



# Company I Poopsheet



Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

June- July 2007

## **Patrick J. Callery, 1920-2007**

**CALLERY - Patrick J.**, died on May 9, 2007, age 87, Sandy Hook, CT, formerly of W. Hempstead, NY. Beloved husband of Teresa (nee Demasco). Loving father of Patrick and Catherine, grandfather of Sean, Lara, Alison, Christopher and Jessica, great grandfather of Caitlin, Andrew, Matthew, Ryan and James. Also survived by a brother Martin Callery and sister Mary Palmisano. He was a paratrooper and medic in the 101st Airborne Division and jumped into Normandy on D-Day. It is documented that his bravery saved the lives of many. Reposing at Barnes-Sorrentino Funeral Home, 539 Hempstead Ave., W. Hempstead, NY. Visitation on Sunday 2-4:30 and 7-9:30PM. Mass will be on Monday 10AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Westminster Rd., W. Hempstead, NY. Interment at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, LI. *Published in Newsday on 5/12/2007.*

### *OUR LAST NOTE FROM PAT:*

**Patrick and Teresa Callery**, 40 Old Green Road, Sandy Hook CT 06482, Phone 203 364 0899  
May 2, 2007, Thanks to you Betty for the Poopsheet and all the news. On the photo by Dunch in last issue, my picture is the 3<sup>rd</sup> on the right and your brother, Lester Taylor, is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the left.  
Love, Teresa and Pat.

(We are including that photo and another again in this issue to identify Patrick Callery, one of the heroic medics of Item Company, 502 PIR.)

*Pat, having been on oxygen for the past three years, awoke around 4 a.m. in the morning with a flu-like virus and was taken to the hospital where he passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, may 9, 2007. Pat corresponded with us through email quite often. He had a tremendous zest for life, and his sense of humor was wonderful. He will truly be missed. Several men have told of his heroic efforts and deeds as a medic for Item Company in WWII. Here are his last two jokes just the day before he passed away. ...*

### **A SHORT STORY**

Man driving down road.  
Woman driving up same road.

They pass each other.

The woman yells out the window, PIG!

Man yells out window, B \* \* \* HI!

Man rounds next curve.

Crashes into a HUGE PIG in middle of road and dies.

Moral: If only men would listen.

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Jim and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Jim suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled Jim out.

When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, "Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged; since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of another patient, I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.

The bad news is, Jim, the patient you saved, hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead." Edna replied, "He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?"

## **Solving Another Historical Mystery**

[www.101airborneww2.com](http://www.101airborneww2.com)

Mark Bando, 101<sup>st</sup> historian/author.: Some in the academic fraternity have called me a dirty name, i.e.: "Revisionist", because the info uncovered by my research sometimes contradicts the 'official' versions or else what was written soon after the events took place. Here's another example: Heinz Gonnermann is a German parachutist and veteran of the Ramcke Brigade, which fought in N. Africa and the Mediterranean Theatre. I've met him at a couple of Snowbird reunions, and he now resides in the U.S. He gave me the above photo of his brother, August Gonnermann, who now resides in Canada. August was an engineer in the 15th Kompanie of Para Rgt 6 at Carentan, in June 1944. August says he and his



comrades from the 15th Kp personally placed explosives, wired and demolished bridge (#2) over the Douve River, on the Carentan Causeway, on 8 June, 1944. There has always been debate in American circles, as to who and how the bridge was destroyed. Frank Carpenter of

