



Viewpoint & Opinion

"If you expect to be ignorant and free, you expect something that never was and never will be." — Thomas Jefferson

Letters to the Editor

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Lest We Forget, Memorial Day, 2008

World War II. A February night. It is shortly after 1 a.m. The USS Dorchester with 900 men aboard makes it way through stormy waters off the coast of Greenland. Unknown to those aboard this February night, a torpedo is also making it's way through the same turbulent seas. Striking near the engine room it tears a gaping hole in the side of the ship, knocking out all communication and plunging the ship into darkness. Terrified sailors make their way through the darkened passageways of the ship. Many have lost their life jackets. Among the sailors are four chaplains, helping with the wounded, calming the panic stricken and assisting in the loading of as many as possible into overcrowded life rafts. The chaplains, determined to stay to the end, have given way their own life jackets to others who find themselves without. When last seen these four men stand on the slanting deck, their arms linked and uniting their voices in prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done..."

To my knowledge, hearing my father tell me as a young boy of six of their bravery was my first introduction to something of that spirit that has made of our country the greatness which we have experienced.

Many more are the examples of such heroism on the part of the men and women of our Armed Forces, from the beaches of Normandy, the shores of Guadalcanal, Corregidor, and Iwo Jima, from the rice paddies, the jungles and the swamps, from Korea, Nam, more recently Iraq and Afghanistan, and from a host of other names and places, often unpronounceable and sadly too often forgotten amidst the mists of history.

We recall this weekend the signers of our Declaration of Independence affixing to the same their allegiance, not just with their signatures put to paper, but at the even greater cost of their fortunes and their very lives. Five of the original 56 signers are captured by the British and put to death as traitors. Twelve have their homes destroyed. Nine died from wounds and as a result of hardships suffered in a devastating Revolutionary War. Hear George Washington, when threatened with defeat, pray: "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection...Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

This weekend I thank my God that I am privileged to live in a country where we still enjoy freedoms such as which others can only dream. Let us take care that we do not lose them. Too many already have paid too great a price to preserve them.

It was Christ who stated that the greatest love one can have is to give one's life for another. With these words he spoke of the price he was willing to pay that we might have life, full, free, abundant and eternal through his sacrificial death on the cross. These words as well apply to those men and women of the Armed Forces whom we honor today.

Stop for a moment. Pause. Think. And say a prayer.
 Lest we forget.

Richard Paustian
 Gold Canyon

Football Says Thanks

On behalf of the Prospector football program I would like to thank all those who made our 8th Annual Golf Tournament a great success! A big thanks to Queen Valley golf course for once again being an excellent host and helping us to provide the best possible experience for our teams, to the many businesses and individuals who sponsored holes or provided prizes (see below) and to the 68 golfers THANK YOU!! We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you this fall at Davis field!

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Rich Milligan
 Head Football Coach

Sheriff's Plagiarism

"plagiarism | the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work" (Webster's unabridged Dictionary)

Even though the intentions of Sheriff Vasquez were not meant for monetary gain the act of passing off writings as his own were clearly for publicity gain. Why not just credit the original author

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¿Que Pasa?

Three P.M.

Polls show that only 28 percent of Americans know the meaning of Memorial Day.

Well, it's the nature of Americans to celebrate rather than mourn. And it takes nothing away from those who have fallen in our country's service to say that one of the freedoms they died for is our right, on the day that honors them, to pack up our families and go where we want.

But a public moment of remembrance is being called for at 3 p.m. local time on Monday, May 26, 2008.

Memorial Day asks only one thing of us: Remember. It's little enough to ask.

The following is a listing of America's war dead for every major war and conflict since 1775:



Ed Barker News Editor

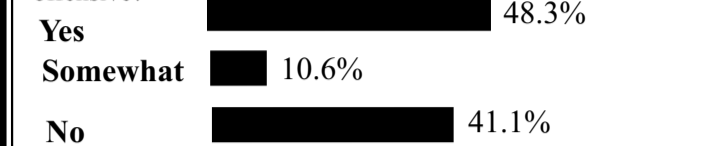
- Revolutionary War (1775-1783) Killed: 4,435
- War of 1812 (1812-1815) Killed: 2,260
- Mexican War (1846-1848) Killed: 13,283
- Civil War (1861-1865) Killed: 446,452
- Spanish War (1898) Killed: 2,456
- Philippine War (1899-1901)

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Last Week's Results: Question: Pinal County Sheriff Chris Vasquez has been accused of plagiarism in his monthly columns (Sheriff's corner) by using facts, sentences and phrases from other writers he has taken from the internet. Do you find this offensive?



This Week's Question: The current Apache Junction City Council has been in office for one year. How would you grade their job performance thus far?

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- Killed: 3,216
- World War I (1917-1918) Killed: 116,708
- World War II (1941-1945) Killed: 407,316
- Korean War (1950-1953) Killed: 54,246
- Vietnam War (1964-1975) Killed: 58,168
- Gulf War (1991) Killed: 293
- Afghanistan (2001- Present) Killed: 487
- Iraq War (2003- Present) Killed: 4,014
- America's total war dead: 1,194,198

Please stop what you're doing at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day and take a moment just to reflect on the more than 1 million men and women who have given their lives for America.

