



# Mustang News



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Fellow Mustangs and Ladies:

As always, I pray this message finds you all in good health and good spirits. I hope you have had a pleasant summer, are looking forward to a cool autumn, and will be attending our October convention/reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

In the words of the old pea picker Tennessee Ernie Ford, "if the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise," this will be my final Commander's Message. Now I know you read a final Commander's Message in the fall 2007 Mustang News, but this time it's for real. Deputy Commander Steve Shivers will be taking the helm at our convention/reunion.

This additional year has gone all too fast. Time does indeed fly as we age. I traveled to attend the birthday of my eldest grandson in early July. He turned five July third. As I looked at him and my son, it seemed like only a few months ago my son was celebrating his fifth birthday, when in reality it

## Commander's Message

by *Robert Evans*



has been over thirty years. I guess we cannot slow time down, but we can hold on to every second, especially when it comes to family.

I am sure you all read my note, in the package of 50/50 tickets, about the excessive costs associated with holding a convention/reunion in Washington, DC. If we decide at our business meeting this coming October to hold a convention/reunion in Washington, DC, then we will have to look at a month other than October, since October is one of the most expensive months.

Little has changed since my final message of 2007. Stan Schmucker continues to be our rock, keeping the organization fiscally sound and generally on an even keel. PNC Gib Bolton has been these past four years a terrific mentor, and PNC Peter Armstrong has been exceptionally supportive. I look to this group and others to lend like support to Steve Shivers going forward.

Please do try and attend the October convention/reunion, we have several important officer and board of director's positions to fill and need your support to ensure NOBC continues to be dynamic organization.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support these past four years. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 16<sup>th</sup> National Commander. See you in South Carolina in October and until then, God bless you and God bless NOBC.

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## Death Is Not a Period — It's a Comma

The news media will continue to keep us informed about the world situation, so let's continue to look at our personal life and our ultimate destination when life is over. There is no alternative to getting older. Remember, death is not a period—it's a comma. There is an eternity ahead—we must set our lives by a sure moral compass. If you don't have God you really have nothing. If you do have God you have everything. "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light" (Plato). Don't be afraid to be enlightened by the Bible. God will enlighten you with the Bible, but to know Him well requires serious Bible study. Don't just "speed read" a passage every day and call it a devotion time. We must believe in a God who has made Himself known in the Bible in the person and work of His Son our Savior. "The word of God is powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim 3:16).

God expects us to hold loosely what we have and share with others. Many



Warren Schilling

are not willing to live simply so that others may simply live. Churchill said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Some may not be financially strong and famous but have wisdom and understanding of the Bible. Give some of each to others. Fame is not wisdom. God values wisdom and understanding more than silver and gold.

Sometimes we met defeat in battle even as we do now at times in our lives. What is defeat? It's education—the first step in something better. God uses our setbacks to move us ahead. Misfortune never leaves us where it found us. To suffer passes, to have suffered never passes. We may even feel sorrow. But remember, sorrow looks back, worry looks around and faith looks up. Keep looking up.

Summer, 2002



### Lawyer:

Mrs. Jones, is your appearance this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

### Witness:

No. This is how I dress when I go to work.  
 — Saturday Evening Post

## From the Hawaii Editor's Desk

by Bill "Scotty" Wynn



## Mustang News

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for Mustangs answering  
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- 012L-Lloyd Milavitz-MN
- 197L-Rudolph S. Mozgo-PA
- 079L-Alphonse Thiaville-CO
- 258-Edward G. Winterroth-FL

**Note:** We depend on family members, friends and members to inform us of the deaths of our members. Please provide Stan Schmucker, Admin. & Fin. Officer, with pertinent information and details as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Taps

There will be a great encampment  
In the land of clouds today.  
A mingling and a merging  
Of our boys who've gone away.  
Though on earth they are disbanding,  
They are very close and near,  
For those brave and honored heroes  
Show no sorrow, shed no tear.  
They have lived a life of glory,  
History pins their medals high,  
Listen to the thunder rolling,  
They are marching in the sky!

--Artus Nottingham Chappus

### New Life Members

- 197L Rudolph S. Mozgo PA
- 337L Eugene S. Schmitz NE



"I always turn to the sports page first. The sports page records people's accomplishments, the front page nothing but man's failures."

