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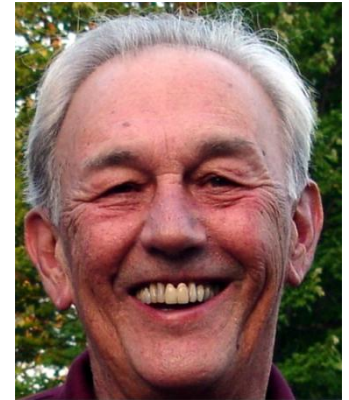
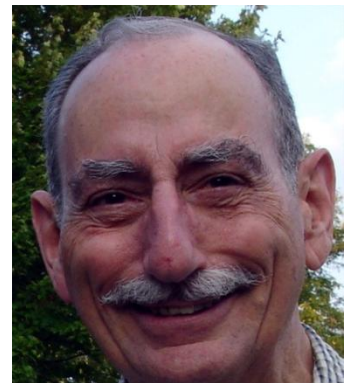
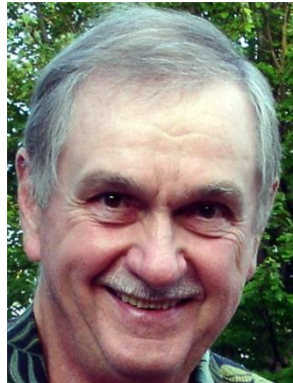


**September 2014 Edition**

**Bulletin Board**

- Alas, the time has passed to sign up for the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. If you didn't make the cut, too bad, there are no "do-overs" in life. If you snooze you lose!
- You still have time to send your baby/elementary/Jr. High pics to Editor-for-Life ASAP!

**September Birthdays – No Need For Names**







**September Anniversaries – You Know Who**



**(If you don't recognize these classmates, you obviously don't attend enough class activities/events. Get IT in gear!)**

**Class Activities**

**Gary Stenger**



What is this you ask? It is a world class carving by Gary Stenger that will be given away at the 75th Bash as part of the 50-50 drawing. Wow, money and this exquisite carving! Make sure you buy your tickets from one of the old codgers selling tickets at the event.

**Glenn Julian**

Glen had an article “Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Julians in Bradley County Tennessee” published in Summer 2014 issue of *The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Ansearchin’ News* pp. 28-35.

**Larry Weber**

**9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE AT LETTERKENNY CHAPEL**

The United Churches of the Chambersburg Area and the Historic Letterkenny Chapel and Franklin County Veterans and 9/11 Memorial Park Committee, will conduct a 9/11 Memorial Service, at the Historic Letterkenny Chapel. The Chapel Service will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, PA.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Lawrence M. Weber, retired Senior Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Waynesboro, PA, whose residence on September 11, 2001, was two miles from the impact site of United Flight 93, Shanksville, PA. Rev. Weber’s remarks will challenge us to carry on the defense of freedom, and to honor the memory of those who lost their lives that fateful day.

Special music will be presented by the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church Brass Choir, under the direction of David Wenerd, and the Community Chorus, under the direction of Marcel Coates.

The Chapel Service will conclude with a rifle salute by the VFW Post 1599 Honor Guard, and the playing of Taps by the Brass Choir, as final tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

For further information, please contact: Paul Cullinane, Program Coordinator, (717) 263-2838.



**Susan Morton**  
**"Golden Girls" Luncheon**



**Terry Strock**

My 14 year old grandson, Evan Hall, was a pitcher & 3rd basemen for the Lexington, Ky. Southeastern 14 Year Old Babe Ruth All Star Team. They won the State & Regional tournaments and represented the Ohio Valley in the Babe Ruth World Series in Ocala, Florida from August 14 through August 22.

Their team went 1 - 3 in pool play and therefore did not advance as 1 of the final 6 teams that vie for the Championship. The boys played hard and gave a great effort. They represented themselves, their parents, and grandparents with great class. It was a great experience for the 15 boys that represented the Ohio Valley Region.