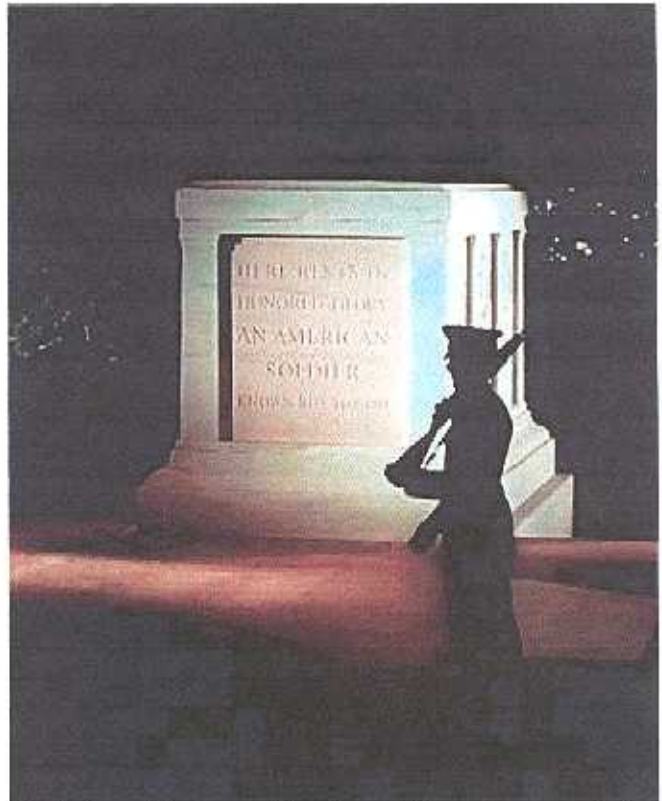
C/501 always claimed that he was beside Lt. Farrell, the naval fire spotter, near la Barquette, and saw and heard him call for fire on Bridge #2 from the 14" guns of Battleship Texas. I so-stated in my 'Vanguard' book. We now have rather compelling evidence that German parachutists actually blew that bridge up, on 8 June. Those of you who have read 'Night Drop', or seen the S.C. sound interview with LTC Robert G. Cole of 3/502, know that a rope and plank bridge was improvised at the spot where Bridge #2 was blown, to facilitate crossing of the 3/502 on 10 June, 1944. Visitors to that bridge now, will find that both bridges #1 and #2 have been rebuilt in slightly different places, as a method of straightening out the Causeway. Thanks to Heniz Gonnermann for providing the wartime photo of his brother, in Fallschirmjager uniform

**Barbara Mobley Slover, (daughter of Ed Mobley)** email, May 1, 2007. Thank you for all the work you do getting the Poopsheet to everyone. Dad and Clara are doing very well. Cecil and i are enjoying our seventh year together May 1st. the best seven i have ever had. Cecil is doing so much better, his sugar was "waco" for awhile and the weather here has his allergies going crazy. All-in-all we are doing good Happy Mothers Day to all u Moms.  
Cecil, & Barbara Slover and Edward U Clara Mobley

**Tom Timmermans, Eindhoven, Holland,** email May 1, 2007 Betty wrote to Tom asking permission to use some photos from his new website. He wrote, I have been working on the site: [www.battledetective.com](http://www.battledetective.com) So I have been busy lately! Sure, go ahead and promote my website! It would be an honour! We recommend you take a look at the site if you can. He has some "Then" and "Now" photos we'll include on

other pages. Good job Tom, keep up the good work!

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An interesting question from Questions and Answer column on Yahoo internet:

**Why is the tomb of the unknown soldier-Arlington guarded 24/7?**

**Best Answer - Chosen By Voters**

It said that the decision to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a sign of respect to the fallen ones. Below I included a piece I received from a fellow veteran regarding the Tomb of the Unknown.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930



2003 Snowbird Reunion, Kissimmee, Florida Men of Item Company, 502 PIR, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne  
Standing, left to right: Louis Dunch, Ed Mobley, Ivan Hershner (deceased) Fred Kraus, Walter  
Murdock, (deceased), Patrick Callery, (deceased).  
Front row: Left to right: Harry Nivens, Earl Kelly, Joe Hennessey



Item Company, 502 PIR in Chilton Foliate, England. Those identified are (LOR) 1<sup>st</sup> on  
left unidentified, Lester A. Taylor, Domingo Cantu, Paul Cooney, James Franklin, Lawrence  
Mehan, John Lackhovic, Patrick J. Callery, Leo Heatherington, Louis Stranzl.



Left: **Cpl. Cornelius W. Owens**, KIA June 11, 1944 Item Company, 502 PIR

**Harry Nivens, I/502** remembers "Neil" as a very close friend. Harry says his first child, Ted, is named for his Item Company friends, **Neil Owens** and **Emmitt T. Nix**.

**FRIENDS FROM HOLLAND VISIT SOUTHEAST USA - APRIL 2007**



L-R: Barry Pulles, Joe Bossi, CSM (Ret), WWII Veteran Bob Dunning., Petra Pulles Wenstedt, Leoni Wenstedt, and Fritz Janssen on their visit in the museum at Camp Toccoa, GA

April 2007, the four representatives of *The Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* from Holland attended the Static Line Convention in Atlanta to promote the Operation Torch September 2007 tour in Holland and Belgium. They were hosted by Joe Bossi and after the convention toured through GA, AL, TN and KY.