Kollenborn's Chronicles

Secrets of the Missing

By Tom Kollenborn
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The past five or six decades have produced a variety of missing person reports within the contemporary boundaries of the Superstition Wilderness Area. Many of these missing person reports have been resolved when the missing person shows up at home or in another state claiming he didn't think anyone would miss him.

A vast majority of these missing person reports are resolved by telephone calls between relatives of the missing person. However, there are those reports that defy explanation and no clues have ever been found. Many involved strange incidents involving prospectors and treasure hunters.

Some of these missing person cases are actually very bizarre. For example Adolph Ruth was reported missing in early June of 1931. The mountains were searched for almost eight weeks in the hottest part of the summer. Yet, no sign of Ruth was discovered. Some six months later, on December 10, 1931, Ruth's skull was found near the First Water-Charlebois Trail just north of Bluff Springs Mountain and south of the Red Hills. The rest of his skeletal remains were found January 6, 1931. Ruth's death was responsible for much speculation ranging from suicide to accidental death and homicide. His death still confuses many and its cause is still speculated.

Ruth's disappearance was followed by Charley Williams, a World War I veteran, who went into the Superstition Mountains searching for gold. On January 5, 1935, Williams was reported missing. On January 8, 1935 Williams stumbled out of the mountains with a pocket full of gold nuggets telling a weird tale about being injured and not remembering anything. Eventually Williams' gold was confiscated by the United States Government because it was dental gold, not natural gold. Williams was never charged for illegal possession of gold, but again, there was a tremendous amount of speculation



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about his disappearance.

How many people are still missing in the Superstition Wilderness? I am not sure if any are "officially" missing. A young man named Adam Scott was reported missing on June 7, 1982. A sheriff's posse searched for almost a week before the search was called off when the young man was reported seen near Roosevelt Lake.

Scott remained missing until March 25, 1996 when his skeletal remains were accidentally discovered by a local resident on an exploration flight over the wilderness area. Scott was first reported missing in 1982 in the Horse Mesa Dam area.

Robert Schoose and Barry Wiegler were making an exploration flight in a Bell Ranger when Schoose spotted bones on a talus slope. For some reason Schoose was convinced the bones could be human bones. A few days later he asked me about missing people in the Superstition Wilderness Area. The only person I could think of at the time was Adam Scott. He had been reported overdue on a hiking venture in to the area around Fish Creek Mountain and Bronco Butte in June of 1982.

The bleached bones Schoose spotted on the talus slope below a small cave turned out to be the skeletal remains of Adam Scott. Finally there was closure for Scott's family. Adam had been missing for more than fourteen

years. When does a missing person in the Superstition Wilderness become a cold case? Is it after six months, twelve months or several years?

I met an old man many years ago who swore his son was missing in the Superstition Wilderness Area. He believed his son was being held prisoner because he knew the location of the Dutchman's lost mine. I know he harassed the Pinal County Sheriff's Office about his son off and on for about a year. He was totally convinced his son was somewhere in the Superstition Wilderness and he wanted somebody to help him search for the boy. After talking to the gentleman I was doubtful he even had a living son. I think he wanted to believe his son was alive and searching for him eased the pain of his son's actual death. The loss of a loved one sometimes confuses reality. He was so convincing about his son I almost went to the mountains to help look.

Here is a case of a missing person that is very difficult to determine.

Christmas 1987 I remember a man reporting his son missing near First Water. He claimed they were deer hunting and his son just vanished. The Sheriff's Office started a search two days before Christmas and continued the search through Christmas. I volunteered to help because



Tom Kollenborn

I knew the area quite well. My father and I had camped in the region quite often back in the late 1940's.

I knew where many of the old abandon mine holes and tunnels were located in the area. Many of the old tunnels were camouflaged for various reasons.

As it turned out the young man was mad at his father and wanted to teach him a lesson. He hid in an abandoned tunnel for almost five days. He was eventually found hiding in a small mine tunnel. He was wet cold and tired. He felt he had taught his father a lesson when interviewed. He also cost the Sheriff's Office a lot of money and aggravated a lot of men who had to be away from home on Christmas searching for the young man.

A very similar case occurred during on July 25, 1998 when Guy Garlinghouse was reported missing in the Superstition Wilderness Area near Peralta Trailhead. Temperatures were soaring to 114 degrees F that week. Apache Junction Search & Rescue, Pinal County Sheriff's Posse and many volunteers combed the rugged hot desert around Peralta Trailhead searching for Mr. Garlinghouse.

On the sixth day Garlinghouse walked into the sheriff's rescue center at Peralta Trailhead. He was a little sunburned but otherwise in good shape. How did he survive in the desert for six days without adequate water in such extreme temperatures unless he planned on being "lost". Again, this young man was aggravated with his parents and decided to worry them a little. I never did hear how this case was finally adjudicated.

Missing people in the Superstition Wilderness create some interesting and sometimes very

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