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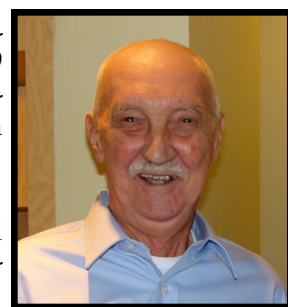
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OUR FINAL GOOD-BYE TO WILBUR HENRY HOOVER

December 23, 1934 – August 22, 2009

Wilbur Hoover was born December 23, 1934 in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and passed away August 22, 2009 at North Broward Hospital in Deerfield Beach; he is survived by his son, Anthony Hoover. Little was really known about Wilbur's personal life.



Wilbur joined the United States Marine Corp in 1954 and served his country until May 1, 1957 and at some point re-joined the U.S. Marine Corp until August 18, 1959.

Wilbur joined the Deerfield Beach Citizen Observer Patrol May 11, 2007 and held the rank of Captain. He enjoyed patrolling with Wesley Blakely and Ginger Alarvez throughout unit two's area and working our many assigned events. When Wilbur was not patrolling in a COP unit he would keep an eye out in his community of Country Knolls Mobile Home Park buzzing around on his golf cart.

Those of us who knew him Wilbur found him quiet, sincere and a dedicated person. he was gentle and kind to all who came into contact with him. I personally will miss Wilbur's sense of humor and sweet smile as anyone who knew this shy kind of guy.

On Tuesday, October 27, 2009 a group of COP members joined together and drove up to South Florida Veterans National Memorial Cemetery located at 6501 State Road 7, Lake Worth, Florida. Our Citizens Observer Patrol members paid tribute to honor Wilbur with a small Military Ceremony. Abner Cleveaux, pastor, provided a wonderful heart felt message during the ceremony. Taps and Amazing Grace were played and Wilbur's flag was presented to Deputy Catharine Kinstler, who will present it to Marilyn Playdon, the lady in Wilbur's life he so dearly loved. Wilbur was laid to rest in section 39C plot 304.

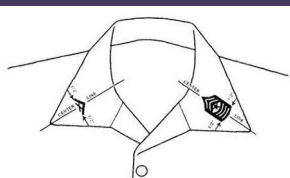
Good-Bye our COP Brother, you will not be forgotten but you truly will be missed, especially by those who really knew you

You served your country as a United States Marine Corp Sergeant and you served your community as a Citizen Observer Patrol Captain.

Thank you for all your dedication, hard work and caring throughout your life.

Deputy Catharine Kinstler

How to
properly
align
You rank



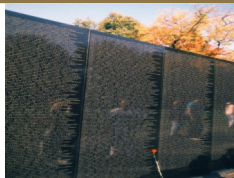
Metal insignia of grade shall be worn on each side of the collar, placed vertically with the single point up and the center of the insignia on a line bisecting the angle of the point of the collar. The lower edge (outside) being equally placed 1/2 " from either side of the collar.

How Much Do
you know
about
Thanksgiving?

Play the trivia
Game

Thanksgiving
Trivia:

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VETERANS DAY

Nov. 11, 2009

“Life is like an onion:

You peel it off one layer at a time, and some-times you weep.”



THANKSGIVING

Nov. 26, 2009

ZACHY'S MY HERO: A Kittens Story

Hi my name is Mid-Night and I am a 9 month old stray black cat that lives in Cathy, Stephanie and Tosca's neighborhood. Now, Cathy feeds me twice a day. I know she's hoping that will keep me from eating other things like lizards to survive. At night I make my bed in Tosca's comfortable Jeep where I am safe from harm.

When Baxter slips out of the house he plays with me by chasing me through the homes where we all live with Stephanie running behind. That's one way to keep everyone in shape. Now, Zachy on the other hand, is a laid back kind of guy and just gives me a nice smile doggie style as he passes me by.

One night it was getting very cold so Cathy took me in and put me in her office. I had my own litter box and extra food. I really liked having my own room nice and warm. When the cold front passed Cathy put me back outside to play. I on the other hand had other plans so I snuck back into the house when the door was open and ran back into my little room.

Cathy never saw me and I thought I was real smart until I jumped on top of her eight foot bookcase that was caddie cornered and fell behind it. Oops. I could hear Cathy calling me for two days. I just knew she was concerned about my whereabouts and my safety. I meowed but it was too soft. I could hear Cathy looking and stating, "I could swear I hear Mid-Night in this office", while-

searching in the closet.

