



R & R

Rough & Ready



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AP – In this Aug. 27, 2010 photo, research technician Danielle Fontaine holds a test tube glowing with bioluminescent ...

Fireflies under the microscope

Someday, the secrets of fireflies or glowing sea plankton could save an American soldier in battle, a Navy SEAL on a dive, or a military pilot landing after a mission with biodegradable landing zone markers that helicopters can spot even as wind from their rotors kicks up dirt.. all through the study of bioluminescence. It's noteworthy because it produces light without wasting energy because it does not generate any heat.



Could these save a life and energy, too?

That's the hope behind a growing field of [military-sponsored research](#) into bioluminescence, a phenomenon that's under the microscope in laboratories around the country. This phenomenon is noteworthy because this produces light without wasting energy because it does not generate any heat. A possible military use of bioluminescence would be creating biodegradable landing zone markers that helicopters can spot even as wind from their rotors kicks up dirt."

Armor For The Tractor Trailer Set

The U.S. Army is buying 380 armor kits for its 14 ton M915A5 6x4 tractors. The armored M915A5 makes it safer to take tractor-trailer loads of supplies through parts of Iraq and Afghanistan that are full of guys with guns who like to shoot at anything that moves.

BACK ON THE HOMEFRONT...

Thoughts turn to: Hunting Season



The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

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Halloween - On Wearing Camouflage



Standard Policy:

MARINES: Work uniform, to be worn only during training and in field situations.

ARMY: Will wear it anytime, anywhere.

NAVY: Will not wear camouflage uniforms... they do not camouflage you on a ship. (Ship Captains will make every effort to attempt to explain this to sailors.)

AIR FORCE: Will defeat the purpose of camouflage uniforms by putting blue and silver chevrons and colorful squadron patches all over them.

MILITARY BRATS: Will wear camouflage anywhere, anytime, anyhow!

Timely Politics - SNAFU

*[situation normal—all f****d up]*

Only in America do we have a General in charge of the post office and a Secretary in charge of defense.

In Washington, DC a Congressman was awakened during the night by his wife who whispered, "I think there's a thief in the house."

"Not in the House," her sleepy husband replied. "Perhaps in the Senate, my dear, but not in the House."

Why is it hard for a ghost to tell a lie but not a politician? You can see right through the ghost.

Favorite Bumper Sticker:

**Cash for clunkers!
Can we trade-in Congress?**

Do you know what's wrong with political jokes? They get elected.

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A Serious Quote on Voting

"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote, that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual, or at least that he ought not to. He is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

~Samuel Adams as quoted in the Boston Gazette on April 16, 1781

Tips for Keeping a Relationship Strong During Deployment

- Send cards for every occasion. I even sent my soldier a Halloween card that said, "Halloween without you... it sucks." I told him how much I wanted to be his zombie princess. He loved it!
- Send your soldier things he likes that he can't get where he is deployed.
- If you're a soldier, send presents that can't be purchased back in the US. My guy sent me the prettiest ring from [Lag](#) he found at a bazaar. I loved it!

~ Source: [Lainie](#)

BABES, BARRACKS, & BOYS

Inspections by the Babes...

Checking the equipment can have more than one meaning, if you get my drift. :)
~ Ed.



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Little Michael asked, "Grandma, what is that called when two people are sleeping in the same room and one is on top of the other?" Taken aback, she decided to tell him the truth.

"It's called sexual intercourse", she replied.

Little Michael just said, "Oh, okay" and went back outside to play.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "Grandma, it is not called sexual intercourse! It's called Bunk Beds! and Jimmy's Mom wants to talk to you!"



A father asked his 10-year old son if he knew about the birds and the bees.

"I don't want to know," the child said, bursting into tears, "Promise me you won't tell me."

Confused, the father asked what was wrong.

The boy sobbed,

"When I was six, I got the 'There's no Easter Bunny' speech.

At seven, I got the 'There's no Tooth Fairy' speech.

When I was eight, you hit me with the 'There's no Santa' speech.

If you're going to tell me that grown-ups don't really get laid, I'll have nothing left to live for.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Funny Stories from the Mail Bag

Trick or Treat!

When stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, awhile back, our neighbors dressed as ghosts on Halloween by throwing a sheet over their head. They cut out holes so they could see... and each carried a mug. Needless to say when they appeared at our door

with their Trick or Treat greeting, we treated... and the party was on!



Note: Have a funny story? Send it to: mrennbiz@gmail.com

Why Rednecks Make Good Soldiers

Dear Ma & Pa:

Am well. Hope you are. Tell brother Walt & brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m., but am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt & Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing. Men got to shave but it is not so bad, they git warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc..., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie, and other regular food. But tell Walt & Elmer you can always sit between two city boys that live on coffee. Their food plus yours holds you till noon, when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route" marches, which the Platoon Sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it is not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys gets sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The country is nice, but awful flat.

The Sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags some. The Capt. is like the school board. Majors & Colonels just ride around & frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt & Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk and don't move. And it ain't shooting at you, like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes. So be sure to tell Walt & Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get into this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Gail

P.S. Speaking of shooting, enclosed is \$200 towards a new barn roof & ma's teeth. The city boys shoot craps, but not very good.

~Source: www.swapmeetdave.com

Military Truisms

- "Aim towards the Enemy." [Instruction printed on US rocket launcher]
- Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.
- Don't be the first, don't be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything.
- If your attack is going too well, you are walking into an ambush.
- If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly.
- Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you.
- No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.
- Any ship can be a minesweeper... once.



- Friendly fire isn't.
- Tracers work both ways.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- Five second fuses only last three seconds.
- The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it.
- Incoming fire has the right of way.
- The quartermaster has only two sizes... too large and too small.
- If you can see the enemy, he can see you.
- And never tell your Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.

Mission Statement:

Having close ties to the military most of my life, I am a big fan of the military and wish to bring them some joy and humor with a little bit of attitude. No offense is ever intended toward any particular group. I am a mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law of one of my own. Don't ask me who (I don't want him to be embarrassed) and don't ask me how old I am... I'll only smile and say, "I'm somewhere between the age of consent and collapse, closer to collapse."

~ Marie Renn, Editor

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