



OFFICERS (elected)

President:

Cindy Donovan

1ST VP (Activities):

Sylvia Marshall

2ND VP (Food):

Bev Dunnington

3rd Vice President

(Wagon Master):

Position Open

Secretary:

Connie Baynum

Treasurer:

Chuck Marshall

National Director:

Bob Tucker

CONTRIBUTORS

(Appointed)

Newsletter:

Lois Tucker

Membership/Roster:

Kay Dudding

Photographer

Position Open

Chaplain:

Kay Dudding



PRESIDENT

Hello

Although I left Cummins Ferry on Friday, I believe everyone enjoyed the lovely campground and a few bourbon tastings. I wish we would have had more campers to fulfill our discount commitment. Tentative arrangements are in the works to return to Cummins Ferry next year and with more advanced planning we should be able to do more tastings, maybe a winery and the dinner train.

FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo is coming up August 23-26, 2023, in Gillette, Wyoming. Due to unforeseen circumstances Bob Tucker, our National Director, will not be able to attend. Since Fuzzy (Mike) Overbeck will be attending, I would like to appoint Fuzzy to fill in for this meeting. Please let me know if you have any objection.

ATTENTION: Unfortunately, Bev Dunnington is no longer able to continue as Vice President of Food. We need volunteers for the months of June, August, September, October, and November. It requires:

- seeking a volunteer to provide/prepare the main course (cost reimbursed) for Friday and Saturday nights,
- posting information on the Tri-State website and Facebook regarding the food for Friday and Saturday, and
- locating and suggesting some eateries for Wednesday and Thursday night.

Please contact me if you are willing to fill the vacant position or volunteer for one or more months.

HELP, Tri-State needs individuals to volunteer to host rallies in 2024, we have the months of June, July, and August open. Pick your favorite campground, contact them **now** as they started booking January 1st of this year, and reserve 20 +/- campsites for Wednesday through Saturday night in your month. Please contact me with any questions and let me know when you are successful with the location, rates, dates, etc.



1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

Please note: The roads to Vevay, IN and Madison, IN have been closed for construction with no traffic allowed. They should be okay by then but consult someone before using that road.

Two Rivers Campground
July 12-16
Carrollton, Kentucky

Area of interest in and around the campground. Carrollton, Kentucky.

Point Park

Butler Turpin State Historic House

- built in 1859, a Greek Revival House
- contains objects from the Butler family
- home of major Thomas Langford Butler, known for sounding the first call at the Battle of New Orleans, an aide to Andrew Jackson during the War of 1812

General Butler State Resort Park

Two other interesting towns to visit from the campground.

Madison, Indiana

Going Northwest @ 30 Miles

Brief History

- Founded in 1809
- bursting commerce city on the Ohio River
- had an active steamboat port
- Indiana's first railroad home
- Due to Madison's great location on the river, it was linked to the Underground Railroad

Interesting places:

Clifty Falls State Park

- hiking trails from easy to rugged

-lots of waterfalls and a fossil bed (collecting fossils is only permitted at collecting locations, otherwise it is prohibited)

LanierState Historic Site

- home of frontier banker James Lanier
- 1844 Greek Revival home

Lanthier Winery and Distillery

- Madison's oldest winery

The Historic District/Historic Center

- area with many homes listed on the National Historic Registry

Lumber Mill Antique Mall

Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum

- America's only restored 19th century saddle tree factory
- tours, demonstrations, and exhibits (made saddle frames, clothespins, etc.)

Judge Jeremiah Sullivan House

- built in 1818, is considered Madison's first mansion
- Federal style structure

Vevay, Indiana

Going Northeast @ 30 miles

Brief History

- The first Swiss settlers arrived in 1802
- They came to cultivate grapes
- Vevay has the reputation of being the first commercial winery in the US
- Named after a town in Switzerland
- Annual Swiss Wine Festival is held on the last weekend in August

Switzerland County Historical Society

- two museums housing history of the area

Giant Rubber Duckie



2nd Vice President (Food)

I am sorry to say but Bev was in the hospital for a few days. She believes the stress at home and being the 2nd Vice President of Food is too much for her at this time. Hence, she is not able to continue with the position of the 2nd Vice President of Food for the TST Club.

