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GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE  
ASSORTED PIES & DESSERTS

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OUR BOARD WILL MEET AT 1000 on:  
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-08 NOV  
-13 DEC  
-10 JAN

PUBLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS 25 NOVEMBER

I'd like to open this message by saying that I am profoundly grateful that the Tampa Bay Area was spared from what could have been catastrophic damage by the deadly CAT 4 Hurricane Michael that recently churned a wayward path through the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately, the neighbors to our north in Tallahassee and the Pan Handle did not escape the horrific damage in the wake of Mother Nature's fury. Our prayers go out to all whose lives and property were impacted by the storm as well as to the First Responders, many of whom left their families behind in Tampa to tend to the recovery needs of the hurricane victims and survivors. I am especially mindful of the five MOAA chapters: Bay County, Tallahassee, NW Florida, Santa Rosa, and Pensacola MOAA members who may have experienced such adversity. We pray for the safety of their families as well and I hope to meet their chapter presidents at the FCOC convention next year, if not sooner at the January Florida Leadership Council meeting in Orlando.

Our scheduled guest speaker, Hillsborough County Sheriff CHAD CHRONISTER, was unable to join us at our October luncheon due to a sudden call to duty in the Pan Handle to tend to the business of hurricane relief efforts. However, in his stead we were privileged to have one of his deputies, MAJ CIRO DOMINGUEZ, Commander, Training Division speak to our chapter about law enforcement training programs that are shaping the force of the 21st century Sheriff's Department. "Instilling in our youth the motto, 'SERVING LEADERSHIP' promotes a positive culture between the public and the Sheriff's Department." He mentioned some of the public charities that are supported by the County Sheriffs Department such as, area Boys and Girls Clubs, Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Neighborhood Watch Programs, and our own, Operation Helping Hand. The Tampa Chapter also paid tribute with a salute to the United States Navy's 243rd birthday with a cake and special recognition of the Naval officers among our rank and file.

Other highlights from the luncheon included the introduction of two newly joined chapter members; we welcomed LTC MARIO RUSSICA, USMC (Ret) and CPT RICK JANKE, USA (Ret) in to our chapter! Also, we were honored to have two new SNR Coalition Officers accompanied by the Chairman of the Coalition, BGEN HENRIK LARSEN join us for lunch: BGEN GERMAIN BARRAU from France and COL SALAH AL DRAIDI from Jordan. It is always a pleasure to have this unique opportunity to meet some of our allies from USCENTCOM who stand with the United States in the continuing fight of the Global War on Terrorism.

Just a couple of reminders; the MOAA Tampa Chapter in conjunction with Operation Helping Hand, and the SPC Tarpon Springs College will be hosting a reception for the Sixth annual Star Spangled Art Show featuring Military Veteran's artwork on Saturday November 17th at 3 pm in the Campus Fine Arts Building. An event flyer with all of the details is posted on the chapter website: [www.moaatampa.org](http://www.moaatampa.org).

Also, the Florida Council of Chapters website has now opened the registration for the FCOC 2019 Annual Convention. My convention chairman and committee have been working tirelessly to bring a first class convention event to our area. I hope you will support this effort by registering early at [www.moaaf.org](http://www.moaaf.org)

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### DATES TO OBSERVE IN NOVEMBER

01 NOVEMBER—The Christian holiday of **All Saint's Day** honors and recognizes all of the saints of the Christian church, many of which were martyrs.

04 NOVEMBER—Daylight Saving Time Ends

06 NOVEMBER—The **General Election** is held on the first Tuesday AFTER the first Monday in November.

**10 NOVEMBER 1775—BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

11 NOVEMBER—**Veteran's Day** honors all members of the Armed Forces who who served this country valiantly, and in a very big way. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for you and me. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice.

15 NOVEMBER—**Great American Smokeout Day**. The goal of this special day is quite obvious: to get people to quit smoking, resulting in fewer health problems, and less cancer and emphysema deaths resulting from smoking and secondary smoke.

