



BENEDICT ARNOLD

Treason in New York

These events changed the course of history.

Major General Benedict Arnold, believing that he was unrewarded for his military successes for the Patriot cause, secretly attempted to help the British capture the fort at West Point. In the early morning hours of September 22nd, 1780, Arnold gave British Major John André documents detailing the fortifications and troop strengths at West Point. If this information had reached the British command in New York City, the fort might easily have been captured.

André headed towards the British lines with the documents tucked in his boot. Fortunately for the cause of American independence, he was captured near Tarrytown. Thirty-year-old André was hanged as a spy, partly in reprisal for a similar British execution of the American patriot Nathan Hale.

Benedict Arnold escaped to New York City, eventually commanding British troops in the American Revolution. He died an unhappy exile in London, his name synonymous with treachery and betrayal.

Old Treason House
Haverstraw, New York
where the surrender of



West Point was planned
by Benedict Arnold.

Marker at treason site

On
September
22, 1780
Benedict
Arnold
betrayed the
plans of West
Point to British
spy Major
Andre during the
Revolutionary War.



BENEDICT ARNOLD

In the middle of the night of September 21, 1780, during the American Revolution, American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army. The plot was foiled and Arnold, a former American hero, became synonymous with the word "traitor." Arnold was born into a well-respected family in Norwich, Connecticut, on January 14, 1741. He apprenticed with an apothecary and was a member of the militia during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). He later became a successful trader and joined the Continental Army when the Revolutionary War broke out between Great Britain and its 13 American colonies in 1775. When the war ended in 1883, the colonies had won their independence from Britain and formed a new nation, the United States.



During the war, Benedict Arnold proved himself a brave and skillful leader, helping Ethan Allen's troops capture Fort Ticonderoga in 1775 and then participating in the unsuccessful attack on British Quebec later that year, which earned him a promotion to brigadier general. Arnold distinguished himself in campaigns at Lake Champlain, Ridgefield and Saratoga, and gained the support of George Washington. However, Arnold had enemies within the military and in 1777, five men of lesser rank were promoted over him. Over the course of the next few years, Arnold married for a second time and he and his new wife lived a lavish lifestyle in Philadelphia, accumulating substantial debt. The debt and the resentment Arnold felt over not being promoted faster were motivating factors in his choice to become a turncoat. In 1780, Arnold was given command of West Point, an American fort on the Hudson River in New York (and future home of the U.S. Military Academy, established in 1802). Arnold contacted Sir Henry Clinton, head of the British forces, and proposed handing over West Point and his men. On September 21 of that year, Arnold met with Major John Andre and made his traitorous pact. However, the conspiracy was uncovered and Andre was captured and executed. Arnold, the former American patriot, fled to the enemy side and went on to lead British troops in Virginia and Connecticut. He later moved to England, though he never received all of what he'd been promised by the British. He died in London on June 14, 1801. (www.history.com.)

SUICIDE RATES INCREASING

Some Useful Resources

The Pentagon reports that thirty-eight soldiers are suspected of committing suicide in July, which was the worst month for suicides since the Army first started releasing monthly figures in 2009. Suicide rates in other military services are not looking much better with both Marine Corps and Coast Guard suicide rates already above those reported in 2011. For resources to prevent suicide, visit the [U.S. Army Suicide Prevention Program webpage](#). If you are a service-member in crisis, or know a service-member who is, confidential support is only a phone call, click, or text away. Call the Military Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255--press 1. Or text to 838255. Or visit the [Military Crisis Line website](#) to start a confidential chat with a caring, qualified responder. For more military support resources, visit the [Military.com Family Center](#).



Dial **1-800-273-8255** **PRESS 1**

Text to **838255**

The Marine Corps, which has begun stressing suicide prevention and awareness in basic training, reported eight suicides in July to bring the total for the year to 32 – equal to the number for all of 2011.

Air Force incidents of suicide for active duty, Guard and Reserves through July totaled 63, already five more than in 2011. The Navy had 39 suicides through the first seven months of this year, compared to 52 in 2011.