*Earl Warren, chief justice of the U.S. (1891-1974)*

### Letters from NOBC Next of Kin

*NOBC widows or next of kin receive a plaque and citation honoring their late husbands from Gib Bolton*

#### **Audrey L. Clark:**

Thank you so much for the plaque in memory of Daniel.

I will treasure it and it will be in a prominent place in my home.

It was such a nice plaque and richly done.  
God bless all of you Mustangs.

"I'd rather be a 'could-be' if I cannot be an 'are'; because a 'could-be' is a 'maybe' who is reaching for a star. I'd rather be a 'has-been' than a 'might-have-been,' by far, for a 'might-have-been' has never been, but a 'has' was once an 'are.'"

*Milton Berle, American comedian (1908-2002)*





## Monday October 20

Noon to 2300      Hospitality Room open  
Registration  
(Palmetto Room)

## Tuesday October 21

0900 to 1100      Board of Directors' Meeting

1000 to 1500      Hospitality Room open  
Registration

1800                Cocktails (*casual dress*)

1900                Buffet  
Introductions  
Awards  
50/50 lottery drawing

Hospitality room open after buffet

## Wednesday October 22

0900 to 1000      Memorial Service  
(*All encouraged to attend*)

1000 to 1200      Business meeting  
(*Ladies shopping time*)

1200 to 1700      Hospitality room open  
*Open time*

1800                Cocktails  
*Uniform, tuxedo, coat/tie*  
*Ladies as appropriate*

1900                Formal banquet  
Introductions  
Keynote speaker  
Hospitality room open after banquet

## Thursday October 23

0700 to 1000      Getaway breakfast

## Have a safe trip to Home Station

### ***Ladies shopping time during Business Meeting***

For the ladies interested, there is a Steinmart Mall within two blocks of the Ocean Dunes. Access would be within walking distance or by private auto. The hotel cannot provide transportation.

## Military Rules for Non-Military Personnel

“Dear Civilians,

We know that the current state of affairs in our great nation have many civilians up in arms and excited to join the military. For those of you who can't join, you can still lend a hand. Here are a few of the areas where we would like your assistance:

(1) The next time you see an adult talking (or wearing a hat) during the playing of the National Anthem—kick their ass.

(2) When you witness, firsthand, someone burning the American Flag in protest—kick their ass.

(3) Regardless of the rank they held while they served, pay the highest amount of respect to all veterans. If you see anyone doing otherwise, quietly pull them aside and explain how these veterans fought for the very freedom they bask in every second. Enlighten them on the many sacrifices these veterans made to make this Nation great. Then hold them down while a disabled veteran kicks their ass.

(4) (GUYS) If you were never in the military, DO NOT pretend that you were. Wearing battle dress uniforms (BDUs), telling others that you used to be “Special Forces,” and collecting GI Joe memorabilia, might have been okay when you were seven years old. Now, it will only make you look stupid and gets your ass kicked.

(5) Next time you come across an Air Force member, do not ask them, “Do you fly a jet?” Not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot. Such ignorance deserves an ass-kicking (children are exempt).

(6) If you witness someone calling the US Coast Guard ‘non-military’, inform them of their mistake—and kick their ass.

(7) Next time Old Glory (the US flag) prances by during a parade, get on your damn feet and pay homage to her by placing your hand over your heart. Quietly thank the military member or veteran lucky enough to be carrying her—of course, failure to do either of those could earn you a severe ass-kicking.

(8) Don't try to discuss politics with a military member or a veteran. We are Americans, and we all bleed the same, regardless of our party affiliation. Our

Chain of Command is to include our Commander-In-Chief (C in C). The President (for those who didn't know) is our C in C regardless of political party. We have no inside track on what happens inside those big important buildings where all those representatives meet. All we know is that when those civilian representatives screw up the situation, they call upon the military to go straighten it out. If you keep asking us the same stupid questions repeatedly, you will get your ass kicked!

(9) ‘Your mama wears combat boots’ never made sense to me—stop saying it! If she did, she would most likely be a vet and therefore, could kick your ass!