So, please think about volunteering for this position. It really doesn't take much time.

1. Ask for volunteers to prepare a main dish for Friday and Saturday nights. They will be reimbursed.
2. Ask for volunteers to prepare a side dish or a dessert for Friday and Saturday nights.
3. If someone wants to make a special meal on these days, work with the 2nd VP usually, to spread the word and remind people to bring a side dish or a dessert. Hope to see you at the next rally Bev. Take care and stay healthy.

937-672-6549 or email me at bevdunnington@outlook.com.





3rd Vice President (Wagon Master): Position Open

Important Notice:

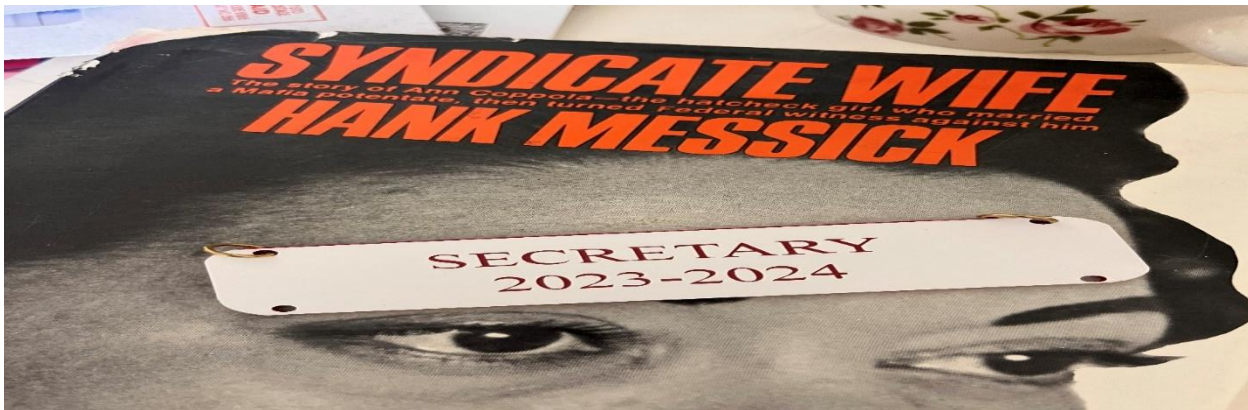
At present, we are still without a "Rally Master." Judy and I are overseeing the "Rally Master's" responsibilities and I am trying to stay ahead of things. PLEASE, you must verbally tell me if you need to cancel a registration. The cancellation must be verbally made to me before our money is due to the Campground. Thanks for your cooperation. Michael (Fuzzy) Overbeck, 513-200-4349



**If You Want to Feel Rich,
Just Count All the Things
You Have That Money Can't Buy.**



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Yes, I, Constance Baynum, more often referred to as Miss Connie or sometimes with an unkind explicit, I am your Tri-State Travelers secretary. However, notice although elected unopposed for a two-year term, my badge of honor is only 2023 to 2024. A premonition? Who knows? Although no one has officially informed me. Hmmm, maybe that means 2023 & 2024?

Since the election, I have found the more I know, the less I must do. I also realized as this newsletter deadline approached, that most of us only vaguely know one another. I have nothing administratively important to report and thus decided to introduce my intellectual satirical self, which was developed through a lifetime of being around a mixture of either chauvinistic men or highly intelligent men, neither of which I agree with often.

It is to be hereby noted by this Secretary that FMCA only requires one meeting annually and only one official report sent to headquarters. Although a formal meeting was not planned for our April rally, there was a gathering with a quorum and discussions. A valuable eager member Candice Rice, certified Ky teacher like me, took notes in my absence. These and all future Minutes of TST meetings can be found on our website after I forward to Mark Griffith! OH, procrastination!