May 28, A note from Barry Pulles (on the left in the above photo) about his first trip in April to the USA:

Hello Betty, Sorry for my late response, but I have had a very busy time lately. I wanted to let you know I had a great time in the USA. I really enjoyed the Static Line reunion as well as the trip afterwards with Joe.

We went to Fort Benning where we were allowed to shoot several types of guns. And since this was the first time I held a gun in my hand, I got a "scope-bite", which luckily for me didn't go through my skin but bounced off my head. For the rest, everything went OK. We met a lot of people, even met a veteran of B-Co 506, Richard E Turner. It was great to have met him, he had great stories he told us, which was very

amusing and touching.

Later we went to Camp Toccoa and to Fort Campbell where we were shown around by Joe (great personal tour).

We met up with Joe's daughter and son-in-law, who both were very friendly to us. Turns out Joe's son-in-law, Ricky has the same interest as me, OLD CARS. I showed him all the pictures I took at the junkyard in White, GA. He couldn't believe what he saw. This is a short version of our trip, but I took about 1500 pictures, with which I'm trying to compose a scrapbook...It takes a bit of time, but it is fun to do.

Also, just last Week I went to Normandy with Frits Janssen and Frenk Derks. This was a first time for me too. Again a lot of impressions and of course a lot of photo's. We visited about 15 museums and of course the beaches at Arromaches and Pointe du Hoc. One isn't allowed to go out to the very edge of the cliff at Pointe du Hoc because the sea has eroded the cliff underneath the bunker and the monument so badly it is about to collapse. But then again, that nature, you can't stop it from happening.

With Love, Barry Pulles

**JOIN THE PULLES FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM - SEPT. 2007**

This non-profit organization formed by the Piet and Nell Pulles family, *The Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation* ([www.screamingeagles.nl](http://www.screamingeagles.nl)) their Dutch sponsors and American Director invite you and your family and friends to join them in September on an 11-day tour of Holland and Bastogne areas of the battles of WWII.

Betty Taylor Hill and Kathy Moe Hagen (Lester Taylor and Glenn Moe of Item Company) participated in the 2006 tour. Both can highly recommend this tour as your personal visit to the battleground areas of Hell's Highway and The Battle of the Bulge. They will take you to any special spot that may be of particular interest to you in this Holland and Belgium area. The expenses included in this trip are actual daily expenses only. This non-profit organization does this annual tour with all volunteers of the local areas who guide the tour through their town and area.

Here are just a few of the special moments of the tour: You will attend the demonstration with thousands of other people from Holland and surrounding countries at the dropping of airborne troopers, attend the ceremony at the windmill in Eerde, and enjoy special seating at the spectacular evening parade and ceremonies in the City of Eindhoven on September 18.. Kathy and Betty can

verify that the accommodations and three meals a day are the best, the personal attention to each tour member is special and the experience is one of a lifetime!!

**It is not too late to sign up for this year's tour.**  
Contact the names listed below. You can contact Betty Hill at 281-277-3787 or [bjth23@yahoo.com](mailto:bjth23@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## **Operation Torch**

**14 - 25 September 2007**

Sponsored by The Screaming Eagles of WWII  
Foundation, Eindhoven, Netherlands  
Han Pulles, President,  
Petra Wendstedt-Pulles, Secretary and Tour Leader

\$ 2.375,00 per person (based on double occupancy  
hotel room)

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Clarksville, TN 37042-5618

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You can read more and register on-line at  
[www.screamingeagles.nl](http://www.screamingeagles.nl)

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**JOSEPH B. KELLY DEDICATES HIS BOOK TO HIS BROTHER, EARL R. KELLY, A PARATROOPER OF ITEM COMPANY, 502, PIR, 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE, WWII (Photo in this issue)**

**Confession of a CIA Interrogator, by Joseph B. Kelly as told to Ben R. Games, PhD.**  
(A Bantam Little Big Book)

T/Sgt Joe Kelly, spent 20 years in the USAF where first he was a parachute rigger with 65 jumps, next he was a Survival Specialist, then an Escape & Evasion Specialist before working with Full Pressure Suits for B-57E pilots. The USAF also had him teach scuba diving and snow skiing for survival of US Air Crews. He developed 13 inventions or modifications of AF

equipment to support the USAF fighter aircraft missions. In August 1968, Joe accepted an assignment as "Gilbert H. Moriggai", (Pseudonym) with the CIA in Vietnam, under CIA Director Bill Colby. As "Gilbert", he was in charge of liaison and guidance of Vietnamese special police organizations and supervised PRU, SCG & RDC Programs for two and a half years in 1968 - 1971. Among his many honors awarded in Vietnam was the Police Medal of Honor by President Thieu of South Vietnam in a military ceremony in Kien Hoa Province, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1970. He also received the the Cross-of-Gallantry w/Bronze Star, the first Pacification Medal of Honor and an award from Gen. Creighton Abrams, US Army, for assisting the US Army. Joe spoke 7 languages, English, Vietnamese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, French and German.

