



# Hollis VFW

## January 2017 Newsletter

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Serving Hollis and Brookline

January 2017

*The Hollis VFW meets the third Sunday of each month.*

*Meetings in April through September are at the American Legion Hall, 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH and begin at 7 PM.*

*Meetings from October through March are at the Hollis Town Hall, 7 Monument Square, Hollis, NH and begin at 2 PM.*

*If you wish to join or have questions about the VFW, please call one of the Post Officers.*

***Next Meeting: 15 January, 2 PM, at the Hollis Town Hall***

***District 6 Meeting: 12 February, 10 AM, Hollis Town Hall***

### **December Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM by Commander Russ Norris. 6 members present.

**Membership Applications:** Nothing to report.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the November 2016 meeting were read. Jim Bélanger made a motion to accept the Minutes as read; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

**Quartermasters Report:** The Quartermasters Report was read. The Poppy funds were deposited; a \$20 donation deposited; and an EFT of dues for \$3.50 was received; for total deposits of \$1,459.82. Disbursement of \$100 to the Town of Hollis for reservation of the Town Hall for District Meeting in February. Chris Lussier reported the bank charged the Post for a paper statement so he will talk to them about not doing this. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to accept the Quartermasters Report as read, pending audit; seconded by Jim Bélanger and unanimously approved.

**Comrade in Distress:** Nothing to report.

**Committee reports:** Nothing to report.

- Membership: Commander Norris encouraged all Annual/Continuous members to renew early. He asked the Quartermaster to reach out to continuous members. Greg d'Arbonne stated he will put a reminder in the newsletter.
- VOD/PP: Andy Seremeth sent an e-mail detailing the information about the award ceremony date, meal ticket procedures, etc.
- Teachers: Commander Norris briefed about the State Teacher of the Year Award
- Police Officer of the Year Award: Greg d'Arbonne is writing up the recommendation on Chief Quigley
- Firefighter of the Year Award: The members discussed the needs for this award.
- Citizen of the Year: Jim Bélanger stated he did a write-up and Greg stated he will print the award.

**Old Business:**

- The Post is waiting on qualifying document from Doug Andrews so he can become a member.
- Commander Norris stated the following:
  - Please keep an eye and ear out for scams claiming to be on behalf of “veterans”, especially the VFW.
  - The Post has paid for hosting the District 6 meeting in February and working on catering.
  - The VFW is “dying” because of lack of members. We must recruit. This is happening across the country so everyone is needed to help in recruiting.

**General Orders:** They are posted on our website.

**New Business:**

- Commander Norris wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Robert “Bob” Beck funeral last Friday: This Veteran, not a member of our Post, had a military send off at his funeral by Chris Lussier and Bruce Moran. The Post thanks Chris and Bruce for taking the time to take care of a fellow Veteran and his family.
- LCDR Mike Reed is back from Djibouti: The Post will make sure we welcome him home and recognize him and his family at the next meeting.
- Please read the general orders for the many goings-on around the State.
- Please ensure you are logging into the Department of NH website and REPORTING all

the activities you engage in while supporting the community & its veterans.

- Commander Norris stated “if you are a former or current Post Officer, I encourage you to join the Cootie’s, the Honor Degree of the VFW. Ask me and I’ll get you the info! Meet at Hudson post at 7pm every 1st Wednesday of the month.”
- Jim Bélanger stated he will not be able to serve as the Post Junior Vice next year so someone will need to volunteer.
- Jim Bélanger stated he will start a petition to get the Veterans Tax Credit on the ballot as the Selectmen failed to endorse it.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- January Council of Administration: 28 January @ Manchester Best Western Hotel 0800 (see Dec General Orders).
- VOD/PP Awards banquet 29 January @ Executive Court Inn 1200 (see Dec General Orders).

**The prayer was said for the National Home.**

**Correspondence:** Chris Lussier reported the Post received a donation of \$35 but there was no indication what the donation was for so he will contact the donor to ask.

**For The Good of the Post:** Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM. The next meeting will be 15 January at 2 PM at the Hollis Town Hall.



