

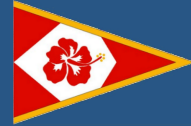
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Dear Jim

**We start out this edition of the Nautical News with a "shout out for volunteers". The "Save the Lagoon" committee is firing on all cylinders. Our Chaplains contribution, read at the Memorial Day service during the flag ceremony, is especially moving. ~
Cmdr. R. Sheridan**

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HELP WANTED

The Vero Beach Power Squadron is one of the most active and successful chapters of The Power Squadron in the United States. This is not by accident. Our members volunteer for numerous activities, that effect the community and our own association. In this edition of the Nautical News we are highlighting some of the position and tasks that need attention, from you, our members.

The VBPS Public Relations committee is looking for volunteers. Duties include writing short press releases and submitting those plus calendar events to the media. We may work on other projects as needed. However, your time would be minimal since most of this can be done at home via internet. Contact Sue Hamel-Miller at slhjgb@yahoo.com.

COMMITTEE: **Save the Lagoon Committee**

SKILLS: Interpersonal skills working with students and adult Arc clients

ACTIVITY: Teaching oyster mat assembly (we will teach you)

TIME PARAMETER: Periodic throughout the year

COMMITTEE: **Save the Lagoon Committee**

Skills: Drill Press Operator (we will teach you)

ACTIVITY: Drilling oyster shells

TIME PARAMETER: Periodic throughout the year



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COOP CHARTING GROUP.

We could use some observers to help us on the boats with depth surveys on the ICW. Surveys last about an hour and we do our surveys during the week and have our meetings on Thursday, along with lunch at the yacht club.

If you're interested please contact Bill Heimbaugh 772-360-0132 or billh1711@comcast.net

Job Openings at District 8

Public Relations - I have accepted the challenge of PRO for the coming year. If anyone is interested in taking on the job in 2016/2017. A Public Relations job description is in USPS 2015 OPERATIONS MANUAL Page 4-7 <http://www.usps.org/national/om/pdfs/opsman04.pdf>. Please let me know (Robert Scully) or contact D8 Executive Officer - Allan B. Furtado, SN.

Environmental Committee Chair - Looking for a team Leader to tackle this position for 2016/2017.

Social Media Chair - Looking for a team Leader to tackle this position for 2016/2017. Familiarization with Facebook, Twitter and blogs is helpful. It's easy just ask me! I will help you through it. You can also go online and do a search for any category. It's also covered in the USPS ProLog.

Committee - Boat Show Chair

What type of skill is required' -

1. Knowledge about USPS/D8/VBPS in general..Lead the interested parties who visit the booth to website and the building. Coordinate with our exec committee for ideas to try at show to generate public awareness of our fabulous organization that is more than a boating club.
2. Able to coordinate group and others to set up, manage and tear down booth at 2 boat shows a year
3. Get folks to sign up for membership, education classes, vessel safety checks, etc. Talk about current environmental programs in process (Oyster manufacturing).
4. Process paper work through the cycle to Vero Marine, Waddell Insurance and our Executive Committee.
5. Submit data on members who signed up to XO for merit mark credit.
6. Serve as Chair for _____. What ever feels right.

Questions - See Bob Scully or speak with any member of the squadron about what we do at boat shows.

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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jarmin, S

Save the Lagoon Committee members continue to be very busy. Recent activities include recognizing the efforts of a very special high school student, helping The Arc establish their oyster mat program, holding oyster mat events at the Environmental Learning Center, and taking Gifford Youth Achievement Center members on a boat outing.

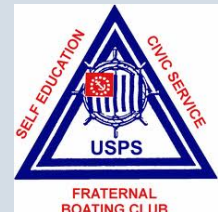
Utilizing Facebook, print & electronic news media, and fliers, Vero Beach High School Student, George Katilus, organized five oyster mat assembly events at the Squadron building over the last year attracting hundreds of area school students and adults and producing about 500 mats. To recognize his outstanding leadership and organizational skills, the Squadron awarded George the 2015 Save the Lagoon Committee Award. Pictured below at Vero Beach High School is environmental science teacher, Nikki Mosblech, Vice Principal Anne Bieber, George Katilus, Commander Bob Sheridan, EXO Mary Wohlstein, and Committee Chairperson Toby Jarman.



The Arc of Indian River County is an organization that helps adults with developmental challenges. The Squadron has been working with them to establish a semi-independent oyster mat making program whereby Arc clients will receive piece work wages for each mat produced. These wages are funded by Federal and State grants and private donations. VBPS, Sunrise Rotary Club, and the Coastal Conservation Association will continue to do the "front-end work" of identifying sites for mat deployment and applying for Florida Department of Environmental Protection and US. Army Corps of Engineer permits, and the "back-end work" of laying the oyster mats in the Lagoon. Initially, the Save the Lagoon Committee supplied the Arc with a



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drill press, plastic bins, tools and supplies to kick start their program. This was followed by technical assistance and training of Arc staff and teaching Arc clients how to assemble mats. The President of the Arc Board of Directors and the Arc Executive Director stated that their goal is to produce at least 5,000 mats annually. This is the first time that Arc clients will receive pay for an environmental program. If this pilot program is successful, Arc Florida officials stated that this program may be replicated in other Arc offices throughout Florida.



