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Meetings

The Chapter 120 membership meeting and elections will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Machinists Union Hall, 357 Main St., East Hartford. **Masks & Social Distancing Required.**

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00pm. Call the Chapter office for any changes in schedule. Chapter members are welcomed to attend.

Notice

If you have moved or changed your address, PLEASE notify us immediately. Call the Chapter office at (860) 568-9212, mail us at the address on the back of this newsletter or e-mail the Newsletter editor at cchapter120@aol.com.

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VA notifies Veterans of compromised personal information



On 14 September, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Management announced a data breach involving the personal information of approximately 46,000 Veterans and actions taken by the department to prevent and mitigate any potential harm to those individuals.

The Financial Services Center (FSC) determined one of its online applications was accessed by unauthorized users to divert payments to community health care providers for the medical treatment of Veterans. The FSC took the application offline and reported the breach to VA's Privacy Office. A preliminary review indicates these unauthorized users gained access to the application to change financial information and divert payments from VA by using social engineering techniques and exploiting authentication protocols. To prevent any future improper access to and modification of information, system access will not be reenabled until a comprehensive security review is completed by the VA Office of Information Technology.

To protect these Veterans, the FSC is alerting the affected individuals, including the next-of-kin of those who are deceased, of the potential risk to their personal information. The department is also offering access to credit monitoring services, at no cost, to those whose social security numbers may have been compromised.

Veterans whose information was involved are advised to follow the instructions in the letter to protect their data. There is no action needed from Veterans if they did not receive an alert by mail, as their personal information was not involved in the incident.

Veterans or Veteran next-of-kin that receive notification their information is potentially at risk from this incident can direct specific questions to the FSC Customer Help Desk to VAFSCVeteransSupport@va.gov or writing to VA FSC Help Desk, Attn: Customer Engagement Center, .P.O. Box 149971, Austin, TX 78714-9971.



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Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes go to our members born in October. May you have many more!

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A special birthday wish to Nathan Cutler, grandson of Chapter members Michael Belliveau and John Cutler.

Chapter/State News

Chapter Elections

Chapter 120 will hold elections on October 1, 2020. We again ask our members to offer their time and enthusiasm in order to continue the good works that Chapter 120 is known for in the veterans' community. We need our members to offer their support, expertise, their ideas and their leadership to guide our organization down the right path to attain our basic goals – and establish new goals for our future. We are asking you, our members, to seriously consider running for these important positions. We need your help – we need your leadership and ideas to guide Chapter 120 for the next two years.

Positions open for nomination:

Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Board of Directors: Five positions

State Council Delegates: Five positions

Elections Committee: Three positions

Election Rules are posted below.

Connecticut Chapter 120 Election Rules

Revised November 2, 2006

Section 1. Annual Elections

- The Chapter officers will be elected on even numbered years at the April meeting and will serve a two (2) year term in office. They are the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- The Board of Directors will be elected on even numbered years at the April meeting and will serve a two (2) year term of office.
- The State Council Delegates will be elected on even numbered years at the April meeting and will serve a two (2) year term of office.
- The Delegates to the National Convention will be elected on odd numbered years at the April meeting and will serve a two (2) year term in office.
- The three (3) member Nominating Committee will be elected at the April meeting and will serve a one (1) year term.

Section 2. Candidates

- Candidates must have been a member for a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the election.
- Candidates must have on file with the Chapter, or present to the Nominating Committee their DD-214, or other proof of qualification for membership.
- Candidates may be nominated from the floor on the night of the election. Candidates must be present to accept the nomination or have submitted a letter of intent to the Nominating Committee.
- Candidates will be allowed space in the newsletter to campaign but not to defame or slander the other candidates. Space allowable will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor.
- Candidates will be allowed five (5) minutes to speak at the April meeting if desired.
- Candidates may use the membership list for a mailing pursuant to the Chapter rules and Federal laws governing the membership list.

Section 3. Voters

- To be eligible to vote, you must have been a member for fifteen (15) days prior to the election. This would include new members or reinstated members that are not paid up for the prior year.

