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OPERATION  
HOMEFRONT

I was recently in San Antonio, Texas and had the good fortune of meeting Tim Farrell, Chief Operating Officer of Operation Homefront. I also met the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jim Knotts. Not being familiar with this organization, I was thrilled after I talked with them and learned their mission, their goal and how many people actually help them. Do you know that J.P. Morgan Chase bank has made a commitment to help our servicemen and women and they donated 1,000 homes to Operation Homefront. Plus they are hiring 5000 Veterans. I thought you guys might like to get acquainted with Operation Homefront. Here are some facts:

#### **MISSION:**

Operation Homefront (OH) provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors.

#### **VISION:**

Through generous, widespread public support and a collaborative team of

exceptional staff and volunteers, we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. Where there is a need we do not provide, we will partner with others for the benefit of our military families.

#### **VALUES:**

##### **- Honor Patriotism and Service to Country:**

We believe those who wear our country's uniform do so with a sense of duty, knowing they support the causes of freedom. We serve by serving them and their families.

##### **Do What's Right:**

We are committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct in all that we do. We believe that honesty and integrity engender trust, which is the cornerstone of providing our services. We are careful stewards of the resources provided by our donors. We strive to be good citizens and we take responsibility for our actions.

#### **Respect Others:**

We recognize that our success as an enterprise depends on the talent, skills and expertise of our people and our ability to function as a tightly integrated team. We appreciate our diversity and believe that respect - for our colleagues, clients, partners, and all those with whom we interact - is an essential element of all positive and productive relationships.

#### **Perform With Excellence:**

We understand the importance of our mission and the trust our clients and donors place in us. With this in mind, we strive to excel in every aspect of our activities and approach every challenge with a determination to succeed.

#### **KEY SERVICES:**

Operation Homefront provides direct services to alleviate a military family's or individual's actual/complete emergency financial burden, as well as counseling and/or recovery support. Emergency financial assistance is in the form of checks paid directly to mortgage lenders, auto mechanics, contractors,

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hospitals, doctors, dentists and other providers. Other emergency funding assistance, which an applicant receives within 24 to 72 hours, includes the following:

- Financial assistance
- Emergency food
- Emergency home repairs
- Critical baby items: formula, food and diapers
- Home and appliance repair
- Furniture and household items
- Local moving assistance
- Community events
- Wounded Warrior Transitional Family Housing

I especially like the program they have called Current Needs. You can go online and actually see a person who is in need and then allocate your funding to that person or need.

Check out their website at [www.operationhomefront.net](http://www.operationhomefront.net). It is an inspiring organization helping veterans and wounded warriors.

## **NEWS**



### **USS LST 325 In Port Arthur Texas for Dry Dock**

We left for Port Arthur Texas on January 7th, 2013. We are addressing much needed repairs and grant work while with Gulf Copper. Check out our Progress page for more

information on Gulf Copper and their Mr. Morris. We plan to return to Evansville near the end of February. To all those near Port Arthur and planning to stop by. You may not be able to see much as the ship is in a floating dry dock facility and is mostly concealed, please be advised.

The ship will have many areas repaired/replaced, painted, inspected, and all concerns addressed. See our Progress page for reports from Captain Jornlin himself as to the work progress being made on ship. With donations from our membership and visitors, we have raised \$45,193.65 as of 1/31/2013 for the repairs necessary. Combined with our National Park Service Grant of \$204,444 for the removal of the Ice Breaker; we have reached \$249,637.65 of our \$2,000,000 goal. You can still contribute to our Dry Dock Fund via our Donate page or by mail. Help us save a piece of World History!

The USS LST 325 was originally known as LST-325 during the Second World War, USNS LST-325 during its arctic operations in the 1950's, and later L-144 (A/G Syros) while it was in the service of the Greek Navy. It was acquired by The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., in 2000, and caught considerable public attention when our veteran crew brought it on a 6,500-mile journey from the

Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama.