Since 2008, the Defense Department put more than \$110 million into its Military Suicide Prevention Program, setting up suicide hotlines, hiring mental health professionals and conducting wide-ranging studies of suicide risk.

The services have also ordered up mandatory mental health screenings and emotional resilience training, and cracked down on bullying and hazing in the ranks, but the funding and the programs have yet to curb the suicide rate or discover a pattern that might let therapists devise treatments. Troops who have never deployed are as likely to commit suicide as those with multiple combat assignments.

For the first seven months of the year, the services reported a total of 321 suicides for active-duty, Guard and Reserve forces. In Afghanistan, 231 U.S. troops had been killed this year with the combined total for U.S. and coalition forces at 297.

MOBILE PTSD APP HELPS VETS

Mobile apps like the PTSD Coach can identify signs of PTSD, manage symptoms, and connect with resources and help instantly. And according to studies, early intervention may prevent

long term damage to mental health. For more information, read [VA's Vantage Point Blog](#). For more PTSD information and support resources, visit the [Military.com PTSD page](#).

PAWS ASSISTING WOUNDED WARRIORS (PAWWS)

The not-for-profit organization Paws Assisting Wounded Warriors (PAWWS) in Palos Heights, IL trains service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The dogs are taught 18 tasks from obedience commands to service. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Certified Service Dogs are allowed by law to enter public places such as the veteran's work place, restaurants, buses,

and stores. The program runs approximately 6 months in length and is comprised of several training stages, most of which are catered to the individual requirements of each soldier / canine team. For more information, visit the [Paws Assisting Wounded Warriors website](#). For more military-related pet news, visit the [Military.com Pet Corner](#)



“Thank God! Those blasted crickets have finally stopped!”

CAMP LEJEUNE MARINES

Did you serve there between 1957 and 1987?

A needed piece of legislation has passed both the House and the Senate and has been signed by the President regarding Marines and



their families who served at Camp LeJeune. In simple form, it allows Marine veterans and their family members who lived or served at

LeJeune, North Carolina for at least 30 days between 1957 and 1987 to be eligible for healthcare coverage for illnesses and conditions connected to contaminants. Please see the list of associated illnesses.

We would encourage anyone suffering from any of these ailments who did serve at Camp LeJeune between 1957 and 1987 to contact this office or any local Veterans office to begin a claim for benefits. You can go online to www.va.gov and click on **Forms** – go to Form 21-526 (a 3-page form). Fill out and send with a copy of your DD-214 (Discharge Statement) either to this office or to your Regional VA Office.

Any questions, please feel free to contact us at 845.638.5244.



CAMP LEJEUNE ASSOCIATED ILLNESSES

Esophageal Cancer
Lung Cancer
Breast Cancer
Bladder Cancer
Kidney Cancer
Leukemia
Multiple Myeloma
Myelodysplastic
Syndromes
Renal Toxicity
Hepatic Steatosis
Female Infertility
Miscarriage
Scleroderma
Neurobehavioral
Effects
Non-Hodgkin's
Lymphoma

For further information,
call Jerry Donnellan at
845.638.5244 or e-mail:
jerry@rockvets.com
www.rockvets.com

ANOTHER ROCKLAND NATIVE KILLED IN ACTION

Maj. Thomas E. Kennedy Killed by a Suicide Bomber in Afghanistan



Maj. Thomas E. Kennedy, 35, was serving in the U.S. Army in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on August 8th, 2012, when a suicide bomber detonated a suicide vest in Sarkowi, located in the Kunar province of Afghanistan, according to officials from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Kennedy, who grew up in New City and attended Clarkstown schools in addition to Don Bosco Preparatory School in Ramsey, N.J., and the Salisbury Preparatory School in Connecticut, entered the Army on May 27, 2000, after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Kennedy had been recognized a number of times as a serviceman, earning dozens of awards and service medals. Among them are the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Valorous Unit Award. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously. Major Kennedy is the son of George Kennedy, a former U.S. Coast Guard member and retired New York City police detective, and Patricia Kennedy. The couple raised their children, which include Thomas Kennedy's brothers John Kennedy and George Kennedy, in New City before moving to homes in New Jersey and Florida.