Two days had pasted, Cathy was in her office working on her computer when Stephanie came over with



Baxter and Zachy. After Zachy got his cookie, like he always does, he went sniffing around the bookcase where I was and would not leave the bookcase alone. Cathy asked Zachy, "What is it Zach"? She started to look to find out what he was so insistent about so she tilted the bookcase ever so forward and spotted me sitting there hungry and scared. Cathy called Stephanie to help her move the book case forward enough to get me out. She hugged me, feed me and gave me water but the best thing that happened was when my hero Zachy placed his warm wet nose up against mine. Zachy had to check me out for himself to make sure I was okay. **Zachy is my hero and I love him for it.** Who says cats and dogs can't be friends? Zachy, Baxter and I are the best of friends. Oh, and thanks Tosca for the warm comfy spot each night in your Jeep. Life is great once again in my neighborhood.

Your mischievous kitten,
Mid-night

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Abner Clerveaux	11/23	Toni Ponto	11/26
Joseph Cutroni	11/09	Clelia Riccardi	11/26
Richard Kennedy	11/01	John Sattler	11/28
Saverio Mazzo	11/10	Brad Turnquist	11/09
Ted Baker	11/27	Michael Werth	11/13
Ginger Alvarez	11/19	James Wilson	11/03
Morton Bien	11/02	Judy Lukas	11/05
Renee Hedges	11/21	James McLear	11/29
Clair Thomas	11/09	Sharon McLear	11/12
		Helen Morris	11/29

NEVER PLAY CHICKEN WITH A TRAIN

I am amazed at how often cars race trains to a crossing, in order to just barely cross in front of it. This seems to be a right of passage for young drivers in rural areas as they learn to drive. I have even seen this depicted in Hollywood films, as those "wild and crazy teenagers" are out having fun on Friday night. After a train runs over a vehicle at a crossing, folks often wonder why the car cut in front of the train, when the train was obviously so close and moving so fast. Kids aren't the only ones who do it; impatience on the part of hurried drivers results in hundreds of railroad crossing deaths each year.

As a train approaches you, an optical illusion is created that masks the speed of the train -- making it appear to be traveling slower than it really is. The illusion is a result of the train's size



and the narrowing aspect of the tracks and train as they recede in the distance. Imagine the horror of a driver in a vehicle as they cut in front of a train and suddenly realize they have no time to get out of its way. The forces of a train/car collision are very close to the same thing as a car running over and crushing an aluminum can!

Respect the train for what it is -- an irresistible force and

remember that your car is not an immovable object! A train is like an ocean liner -- it may take it more than a mile to stop.

Never play chicken with a train by trying to beat it to a grade crossing. Do not drive around lowered gates if the signals indicate a train is coming. Remember to wait after a train passes, until you can clearly see in both directions. Many are killed when they proceed after a train clears a crossing, and a speeding train on a second set of tracks smacks them from the other direction.

If your vehicle gets stuck on the tracks, do not hang around trying to start it, or push it off, if a train is approaching. Get away! If you have to leave your vehicle behind and you know it is going to be hit, remember to run toward the approaching train, not away from it; the debris from a collision will be thrown ahead of the train and it can overtake and kill you.



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Thanksgiving Trivia Questions

1. A spooked turkey can run...

- A. 50 miles an hour
- B. 5 miles an hour
- C. 20 miles an hour
- D. 60 miles an hour

2. What utensils did the pilgrims eat with at the first thanksgiving?

- A. They were proper Englishmen. They had all the basic utensils.
- B. Their hands
- C. A spoon and knife
- D. A fork
- E. B and C
- F. C and D

3. According to popular legend, where did the male "tom" turkey get its name?

- A. The popular Tom and Jerry Show.
- B. Benjamin Franklin named it after Thomas Jefferson when he would not allow it to be the national bird.
- C. A tom cat. Wild turkeys were just like wild cats back then. They would roam around and get into fights all the time.

4. What foods were served at the first thanksgiving?

- A. Deer
- B. Codfish
- C. Bread
- D. Milk
- E. Boiled pumpkin
- F. Pastries
- G. A, B, and E
- H. A, C, D, and F

5. What Indian tribe was invited to spend thanksgiving with the pilgrims?

- A. Sioux
- B. Wampanoag
- C. Red Sox
- D. Comanche

6. How many degrees can a turkey see with its eyes?

- A. 360 degrees
- B. 100 degrees
- C. 270 degrees
- D. 90 degrees

7. What is a baby turkey called?

- A. A chick
- B. A squab
- C. A poult
- D. A goblet

Answers:

1. C, 20 miles an hour, 2. E, B and C- Their hands, a spoon and a knife. (They did not have forks available for the dinner.), 3. B, Benjamin Franklin named it after Thomas Jefferson when he would not allow it to be the national bird., 4. G, A, B, and E. - Deer, Codfish and boiled pumpkin. (The pilgrims had no ovens to bake bread and no sugar or milk when thanksgiving came around. Their food supply that they came with was very low.), 5. B, Wampanoag, 6. C, 270 [degrees](#). (It gives a whole new meaning to having eyes behind the head. No wonder they are so hard to catch!), 7. C, A poult.,