- B. Voting members must have on file with the Chapter, or present to the Nominating Committee, their DD-214 or proof of qualification for membership.
- C. Voting members must have paid their dues for the current fiscal year. Membership may be renewed the night of the election, but must be paid prior to casting their vote.

Section 4. Election Procedures

- A. The voting period will be from the close of nominations until 8:00 PM.
- B. The quorum required to hold the election should be 10 members.
- C. A candidate can request a recount of the ballots for his or her office if the margin between the candidates running for that office is 10% or less based on the number of total votes cast.
- D. The ballots will be kept for one (1) year in a sealed envelope signed by the Nominating Committee or their appointees.
- E. Results will be announced the night of the election.
- F. If a Nominating Committee member is running for an elected position, they shall appoint a volunteer vote counter from the floor.
- G. The vote will be taken by a secret paper ballot.

Annual Holiday Dinner & Dance Postponed

The annual Chapter 120 Holiday Dinner & Dance will not occur in December, and will be postponed until the Spring. An announcement for this Chapter event will be made at a later date.

Stand Down 2020 Donations

Chapter 120 donated \$500 to Stand Down. The State Council also donated \$500.

DVA Connecticut Board of Trustees Approve Resolutions

At the Department of Veterans Affairs State of Connecticut Board of Trustees Meeting on September 2, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to the DVA Board of Trustees Cemetery Subcommittee recommendations for two resolutions as follows:

- (1) That the DVA implement a spousal internment fee of \$350 for cremation burials and \$500 for full burials for CT State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, with the funds specifically dedicated to a budget line item for the perpetual care and maintenance of the DVA Cemeteries. The recommendation is based on the common practice of most state veteran cemeteries in the northeast region and that of Federal Veteran Cemeteries. Also, there is a clear need for additional funds and resources to maintaining the State Veteran Cemetery; and
- (2) Recommending that the General Assembly Veteran Affairs Committee introduce legislation to allocate the Federal Plot Allowance Fees directly to a line item in the DVA budget for perpetual care and maintenance of the CT State Veterans

Cemeteries. This allocation shall not reduce the cemetery budget, except for the DVA cemetery staff salaries that shall be reallocated to DVA salaries line item to the new cemetery operations line item.

Ed Note: The spousal internment fees may require approval from the State, and the legislature would need to be persuaded to introduce a bill to allow the fees to go directly to the Cemetery budget for repair and maintenance of the cemetery.

Connecticut is the only New England State that does not have a fee for spousal internment at this time. This is not a charge that Board of Trustees wanted to impose, but future repair and maintenance of the Cemetery is needed. No funds would go to salaries or benefits.

POW/MIA News



From Reuters

Removal of flag honoring veterans from White House sparks anger

A decision by the Trump administration earlier this year to move the flag honoring missing war veterans from a prominent position atop the White House to a less visible spot on the South Lawn has angered some veterans and lawmakers, who see it as disrespectful and potentially illegal.

The flag is dedicated to prisoners of war and service members who are missing in action. According to a White House video posted in June, it was relocated in a private ceremony with full military honors, months after President Donald Trump signed into law a bill requiring the flag to be flown at certain federal properties including the White House every day.

The revelations come amid growing questions over Trump's respect for the military, after a report last week by the Atlantic magazine alleging that Trump had called fallen American soldiers "losers" and "suckers" sparked outrage and controversy.

Trump denied the assertions, but has publicly disparaged the service of the late Senator John McCain, a war veteran, and was accused of criticizing his own generals in excerpts of a forthcoming book titled "Rage," by Bob Woodward.

"It's bad enough that President Trump publicly ridicules American heroes like Senator McCain and others who were captured on the battlefield. He inexplicably promotes the Confederate flag but fails to fly the POW/MIA flag," said Democratic Senator Jack Reed, a co-sponsor of the bill. "It's part of a pattern of disrespect by President Trump toward those who honorably served our nation."

Reed, and fellow Democratic Senators Elizabeth Warren and Margaret Hassan, who also co-sponsored the bill, sent a letter to

the White House on Thursday requesting that it reconsider the flag's relocation.