Who is MARK GRIFFITH? You may ask because sometimes our paths only cross twice a year, even though TST offers nine rallies a year. Mark is the first of three significant Travelers who volunteer indiscreetly. Mark is our Webmaster. He and wife Linda's rally of choice seems to be Natural Springs. This is 'the man' who deserves credit for maintaining and updating our website that

was created by FMCA IT folks. Much to my own surprise, Mark also keeps the roster updated that Judy Overbeck created. Mark has a handy-dandy group list of our emails and can inform us collectively per command of ex-President Fuzzy or new President Cindy with a quick email blast. (Were I not being sarcastic, 'per request' may have been a better semantic chosen.) MARK has NO badge.

Recently, in an email blast, you received TST's new roster, but only after consultation with our TST Membership person, KAY DUNNING, better known as TST Chaplain or Fred's wife. When you saw our 2023 roster, were you surprised at the number of members? How many do you know? Again, no worries, because we offer nine rallies annually with no official Wagon master, and the average member attends one rally. Or did I say, two? Regardless, Kay and husband Fred's long-term attendance is above average, and you can meet them at most rallies. (Thank God because we need Chaplain Kay's prayers.) Kay's membership role began in 2023 with a booth at FMCA's national rally in Perryville, Georgia. She worked the table while I smiled and gave out candy. (Were I not being sarcastic, I would mention since I must depend on Kay in December to send in our annual FMCA updated roster report, I thank God that Kay is such a sweet woman.) KAY has NO badge.

Speaking of TST women... LOIS TUCKER is invincible. If you do not know her, you should. She is Editor and humorous contributor for our TST newsletter. Unfortunately, and I admit abashedly that my first year as a TST member, I never read the newsletter in entirety. Now, as a contributor, I anticipate receiving it. Why? Because personally I find out more from Lois than anyone else. Monthly, she edits and compiles Ten to Fifteen pages of jargon that she literally begs to receive from board members. (Were I not being sarcastic, I may mention that I am surprised she does such a good job in this realm because Lois is not a gossip.) I think Lois has a badge.

Well, and there you have it, comrades. Many FMCA chapters rely on all communication through their secretary. I was told when I volunteered that Secretary is an easy task with Tri-State. They were right. I only send minutes, update the roster, and officer list once a year.

That's all folks. And I HAVE A BADGE!

So, the moral of the story, as Jerry Springer (whose syndicated behavior put my stepmother in jail) would comment: Attend whenever or how many rallies you can, but when you do, PLEASE GO & HAVE A Good Time TOGETHER !!! because there are many (with and without badges) working to keep Tri-State Traveliers a reputable FMCA Chapter.

~Constance

Connie Baynum, Secretary Connie.jones.baynum@gmail.com 859-801-8489



secure your spot. If you need a little extra help getting around, we've added even more activity carts to take you to and from the entertainment, dining, and vendor areas. Plus, with a honey wagon service and two dump stations on site, you'll have all the facilities you need for a great stay.

This year, we've added the "Food Service" volunteer position. Whether you'd like to help out at coffee and donuts, the ice cream socials, or can't resist helping with a good catered meal, our team leader will work with you to find the perfect fit.

Once again we're fortunate this year to sponsor our free "anytime lunch" provided by up to five different food truck vendors that will be available on site. With options ranging from BBQ sandwiches, homemade ice cream, smoked meat, nachos, street tacos to breakfast burritos, you're sure to find something to satisfy your hunger. We will also be providing a volunteer dinner on Friday and everyone is invited to breakfast on Saturday.

For a little extra adventure, take a luxury bus tour on Thursday, June 8th, for a trip to the National Museum of the Air Force, just an hour away, right outside of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. With luxury bus transportation included for just \$25 per person, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. And if you're feeling up for more exploring, check out the Darst Museum in Greenville (home of Annie Oakley), the Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta, or even a kayaking or canoeing trip through the local waterways! Please contact Linda Murphy at murphyplilot@localnet.com if you are interested in additional details.