(10) Bin Laden and the Taliban are not Communists, so stop saying ‘Let's go kill those Commies!’ And stop asking us where he is? Crystal balls are not standard issue in the military. That reminds me—if you see anyone calling those damn psychic phone numbers, let me know, so I can go kick their ass.

(11) ‘Flyboy’ (Air Force), ‘Jarhead’ (Marines), ‘Grunt’ (Army), ‘Squid’ (Navy), ‘Puddle Jumpers’ (Coast Guard), etc., are terms of endearment we use describing each other. Unless you are a service member or vet, you have not earned the right to use them. That could get your ass kicked.

(12) Last, but not least, whether or not you become a member of the military, support our troops and their families. Every Thanksgiving and religious holiday that you enjoy with family and friends, please remember that there are literally thousands of sailors and troops far from home wishing they could be with their families. Thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make every day. Without them, our country would get its ass kicked.”

“It is the soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press.

“It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

“It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate.

“It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

*(From Bob Evans)*

## The I-400 Class of Japanese Submarines

by RADM Lloyd R. Vasey, USN (Ret)

It was August 28, 1945 when three of the giant I class of Japanese submarines were intercepted and surrendered east of Honshu. They were later brought into the bay alongside Proteus on the 31st. the I-400 had struck her colors to Commander Hiram Cassedy former colorful skipper of the Trigrone who became her first prize crew captain. He didn't last long as I-400's skipper, having run afoul of Admiral Halsey for disregarding his order about taking swords as souvenirs. Incidentally, the Japanese squadron commander who was aboard the I-400 went to the bridge and shot himself rather than surrender.

I was ordered to accompany our squadron doctor and his chief pharmacist mate with two armed Marines and assist in assessing the living conditions in the I-400 and the physical status of the crew. The skipper of the boat in response to my query said there were a total of 180 in his crew, but when we went through the compartments we tallied 212. By our standards, creature comforts were virtually non-existent and very few water spigots were available for use and meal preparation. The "heads" were just holes in the decks above sanitary tanks. We did not linger long in these areas due to the stench. Sailors were packed like sardines in multi-tiered bunks and many ate supper lying in their bunks, disposing of leftovers onto the deck which was already filthy. Supernumerary crewmen simply slept on the decks. Most shocking were the numbers of large rats and hordes of cockroaches nonchalantly scurrying about as if they were members of the ship's company. That evening the I-400 crew were ordered to sleep topside while the boat was fumigated, and the next morning eleven gunny sacks full of carcasses were carted away.

In spite of these deplorable conditions, the 19-year old sailors seemed in remarkably good health and spirits, lean and trim, attired only in loin cloths. They displayed no animosity toward us, only indifference.

The I-400 was a remarkable submarine way ahead of her time, with a cruising range of 37,500 miles, snorkel, radar detectors and a 115 foot hanger opening onto an 85 foot long catapult for the three aircraft stowed aboard. Since early in the year the four I class submarines had been in training for bomb and torpedo strikes against the Panama Canal's vital Gatun Locks. But by June, three thousand American warships and transports were already in the Western Pacific and the mission of these submarines was changed to launch suicide torpedo attacks by Kaiten submarines in coordination with air strikes against American forces.

(Note: later in 1945, the I-400 was brought to Pearl Harbor with an American crew under command of Joe McDowell).



It seems to me that there must be an ecological limit to the number of paper pushers the earth can sustain, and that human civilization will collapse when the number of, say, tax lawyers exceeds the world's total population of farmers, weavers, fisherpersons and pediatric nurses.

*Barbara Ehrenreich*

**Our Armies, Ourselves.** *How we treat our veterans says a lot about America's character. These days, it isn't pretty.*

*by Nancy Gibbs*

Etched onto the wall of a sentry box in Gibraltar is an unsigned indictment from an unknown soldier. You imagine him there many wars ago, keeping watch and weighing his prospects for a normal life.

*God and the soldier, all men adore  
In time of danger and not before.  
When danger is passed and all thing righted,  
God is forgotten, the soldier slighted.*

President Kennedy quoted the verse in 1962 to the men of the Army's 1st Armored Division, who had been secretly moved into position during the Cuban missile crisis. "This country does not forget God or the soldier," Kennedy said. "upon both we now depend."

