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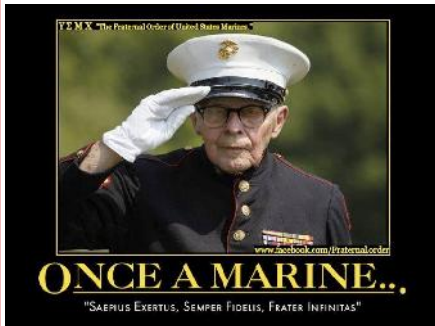


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A Taxing Situation

By Vice President **Knight Allen**

Several years ago I found myself in a private meeting with a couple of pretty high profile spokespersons representing large gaming corporation.

This was by no means a regular occurrence for me and I can't even remember the circumstances that got me into the room. I was probably writing about how the industry was throwing its weight around at the legislature and may have caught the company's attention.

These were two very bright, intelligent and personable young people and they went about the business of explaining to me how the system really works, you know, the way so many "No Taxes!" Republicans were "educated" after they got to Carson City this year. Of course they weren't telling me anything I didn't already know and understand. If I didn't understand the system then I couldn't write well enough in opposition to it to catch their eye in the first place; could I?

So, this "education of the peasant" meeting went on for a while (it really didn't take too long) and in what turned out to be the closing statement the lead rep stood in front of me, looked me right in the eye and said: "There is nothing we won't do to maximize the return to our shareholders."

How was I supposed to respond to that? After all, it's an axiomatic statement. It was like telling me the world is round, it revolves around the sun which rises in the east and sets in the west and capitalists will do anything to maximize their returns. So, there I sat probably looking pretty stupid while they, I'm sure, felt quite pleased about how the meeting had gone. We then exchanged pleasantries and went our separate ways.

I relate this to you because I saw a report in the RJ on 10/16/15. The headline read "Former Governor to head energy group." The group is called the "Nevada Coalition to Protect Ratepayers." It's

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headed by former one term Governor Robert List and was created by - are you ready for this? - Wynn Resorts, Las Vegas Sands and Solar City. The minute I saw those names I flashed back to my "Twilight Zone" experience years ago: "There is nothing we won't do....."

According to the article these corporate champions of the little guy are going to protect Nevada ratepayers against NV Energy's excessive profits and will promote more competition for all consumers.

What a load of trash. This group, backed by muti billionaires, exists for one purpose only and that's to fatten the bottom line of each of its corporate members. Don't get me wrong. I'm not painting NVEnergy as some sort of poor oppressed victim here. They're playing the exact same game on behalf of Grandpa Warren's Berkshire Hathaway.

It seems to me the only chance we have is with the accounting staffs of the PUC and the AG's Office of Consumer Protection. We can only hope they don't fall victim to the politicization of this process and will come up with numbers that have at least some basis in reality.

Meanwhile, as long as we don't get suckered by the PR nonsense coming our way it could be fun watching these T-Rex's battling it out. Just remember that everything they say and do is governed by that one overriding principle: "There is nothing we won't do to maximize the return to our shareholders."

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. Enjoy yourselves!

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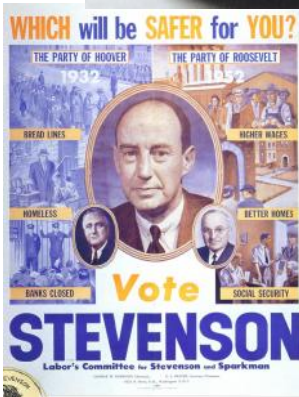
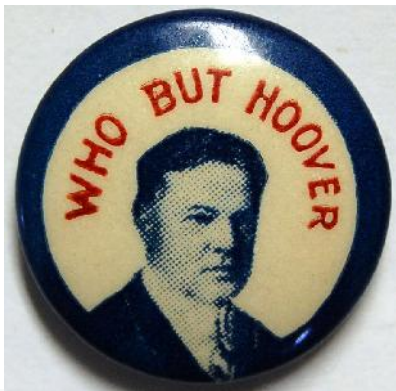
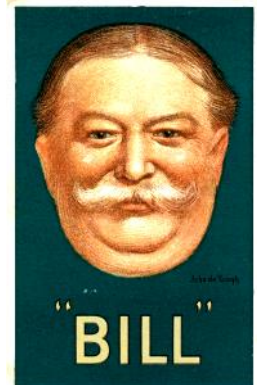
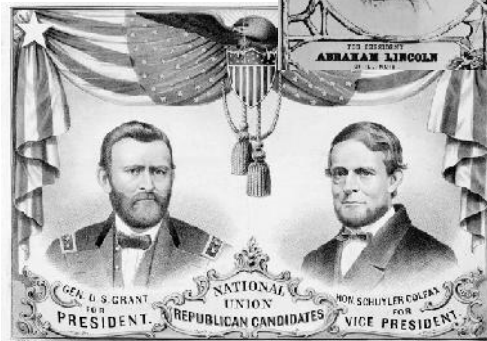
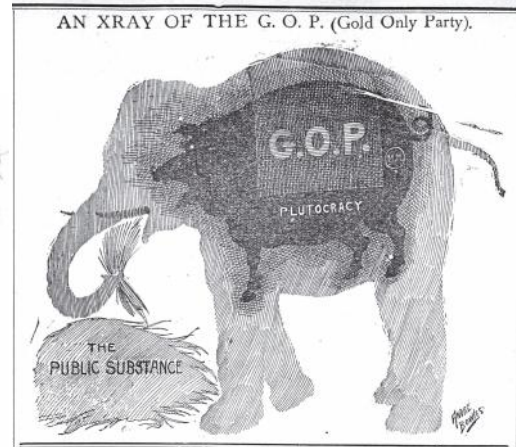
The Stamp Act