Friends from Thomas Kennedy's days at Don Bosco set up a fundraiser on YouCaring.com, an online fundraising website. The fundraiser has already raised more than \$10,000 for Thomas' wife and children.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WALL

How to Participate in the Reading of the Names

This Veterans Day will mark the 30th anniversary of *The Wall*, and promises to be a big event. As part of the special anniversary activities, VVMF is hosting the Reading of the



Names of 58,282 service members inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Reading of the Names will take place at *The Wall* for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning with an opening ceremony on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will read names for approximately eight hours from 4 p.m. on November 7 to 12 a.m. on November 8. Participants will then read the names for 19 hours daily from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m. on November 8th, 9th, and 10th. If you would like to participate, please RSVP at vvmf.org/rotn. For more information on this event, contact Danielle Schira, Director of Community Marketing, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, at dschira@vvmf.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SANTI EXPRESS, INC.

Immediate Openings Available

CDL driver Class B wanted for a very busy Rockland-based moving company. Immediate openings are available. Applicants must have a clean license and moving experience is preferred. They will train the right person. Contact Santi Express for an interview appointment. Their office phone number is 845.268.1600. When you come for the interview, please bring an abstract of your driving record with you. Santi Express, Inc. is located at Corporate Way, Suite 7, Valley Cottage, New York 10989. For further information or to schedule an interview appointment, call 845.268.1600. <http://www.santixpress.com>.

BEAR MOUNTAIN INN

Hiring For All Positions

There are employment opportunities at the Bear Mountain Inn. The available positions include: Oktoberfest Staff, cashiers, cooks, servers, line workers, porters, banquet servers, housemen, café servers, event staff, and dishwashers. Apply in person and fill out a job application at the Bear Mountain Inn, Bear Mountain State Park, Bear Mountain, New York. Forward your resumé to: joseph@visitbearmountain.com or call him at 845.786.2731.

STATE OF NEW YORK POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Contact our Local Veterans' Employment Representative – Natalie Hernandez

Associate Personnel Administrator: Vacancy ID #: 4306; Salary Range: \$61,993 to \$77,454 annually. This is a full-time/permanent position, located in New York City, New York.

Business Officer I: Vacancy ID #: 4282, Salary Range: \$66,914 to \$84,581 annually. This too, is a full-time/permanent position, located in New York City, New York.

Forensic Financial Auditor/Examiner (NYC): Vacancy ID #: 4285; Salary Range: \$40,000 to \$95,000 annually. Full time/permanent position located in New York City, New York.

Chief Housekeeper 2: Vacancy ID #: 4363; Salary Range: \$56,813 to \$72,076 annually. This is a full time/ permanent position located in Bellerose, Queens, New York.

For further information on these and other job opportunities, contact our Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) at the NYS Department of Labor - Natalie Hernandez – telephone #: 845.356.5429, or e-mail Natalie at: Natalie.Hernandez@Labor.NY.Gov. Natalie is an Iraqi vet herself and is eager to help you achieve your goals.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ALLSTATE IS HIRING VETS

Visit the [Allstate Veteran Talent Portal](#) to search jobs, view hiring event dates, and learn more about what it's like to work for a company that values veteran talent.