### **Holocaust Remembrance Day April 19th**

Here is a peek at the United Nations at work. The UN took up the resolution to honor the Holocaust victims.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27<sup>th</sup>. But the Holocaust Remembrance Day for the United States is April 19th. Read the resolution below.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDES TO DESIGNATE 27 JANUARY AS ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION TO HONOUR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS**

The General Assembly today decided that the United Nations will designate 27 January — the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp -- as an annual International Day of Commemoration to honor the victims of the Holocaust, and urged Member States to develop educational programs to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations to prevent genocide from occurring again.

Rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, the 191-member Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution condemning "without reserve" all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based

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on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur. The Assembly also requested United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to establish an outreach program on the "Holocaust and the United Nations", as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Holocaust remembrance and education, in order to help prevent future acts of genocide.

The debate on the issue stretched over two days, with delegations expressing support for the historic text, which honored the "courage and dedication shown by soldiers who liberated the concentration camps", and commended countries that had worked hard to preserve those sites which served as Nazi death camps or forced labor prisons during the Holocaust.

Introducing his country's first-ever resolution before the Assembly, Israel's representative said it was imperative for the sanctity of life and for the preservation of humanity for all States to learn the lessons of the Holocaust, and to prevent such atrocities in the future. He urged the Assembly to adopt the text by consensus so that the United Nations and its Member States could demonstrate their commitment to the cause with one voice.

Brazil's representative said the Jewish Holocaust had been a paradigm of genocide -- a crime that had not been defined until then and one not affording legal recourse before

then. Massacres prior to that tragedy could not be properly judged, and their perpetrators could not be punished, including crimes committed against the indigenous peoples of the Americas during the colonial period, along with the practice of slavery, he said. The 1948 anti-genocide Convention was the starting point of the needed definition. Now the crime had been incorporated into the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Sixty years on, it was still difficult for the vast majority of Member States to examine their own national histories, particularly modern histories, said Jordan's representative. And if genocide was to be made a truly unthinkable occurrence in the future, not only must countries confront their own philosophies of negation, but they must also collectively support the Court, the only permanent judicial body designed to end impunity for the gravest of crimes.

While all speakers backed the general thrust of the draft, there were calls for its scope to be expanded beyond the specific events surrounding the Holocaust to incorporate not only the lessons of that tragedy, but also other war crimes, acts of genocide or ethnic cleansing, such as had been witnessed in the Balkans and Rwanda. Indonesia's representative was among those condemning the Holocaust, while stressing that history registered a long list of human tragedies. It would be

preferable if the intention to institute Holocaust remembrance within the United Nations system also gave simultaneous attention to other tragedies, he said.

Wrapping up the discussion, Assembly President Jan Eliasson of Sweden said the Holocaust had been a turning point in history, which had prompted the world to say "never again". The significance of the resolution adopted today was that it called for a remembrance of past crimes with an eye towards preventing them in the future.

## BIRTHDAYS

### April 1

Andy Cumella  
11 Freeport Court  
Toms River, NJ 08757



### May 17

Jim Miller  
1452 S. Ellsworth Road #2211  
Mesa, AZ 85209

## HOLIDAYS

### April:

1 April Fools Day  
19 Holocaust Remembrance Day  
26 Arbor Day



### May:

1 May Day  
2 National Day of Prayer  
5 Cinco de Mayo  
12 Mother's Day  
18 Armed Forces Day  
27 Memorial Day



### June:

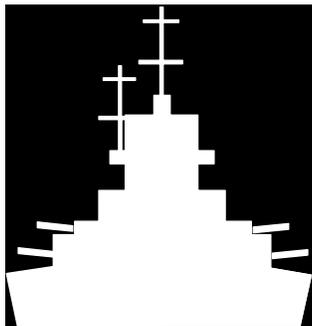
14 Flag Day  
16 Father's Day  
21 Summer Begins



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### Just for Fun

### Nautical Terms



Q. What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A. A rumor

Dear Lord,  
I pray for wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; and Patience for his moods.

But Lord, I do not pray for Strength because if I did, I would beat him to death.

Small Arms – rifles, pistols  
20mm Oerlikon – Smallest anti-aircraft machine gun on LST with six located on each side. Fired 450 rounds per minute. Magazine held 60 rounds.



40mm Bofors – Largest anti-aircraft machine gun on LST. Twin of 40's and two singles located fore and aft. Fed from clips of 4. Rate of fire – 120 per minute.

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