His new book chronicles his "Gilbert's" assigned missions during those 2-½ years and contains some interesting facts and names still in the political news today. The book was written with help of Ben R. Games, PhD, Major, CW4, RXN06, who flew bombers and night fighters in WWII and helicopters in Vietnam.

The Chapters 1 - 10 are "page turners" and there are informative segments and photos that help the reader identify some elements of his missions.

The book is by Bantam "Little Big Books" publishers in larger print. Available from Barnes and Noble on-line and in some of their stores, and from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**So much intrigue and very interesting reading is an under-statement....** Our thanks to the Kelly family for the services of Earl and Joe in defense of our freedom through 3 wars.

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### **Expense Report**

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## HISTORICAL DEDICATION PAGE



Earl R. Kelly, Staff Sgt. US Army 1945  
1938 to 1941

Maryland National Guard  
Co. "D" 115 Inf. 29th Division  
1942 to 1941

Co. "I" 502 Para Inf, 101 Airborne Division  
Normandy, 6 June 1944

3rd Battalion 101 Airborne Division  
Holland Sept 17, Bastogne Dec 17  
Germany, Austria

Discharged 25 January 1945

Brother of Joseph B. Kelly, CIA Contract Agent  
Vietnam 1968 to 1971

AL	MEM RUDOLPH E BOSCH
TINER	HQ USSOCOM
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ST PIR	HQ USSOCOM
ARVELLA	SR ENLISTED ADVISOR
FORCES	JUL 1991-JUL 1997
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VN 63-72	RCR/LRP RVN 1968-68
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Photos from Joe Kelly's book, "*Confession of a CIA Interrogator*". On the right is Earl Kelly, I/502 and left is his brother, Joe Kelly, USAF, CIA.

### **.I Am Thankful To Be An American**

Words and Music by Otis Skillings - 1971

**I am thankful to be an American,  
To live in the greatest land of all.**

**In a nation blessed, it's the very best,  
I can stand with my head up tall.**

**I am thankful to be an American,  
To be born in a land that's free.**

**I am thankful to God for allowing me to be, An American!**



*Snowbird Reunion 2003 - Major General David H. Petraeus and Ed Mobley, I/502 WWII. Petraeus was the guest speaker at the Snowbird banquet in 2003. (Photo by Betty Taylor Hill)*

**Now General David Howell Petraeus, United States Army, Commander of Multi-National Force - Iraq (MNF-I) The four-star post that oversees all U.S. forces in the country. He was confirmed to that position by the Senate in a vote of 81-0 on 26 January 2007.**

David Petraeus was born in 1952 to Dutch American parents. His father, Sixtus, was a sea captain who had immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands after World War II. He grew up in Cornwall on Hudson, New York, and graduated from Cornwall Central High School in 1970.

Petraeus then went on to the U S Military Academy in nearby West Point, where he skied, played for the soccer team, and graduated tenth in his class of 1974. In the class yearbook Petraeus was remembered as "always going for it in sports, academics, leadership, and even his social life."

Two months after graduation Petraeus married Holly Knowlton, daughter of retired Army General William A. Knowlton who was superintendent of the U S Military Academy (West Point) at the time. They have two grown children, a son and a daughter.

### ***Petraeus (just a few highlights)***

Petraeus entered the U S Military Academy in 1970 in 1970. He was commissioned an infantry officer upon graduation in 1974, too late to see combat in Vietnam. He began his career with an assignment to a light infantry unit, the 509 Airborne Infantry Battalion at Vicenza, Italy; ever since, light infantry has been at the core of his career, punctuated by assignments to mechanized units, command staffs, and educational institutions.

He suffered one of the more dramatic incidents in his career when, in 1991, he was accidentally shot in the chest during a live-fire exercise when a soldier tripped and his rifle discharged. He was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee, where he was operated on by future Senator Bill Frist.

His command, from 1995-97, was the 1st Brigade, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, centered on the 504<sup>th</sup> PIR. At that post, his brigade's training cycle at Fort Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center for low-intensity warfare was chronicled by novelist and military enthusiast Tom Clancy in his book "Airborne."