"This decision to abruptly move the POW/MIA Flag from atop the White House to an area that is apparently not visible to the public may violate federal law and does not appropriately honor the service and sacrifices of American prisoners of war, missing service members, and their families," the letter reads.

Hassan said that law was intended to pay tribute to the prisoners of war and those missing in action and called on the White House to reverse its decision.

The White House defended the change of venue but did not offer a reason for it.

"President Trump dedicated a POW/MIA memorial site earlier this year on the White House grounds to forever remember our heroic service members who were prisoners of war or missing in action," White House spokesman Judd Deere said. "The President selected a site on the Southwest corner of the South Lawn for this prominent and sacred memorial, which is visible to all those who visit the White House, that features the POW/MIA flag," he added.

U.S. law requires the flag to be displayed in a "manner designed to ensure visibility to the public." In its current position, it can be viewed from limited vantage points outside the White House complex.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War group, which represents 10,000 former POWs and their families, said it was outraged last month when it learned of the move, calling it a "slap in the face."

"While he touts his support for the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, actions speak louder than words. And this action speaks of disdain for Prisoners of War and the Missing in Action," the group said.

The bill, co-sponsored by Republicans including Senators Marco Rubio, Tom Cotton and John Thune, was signed by Trump in November and sought to give the flag a lasting place of prominence.

Over Memorial Day weekend this May, Trump touted his signing of the law to representatives of Rolling Thunder, a veterans' advocacy group.

"In the months since, that righteous flag has proudly flown over the White House; you probably noticed it today," Trump told them.

But its relocation prompted inquiries from veterans advocates, including Artie Muller, founder and executive director of Rolling Thunder, who said he "wasn't too happy" when he learned of the change.

"It was supposed to be over the White House," he said, adding that he did not see it as illegal or disrespectful, but hoped it would be restored to its prior location to increase visibility.

Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairman and chief executive officer of the National League of POW/MIA Families, said that "working-level White House staff members" had been made aware of the concern over the flag not being flown over the White House.

On The Hill



From MOAA

Additional Agent Orange Presumptives on the Line as Congress Returns from Recess

As lawmakers return for the final push of the 116th Congress, passage of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is high on MOAA's priority list. A key provision in the NDAA will positively impact tens of thousands of veterans exposed to Agent Orange, adding three scientifically linked medical conditions to the list of Agent Orange "presumptives" ... but only if it's included in the final legislation.

An amendment adding bladder cancer, Parkinson's-like symptoms, and hypothyroidism to this list of conditions passed 94-6 in the Senate. But the House has yet to consider this provision, and bicameral support is required for the passage to survive the conference process.

Support on the House side has more unknowns. A bipartisan companion amendment proposed by Reps. Josh Harder (D-Calif.) and Pete Stauber (R-Minn.) did not make it through the House Rules Committee due to the lack of a budgetary offset to pay for the provision. To be successful this time, it must overcome the \$10 billion price tag associated with passage and compete with other congressional fiscal pressures.

While MOAA and 30 other veterans' service organizations have voiced their support on this issue, constituents must keep this issue at the forefront of lawmakers' minds. Your voice is critical in securing benefits for veterans exposed to Agent Orange -- call and write your lawmaker now!

Receive "The Connection" by E-Mail

The monthly Chapter 120 newsletter, *The Connection*, is available by e-mail. Currently, 100 members receive the newsletter by e-mail, saving the Chapter over \$1,600 in printing and postal fees annually. The newsletter is available in Adobe format (.pdf), attached to your e-mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail the newsletter editor at ctchapter120@aol.com

Veterans Affairs News



From Stars & Stripes

More than 3,000 VA patients have now died from the coronavirus

The Department of Veterans Affairs hit a bleak milestone Friday when it reported the coronavirus has killed more than 3,000 of its patients.

The VA reported that 3,044 veterans and 53 employees had died of the virus as of Friday, Sep. 4. That comes less than 40 days since deaths surpassed 2,000 on July 28. The agency reported its first coronavirus-related death March 14.