Thursday, November 22.—**Thanksgiving**

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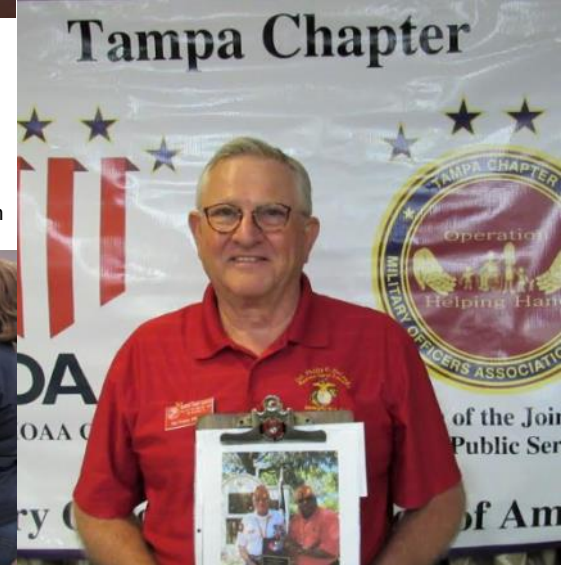
**OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE IN PHOTOS**

Submitted by LTC JIM GRIFFIN USA RET Chairman, OPHH and CW2 THOMAS SOUTH USA RET



On 02 October 2018 at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Operation Helping Hand volunteers stuffed Welcome Bags for the incoming Active Duty wounded and injured at the JAHVH.

Photo by LTC Bob Sawallesh



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**MAKE AN IMPACT**

Operation Helping Hand of Tampa (Op HH), a project of the Tampa Chapter of Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), is organized to help the families of the wounded and injured during their stay in Tampa Bay. Assistance from the public and business community is definitely needed to help these families.

Are you interested in making an impact? Get in touch with LTC Jim Griffin USA RET, (813) 785-0552 or tigerpaw65@verizon.net



**SOX FOR VA PATIENTS**

Please purchase white tube socks to serve as “foot warmers” for hospital patients. Please bring a package or two to the November luncheon.

Drop them off at the reservation table and they will delivered to the hospital.



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

By COL CHARLES J DALCOURT, USA AD

Over the past few weeks, I have been fortunate to spend time in our Nation's capital. While in Washington DC, I had the pleasure of meeting with one of MOAA National's Legislative Affairs Representatives. We enjoyed a very fruitful and productive conversation. I'd like to share a few highlights with you that provides insight into MOAA's focal areas from a legislative perspective.

### **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019**

The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 encompassed several organizational, structural, program, and process changes. The bill was signed into law on Aug 13 by President Trump and named after Senator McCain, after his recent passing from brain cancer. Several of MOAA's priorities are included in the legislation, such as:

- \* Increasing the size of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Naval/Air Reserves and Air Guard;
- \* A pay raise of 2.6%, the largest in 9 years;
- \* Appropriations to expand the size of Arlington National Cemetery;
- \* Expanded eligibility for TRICARE beneficiaries to access FEDVIP (see more below);
- \* \$34.4 billion for Defense health requirements; and
- \* Expansion of the Sexual Assault and Special Victim's Counsel Program.

You can find the bill at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5515/text>. You can also read Mark Cancian's article "What Really Matters In The Defense Authorization Act & What Didn't Get Done," published online on 3 August, 2018, Breaking Defense.

### **Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018**

The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018 includes as part of the Republic of Vietnam, its territorial seas for purposes of the presumption of service connection for diseases associated with exposure by veterans to certain herbicide agents while in Vietnam. This bill is currently active legislation that was referred from the House of Representatives to the Senate in June of this year.

Specifically, the legislation would, effective January 1, 2019, require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to:

- \* Extend the presumption of service connection for disease associated with exposure to herbicide agents to Blue Water Navy veterans and veterans who served in or near the Korean DMZ between September 1, 1967, and April 1, 1968;
- \* Conduct outreach to inform Blue Water Navy veterans of the ability to submit a new claim for disability benefits;
- \* Authorize VA to provide retroactive benefits to certain veterans and survivors who had previously filed a claim for benefits based on exposure to herbicides;
- \* Extend certain benefits to a child who was born with spina bifida, if at least one parent of such child was a veteran who served in Thailand between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, and the Secretary determined that at least one of the parents may have been exposed to a herbicide agent during such service in Thailand;
- \* Submit reports to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on: claims filed by Blue Water Navy veterans, the military installations located in Thailand between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, at which an herbicide agent was actively used and the period of such use, and the follow-up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans under VA's epidemiology program; and

- \* Make improvements to VA's Home Loan Guaranty program to ensure that veterans can use their home loan benefits in high-cost areas and receive appraisals in a timely and cost-efficient manner; and extend the waiver of the home loan funding fee to active duty servicemembers who are Purple Heart recipients.