The Long Title: An act for granting and applying certain stamp duties, and other duties, in the British colonies and plantations in America, towards further defraying the expenses of defending, protecting, and securing the same; and for amending such parts of the several acts of parliament relating to the trade and revenues of the said colonies and plantations, as direct the manner of determining and recovering the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned.



The Stamp Act was passed by Parliament on March 22, 1765 **with an effective date of November 1, 1765**. It passed 205–49 in the House of Commons and unanimously in the House of Lords. The Stamp Act of 1765 was the first internal tax levied directly on American colonists by the British government. The act, which imposed a tax on all paper documents in the colonies, came at a time when the British Empire was deep in debt from the Seven Years' War (1756-63), (which escalated from the French and Indian War in North America waged for control of the confluence of two rivers) and looking to its North American colonies as a revenue source. Arguing that only their own representative assemblies could tax them, the colonists insisted that the act was unconstitutional, and they resorted to mob violence to intimidate stamp collectors into resigning. Parliament repealed the Stamp Act in 1766, but issued a Declaratory Act at the same time to reaffirm its authority to pass any colonial legislation it saw fit. The issues of taxation and representation raised by the Stamp Act strained relations with the colonies to the point that, 10 years later, the colonists rose in armed rebellion against the British.

"Please Don't Quote Me"



Medicare 'Open Enrollment' Scams



November 5, 2015

by Colleen Tressler Consumer Education Specialist, Federal Trade Commission

The 2015 Medicare open enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7. It's the time when Medicare recipients can comparison shop and make changes to their plans. It's also a time when scammers take advantage of older consumers with ruses like these:

- Someone calls and says you must join their prescription plan or you'll lose your Medicare coverage. Don't believe it. The Medicare prescription drug plan (also known as Medicare Part D) is voluntary and does not affect your Medicare coverage.
- Someone calls or emails claiming they need your Medicare number to update your account, get you a new card, or send you Medicare benefit information. It's a scam. If you need help with Medicare, call 1-800-MEDICARE or go to medicare.gov.
- Someone claiming to be a Medicare plan representative says they need "to confirm" your billing information by phone or online. Stop. It's a scam. Plan representatives are not allowed to ask you for payment over the phone or online.
- Dishonest companies may offer you free medical exams or supplies. Be wary. It may be a trick to get and misuse your personal information.

Whenever someone asks for your bank account number or your Medicare number, stop. Only give personal or financial information when you have verified who you're talking to. Call 1-800-MEDICARE to make sure you're talking to a legitimate representative.

If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of Medicare fraud, report it to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. **Call the Senior Medicare Patrol at 702-486-3403 or visit stopmedicarefraud.gov.**

If you gave out personal information, call your banks, credit card providers, health insurance company, and credit reporting companies immediately. The FTC's website has more information on health care scams and medical identity theft.

Need help deciding on a plan? For free personalized counseling services, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) or call 702-486-3478

The Federal Trade Commission was created on September 26, 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Trade Commission Act into law. The FTC opened its doors on March 16, 1915. The FTC's mission is to protect consumers and promote competition. As the FTC celebrates its 100th anniversary, our thoughts turn to its unique mission, significant events in Commission history, and its staff, stakeholders and constituents – present and past. On January 12, 2015, President Barack Obama visited the Commission, the first presidential visit to the Commission since 1937.