In total, the VA has reported nearly 53,400 coronavirus cases since March, and 47,000 of those patients have recovered. The number of still-active cases includes 2,600 veterans and 164 VA employees, according to available public data.

Many of the active cases remain in southern states, after a surge of cases in the South earlier this summer. Among the 10 VA facilities grappling with the most active cases, two hospitals are in Florida, two in Texas and two in Georgia. The North Chicago VA reported the most active cases Friday, with 198.

The deaths reported by the VA don't account for all coronavirus deaths among veterans. For example, the department doesn't include patients of state-run veterans' homes.

Extracted from Military.com

Burn Pits Linked to Chronic Cough and Wheezing in Veterans, New Study Shows

A new report from a scientific advisory panel finds some evidence that chronic respiratory symptoms, such as coughing and wheezing, are linked to service in the 1990-91 Persian Gulf War and post-9/11 combat environments such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the research, published Friday Sep. 11 by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, found there was not enough evidence or data to conclude a link between combat deployments to the Middle East and Afghanistan and many serious pulmonary diseases -- a finding likely to

disappoint thousands of service members who believe their poor health was caused by open-air burn pits used by the U.S. military for waste disposal or by the dust or emissions inhaled while they served overseas.

The Department of Veterans Affairs asked the National Academies in 2018 to review existing scientific and medical research to determine whether such deployments contributed to the development of respiratory illnesses in U.S. service members.

An 11-member panel led by Dr. Mark Utell, professor of medicine and environmental medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center, could not definitively prove any association between deployment and more than 20 health conditions, including non-cancerous respiratory disorders such as sinusitis, sleep apnea, constrictive bronchiolitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as well as cancers of the lungs, esophagus, mouth and nasal passages.

Panel members said their conclusions did not mean there was no link, but simply that research or data does not exist to draw a connection.

The panel was able to determine that "limited or suggestive evidence" existed of an association between deployment for veterans who served in the first Gulf War and those who served in military operations after Sept. 11, 2001, and chronic cough, shortness of breath and wheezing.

The "limited or suggested evidence" characterization might make it easier for thousands of Gulf veterans with such symptoms to receive VA disability compensation, but the VA would have to accept the ruling and add the symptoms to a list of illnesses presumed to be connected to overseas service in the Persian Gulf and post-9/11.

The VA historically has listed conditions with the same designation for exposures such as Agent Orange but, since 2016, has not listed any new conditions recommended by the National Academies as having "limited or suggested evidence" as service-related.



More than 3.7 million service members have deployed to the areas studied since 1990, beginning with the Persian Gulf War. During these operations, troops were exposed to smoke from oil well fires; burn pits; operational airborne hazards such as exhaust and industrial emissions; and airborne dust

stirred up during combat and storms.

Service members in Iraq and Afghanistan reported that they were exposed to various hazardous materials as a result of what was burned in the pits, including garbage, plastics, batteries and other waste, and some have respiratory diseases, rare cancers

and neurological disorders their doctors attribute to environmental exposures.

According to the report, the panelists found that the research done to date on airborne exposures in the region since 1990 has not been adequate or the studies lacked the scientific rigor required to confirm association.

For example, they noted, many of the studies they reviewed assumed that deployed veterans all had the same exposure, which ignores the fact that service members were assigned across locations and time and did not have the same exposure.

They also found that studies failed to account for cigarette smoking, and the mortality research they examined often did not specify the cause of death, making it impossible to determine how many veterans have died from respiratory diseases.

The committee recommended specific studies be done on veterans who may have been exposed, using biomarkers to provide more information on exposure effects and susceptibility.

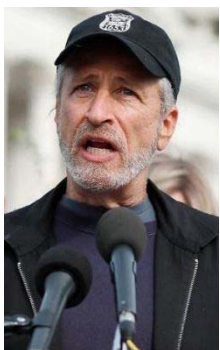
Advanced technology could be used to analyze satellite data taken during operations in the past 30 years, and the Defense Department could improve its understanding of battlefield pollutants by equipping service members with wearable devices to monitor exposures and health conditions, panel members noted.