MOAA unequivocally supports H.R. 299. Newly appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie addressed a letter to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee attempting to scuttle the legislation. MOAA, along with other members of The Military Coalition, addressed a letter to the Senate Committee in response to Secretary Wilkie's statements. The letter is attached for your convenience. You can reference the letter at the following: [http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/Content/Publications\\_and\\_Media/News\\_Articles/2018\\_News\\_Articles/TMC%20ltr%20on%20BWN%20\(signatures\).pdf](http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/Content/Publications_and_Media/News_Articles/2018_News_Articles/TMC%20ltr%20on%20BWN%20(signatures).pdf)

If you would like to follow the progress of the bill, H.R. 299, use the following link: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/299/actions>

### **\* FEDVIP- Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program**

On December 31, 2018, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. Dental and Vision coverage for retirees will be offered under the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), effective January 1, 2019. Members will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan, and must enroll during open season.

There are 10 FEDVIP dental carriers and four vision plans to choose from. Open enrollment will begin November 12, 2018 and will end December 10, 2018. Additionally, two MOAA staff members, Lt. Col Shane Ostrom and Capt. Paul Frost, hosted a webinar on October 9th at 2pm EDT. It examined the program's options and explained how to find the plan best suited for members and their families. The webinar is available to view on MOAA's website. Once on the MOAA website, you can search for "How to Shop for Your FEDVIP Dental and Vision Plans" or use the following link: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Benefits-and-Discounts/Transition-and-Careers/Transition-Center-Webinars/How-to-Shop-for-Your-FEDVIP-Dental-and-Vision-Plans.aspx>. Members can use their zip code to look up plan rates for their area and compare them side-by-side. Beneficiaries will need to enroll at [www.benefeds.com](http://www.benefeds.com). There is a plan comparison tool available on their website, as well as on <https://tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/indexAction>.

These are only a few of the areas in which MOAA is actively engaging our legislators. Your Tampa Chapter will continue to monitor and share insight into key initiatives and actions that impacts our members. Thanks for your continued engagement and interest. Thank you for continuing to serve!



**OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE**

Submitted by LTC Jim GRIFFIN, USA RET, Chairman

The OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER FOR NOVEMBER will be held on 15 NOVEMBER AT 6:00 PM AT THE JAMES A HALEY VA HOSPITAL IN THE SCI DINING FACILITY (HERO'S CAFÉ). I hope you will be able to join us and bring a friend and continue to volunteer to support us with your time and donations for our active duty wounded and injured and their families who will be honored. Please come and plan to meet these WARRIORS and their families. You will be a better person-I guarantee it!

This month's sponsor is one of our oldest and strongest supporter, BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON CORP. They continue to provide fantastic support to our dinners and also to our annual golf tournament. It is a true honor to have the great folks on our team.

Our caterer for NOVEMBER is THE COLUMBIA RESTAURANT and a very great dinner will be provided to all the attendees.

Our sincere thanks to the wonderful folks at LUCAS |MAGAZINE LAW GROUP. Their generosity and participation in the serving of the dinner was appreciated by all in attendance. THANKS FOLKS, GREAT JOB!

Again, very special thanks to RALPH LUPTON and LUPTON CATERING for a truly splendid dinner for a very large group of volunteers. Mr. LUPTON will also caterer the food for the VA PARADE on 11 NOV.

Special presentations were made by THE BUFFALO BILLS BACKERS OF BRANDON and THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF TAMPA BAY.