**Commander’s Comments**

Happy New Year Post 11373! The New Year brings new opportunities; new opportunities for our nation, our state, our VFW, and ourselves. I am excited for all the paths that lie before us. There are many doors that will open and close this year. I sincerely hope that all of you are healthy, prosperous, and chose the best path to walk in 2017.

First, a heavy-hearted farewell to Art Fenske (Paratrooper, Corregidor, WWII). Art was a true American hero and you will read more about him within this newsletter. Fair winds and following seas Art. Semper Fi.

Please mark your calendars for our March 2017 Potluck! Bring your family, some food, and a festive attitude. This is a great time to reconnect other comrades as well as meet new ones. Also, Bruce whips up a pretty amazing American chop suey!

As you know, this Spring will bring an entirely “new” face for Post 11373. I will be moving up to Chief of Staff for the incoming Department Commander. Our post will need a new Commander, Senior Vice Commander (George should move up) and Junior Vice Commander (Jim stepping out). I STRONGLY encourage all of you to consider a position. If you want to make a difference, step up. If you don’t like the way things are going, STEP-UP and commit to make changes. Our VFW only works when you step up to make it work. Service as an Officer in the VFW is extremely rewarding. Sin Labore Nihil!

Make sure to check the General Orders for our Department Commander’s comments. The Department now has a membership Task Force to address New Hampshire’s membership woes. If you know of a qualified veteran, bring them in to a meeting. We need to get out and recruit for our VFW- seriously.

Please go to the VFW Department of New Hampshire calendar at <http://nhvfw.org/calendar/> for the most current state events.

Ralph Waldo Emerson - 'What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.'

Semper Fi- Russ.

**\*\* NOTE\*\*** Our next post meeting is 15 January at 2 pm at the Hollis Town Hall.

Future Post meetings:

15 January 2017, 2 pm @ the Hollis Town hall

19 February 2017, 2 pm @ the Hollis Town hall

19 March 2017 (POTLUCK), 2 pm @ the Lawrence Barn in Hollis

16 April 2017, 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

21 May 2017 (Post Elections), 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

18 June 2017, 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

16 July 2017, 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

20 August 2017, 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

17 September 2017, 7 pm @ the Brookline American Legion Hall

15 October 2017, 2 pm @ the Hollis Town Hall

19 November 2017, 2 pm @ the Hollis Town Hall

17 December 2017, 2 pm @ the Hollis Town Hall

District 6 has announced the meeting schedule: \* Post Commander (or other Post Officer in his absence) MUST attend.

**12 Feb 2017: Hollis 1000**

**7 May 2017: Hudson 1000**

Council of Administration: Saturday, January 28th @ 1pm, Manchester Best Western Hotel- Roosevelt Rm

VOD/PP: Sunday, January 29th @ 12pm, Executive Court Inn- Manchester

## **News For & From Members**

### **Mike Reed Back from Deployment**

*A big Welcome Home!! To Mike Reed, our Post member who was deployed overseas for the past several months. Glad he is home safe and sound. Thanks for doing your part Mike and glad you are home safe! Mike wrote:*

Just wanted to let you know that I am back from my Djibouti deployment; I actually got back to NH on 10 November and have been adjusting to being back with an even more active toddler (and the different climate) for the past few weeks. I doubt I'll make next week's meeting; I'll try to make time throughout next year. Thank you for the Post's support during my deployment.

v/r

Mike Reed  
CDR USNR.

### **Passing of Art Fenske**

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Art Fenske. Art served as a Paratrooper and Company Commander in the 11th Airborne Division in WW II, jumping into Corregidor and then being severely wounded while taking out a machine gun position by himself. For his actions, he was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Art participated in many of our activities throughout the years until very recently. He was 99 years old. He was a wonderful person who always had a cheerful disposition and quick wit. Those of us who got to know him were blessed that such a person lived among us.

Art will be laid to rest in New Jersey. A memorial service in Brookline will be 14 January at 2 PM at the Community Church in Brookline.