How we treat returning soldiers once the parades have passed is a measure of a country's character and a government's competence. Often the war shadows the warriors: to the returning victors of WWII came honor and glory and the GI Bill. But for the veterans of Korea - "the Forgotten War" - there was silence. Infantryman Fred Down returned from Vietnam with four Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and one arm. Back in school, he was asked if he'd lost his arm in the war. Yes, he said. "Serves you right," he was told.

We've grown up since then, embraced complexity: it doesn't matter that nearly two-thirds of Americans say the Iraq war wasn't worth fighting; three-quarters say the government is not doing enough to help returning vets. They protect us when we hand them a rifle and say, "go fight the enemy." We betray them when we hand them a pencil and say, "Now go fight the bureaucracy."

At least they are not fighting alone: Kennedy's promise to "not forget" is honored by every town that welcomes home its National Guard unit by helping members reconnect; by the ingenuity of groups like Sew Much Comfort, which provides "adaptive clothing" for vets with burns and other injuries, casts and prosthesis. Mental-health professionals volunteer through Give an Hour to treat vets for free: pro bono lawyers help them navigate the dense disability-benefits maze. But private charity can't replace a public commitment to finish what we start, to

do the long, hard, expensive work of making soldiers whole when they come home.

Wars are like icebergs: much of the cost remains hidden, and the near doubling of the defense budget since 2001 does not cover what lies ahead. Better body armor and trauma care mean new life for thousands of soldiers who would have died in any earlier war. But many are broken or burned or buried in pain from what they saw and did. One in five suffers from major depression or posttraumatic stress, says a new Rand Corp. study; more than 30,000 have suffered traumatic brain injury. The cost of treating them is projected to double over the next 25 years. Four hundred thousand veterans are waiting for cases to be processed. The number seeking assistance for homelessness is up 600% in the past year.

In the face of so much need, too often comes denial. At a May 6 hearing, lawmakers lit into officials from Veterans Affairs after an e-mail surfaced from Ira Katz, its chief of mental health, on suicide rates of soldiers in its care. The subject line "Shhh." The VA had been insisting there were fewer than 800 suicide attempts a year by vets in its care; the real number was closer to 12,000. "Is this something we should (carefully) address ourselves in some sort of release before someone stumbles on it?" Katz asked. Bob Filner, chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, saw criminal negligence. "The pattern is deny, deny, deny," he told Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Peake. "Then when facts seemingly come to disagree with the denial, you cover up, cover up, cover up."

It took a YouTube video to scald the conscience of officials at Fort Bragg, where soldiers returned from 15 months in Afghanistan to barracks festooned with filth, paint peeling in pages off the walls. "Soldiers should never have to live in such squalor," said Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who saw the video. "Things happen too slowly." But even if the system worked perfectly, it would still take billions of dollars to meet the need.

Memorial Day was designed to honor dead soldiers; the other 364 belong to the living. Of the private efforts there is much to be proud, for they reflect the best traditions of the country the soldiers are fighting for. But the holes they are patching reveal a system in tatters; the very least veterans deserve from their government is honesty about its failures.

## Soldiers For The Truth

*The organization was founded by Col. David Hackworth and is continuing under the capable auspices of Roger Charles, (LTC USMC Ret.), President. Roger has agreed to continue our access to the SFTT website to select articles for the Mustang News. We will continue to head this as Hack's Page in his honor.*

### BELLS FOR A FALLEN HERO

*By Eilhys England Hackworth*

Once again, it's May 4th, three years to the day that my amazing husband, Colonel David (Hack) Hackworth, our country's most valor-decorated soldier, died in my arms. Hack died from bladder cancer caused by Agent Blue — to which he was repeatedly and mercilessly exposed during too many tours in Viet Nam trying to keep young boys under his command alive.

And once again this coming Friday, May 9th, the Town of Greenwich and the State of Connecticut will proclaim the day Colonel David Hackworth Day in celebration of Hack's brave life and noble legacy. A legacy inexorably tied to Soldiers For The Truth Foundation (SFTT), an apolitical, non-partisan 501(c)(3) still functioning because of my deathbed promise to Hack that I'd pick up the torch and run with it.