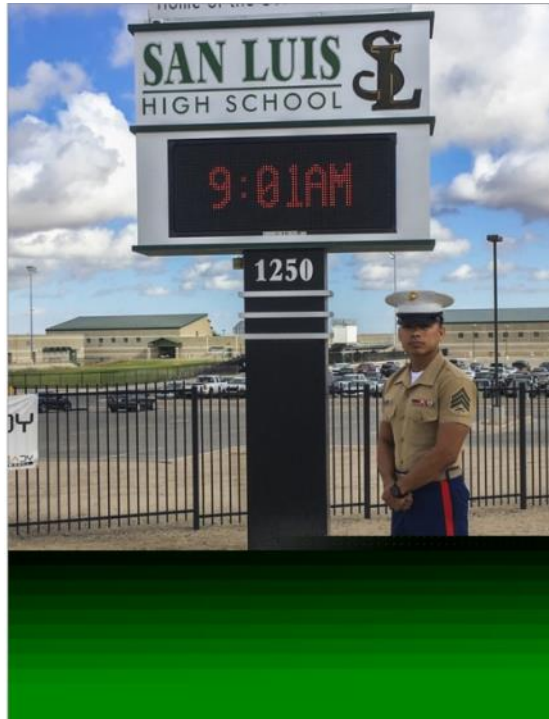
At our NOVEMBER DINNER we will also be taking in donations for the COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY of CARROLLWOOD, a member of the CABA, WHO ARE MAJOR SPONSORS OF OURS. So please bring any food items that you can to support a group that is a major supporter of OPERATION HELPING HAND.

As always, a special thanks to our tireless volunteers who make it possible for us to consistently provide 96.5% of all the monies donated to go to our wounded and injured and their families. The continued strong support of our local business community and their commitment to sponsor our dinner events, golf tournament, and provide generous donations throughout the year, along with the individual support we receive from numerous donors every month by way of checks, or on our website, [operationhelpinghandtampa.com/](http://operationhelpinghandtampa.com/) insure that the support of our mission will not be interrupted for as long as our assistance is required.

## OUR TREMENDOUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!



## MARINE RECRUITER BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES TO HOMETOWN YOUTH



Marine Corps Sgt. Edwin Carranza, a canvassing recruiter with Recruiting Station Phoenix, poses in front of San Luis High School in San Luis, Ariz., Sept. 20, 2018. Carranza attended this high school and has returned as a canvassing recruiter with Recruiting Station Phoenix.

Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Alvin Pujols

YUMA, AZ— Marine Corps Sgt. Edwin Carranza takes pride in recruiting new Marines from his hometown of San Luis, Arizona.

Carranza, a canvassing recruiter with Recruiting Station Phoenix, has been in the Marine Corps just over 7 years, completing one enlistment doing his primary duties as a communications Marine and a second enlistment as a canvassing recruiter.

“It was during the beginning of my second enlistment that I was selected to

become a recruiter,” he said. “My first thought was I wanted to recruit out of my hometown.”

Carranza said he knew recruiting duty is difficult, and he wanted to ensure his family is taken care of.

Recruiting in general is considered one of the toughest jobs in the Marine Corps because of the constant pressure to meet mission requirements,” Carranza said. “If I went to my hometown, I feel like I would be at an advantage as well as being able to help out my family. Since I would be working a lot I knew being close to family would make the transition more tolerable for my wife and daughter.”

But Carranza's thoughts weren't only on his family but also about those individuals whose lives he would impact by bringing them the opportunities the Marine Corps has to offer.

“I take great pride recruiting out of my own hometown of San Luis because other than college, which is difficult to pay for, the only options for young individuals is the call center I used to work at or working the fields, which is physically draining due to the intense heat,” Carranza said.

Recruiting duty also allows Marines like Carranza to influence the parents and influencers in their communities. Carranza said, “I get to talk to parents and tell them the story of how the Marine Corps helped me out, and there comes a time while speaking to the applicant that they want to join the military not just because of the benefits but to be Marines. That's what makes me feel good at the end of the day.”

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1649482/face-of-defense-marine-recruiter-brings-opportunities-to-hometown-youth/source/GovDelivery/>

**NATO'S TRIDENT JUNCTURE EXERCISE  
TESTS DETERRENCE CAPABILITIES**



An amphibious assault vehicle with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit enters the water at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 3, 2018 to embark on USS New York in preparation for Exercise Trident Juncture 2018. Events during Trident Juncture will provide the unit opportunities to exercise expeditionary capabilities in unique environments.

DoD photo by Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Robert Durham

WASHINGTON—The world's pre-eminent defensive alliance is readying to demonstrate its capabilities in its largest exercise since 2002, said Navy Adm. James Foggo, the commander of NATO's Allied Joint Force Command in Italy.