His obituary in the Star-Ledger in New Jersey on Jan. 6, 2017 stated:

Arthur G. Fenske, 99, of Brookline, N.H., formerly of Green Village, N.J., died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, in the home he loved, surrounded by his cherished family. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the chapel at Restland Memorial Park, 77 Deforest Ave., East Hanover, N.J. 07936. Calling hours are Sunday, Jan. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home, 145 East Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, N.J. 07039. Born on May 22, 1917, in Philadelphia, Pa., the Fenske family moved to Livingston when Arthur was still a young boy. He graduated from West Orange High School in 1935. Arthur owned and operated Carner Brothers' Excavating Co. in Roseland, NJ, a family business established by his father-in-law. He retired in 1990. A graduate of the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., Art had earlier worked as services manager for several New Jersey car dealerships. A proud and decorated veteran of World War II, Arthur served in the U.S. Army with the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division. He saw action on the Philippine Island of Leyte and was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in combat and the purple heart for injuries suffered in battle. Art was a member American Legion Post No. 74 in Brookline and was honored as Grand Marshall in the town's 2016 July 4th parade. He regularly participated in educational programs in the local schools, talking about history and the

military and his experiences as a veteran. Art married Helen May Carner of Livingston in 1949. They lived in Chatham, N.J., and Green Village prior to retiring to New Hampshire. Wherever Art and Helen lived they became active in their community. They were longtime members of the First Presbyterian Church in New Vernon, N.J., where Art sang in the choir. In Brookline, they joined Brookline Community Church, where Art sang in the choir and served as a deacon. In 2014 he was awarded the title of deacon emeritus. Art was a skilled and gifted gardener. He and Helen dubbed their homes Yellow Flower Farm, and family and friends enjoyed the produce that Arthur often shared. Art was a strong, generous and humble man. He had a ready smile and gentle wit. He took tremendous pride in his beloved Helen, the life and family they built together and in their joint efforts to make a better life for their neighbors and their community. A highlight of any Fenske family gathering was when Art raised his beautiful baritone in song. Art was the husband of the late Helen Carner Fenske; the son of the late Gottfried "Fred" Fenske and Emma Wunsch Fenske; and the brother of the late Alfred, Walter, Leroy and Clarence Fenske. He is survived by his children, Susan Fenske McDonough, Karl and Mark Fenske; his grandchildren, great-granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews and their families. In lieu of flowers, donations in Arthur Fenske's memory may be made to the Helen C. Fenske Internship Fund, Drew University, Alumni House, Madison Avenue, Madison, N.J. 07940, [www.drew.edu/alumni/giving-to-drew](http://www.drew.edu/alumni/giving-to-drew).

Our condolences to Art's family. He will be greatly missed by them and by all of us.

### **Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP**

If you are a member who pays annually for your membership, we ask that you renew as soon as possible so we can meet our numbers for the year now and not have to rush at the end of the year (which is June). You can renew at a meeting or you can renew online (<https://www.vfw.org/OMS/QuickRenew.aspx>), but please renew! Thanks!

### **Passing of Ann Beaupre, Mother-in-law of Ron Corsetti**

The Post sends their condolences to Ron Corsetti and his family for the passing of his mother-in-law, Ann Beaupre, on 19 December 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

## **News of Interest to Veterans**

### **New Regulation Decreases Cost of Outpatient Medication Copay for Most Veterans**

*Washington* – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation on copayments for Veterans' outpatient medications for non-service connected conditions. VA currently charges non-exempt Veterans either \$8 or \$9 for each 30-day or less supply of outpatient medication, and under current regulations, a calculation based on the medication of the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI-P) would be used to determine the copayment amount in future years.

“Switching to a tiered system continues to keep outpatient medication costs low for Veterans,” said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. David J. Shulkin. “Reducing their out-of-pocket costs encourages greater adherence to prescribed outpatient medications and reduces the risk of fragmented care that results when multiple pharmacies are used; another way that VA is providing better service to Veterans.”

This new regulation eliminates the formula used to calculate future rate increases and establishes three classes of outpatient medications identified as Tier 1, Preferred Generics; Tier 2, Non-Preferred Generics including over-the-counter medications; and Tier 3, Brand Name. Copayment amounts for each tier would be fixed and vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier.