Messenger

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While you're on site at the Fairgrounds, we will have numerous vendors to provide selections of RV related products and various other items. When you're not shopping, maybe you'll want to engage your creative side. Our craft coordinator will be offering two different craft activities daily. Maybe games or light sports are what you're looking for? Our activities committee has developed several games such as horse shoes and euchre to name a few. And when the day is done, kick back and relax with some nightly musical entertainment from [Thunder Bay](#) on Wednesday, [Shannon Clark and the Sugar](#) on Friday, and [Quentin Flagg](#) on Saturday. Oh, and let's not forget Card Bingo,

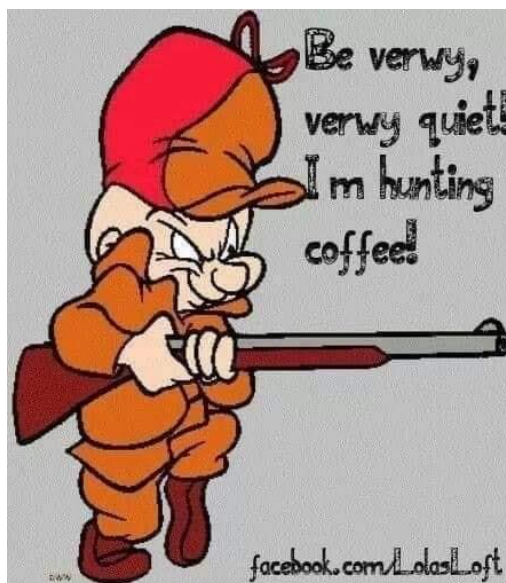
hosted by our very own distinguished member Dane Bailey, on Thursday.

So, what are you waiting for? If you haven't already, sign up for GLAMARAMA 2023 today and get ready for a fun-filled June where you'll be **Wright on Target in Ohio!**

REGISTER ONLINE
VIEW REGISTRATION FORM



Sincerely,
The GLAMA Team
Led by Ken Lewis, President
Great Lakes Area
klewis@fmca.com
760-310-9445





TRI-STATE TRAVELERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last name	Pilot First Name	Co-Pilot First Name
Address	City	State Zip code
Area Code & Phone #	FMCA Number	Coach / Length
Anniversary	Pilot Birthday	Co-Pilot Birthday
Pilot email	Co-Pilot email	Recommended by

Winter Address

Return this application with yearly membership dues of \$15 plus \$25

Initiation fee payable to Tri-State Travelers to:

Chuck Marshall, TST Treasurer

469 Bending Branch Lane

Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

For Chapter Use:

Date: Ck #

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM
RIVER FRONT RV PARK
REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 30TH
JUNE 21 - 24 , 2023

Members Name _____ Co-Pilot _____
 FMCA# _____ Phone# _____
 Coach/Towable Make _____ Length _____ 50amp _____ 30amp _____
 Slide Out? Yes ___ No ___ How Many? _____ Towing a Car? Yes ___ No ___
 Arrival Day (AM or PM) _____

This is a brand new campground on the river.

Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat (Discount for 4 days)	\$60.00 X 4	\$240.00
Thu, Fri and Sat.	\$60.00 X 3	\$180.00
Fri and Sat	\$60.00 X 2	\$120.00
Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00)	Count: _____	\$ _____
	Total:	\$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to : Tri-State Traveliers

Please Mail Check and Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall

469 Bending Branch Lane

Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

1020 Front Street New Richmond, Ohio 45157 – Location address



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM
2 RIVERS CAMPGROUND
REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 12th
JULY 12th – 15th, 2023

Members Name _____ Co-Pilot _____
 FMCA# _____ Phone# _____
 Coach/Towable Make _____ Length ___ 50amp ___ 30amp ___
 Slide Out? Yes ___ No ___ How Many? ___ Towing a Car? Yes ___ No ___
 Arrive: AM _____ PM _____

Please circle the day you will arrive and add your total payment below.

Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat Back in site \$45.00 per night \$ _____
 Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat Pull Through site \$45.00 per night \$ _____
 Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00) Count: _____ \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to : Tri-State Travelers

Please Mail Check and Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall
 469 Bending Branch Lane
 Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

320 2nd St. Carrollton, KY 41008 – Location address



RALLY REGISTRATION FORM
WHISPERING HILLS RV PARK
REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 1st
AUGUST 2ND – 5TH, 2023

Members Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

FMCA# _____ Phone# _____

Coach/Towable Make _____ Length ___ 50amp ___ 30amp ___

Slide Out? Yes ___ No ___ How Many? ___ Towing a Car? Yes ___ No ___

Please check the box if you would like to tour the Toyota Plant

There are only 8 pull through sites available. First come first serve. 10
 back in sites are for 30ft and under. Please indicate length, don't delay!