Foggo, who held a Pentagon news conference Friday, will command Exercise Trident Juncture, which will run from Oct. 25 to Nov. 7 in Norway and surrounding sea and air spaces.

The exercise brings together 45,000 personnel from the 29 NATO allies, and partner nations Sweden and Finland. "Allies are contributing about 150 aircraft over 60 ships and 10,000 rolling or tracked vehicles," Foggo said.

The purpose of the exercise is to test alliance readiness and responsiveness. "Let me emphasize that this is an exercise," he said. "This is for training, but it is real because the lessons we learned are very real and they'll benefit us in our desire to become more resilient and stronger together as an alliance."

Simply holding the exercise and demonstrating the capabilities of NATO has a deterrent

effect, the admiral said.

NATO has invited observers to the exercise including Russia. "Exercises like this show that NATO is strong," he said. "Together, we're more effective at upholding our common values and preserving peace. Trident Juncture will prove that in this very unpredictable world ... NATO remains an anchor of stability; 70 years young, 70 years old, the strongest alliance in the history of Europe."

Trident Juncture will exercise all aspects of the alliance and test capabilities in all domains. Air, land, maritime, special operations and amphibious forces will participate. It is designed to test the interoperability of national forces.

Foggo's Canadian deputy, army Lt. Gen. Christian Juneau, will command the land forces. "I will be where I belong, at sea on either USS Mount Whitney or bouncing around some of the other ships out there," he said. "It's going to be sporty because this is wintertime. This is the North Atlantic and I think it'll be a challenge for all those nations to come up, some are more used to it than others. The Norwegians are certainly used to that kind of weather and those kind of seas. The American Marines that come over, this is going to be a great opportunity for them to fight in the archipelago, fight without their boots in the sand, and come ashore in Norway and work in cold weather operations."

Testing NATO's 5,000-strong Response Force is at the core of the exercise, but it also tests logistics. "I call it the sixth domain of warfare," he said. "Moving 45,000 people, and 10,000 vehicles, and 60 some odd ships, and 120 aircraft around the theater is not easy, so this is a test of our ability to do that rapidly."

U.S. forces handle logistics on a global scale, and NATO is looking to develop the same capabilities. "In order to deter, you have to be present," Foggo said. "You've got to be there and you've got to be there quickly."

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1656517/natos-trident-juncture-exercise-tests-deterrence-capabilities/source/GovDelivery/>



The United States Marine Corps (USMC), also referred to as the United States Marines, is a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations with the United States Navy as well as the Army and Air Force. The U.S. Marine Corps is one of the four armed service branches in the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and one of the seven uniformed services of the United States.

The Marine Corps has been a component of the U.S. Department of the Navy since 30 June 1834, working closely with naval forces. The USMC operates installations on land and aboard sea-going amphibious warfare ships around the world. Additionally, several of the Marines' tactical aviation squadrons, primarily Marine Fighter Attack squadrons, are also embedded in Navy carrier air wings and operate from the aircraft carriers.

The history of the Marine Corps began when two battalions of Continental Marines were formed on 10 November 1775 in Philadelphia as a service branch of infantry troops capable of fighting both at sea and on shore.

In the Pacific theater of World War II the Corps took the lead in a massive campaign of amphibious warfare, advancing from island to island. As of 2017, the USMC has around 186,000 active duty members and some 38,500 reserve Marines. It is the smallest U.S. military service within the DoD.

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## NAVY, GERARD BUTLER COLLABORATE TO TELL 21ST CENTURY SUBMARINE YARN

By Ilka Cole, Eglin Air Force Base



Actor Gerard Butler and Navy Vice Adm. Fritz Roegge, current president of the National Defense University, speak about the movie "Hunter Killer" during a Pentagon news conference, Oct. 15, 2018.

DOD photo by Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON—Hollywood came to the Pentagon today as actor Gerard Butler spoke to Pentagon reporters about his collaboration with the U.S. Navy in making "Hunter Killer," a submarine movie due out this week.

The Pentagon press briefing studio was filled to capacity as Butler—who plays the commander of the fictional attack sub USS Arkansas in the movie—answered questions about the experience.