These copayment amounts will be effective February 27, 2017:

\$5 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 1 outpatient medication

\$8 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 2 outpatient medication

\$11 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 3 outpatient medication

These changes apply to Veterans without a service-connected condition, or Veterans with a disability rated less than 50 percent who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law. Medication copayments do not apply to former Prisoners of War, catastrophically disabled Veterans, or those covered by other exceptions as set by law.

Copayments stop each calendar year for Veterans in Priority Groups 2-8 once a \$700 cap is reached.

### **VA To Eliminate 7 Compensable Disabilities**

*Washington (December 12, 2016)* - Not all service-connected medical conditions and injuries are incurred or exacerbated in the performance of military duties. For example, a qualifying injury can occur when a service member was at home or on leave, and a qualifying medical condition, such as multiple sclerosis, can develop independently of a service member's military duties. In 2015, VA paid 716,000 veterans a total of \$3.7 billion, the Congressional Budget Office estimates, to compensate for seven of the medical conditions that, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), military service is unlikely to cause or aggravate. Those conditions are arteriosclerotic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Crohn's disease, hemorrhoids, multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis, and uterine fibroids.

Beginning in January 2018, this option would cease veterans' disability compensation for those seven medical conditions GAO identified. Under the option, veterans now receiving compensation for those conditions would have their compensation reduced or eliminated, and veterans who applied for compensation for those conditions in the future would not be eligible for it. The option would not alter DoD's disability compensation system, which focuses on fitness for military duties rather than compensation for disabilities.

An argument in support of this option is that it would make the disability compensation system for military veterans more comparable to civilian systems. Few civilian employers offer long-term disability benefits, and among those that do, benefits do not typically compensate individuals for all medical problems that developed during employment.

An argument against this option is that military service is not like a civilian job; instead, it confers unique benefits to society and imposes extraordinary risks on service members. By that logic, the pay and benefits that service members receive should reflect the hardships of military life, including compensating veterans who become disabled in any way during their military service.

Source: U.S. Congressional Budget Office.

### **Home Run for Heroes Featuring Big Papi, David Ortiz!**

Going to miss watching Big Papi slug out a home run next season? Want to wish him well in his retirement? You can - IN PERSON! And proceeds go to benefit our NH military families and veterans. All for less than you would spend to take the family for a game at Fenway!

Home Run for Heroes featuring Big Papi himself, recently retired Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, takes place on Friday, April 21 at the Courtyard Marriot in Nashua. Proceeds will benefit the Chaplain's

Emergency Relief Fund, which provides New Hampshire military families with emergency needs primarily in the areas of rent, mortgage, utilities and medical bills.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with David Ortiz, as well as receive an autographed photo, and ask David questions about his years with the Red Sox. A silent and live auction will take place, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. This is an event not to be missed!

Location: Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua NH 03063

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2017, 5:30 PM Doors Open, Cash Bar & Appetizers, 6:30-8:30 PM Event

Fees/Admission: \$195 Adult Ticket; \$100 Child Ticket (age 7 to age 15)

Contact Information: Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, POC: [beth.boggis@souhegan.net](mailto:beth.boggis@souhegan.net)

Register online: <http://www.souhegan.net/events/details/home-run-for-heroes-featuring-big-papi-david-ortiz-615>

### **New Instructions for Filing for Travel Pay When Using Veterans Choice**

These are the new instructions for filing for travel pay when using Veterans Choice and getting care in the community instead of at a VA facility. Bear in mind you need direct deposit as they no longer issue checks or cash.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VA Manchester Health Care System  
718 Smyth Rd  
Manchester, NH 03104

Mail Stop: 00Travel

#### Instructions for Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement for Care in the Community

Veterans, if you are eligible for Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement, and have been approved for care in the community, please complete and return the attached request form **within 30 days of travel**. This is important as tardy submissions cannot be considered for reimbursement.

#### Travel Eligibility Criteria:

1. Veterans traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition.
2. Veterans with a service-connected condition rated 30% or more.
3. Veterans in receipt of a VA pension.
4. Veterans whose annual income does not exceed the maximum annual pension.
5. Veterans traveling for a scheduled Compensation or Pension (C&P) Examination.