## **Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli**

Our son Tom, our daughter-in-law Kelly and our two granddaughters, Ava & Mia, visited with us from Texas. We had a ball fishing, bowling, horseback riding, shooting, visiting Hershey Park, eating a bushel of crabs, attending a family birthday party at the Bulls & Bears, playing games and just enjoying time with them. Alas, the time flew by and we will not see them again until December. We wished they lived next door.



Our youngest grandson, Brady, played the first scrimmage game for the Santa Margarita Eagle's freshmen football team. Bit of a scrapper.





## Blast From The Past



## "Funkstown Bunch"



## **[Dave Bragunier](#)**

On Friday, August 29th, my wife Sara and I returned from a 17 day vacation in the beautiful state of Colorado. I hadn't been there since my US Army Field Band days in the 1960s and didn't remember much from then, since we were in a travel and play situation almost every day. We rented a car in Denver and over the period of time we managed to put 2,000 miles on it. We spent the first few days in Colorado Springs and went on from there. Driving up Pikes Peak was a good starter and everywhere we went in the state, the scenery was awe inspiring. The farthest South we went was Durango, where we took a fabulous scenic train on the Durango and Silverton Railroad. As with most of the scenic train rides, there are lots of great mountain views and in a lot of places, the tracks are literally hanging on the ledge of cliffs.

The northern most town that we visited was Leadville, which at 10,000 feet is the highest incorporated city in the US. (Another scenic train trip) The temperature at night there was in the forties and it snowed in the higher elevations. On that train trip, Sara and I rode in cab of the locomotive and the engineer even let us ride out on the front of the locomotive of a while. (Until we got too cold) It was another beautiful trip through the mountains.

In case you are noticing a theme on our trip, yes, we did four train trips during the seventeen days. We could've done seven different ones, but Sara was a great sport about the whole thing and I didn't want to push my luck. My father, all my uncles, my cousins, and both of my grandfathers worked for the Western Maryland Railway, so I come by my love of railroads honestly.

Sorry I didn't include any photos, but I wanted to meet Bob's deadline and haven't gone through them. All in all, Sara and I are tired but happy about all of the wonderful things that we saw, from the mountains, the little towns nestled in the valleys, the trains, the Colorado State Fair, and everything in between.

I hope that everyone had a good summer. At our age, who knows what will fly at you next, (I had a small stroke in June that has affected my speech) but we do hopefully "take a linkin' and keep on tickin'

My best to everyone

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**[Click Here For Neat Pics of Old](#)**

## **Education Section**

### **"The Wall"**

**A little history most people will never know.**

**Interesting Veterans Statistics from the Vietnam Memorial Wall**

**There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.**

**The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.**

**The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth , Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.**

**There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.**

**39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.**

**8,283 were just 19 years old.**

**The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.  
12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.**

**5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.**

**One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.**

**997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam ..**

**1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam ..**

**31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.**

**Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.**

**54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia . I wonder why so many from one school.**

**8 Women are on the Wall - nursing the wounded.**

**244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.**

**Beallsville , Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.**

**West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.**

**The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that**



**the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.**

**The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam . In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.**

**The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.**

**The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.**

**For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.**

### **Here is history few ever knew...**

**When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. Although he played with 5 major league teams from 1923 to 1939, he was a very mediocre ball player. He was regarded as the brainiest ballplayer of all time. In fact Casey Stengel once said: "That is the strangest man ever to play baseball." When all the baseball stars went to Japan, Moe Berg went with them and many people wondered why he went with "the team" . . .**

**The answer was simple: Moe Berg was a United States spy working undercover with the CIA. Moe spoke 15 languages - including Japanese - Moe Berg had two loves: baseball and spying. In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital - the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball-player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc. Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg's films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo**

**Berg's father, Bernard Berg, a pharmacist in Newark, New Jersey, taught his son Hebrew and Yiddish. Moe, against his wishes, began playing baseball on the street aged four. His father disapproved and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. Moe read at least 10 newspapers every day. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton - having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver.**

**During further studies at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Columbia Law School, he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian - 15 languages in all, plus some regional**

dialects.

While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe Berg would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.  
Tito's partisans

During World War II, he was parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of the two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighter, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians.