[Learn more and apply for jobs.](#)

RAILWAY INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Railroads are hiring Vets

As reported in a July 10 release from the American Forces Press Service, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines might want to consider employment options in the railways industry. About 15,000 rail jobs are open now or will be in the very near future. They are listed on the association's website, <http://www.aar.org/jobs>. The jobs, offered by approximately 500 companies, range from operating locomotives to working in signaling and telecommunications. The jobs are available in freight rail, Amtrak, commuter rails, and rail supply companies. If interested, check out their website. Click here to view a video about the role veterans have played in the development of the railroad system:



<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid1127237460001?bckey=AQ~~,AAABBi3njEk~,fXHlhbahFU0HstAylquCHAI0y337acJJ&bclid=0&bctid=1653348338001>

TROOPS-TO-TEACHERS UPDATE

The Troops-to-Teachers program provides funds to recruit, prepare, and support former members of the military services as teachers in high-poverty schools. Service-members with a baccalaureate degree or higher are eligible to begin the teaching certification process to become a teacher. However, many service-members may already qualify to become a vocational/technical teacher. Military members from all of the armed forces can use tuition assistance for their teaching certification while on active duty. For more information, visit the Troops-to-Teachers Program webpage at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/troops/index.html> and the Department of Education Teachers-Teachers.com

website at

<http://www.teachers-teachers.com>)

[www.teachers-](http://www.teachers-teachers.com)

[teachers.com](http://www.teachers-teachers.com) which lists

teaching vacancies for each state. For job listings across the nation and civilian job guides and tips, visit the website:

<http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs>)

Military.com Veteran Jobs Center.

BUSINESS BOOT CAMP FOR VETERANS

“What Every Entrepreneur Should Know About Business” starting in October



The Center for Personal and Professional Development at Rockland Community College and the New York State Small Business Development Center are sponsoring Saturday workshops on:

“Business Boot Camp For Veterans – What Every Entrepreneur Should Know About Business.”

Fee: \$250.00 per person - veterans will be reimbursed upon course completion

When: Saturdays - October 20th - December 1st, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Rockland Community College, 145 College Road, Suffern, NY 10901

Course Summary: Business Boot Camp is designed specifically for aspiring entrepreneurs and for pragmatic small business owners that desire to learn how to plan, organize, and deliver their business idea to the market.

About the Instructor: Patrick Curran was born in West Haverstraw and attended North Rockland High School. Patrick graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1997 where he served 5 years as a US Army Engineer Officer. Patrick studied at Fordham University where he earned both a Masters of Science in Human Resources Education and a Masters in Business Administration - Finance. **To register, contact Stephanie Brady at RCC, 845-356-6065 or e-mail Stephanie: sbrady3@sunyrockland.edu.**

Veterans Business Outreach Centers

The Veterans Business Outreach Program (VBOP) is designed to provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals for eligible veterans owning or considering starting a small business. The SBA has 16 organizations participating in and serving as Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOC). Some of the services provided by the centers include: Pre-Business Plan Workshops, Concept Assessments, Business Plan Preparations, Comprehensive Feasibility Analysis, Entrepreneurial Training and Counseling, Mentorship, and other business development related services. Check out their website at this link:

[SBA.gov/Veterans Business Outreach Center \(VBOC\)](http://SBA.gov/Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC))



“Egad! We must find some means of discarding the hideous thing!”

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Please see previous RockVets newsletters for further details, or use contact information provided

BARBEQUE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



On Saturday, September 8, 2012, between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. The Marine Corps League and American Legion Kearsing-Edwards Post 1600 in Pomona are hosting a free barbeque for veterans and their families. For further details or to sign up for the barbeque, contact Gene Erickson at 845-356-7429 or e-mail Jim O'Neill, Commandant of the Marine Corps League, at Commandant@RocklandUSMC.com.



NAM KNIGHTS OF AMERICA M/C

Sunday, September 9, 2012



The Nam Knights (Hudson Valley) are having their annual picnic and fundraiser on **Sunday, September 9th, 2012**. It will be held at the German Masonic Fairgrounds, 89 Western Highway in Tappan, NY 10983 and everyone is welcome. Admission is \$25.00 for a day of good food, music, family fun, and a good cause. For further information, call Charlie at 845-359-4005.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Saturday, September 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.



The first meeting of the newly re-commissioned Charles G. Muller Chapter 120 will be at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, September 15th, 2012** at the Kearsing-Edwards American Legion Post 1600, 20 Station Road, Pomona, NY 10970. For further information, contact Howard Goldin via e-mail at goldingoose@optonline.net, or by telephone – 845-371-7605 or 914-629-8067 (cell phone.)