#### Please follow these steps to expedite the processing of your claim:

1. Complete VA Form 10-3542 to request your travel reimbursement;
2. Ensure your request contains the correct dates of service (when you went to the appointments). Requests without the correct dates of service provided cannot be considered for travel reimbursement and must be returned in accordance with VA Directive;
3. Complete a separate request for each provider even if the appointment happened on the same day; and
4. In addition to your Travel Claim, please send a copy of your VA and/or HealthNet Authorization (if you have one), and a letter from your provider's office stating you attended your non-VA care appointment.

**Prosthetics Specific Information:** Trips to pick-up or drop-off prosthetics or general adjustments **do not** qualify for Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement. Only first and fitting appointments qualify for Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement.

Please help us provide timely processing for your Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement by providing complete and correct information. Thank you for choosing Manchester VA Medical Center for your healthcare; we are honored to serve those who served.

Examples of completed requests are available at the points of care associated with potential Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement.

Sincerely,

Travel Office

# VFW FACT SHEET



As the nation's oldest major veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



## YOUR DONATION OF

# \$20

## ENSURES THE VFW CAN

- ★ Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer
- ★ Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war
- ★ Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services
- ★ Serve 5 morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat

## 1,850

Number of VFW-accredited representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

## \$4.5 billion

The amount in VA benefits the VFW network helped more than 255,000 veterans recover in the last three years.

## 27

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

## \$6.1 million

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 47% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

## 7.6 million+

Number of connections between deployed service members and loved ones made possible by the VFW's "Free Call Days."

## 2,094,880

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

## \$3.3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

## \$3 million+

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 714 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

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## NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

# MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW



## IMPROVING LIFE IN AMERICA

**8.6 million**

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

**\$49.8 million**

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

## HONORING THE FALLEN

**9.5 million+**

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

**\$12.3 million+**

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans.

## INSPIRING PATRIOTISM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

**36,435**

Number of high school students who competed in the 2015-16 Voice of Democracy competition.

**132,162**

Number of students who competed in the 2015-16 Patriot's Pen competition.

The VFW has fought for veterans, service members and their families since 1899.

## THE VFW BY THE NUMBERS

**Nearly 1.7 million**

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

**6,561**

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.

## HELPING VETERANS GET JUSTICE

**66,913**

Number of favorable VA claims filed by the VFW's nationwide force of VA-accredited service officers in 2015.

**13,279**

Number of VA claims filed by VFW Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) offices in 2015.

**20**

Number of Benefits Delivery at Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.

## HELPING STRUGGLING MILITARY FAMILIES

**4,050**

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

**\$2,905,298**

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

**2,136**

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

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## **Points To Ponder**

*The views expressed in the following article were deemed interesting enough by me to include in the newsletter. I take full responsibility and the content does not reflect the opinion of the members of the Post. Please contact me if these articles offend you. – Greg d'Arbonne*

### **I Love Getting Older**

1. My goal for 2016 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
2. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
3. How to prepare Tofu:
  - a. Throw it in the trash
  - b. Grill some meat
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
5. I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
11. I love being over 70. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.
12. A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.
13. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.
14. November 6, 2016 was the end of Daylight Savings Time. Hope you didn't forget to set your bathroom scale back 10 pounds on Saturday night.
15. Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

## **Heavens to Murgatroyd!**

*Don't know how many of these are familiar to you-all are to me!!! Would you recognize the word Murgatroyd? - Heavens to Murgatroyd! Lost Words from our childhood*

The other day, a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said what the heck is a Jalopy? OMG (new phrase!) - he had never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old but not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle -

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete - because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases Included "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a Broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of 'moxie'. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right - Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn - and living the life of Riley - and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A, - of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap and before we can say, "Well I'll be a monkey's uncle! This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw. The milkman did it! Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Heavens to Murgatroyd!

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. For a child, each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc - have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest ??? advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator! Answer: "After a while, Crocodile!" This is a blast from the past...

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### ***Do You Have an E-mail Address?***

*If you have e-mail access, send a message to Greg ([Gdarbo6844@aol.com](mailto:Gdarbo6844@aol.com)). Addresses are for the use of the members to pass information and not to be sold or freely passed to others without formal consent of the member. No funds solicitation is authorized via e-mail.*