At 6PM Greenwich's Silver Shield Honor Guard - led by pipes and drums - will march to the Greenwich Avenue Post Office Green War Memorial to pay their respects, Rev. Bob Naylor will offer a few words about Hack as well as our warriors currently serving in hot spots around the globe, First Selectman Peter Tesei will read his Proclamation and Hack's friends Catherine Crier and Geraldo Rivera will reminisce to caring citizens gathered in support of SFTT's objective: protecting America's frontline troops before they go into battle by making sure they have the best available critical combat gear to meet their assigned missions and make it home alive and in one piece.

That's what Hack was all about. He always so treasured the kids out at the tip of the spear, most barely 18 and 19 years old, and was so haunted



Roger Charles

by the horrors of those faraway killing fields where he led and fought that he spent the rest of his life shining the light of truth on the type of leadership, training and equipment failures he personally saw cause so many unnecessary young deaths.

In fact, the reason he became a journalist, TV regular and syndicated columnist was to continue standing in the door for his beloved warriors. Years before, he'd been a teen foot soldier who won a battlefield commission in Korea for saving other soldiers' lives and went on to become the youngest full Colonel in the US Army, a vaunted battlefield commander who was a legend as much for leading from the front and never asking his boys to do anything he wouldn't do as for his brilliant war-fighting. He'd been there/done that and spoke with a different gravitas than most other pundits.

He was always prescient, never political, able to predict with deadly accuracy how Vietnam would unwind, able to call Iraq this time around in our column, on LARRY KING LIVE and elsewhere with the same terrible sense of tragedy unfolding. And as Iraq warped into a bloody, never-ending story, it's become increasingly urgent that we keep SFTT going, but also do more with our investigative projects than feature them on our webzine ([www.sftt.org](http://www.sftt.org)) and direct them to national media — we need to bring truth to the public and to power with a higher profile and broader outreach.

Since this effort requires financial as well as moral support to extend SFTT's lifesaving good works, Friday's David Hackworth Day tribute will cap with an auction reception at Richard's of Greenwich at 6:30PM immediately following the outdoor ceremonies.

SFTT is already making a difference. Several years

of digging by SFTT's award-winning webzine editor Roger Charles on the substandard body armor our troops are forced to wear – so substandard it can't pass the government's own specs – and Roger's and my liaisons with Senators and House Members as committed as we are to the truth have turned up what we suspected. As a result, investigations are underway by oversight and criminal agencies including the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Homeland Security, the FBI, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the IRS and the Department of Commerce.

This month we'll also break another national piece at least as major as NBC Dateline's five-parter last

May on body armor that will discuss how vulnerable vets just back from Iraq and Afghanistan have been drawn into highly dubious medical research.

For sure there will be the usual Pentagon spin on yet another crying shame, but with your support, SFTT will stay the course – just as Hack always did.

*Eilhys England Hackworth and her late husband Colonel David Hackworth wrote the best-seller STEEL MY SOLDIERS' HEARTS.*

For further information: [www.SFTT.org](http://www.SFTT.org)

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## American Soldier In 'with' Obama

Hello everyone,

As you know I am not a very political person. I just wanted to pass along that Senator Obama came to Bagram Afghanistan for about an hour on his visit to 'The War Zone.' I wanted to share with you what happened. He got off the plane and got into a bullet proof vehicle, got to the area to meet with the Major General who is the commander here at Bagram.

As the soldiers were lined up to shake his hand he blew them off and didn't say a word as he went into the conference room to meet the general. As he finished, the vehicles took him to the ClamShell (pretty much a big top tent that military personnel can play basketball or work out in with weights) so he could take his publicity pictures playing basketball. He again shunned the opportunity to talk to soldiers to thank them for their service.

So he really was just here to make a showing for the American's back home that he is their candidate for president. I think that if you are going to make an effort to come all the way over here you would thank those that are providing the freedom that they are providing for you.

I swear we got more thanks from the NBA Basketball Players or the Dallas Cowboy Cheer

Leaders than from one of the senators who wants to be President of the United States. I just don't understand how anyone would want him to be our Commander-in-Chief. It was almost that he was scared to be around those that provide the freedom for him and our great country.

