

Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



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Veterans' Corner

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Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11th, 2020

Our 2020 ceremony is being dedicated to our committee's Chairman Emeritus, **Nelson R. "Nick" Charles, Captain, USN, Retired.**

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be different. I guess that is no surprise for many of you. The ceremony will be presented as a video and shown on channel 1979, on November 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The encore presentation will be shown on November 15, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The program will be approximately one hour long.

Carol Shellenberger loaned me a book that was published in 1946 by the US Army Air Corps. It covers the exploits of the 7th Air Force from December 7th, 1941 until VJ Day, September 2nd, 1945. I was surprised to learn about the Army's role in the many battles in the Central Pacific, and elsewhere. During my reading I found a story that reminded me of a Readers' Digest column entitled Humor in Uniform. I am sharing it with in hope that it will at least give you a chuckle. The story below is based on a real event and is quoted from the book, One Damned Island After Another, by Clive Howard and Joe Whitley, Prepared by HQ, AAF, AFIPR, Copyright, 1946 by Army Air Forces Aid Society, Van Rensselaer Press – New York.

"Hell, you never had it so good," the old timers would quip when the new men griped at the C-Ration-spam diets." When we came down on the invasion it was really tough. At first we were kinda of particular and took time to pick the ants out of the K-Rations. Then we just sort of brush them off and start eating. Then we got to where we'd just eat and let the ants look out for themselves. Finally it reached a point that when the ants started crawling off we'd catch 'em and put them back in the food where they belonged."