Please circle the day you will arrive and your total payment below.

Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat Back in site \$48.55 \$ _____

Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat Pull Through site \$53.50 \$ _____

Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00) Count: _____ \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to : Tri-State Travelers

Please Mail Check and Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall
 469 Bending Branch Lane
 Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

257 Rogers Gap Rd. Georgetown, KY 40324 – Location address



TREASURER'S CORNER

Last month we had income of \$2325.40 from rally registrations, \$66.00 for split the pot and \$40.00 from a new membership.

We had expenses of \$4061.34 for the Cummins Ferry rally campground fee, \$93.04 for food and \$109.96 for name tags. We did not have the 20 RVs to meet the discount requirement of Cummins Ferry, which ended up costing the club \$283.34.

In the future, the club will need to consider requiring prepayment of the full amount by attendees and issuing refunds if a negotiated discount number of coaches is achieved.

Chuck Marshall, Treasurer Cjmjr45@aol.com 937-321-1695

I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends". Well here is the low down on the whole thing. When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper'em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will! Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



Tri-State Travelers 2023 Rally/Event

Schedule

<u>Jan - Feb</u>	<u>Winter Dinner</u>		<u>TST</u>
<u>Jan 18 - 23</u>	<u>RV Super Show</u> <u>Tampa, FL</u>	Register on FMCA	
<u>Mar 15 - 18</u>	<u>FMCA's 106th Int'l Convention</u> <u>Perry, GA</u>	Register on FMCA	<u>FMCA</u>
<u>Apr 19 - 22</u>	<u>Natural Springs Resort</u> <u>New Paris, OH</u>	Reservations by April 05, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>May 17 - 20</u>	<u>Cummins Ferry RV Park</u> <u>Salvisa, KY</u>	Reservations by April 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Jun 07 - 11</u>	<u>GLAMARAMA 2023</u> <u>Darke County Fairgrounds</u> <u>Greenville, OH</u>	Register on FMCA	<u>GLAMA</u>
<u>Jun 21 - 24</u>	<u>River Front RV</u> <u>New Richmond, Ohio</u>	Reservations by Jun 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Jul 12 - 16</u>	<u>Two Rivers Campground</u> <u>Carrolton, KY</u>	Reservations by July 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Aug 02 - 05</u>	<u>Whispering Hills</u> <u>Georgetown, KY</u>	Reservations by May 15, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Aug 15 - 18</u>	<u>FMCA's 106th Int'l Convention</u> <u>Gillette, WY</u>	Register on FMCA	<u>FMCA</u>
<u>Sep 13 - 16</u>	<u>Lively Lady Campground</u> <u>Aberdeen, OH</u>	Reservations by September 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Oct 11 - 14</u>	<u>FMCA Campground</u> <u>Newtown, OH</u>	Reservations by October 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>
<u>Nov 08 - 11</u>	<u>Follow The River RV Resort</u> <u>Florence, IN</u>	Reservations by November 01, 2023	<u>TST</u>

***Be brave enough to always, always, always
 Do the right thing, even when others don't.***



National Director:

Amazing how time goes by in a hurry. It seems like it was just last week, and we were having a Great time at Cummins Ferry RV Park. Don't know how the Rally master found this one. Sometimes it is nice not having cellphone or internet service.

We will not be able to attend the FMCA Rally at Gillette, WY. I informed Cindy we would not be attending as our daughter is getting married in San Francisco during this time.

We are also not sure if we will be able to attend GLMA later on this month.

AT Cummins Ferry, it appeared that several folks enjoyed their travels along the Bourbon Trail and enjoyed their tasting sessions.

Martin's set up a visit to some Kentucky Horse farms. Hope they will share the tour company and tour guide so that some of us could enjoy a similar visit while at the Georgetown rally.