ARMY BY THE NUMBERS

As of February 2012

- 152 Retired Soldiers Over Age 100
- 995 Surviving Spouses Over Age 100
- 18,559 Largest Group of Retired Warrant Officers in one pay grade (CW4)
- 77,516 Largest Group of Retired Officers in one pay grade (O-5)

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Please see previous RockVets newsletters for further details, or use contact information provided

SHRINER'S CIRCUS DAY

Friday, September 21st, 2012 – 11:00 a.m.



The Shriners Club is inviting all veterans to the Shriners Circus day at the German Masonic Park on Western Highway in Tappan, NY. The 11:00 a.m. performance on Friday, September 21st, 2012 is free for veterans. For further information or to sign up for the circus, give Bob Miller a call at 845-268-5613 or Ralph Edwards at 845-356-6184 or e-mail: ralph@CTD4AC.com.

www.KlownKlub.org.

POW-MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saturday, September 22nd, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.



This year, the POW-MIA Remembrance Day will be held at the Leo Laders American Legion Post 130, 130 American Legion Way, Thiells, NY 10984 on **Saturday, September 22nd**. The ceremony starts promptly at 5:00 p.m. so please arrive by 4:30 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this annual ceremony for our troops who served our nation as prisoners-of-war, as well as the 81,864 who remain unaccounted for. For further information, call Charlie at 845-359-4005 or the Leo Laders Post 130 at 845-429-2112.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



If your organization has any upcoming events to benefit veterans and our military community, we can add the item to our newsletter. Our monthly circulation reaches out to many veterans, military troops, their families, and others who support our service members and veterans. There are no fees for this type of announcement - just get the information to us as soon as possible so we can add it to the newsletter in ample time for your event, before the 15th of each month, for the following month's edition. And don't forget to call in your event to the RockVets radio show on the first Friday of each month and speak with Jerry Donnellan....WRRCR 1300 AM between 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – 845-362-0013.

ABOUT ROCKVETS - A PROJECT OF NY VETS ©

We would like to keep you up-to-date on events and matters of interest to veterans and will be sending these newsletters regularly. If at any time you no longer wish to receive them, please reply to our e-mail address and write "remove" on the subject line. We will immediately remove your e-mail address from our newsletter mailing list. If you find any of this information newsworthy, feel free to pass it along.



We are here to help you and all who have worn the uniform of our nation. Thank you.

ROCKVETS - NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

A new feature – by request

We've had a number of requests from people with businesses or organizations who are interested in placing an ad in our monthly newsletter. We appreciate the confidence and positive responses to the newsletter so far and hope you continue to find items of interest and helpful links. If there are any particular topics you'd like to see us highlight, please let us know. If you would like information about placing an ad, please send an e-mail to jerry@rockvets.com or click on the rate schedule link to view our ad sizes and fees: [Advertising Rate Schedule 2012 PDF.pdf](#)

ROCKVETS - ON THE INTERNET AND AIRWAVES

You can find information, useful links, and view our webpage at www.rockvets.com. Previous copies of our newsletters are also available on our website at: www.rockvets.com/newsletters. You can interact with us on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/rockvets or e-mail: jerry@rockvets.com.

Generally, on the first Friday of each month, between 10 and 11 a.m., Rock Vets has a live call-in talk show on Rockland County's local radio station – WRCR 1300 AM. An exception is this month of September - the show will air live on Thursday, September 13th. You can call-in and ask questions, but it is also a good opportunity to promote any upcoming events for your organization that would be of interest to the veteran/military community. The call-in number is 845.362.0013. The show is also live on www.wrcr.com. So please listen in, and call if you have questions or information to share.

R.C. Veterans Service Agency – if you plan to come to the office, please call to make an appointment so we can give you the time you need - 845.638.5244.

**Jerry Donnellan, Director - Veterans Service Agency of Rockland
20 Squadron Blvd., Suite 480, New City, NY 10956**

