back at Italy

On this day in 1940, Britain bombs Italian targets in response to Mussolini's declaration of war on England and France.

Britain bombed targets within the cities of Genoa and Turin as well as in Africa where Italy and Britain were imperial neighbors. Italy had just bombed targets in the British-controlled Suez Canal territory and the British-controlled island of Malta, in the Mediterranean. Britain retaliated with a raid on the Italian military installation in Eritrea. In the Pacific an Australian merchant cruiser gave chase to an Italian vessel, which ended up scuttling itself rather than surrendering.

June 11, 1943

Operation Corkscrew is launched by Britain

After 10 days of bombing runs, Britain lands troops on the Italian island of Pantelleria, off the southern coast of Sicily, in Operation Corkscrew. The Italian garrisons surrenders upon orders from Mussolini, who later denied the order when the Germans express outrage. This defeat shakes the confidence of many in Mussolini's cabinet, since they had been assured that Pantelleria was impregnable. Over the next two days, Britain would continue collecting Italian islands with the occupation of Lampedusa and Linosa -- in preparation for the Allied invasion of Sicily itself in July.



The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc (NSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. No person is excluded on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.



Men of the 1st Battalion advance past a burning fuel store on the island of Pantelleria