In 1999, as a brigadier general, Petraeus returned to the 82nd, serving as the assistant division commander for operations and then, briefly, as acting commanding general. From the 82nd, he moved on to serve as Chief of Staff of XXVII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg during 2000-01.

In 2000, Petraeus suffered his second major injury, when, during a civilian sky-diving jump, his parachute collapsed at low altitude due to a hook turn, resulting in a hard landing that broke his pelvis.

In 2003, Petraeus, then a major general, commanded the 101st Airborne Division during V Corp's drive to Baghdad. In a campaign chronicled in detail by Rick Atkinson of the *Washington Post's* book *In the Company of Soldiers*, Petraeus led his division through the battles of Karbala, Hilla, and Najaf (where he came under fire during an ambush by Iraqi paramilitary forces).

*Editor's Note: From the site where this information was taken, is so much more of Gen. Petraeus' life and career. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Petraeus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Petraeus)*

I watched the flag pass by one day,  
 It fluttered in the breeze.  
 A young Marine saluted it,  
 And then he stood at ease.  
 I looked at him in uniform  
 So young, so tall, so proud,  
 He'd stand out in a crowd.  
 I thought how many men like him  
 Had fallen through the years.  
 How many had died on foreign soil?  
 How many mothers' tears?  
 How many pilots' planes shot down?  
 How many died at sea?  
 How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
 No, freedom is NOT free.  
 I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
 When everything was still.  
 I listened to the bugler play  
 And felt a sudden chill.  
 I wondered just how many times  
 That Taps had meant "Amen"  
 When a flag had draped a coffin  
 Of brother or a friend.  
 I thought of all the children,  
 Of mothers and the wives,  
 Of fathers, sons and husbands  
 With interrupted lives.  
 I thought about a graveyard  
 At the bottom of the sea;  
 Of unmarked graves in Arlington ...  
 No, freedom is NOT free.

Author Unknown



## What is Memorial Day?

Is Memorial Day a Hardware sale?  
 A good price on a garden pail?  
 Did my buddies give their limbs, lives, and  
 sinew,  
 For chicken, steaks, and barbecue,  
 For The Coward to place a wreath on sacred  
 ground?  
 While my comrades are crippled and  
 wheelchair bound,  
 Did my buddies die in that living green hell  
 For endless rows of cars to sell?  
 For drunks, accidents and long traffic jams,  
 Did my buddies perish in Vietnam?  
 So while young men drool over the Memorial  
 Day Queen,  
 I'll remember my buddies  
 The Living - The Dead and The In-Between.

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<http://my.homewithgod.com/mkcathy/holiday/memorial.html>

This page is dedicated to all the men and women who have unselfishly served our GREAT country and paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives Soldiers - Sailors - Airmen - Marines - Coast Guardsmen Police Officers - Fire Fighters - Emergency Medical Technicians





Statue of Liberty



# INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4

Liberty Bell



## The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a

Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just

powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Our National Bird: The Bald Eagle

Our Flag

Our Capitol



Our Motto

Our National Flower -Rose

Our Declaration of Independence  
And Bill of Rights



*God Bless The U.S.A.!*

<b>United States War Casualties</b>			
War	Number Serving	Wounded	Killed
Revolutionary War	unknown	6,188	4,435
War of 1812	286,730	4,505	2,260
Mexican War	78,718	4,152	1,733
Civil War	3,213,363	354,805	191,963
Spanish American War	306,760	1,662	385
World War I	4,734,991	204,002	53,402
World War II	16,112,566	671,846	291,557
Korean Conflict	5,720,000	103,284	33,651
Vietnam Conflict	8,744,000	153,303	47,378
Desert Storm	584,585	458	269
September 11, 2001 Uniformed & Civilian NY, WASH.D.C., PA	---	6,389	3,220
Persian Gulf War	665,476	467	148
<b>War in Iraq</b> (confirmed, as of June 1, 2007)	unknown	35,549*	3,476

\* TOTAL AIR-LIFTED AND NON-AIR LIFTED



**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE....**



Thanks to Fawn Jones, grand-daughter of Edward M. Smith, I/502, for sending this:

It is time to change from **REDNECK** humor to **TRUE AMERICAN** Humor!

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, 'One nation, under God.'

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You still say 'Christmas' instead of 'Winter Festival.'

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You bow your head when someone prays.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You treat Vietnam vets with great respect, and always have.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You've never burned an American flag.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

**You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if:** You'd give your last dollar to a friend.