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Mythbuster's Hyneman designs next-gen military armor

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Mythbusters - the Discovery Channel reality show - has gained quite a reputation for dramatically shattering preconceived notions that many viewers have believed for years.

So it doesn't come as much of a surprise that Jamie Hyneman's prowess recently caught the attention of the U.S. military.

Yes, the Department of Defense has asked Hyneman to help it develop a new generation of lighter, stronger armor for military vehicles.

Of course, Hyneman is already involved with several other projects outside his regular ol' "day job" at Mythbusters - including developing special effects for the film industry.

Still, Hyneman is making time to work with the Office of Naval Research in its quest to improve vehicle armor and better protect U.S. troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Basically, Hyneman will attempt to design armour that is light enough not to add a significant load to military vehicles, but is resilient enough to endure blast and shrapnel damage from IEDs (improvised explosive devices) employed by insurgents.

Anyone that has watched Mythbusters for a while will attest to Hyneman being no stranger to experimenting with explosives in different scenarios.

Thus, while this military assignment does present a challenge even for someone of his experience, it is clear he is already somewhat well versed on the subject.

Obviously, Hyneman's penchant for testing boundaries and discarding preconceived notions can only work in his favour during this new adventure.

[Via [Discovery News](#) & [CNET](#)]

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Kids: Back To School

Summer vacation is coming to an end for the kids... that means time to get ready to go back to school; so mark your calendars!

- First Day of School
- Back to School Night
- Sports Schedules
- PTA Meetings

Be sure not to miss your child's Back to School Night and introduce yourself to their teacher. Be involved in any capacity that you can whether it is room mother, volunteer teacher, or just to help on those field trips. Not only will your child be grateful, but you can establish a relationship with the teacher and open doors of communication.

And if you do not have a wonderful first impression of the teacher do not let it show. We all have our "bad hair" days. And you do not want your negativity to rub off onto your child that could immediately start the year off on the wrong foot.

Good luck kids... and parents! :)

Parents: Looking for Work

At a recent seminar, a doctor from Israel reported that: "In Israel the medicine is so advanced that when we cut-off a man's

"family jewels" and put them into another man, in 6 weeks he is looking for work".

A German doctor, who was present, commented: "That's nothing, in Germany when we take part of the brain out from a person and put it into another person's head, in 4 weeks he is looking for work".

A Russian doctor, not to be out-done, said: "That's nothing either. In Russia when we take out half of the heart from a person and put it into another person's chest, in 2 weeks he is looking for work".

The attending US doctor answered immediately: "That's nothing colleagues, you are way behind us. In the USA (about two years ago) we grabbed a person with no brains, no heart and no b*lls. . . we made him President and now the *whole country* is looking for work!!



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Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability. -Sam Keen

FOR THE BRATS

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August National Events

2, Halfway point of 2011. Marked at noon, with 182 days of the year remaining.

4, Coast Guard Day. Celebrates founding of the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790, which merged with the Life Saving Service in 1915 to form the U.S. Coast Guard.

11, end of Dog Days.

19, National Aviation Day. By Presidential Proclamation since 1939, always celebrated on this date, birthday of Orville Wright.

The 1500s series cont'd . . . Love and Marriage!

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good. By June there was a change in the air for both bride and groom, so a new custom was borne that is still in practice today — sweeten the air by carrying a bouquet when getting married.



[In Internet lexicon, this is TMI — too much information. Will you ever look at a bridal bouquet the same way again? Ed.]

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children.

Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, **Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.**

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up the nice clean bed [not to mention any romantic notions that might be going on]. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top provided some protection. And that's how **canopy beds** came into existence in the 15th C.

This series will conclude in September with laying the 1500s to rest!

Now let's talk about . . .

Love and Marriage in the 2000s

- Love is cuddling on the sofa; marriage is buying the sofa.
- Love is going to bed early. Marriage is going to sleep early.
- In short: Love is blind. Marriage is an eye opener.

From the Brat Brigade on Love and Marriage

"No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular." ~ Mae, age 9

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." ~ Manuel, age 8

"I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding 4th grade hard enough." ~ Regina, age 10

"It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." ~ Kenny, age 7



FROM THE MAILBAG

We love getting pictures and stories (recycled or not) from our readers . . .

Have a funny picture or story to tell? Send it to:

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Delta squad had no idea



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Communications Breakdown...

The reason the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines squabble among themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For example, take a simple phrase like, "Secure the building."

- The Army will put guards around the place.
- The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.
- The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.
- The Marines will kill everybody inside and make it a command post.

Time Check

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who's calling?" The pilot replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied "It makes a lot of difference.

If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock.

If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours.

If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells.

If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour".

The Prayers of Officers

One day, three O-6s were hiking together and unexpectedly came upon a wide, rag-

ing, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

The Air Force Colonel called out to God, praying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river."

POOF!

God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across. It did, however, take him more than an hour and he almost drowned a couple of times.

Seeing this, the Army Colonel played to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and tools to cross this river."

POOF!

God gave him a rowboat and oars. He was able to row across but it still took almost an hour, it was very rough, and he almost capsized several times.

The Navy Captain saw how things worked out for the other two, so when he prayed to God, he said, "Please God, give me the strength, tools, and the intelligence to cross this river."

POOF!

God turned him into a Marine Lance Corporal. He looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, and walked across the bridge.

Military etiquette

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!



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 your own. Don't ask me who (I don't want him to be embarrassed by my naughtiness) 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