And they also recommended that the VA conduct an analysis of mortality among this cohort of veterans -- something it hasn't done since 2011. The VA should continue identifying subpopulations to study and follow across time to fully understand the effects of exposures, the panel suggested.

A number of bills have been introduced in Congress this year to improve the lives of veterans whose health has been affected by exposure to airborne pollutants. On Tuesday Sep. 15, comedian Jon Stewart and activist John Feal joined Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.; Rep. Raul Ruiz, D-Calif.; and veterans to call attention to the issue and introduce new legislation.

From CNN

Jon Stewart says Congress is abandoning veterans who inhaled toxic burn pit fumes



Jon Stewart, the former host of "The Daily Show," is back in Washington, DC, pushing a bill to help sick veterans.

Stewart joined Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Democratic Rep. Raul Ruiz of California, former VA Secretary David Shulkin, and John Feal, a veterans advocate, at a news conference on Tuesday Sep. 15 to speak out in support of the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and

Other Toxins Act of 2020, a proposed bill that would support veterans who were exposed to harmful fumes that came from burn pits.

Burn pits were used to incinerate and burn all sorts of waste, hazardous material and chemical compounds at military sites throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Welcome to another exciting episode of 'When is America going to start acting like the great country we keep telling ourselves we are?'" a frustrated Stewart said at the news conference. "Our veterans lived 24 hours a day, seven days a week next to toxic smoke, dioxins -- everything. And now they're being told, 'Hey man, is that stuff bad for you? I don't know we don't have the science.' It's bulls***. It's bulls***. It's about money."

"And we're here today to say we're not going to let this happen in the dark," he said.

Stewart, who previously backed a bill to help first responders that became sick as a result of their work on 9/11 to pay for health care through 2092, drew parallels between those sickened by 9/11 and veterans who went to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, pointing to jet fuel as being the common ingredient that has led to illnesses for both veterans and first responders.

Stewart said that jet fuel was used as an accelerant for the burn pits and that the pits were as large as 10 acres and "burned 24/7."

"When it was done, we thought it was done," Stewart said. "But it turns out that the warfighters that were sent to prosecute the battle based on the attack on 9/11 now suffer the same injuries and illnesses that the first responders suffer from, and they're getting the same cold shoulder from Congress that they received. And so the fight starts again."

The country makes a milestone commitment to prioritize suicide prevention for Veterans and all Americans

The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS) Office and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced on Sep. 10 that 42 states (including Connecticut) and one U.S. territory signed the PREVENTS state proclamation pledging their prioritization of suicide prevention for Veterans and all citizens in their jurisdictions.

Each state pledging promises to promote and amplify the REACH public health campaign that encourages everyone to reach out to those who are vulnerable and to reach out when they themselves are in need of help.

As part of the implementation of the president's roadmap, the PREVENTS Office is meeting with state and community leaders in all 50 states and territories to ensure best practices for suicide prevention are identified and applied, efforts are

coordinated within the state and federal government and the public health messages are promoted before the initiative concludes in March 2022.

“With the commitment of our nation’s governors, this undertaking has moved beyond an idea to reality — as it is only viable when governors enlist the full authority and backing of their state to combat this crisis,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “September is National Suicide Prevention Month and through the outpouring of support echoed by governors issuing state proclamations, their efforts assist with meeting the requirements of the president’s White House Task Force for PREVENTS, which provides the nation with an essential, collaborative forum to address this national crisis through local and state-focused solutions to help us end Veteran suicide.

To engage all 50 states and five U.S. territories, the PREVENTS office developed a state proclamation for governors codifying their full commitment to preventing suicide in their states, with a special focus on Veterans and other high-risk populations, such as Native Americans, first responders, individuals age 10-34 for whom suicide is the second leading cause of death, people living in rural communities and LGBTQ individuals.