Please keep in your prayers those members who are suffering health issues. Unfortunately, the men did not have a card game at this past rally. (Kerry, if you promise not to get sick, we will let you play cards next time)

I have asked Mark to put the proposed By-law and standing rule changes for the Great Lakes Region of FMCA on the TST website.





EDITOR'S CORNER

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News, Finds & Tips

Identifying the USS Arizona's Fallen After 82 Years!

Even though it's been 82 years since the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, those who lost family members on December 7, 1941, continue to mourn the loss. Most of the 1,174 sailors and Marines killed in the attack on the *USS Arizona* [went down with the ship](#) and were never recovered. However, the remains of at least 85 (and possibly as many as 150) service members were recovered but not identified. They were buried, remains comingled, in graves at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Smoke pours from the USS Arizona – The Baltimore Sun: December 7, 1941.



DNA technology did not exist at the time to give the fallen a proper burial. The evolution of DNA technology has changed, and today surviving family members have banded together to form an organization. [Operation 85](#) is a civilian effort led by family members of the unrecovered to assist the [POW/MIA Defense Agency](#) (DPAA) in acquiring DNA samples from living family

members. They hope to identify the unrecovered and provide them with a proper burial.

The Baltimore Sun – Dec 7, 2001



Honolulu Star-Bulletin: December 7, 1941



Do you know someone who had a relative perish aboard the Arizona? We're honoring the fallen this Memorial Day by spreading the word about the mission of Operation 85. Their goal is to identify the fallen before the 85th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2026. The DPAA will provide DNA tests at no cost to participants. That DNA may provide the link to offer sailors like [Bill Goodwin](#) a proper burial.



William Arthur "Bill" Goodwin, 19, enlisted in the US Navy in 1940. The Denver native had endured many losses in his young life. His parents both died of tuberculosis, leaving Goodwin an orphan. Along with his brother Finley, the boys were placed in the Mount St. Vincent orphanage in Denver when Bill was just 2. Later, the boys were transferred to the J. K. Mullens Home for Boys in Fort Logan, Colorado.

Bill [ran away when he was 16](#), and after working for the Civilian Conservation Corps, he decided to follow the lead of his older brother Finley and join the Navy. Bill was assigned to the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of December 7, Bill was a seaman second class and assigned to Division 4 on the Arizona. His battle station was [turret 4](#). When the Arizona was attacked, a massive explosion in the forward magazine killed many instantly, but Bill survived the blast. All but two men of Division 4 survived that day. The men mustered on the rear deck, and during the chaos, a senior

officer asked for a volunteer willing to go below deck and flood the rear magazine. Bill volunteered for the dangerous mission. He [did not survive](#).

William Arthur “Bill” Goodwin is honored on a cenotaph at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona at Cave Creek. [Bill’s brother Finley](#) (who later changed his name to Joseph Campbell) is also buried at the same cemetery. The brothers who grew up together, looking out for one another, are honored at the same final resting place.

If you are related to someone who served aboard the *Arizona*, here is how you can help. Visit the website for Operation 85 to learn more [here](#). To learn more about the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, visit our [Attack on Pearl Harbor Topic Page](#) or search [Newspapers.com™](#) today.

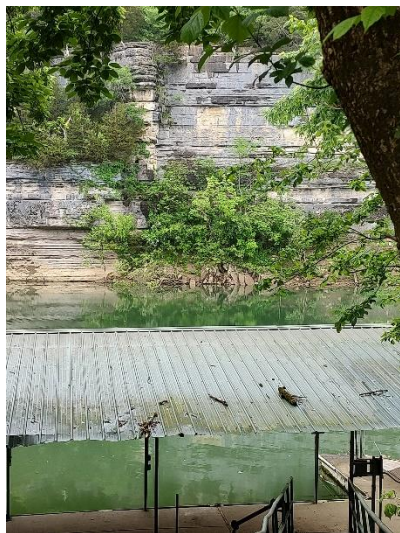
[Newspaper Finds](#)

[May 22, 2023 Jenny Ashcraft](#)

As you know, I was in the Army for 3 years and I did see the sunken USS Arizona years ago. The silence was complete. I am glad I had that opportunity to visit it. I am proud to be a veteran and thankful we have this memorial to help us remember what the military had done to keep this nation free.