If this is blunt and to the point I am sorry but I wanted you all to know what kind of caliber of person he really is. What you see in the news is all fake.

In service,  
*Capt. Jeffrey S. Porter*  
*Battle Captain*  
*TF Wasatch*



Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love people who treat you right. Forget about those who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it.

*Sent in by Jim Plate*



Bob Evans

The TMC report is rather uninteresting this quarter, so I thought our readers might be interested in the disposition of the 2009 Defense Appropriations Bill:

On July 30th the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense marked-up the

Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations Bill. The \$487.7 billion bill is \$4 billion below the President's budget request and \$28.4 billion above the Fiscal Year 2008 enacted level. Please note that this is the Subcommittee recommendations and must be approved by the full House Appropriations Committee and then approved by the full House. Normally, there are few changes in the Subcommittee Recommendations in subsequent Full Committee and full House actions. Full Committee action is not expected until September and final approval (House/Senate) is not expected until after the end of the fiscal year.

The following is a summary of the Subcommittee Recommendations for the FY09 Defense Appropriations Bill:

- Provides a 3.9% military pay increase (0.5% above the President's budget request).
- Provides an increase of \$1.4 billion for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization. This includes \$987 million for barracks and other DoD facilities and \$450 million for military medical treatment facilities.
- Provides full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, but redistributes funds within the program. The Committee reduces airframe production funding by a total of \$786 million, but increases funding by a total of \$785 million for \$430 million for development of an alternative engine, and \$320 million for risk mitigation in the test program (including the restoration of two test aircraft eliminated by the DoD last year).

- Includes an additional \$563.5 million for Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets and operational costs as identified by the Department of Defense.

Provides an increase of \$300 million to fully fund advance procurement for the Fourth Advanced Extremely High Frequency communications satellite to maintain protected satellite communication capabilities.

- Provides full funding (\$893 million) for the aerial refueling tanker program. The Committee directs the DoD to comply with the GAO findings concerning the tanker award protest, and directs that industrial base concerns be included in the evaluation of the tanker contract award.
  - Fully funds the President's budget request for 20 F-22 Raptors in addition to providing \$523 million for the advance procurement of 20 F-22 Raptors.
  - Includes \$3.6 billion for the Future Combat Systems (FCS), an increase of \$33 million to accelerate the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Unmanned Ground Vehicle programs.
- Provides an additional \$1 billion for National Guard and Reserve Equipment.
- Redistributes the Shipbuilding account to include: \$1.6 billion for an additional LPD-17, \$397.6 million for long lead items in the Virginia Class submarine program, and \$450 million in advance procurement for the DDG-1000. Also provides an additional \$941 million in the National Defense Sealift Fund for 2 T-AKE cargo ships. These increases are offset by a reduction of \$2.5 billion for the third DDG-1000.
- Outsourcing: Includes a 5% reduction to contract services (\$4.5 billion).
  - Insourcing: Includes an increase of \$943 million to hire civilian employees in order to perform more work in-house.

- **Presidential Helicopter:** Reduces the program by \$212 million due to uncertainty associated with Increment II. This leaves the program a total of \$835 million, including \$735 million in the program for Increment I aircraft (5) and \$100 million for Increment II.
- **Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter:** Includes a reduction of \$166 million (13 aircraft) from the ARH program due to schedule slippage and cost increases in the program.
- **Oversight:** Increases the DoD Office of the Inspector General by \$25 million to fund additional

personnel to provide oversight of DoD contractors; and an increase of \$5 million to update and maintain the industrial base analysis conducted by the Cost Analysis Improvement Group.

- **Intelligence Community Reprogramming Authority:** Limits transfers within the National Intelligence Program to \$400 million, and requires the Intelligence Community to establish a baseline for reprogramming similar to the baseline established within the Department of Defense.

## ***As We Get Older!!***



**In any field of pseudo scientific endeavor, anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.**

**Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.**

**If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong is the one that will do the most damage.**

**Mother nature always sides with the hidden flaw.**

**If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something or somebody.**

## **It's a Fact!!**



Some homeward bound tourists have been known to remark that they are returning to the "states" - and have to be gently reminded they are in the states but returning to the mainland.

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