Additionally, the office is working with key community leaders — including Veterans Service Organizations, Military Service Organizations, business leaders, academic institutions and faith-based communities. To date, PREVENTS has held in-person visits in Arizona, California, Florida, Tennessee and Texas, and virtual visits in Indiana and Oklahoma.

“Collaborating with state and community leaders to advance the mission of suicide prevention for Veterans and all Americans is imperative,” said PREVENTS Executive Director Barbara Van Dahlen, Ph.D. “As we move forward to change the culture around mental health in general and suicide in particular, we will continue to elevate and amplify the great work our states are already doing as we leverage lessons learned and best practices to accelerate our efforts to heal families and save lives.”

PREVENTS was established by Executive Order 13861, March 5, 2019. The Roadmap, released by President Trump June 17, emphasizes the critical role of states and local communities in suicide prevention.

PREVENTS is charged with creating an all of government and all of nation approach to preventing suicide among the nation’s Veterans and all Americans through a national public health campaign, enhanced community integration, prioritized research activities and implementation strategies that emphasize improved overall health and well-being.



From the Service Rep's Desk

From VAnTage Point



Fighting flu together: Get an immunization!

Getting a flu vaccine this fall is more important than ever to protect yourself, your family, friends, and coworkers. We are facing a tough 2020 flu season as we prepare to battle the coronavirus at the same time.

Flu shots protect you against flu. By getting a flu shot, you will be less likely to spread flu to others. By keeping you healthy, our VA facilities won’t be overwhelmed with flu patients during the pandemic.

Flu and COVID-19

Flu and COVID-19 can lead to serious health complications resulting in hospitalization or death. The good news is both may be prevented by wearing a face covering, practicing physical distancing, washing your hands frequently and coughing into your elbow.

Everyone needs a flu shot

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months or older should get a yearly flu shot. Flu can be serious among young children, older adults and those with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of Americans are hospitalized with the flu. During the 2019-2020 flu season, more than 4,600 Veterans were hospitalized at VA medical centers. More than 600 of them required intensive care stays. VA providers also saw over 27,000 Veterans for flu and spoke to more than 13,000 during phone triage calls.

Flu season is near, so talk to your health provider about where to safely get a flu shot this fall.

Shots at retail pharmacies

If you are enrolled in VA health care, you can receive the seasonal flu vaccination at more than 60,000 locations through the Community Care Network in-network retail pharmacies and urgent care partners. VA will pay for standard-dose and high-dose flu shots. Even if you haven’t had a flu shot lately, make this the year that you do!

On Sept. 1, enrolled Veterans can visit <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/flushot.asp> to find locations to get a no-cost flu shot.

Help us help you: we are fighting flu and COVID-19 together.

Note: You can also receive free flu shots at retail pharmacies if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B.

Military Aviation Humor

Some maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews...

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."
Solution: "Almost replaced left inside main tire."

Problem: "Test flight OK, except autoland very rough."
Solution: "Autoland not installed on this aircraft."

Problem #1: "#2 Propeller seeping prop fluid."
Solution #1: "#2 Propeller seepage normal."
Problem #2: "#1, #3, and #4 propellers lack normal seepage."

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."
Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear."
Solution: "Evidence removed..."

Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud."
Solution: "Volume set to more believable level."

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield."
Solution: "Live bugs on order."

Problem: "Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent."
Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground."

Problem: "IFF inoperative."
Solution: "IFF inoperative in OFF mode."

Problem: "Friction locks causes throttle levers to stick."
Solution: "That's what they're there for."

Problem: "Number three engine missing."
Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search."

Ed. Note: As a former Army fixed-wing crew chief, some of these problems and solutions are not that far off.



Newsletter articles/ stories/photos

Any articles, stories and/or photos submitted for the newsletter must be received by the "cut off" date for any given month. Photos must be accompanied by text which describes the event, names, dates and any other pertinent facts so our readers understand the story behind the photo(s). The newsletter editor will announce the "cut off" dates at each Chapter meeting. The "cut off" date for our November 2020 newsletter is 23 October 2020. Due to space availability, the editor reserves the right to include or not include photos for a given month.

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