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2015



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
IN TIMES OF WAR - IN TIMES OF PEACE



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At the October Meeting



October's speaker was Karen Kelly, NCG, Case Manager, Supervisor from the Clark County Public Guardian's Office who explained the function and duties of the Public Guardian and answered many questions from our members. Good job Kelly and thank you for coming to our meeting.

Members

♥ Renewing Members ♥:

Carol Burgeson
Patricia Loomis

Thank you for your continued support



THANK YOU



Thanks to all NSC members Who contributed time, gifts and money to us It is very much appreciated.

Your membership anniversary date is on the Foghorn Mailing label. If the label is **RED**, please renew your membership, either by mail, or at the next meeting you attend. Your name is removed from the membership list 90 days after expiration.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per person.



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

10 November 2015

When the Continental Congress raised up two battalions of Marines in 1775, it launched the greatest fighting force the world has ever known - a force revered globally for its uncommon valor, unparalleled adaptability, and ferocious tenacity. Over the past 240 years, the battlefields and equipment have changed, but the spirit of the United States Marine Corps has prevailed in every clime and place.

One hundred years ago, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island opened its doors as the first base dedicated solely to making Marines. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have been forged into elite warriors at Parris Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and The Basic School in Quantico. Each recruit had a different reason for stepping onto the yellow footprints, but all are unified by the intangible traits that characterize United States Marines and the remarkable legacy that has carried on across generations.

Whether you served on the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood, fought on the iconic island battlefields of World War II, navigated the harsh terrain and climate of the Chosin Reservoir or Vietnam, conducted assaults during Desert Storm, marched on Baghdad, fought in close combat in Fallujah, or conducted combat operations in Afghanistan, everyone who wears the Eagle, Globe and Anchor is a member of that storied legacy.

As we celebrate the 240th birthday of our Corps, we pay tribute to all who have served and we remember our fallen heroes. We take great pride in our legacy and in the fine men and women who carry our colors into the future. And we extend heartfelt thanks to our families for their steadfast support.

Our 26th Commandant, General Louis Wilson, once said, "In the last analysis, what the Marine Corps becomes is what we make of it during our respective watches. And that watch of each Marine is not confined to the time he spends on active duty. It lasts as long as he is 'proud to bear the title of United States Marine.'" Thank you all for guarding the legacy of our Corps during your watch.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

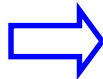
Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Active 10 November 1775 – April 1783, 11 July 1798 – present 240 years

"The Few, The Proud, The Marines", "Jarheads", "Teufel Hunden", "Devil Dogs", "Leathernecks"

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in December. Merry Christmas



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Ellis Island Immigration Station Closes



The first Ellis Island Immigration Station officially opens on January 1, 1892, with three large

ships waiting to land. Seven hundred immigrants passed through Ellis Island that day, and nearly 450,000 followed over the course of that first year. The next five decades, saw more than 12 million people passing through the island on their way into the United States.

On January 1, 1892—her 15th birthday—Annie Moore from County Cork, Ireland, became the first person admitted to the new immigration station on Ellis Island. On that opening day, she received a greeting from officials and a \$10.00 gold piece. Annie traveled to New York with her two younger brothers in steerage aboard the **S.S. Nevada**, which left Queens-town (now Cobh) on December 20, 1891 and arrived in New York the evening of December 31. After being processed, the children were reunited with their parents, who were already living in New York.

Many famous figures passed through Ellis Island, many leaving their original names behind on their entry into the U.S. Israel Beilin—better known as composer Irving Berlin—arrived in 1893; Angelo Siciliano, who arrived in 1903,

The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc. (NSC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan 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.

later achieved fame as the bodybuilder Charles Atlas. Lily Chaucoin arrived from France to New York in 1911 and found Hollywood stardom as Claudette Colbert. Some were already famous when they arrived, such as Carl Jung or Sigmund Freud (both 1909), while some, like Charles Chaplin (1912) would make their name in the New World.

Ellis Island opened as a federal immigration station on January 1, 1892, a purpose it served until **November 12, 1954**. Millions of newly arrived immigrants passed through the station during that time—it has been estimated that close to 40 percent of all current U.S. citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island.