Just think, today's DNA work can identify these men and give their loved one rest at last.

Lois Tucker, Editor lpt1@seidata.com 703-362-4733





MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

Please let [us](#) know if your birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect.

June Birthdays	June Birthdays Con't
06/01 Betty Fay Faith	06/19 Kay Davis-Dudding
06/03 Jerry Baynum	06/24 Gary Thatcher
06/06 Treasa Betz	06/25 Mark Griffith
06/11 Tim Horne	06/26 Kyle Martin
06/15 Doug Hoelscher	No June Anniversaries

Kay Dudding, Membership rev2by2@msn 937-232-5959





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On Sale for \$20. There could be an upcharge for larger sizes. Send your order to Judy Overbeck

Shirt A



Shirt B



Shirt C



How About this?

The Mysterious Deaths of 6 Historical Figures were Whom?

1. Napoleon Bonaparte — May 5, 1821

On the surface, Napoleon's end seems clear-cut: His death certificate listed stomach cancer as the cause of his demise. During the last weeks of his life in exile on the remote island of St. Helena, the former emperor of France had been complaining of stomach ailments, including pain and nausea, but [Napoleon](#) himself hinted something much darker than cancer was at work. In a will written three weeks before he died, [he said](#): "I die before my time, murdered by the English oligarchy and its assassin."

There has been some potential evidence to support his poisoning theory. In 1840, when Napoleon's corpse was exhumed in St. Helena for a more dignified reburial in Paris, the body was reported to be in remarkably good condition. Some scientists have theorized that this could have been a side effect of arsenic exposure, which they argue could have had a preservative effect. In 1961, tests on samples of Napoleon's hair did find elevated levels of arsenic, leading to a few decades of fevered speculation about a potential arsenic poisoning. However, a 2008 analysis of hairs taken at four periods of Napoleon's life showed arsenic levels consistent throughout that time, as well as levels consistent with hairs taken from his son and wife.

If that makes it sound like everyone in the 19th century was being slowly poisoned with arsenic, that's because they sort of were. Back then, the stuff didn't need to be administered with malevolent intent to get into your system. Not only was it a common component of weed killers and rat poison, but it was often added to beauty products and medicinal tonics. It was also part of a popular [green pigment](#) used in paintings, fabrics, and wallpaper—including the wallpaper in the house where Napoleon died. (A sample nicked by a visitor in the 1820s survived for decades in a scrapbook and [tested](#) positive for arsenic in the 1990s.)

In addition to arsenic, Napoleon had been exposed to a number of other toxic substances as part of questionable medical treatments. His doctors were giving him tartar emetic (antimony potassium tartrate, which is poisonous) for his gastrointestinal issues, and two

days before he died, Napoleon received a large dose of calomel (mercurous chloride) as a purgative. The stew of dubious chemicals in his system led an international team of toxicologists and pathologists to [conclude](#) in 2004 that Napoleon's death was a case of "medical misadventure," in which the drugs he'd been exposed to, combined with his already weak health, led to a disturbance of his heart's rhythm that ultimately produced his death.

That doesn't mean the stomach cancer idea has been put to rest, however. In 2007, a [study](#) based on the autopsy reports and memoirs from Napoleon's physician as well as other documentation [compared](#) descriptions of the lesions found in Napoleon's stomach during his autopsy with modern images of benign and cancerous gastric lesions. The paper concluded that the dead emperor's lesions were most likely cancer, which had spread to other organs. The cancer was a result of *Helicobacter pylori*, bacteria that damages stomach lining; the salt-preserved foods Napoleon consumed on his extended military campaigns may have also contributed. In truth, it's highly possible that a number of factors contributed to Napoleon's death, with or without the interference of the English.

AND THE SECOND ONE WAS?

Edgar Allan Poe, Mickey Mouse, Alexander the Great, Mozart Cisco Kid, Babe Ruth, Princess Diana, Adolf Hitler, Harry Truman,