The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But there was more to come in that same year.

Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground and located a secret heavy water plant - part of the Nazis' effort to build an atomic bomb.

His information guided the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy the plant.

The R.A.F. destroys the Norwegian heavy water plant targeted by Moe Berg.

There still remained the question of how far had the Nazis progressed in the race to build the first Atomic bomb. If the Nazis were successful, they would win the war. Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg's, a Nobel Laureate, lecture and determine if the Nazis were close to building an A-bomb. Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student. The spy carried in his pocket a pistol and a cyanide pill.

If the German indicated the Nazis were close to building a weapon, Berg was to shoot him - and then swallow the cyanide pill.

Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel.

Werner Heisenberg - he blocked the Nazis from acquiring an atomic bomb.

Moe Berg's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, President Franklin D Roosevelt and key figures on the team developing the Atomic Bomb. Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher."

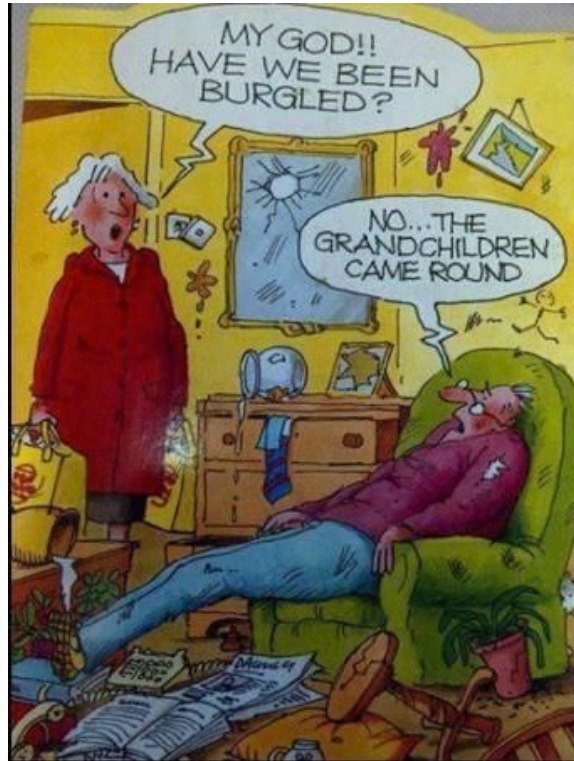
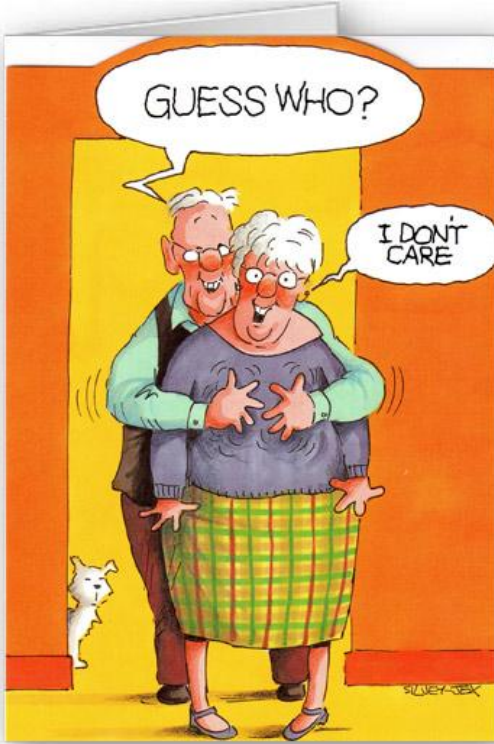
Most of Germany's leading physicists had been Jewish and had fled the Nazis mainly to Britain and the United States. After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Medal of Freedom - America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime. But Berg refused to accept, as he couldn't tell people about his exploits.

After his death, his sister accepted the Medal and it hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown, March 2, 1902 ----- May 29, 1972.

Moe Berg's baseball card is the only card on display at the CIA Headquarters in Washington DC



Comedy Section



“Sure, I'd love a second honeymoon ... who with?”