The movie posits an operation aimed at averting war with Russia. Butler said it is a chance to bring the submarine genre into the 21st century. "Hunter Killer" is a chance to take viewers into submarines and let them see the culture, "and really see how these people think, work, their courage, their intelligence, basically their brilliance," the actor said.

The plot alternates between the submarine, a special operations team inserted in Russia and the Pentagon.

Navy Vice Adm. Fritz Roegge, now the president of the National Defense University, was the commander of the U.S. Submarine Force in the Pacific. "I was privileged to host Mr. Butler in Pearl Harbor for an orientation to the submarine force," the admiral said.

The Navy supported the effort even as the service remained "laser-focused" on warfighting in today's era of great power competition. "But we're also competing for talent, and in this dynamic economy, it's more important than ever that we find ways to inspire the next generation of war fighters to consider serving our country in the Navy," Roegge said.

Only a small fraction of young Americans qualify to serve in the military. An even smaller number are aware of the opportunities the services offer. "Although the Navy benefits from technology that gives us the world's most capable platforms and equipment, it is our people who are truly our greatest strength," Roegge said. "In the words of another great Scotsman—John Paul Jones—'Men mean more than guns in the rating of a ship.' So we will only remain the world's greatest Navy by attracting the best talent from across our nation."

Movies are a good way to reach young Americans and they are also a good vehicle to expose all Americans to their Navy, Roegge said. All Americans need to understand "they know their Navy: who we are, what we do, and why it matters."

Butler was immersed in the submarine culture sailing aboard the USS Houston from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Being aboard the submarine was like being in another world, he said. "I felt like I could spend a year just in sonar. But I was shipped from sonar to the bridge, to navigation to the engine room to the torpedo room because I had a very quick-minded sub commander who wanted to show me every working living part of the submarine—even how to compress trash."

Butler added, "What I really took out of it was the brilliance and the humility of the sailors I worked with. Not that I didn't have that appreciation before—I certainly did—but having spent time with them to realize how their minds work and how agile and how creative they have to be. And they are constantly being tested to prove themselves to think logically, to think intuitively, and in all different matters."

And it was real for Butler. "You can do it in a movie, but when you are actually on a sub, you realize the dangers that are there," he said. "You are a thousand feet underwater and you go, 'Okay. What are the different ways things can go wrong?' You have a greater appreciation of what these people do every day unsung and unseen and their courage and valor."

DOD officials approved the request in December 2014, and the Navy provided access and technical support to the filmmakers. Officials stressed that support to "Hunter Killer" or any other movie is done at zero cost to the American taxpayer.

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1662751/navy-gerard-butler-collaborate-to-tell-21st-century-submarine-yarn/source/GovDelivery/>

## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MONTH

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

- Lt.-Col. John McCrae (1872 – 1918)

<https://www.redstate.com/erick/2013/11/11/the-11th-hour-of-the-11th-day-of-the-11th-month/>

## What Does the Poppy Flower Mean?

For many cultures, the Poppy is a symbol of:

- Restful sleep and recovery
- Consolation for a loss or death in the family
- Remembering the fallen of various wars and armed conflicts
- A lively imagination
- Peace in death
- Messages delivered in dreams
- Resurrection and eternal life



Few flowers played such an important role in religion, mythology, politics, and medicine as the Poppy. Often found growing along roadside ditches and other humble places, these flowers have enchanted poets and helped doctors treat their patients for centuries. Besides the medicinal and edible qualities of the Poppy, the flower symbolizes some very deep emotions.







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NEW MEMBER: CPT RICK JAHNKE USAR RET



Pictured left to right: MAJ CIRO DOMINGUEZ, Commander, Training Division, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; President COL Zieres; Chairman of the Coalition, BGEN HENRIK LARSEN; BGEN GERMAIN BARRAU from France and COL SALAH AL DRAIDI from Jordan

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Nearsightedness and farsightedness are both defects in human eye sight. Physicians specializing in the treatment of eyes give us glasses, contacts or perform eye surgery to correct one or both defects.

I wish that spiritual farsightedness and nearsightedness could be treated as easily! The one who looks forever into the future may not see his nearest duty and the person who sees only the daily routine around him seldom advances toward larger things.

To see life steadily and to see it whole, we need the Great Physician. He alone can answer the prayer of the Psalmist: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

**1 NOVEMBER**

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