The Save the Lagoon Committee launched its first oyster mat assembly project with the Environmental Learning Center with two events in June and one in July. This is part of the ELC's summer camp program. Summer camp participants learned a lot about the Lagoon's environmental problems and solutions and, as shown in the following photo, they had a lot of fun making the mats.



Finally, to say "thank you" to Gifford Youth Achievement Center participants who assembled oyster mats last summer, Committee members took them on a boat outing which included a tour of the mangrove islands north of the Squadron building, a visit to spoil island SL-2, and a Photo Op at the Squadron building to promote wearing PFDs.

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Birthdays

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| Lurken, Joy B. | 07/01 |
| Carr, Edward J. | 07/02 |
| Fisher, Scott W. | 07/02 |
| Silver, Larry | 07/03 |
| Ford, Ivan M. | 07/05 |
| Tucker, Charlene | 07/05 |
| Lewis, Stacey J. | 07/06 |
| Young, Donnie P. | 07/06 |
| Pillorge, George J. | 07/08 |
| Treat, Terry J. | 07/08 |
| Turner, Alvin E. | 07/09 |
| Thomas, Daniel A. | 07/10 |
| Imbro, Raymond J. | 07/12 |
| Luca, John A. | 07/13 |
| Magyar, Julius L. | 07/14 |
| Peschio, Judith A. | 07/14 |
| Neville, Mary A. | 07/17 |
| Spilman, Barbara | 07/17 |
| Barrett, Patricia | 07/18 |
| McCoy, Susan | 07/18 |
| Perrigo, John M. | 07/18 |
| Caldwell, Alyse | 07/19 |
| Switzer, Jennifer J. | 07/20 |
| Auer, Eleanor | 07/22 |
| Catchick, James M. | 07/22 |
| TREAT, Christi F. | 07/22 |
| Hebert, Joy | 07/23 |
| Longmire, Peter H. | 07/23 |
| Cimino, Carmin F. | 07/25 |
| Gerber, Gregory E. | 07/25 |



If you would like to get involved in Save the Lagoon Committee activities, please contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com.

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Commander - Cdr Robert Sheridan, AP



Greetings to all

Congratulations to our membership and special recognition to our Lease Renewal Committee, specifically P/C Dan Thomas. It was a great presentation before the City Council and detailed what we do and our commitment to boating and the community. The chamber was packed with our members who came to support this very important meeting. In fact, we had so many members in attendance that a very large portion had to wait in the lobby and watch the proceedings on closed circuit. A big thanks to all for your tremendous support.



The lease renewal is now in place and we are developing plans for our future growth and activities. I will give you a few of our thoughts and provide more details as we progress. Of course we will continue to pursue and expand our current activities and projects. The Oyster Mat Program, the Sea Scouts Program, education and training, on the water training, and other various civic activities. In addition, we plan to address the expansion of our facilities to provide for more training and social activities. We will be looking into providing our facilities to other civic organization associated with boating and the Indian River. We are looking at the possibility of providing beer and wine at our Friday socials and at all of our dinners and parties.

We have become involved with the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, thanks to Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, and she has several activities planned with them which, I am sure she will detail. In short, it presents an opportunity for our squadron to add to our bottom line and realize more public exposure.

We have some great festivities planned for the near future, be sure to watch for the announcements. Our party on July 4th should be a great one and is being hosted by our resident Brits, should be a hoot! Sign up early!

Since I wrote to you last we returned from the D8 Spring Conference and as usual had a tremendous amount of awards ranging from VSC's, to individual member awards. It was time well spent and my presentation on our activities and accomplishments was very well received. Our squadron did have fair turnout as our cruising group stopped at the D8 on our way to Banana Bay.

Our cruise south was great fun and a lot of good times. Several of our members drove down and met us at Banana Bay for the festivities and camaraderie. As usual, we stayed at some very nice facilities on our way down and on our way back. A couple of us had boat problems which delayed

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| Knauss, John R. | 07/25 |
| Miller, Warren M. | 07/25 |
| Catchick, Ann | 07/26 |
| Sward, Barbara | 07/26 |
| Mc Gann, Sarah C. | 07/27 |
| Davila, Andy F. | 07/28 |
| Ashby, Patricia A. | 07/29 |
| Fuller, James M. | 07/29 |
| Lavigne, Carol A. | 07/29 |
| Mitchell, Elizabeth B. | 07/30 |
| Sangirardi, James | 07/30 |
| Murphy, Patricia | 07/31 |

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| Poirier, Denise M. | 08/02 |
| Hutchinson, Linda D. | 08/04 |
| Crawfis, D. James | 08/05 |
| Soltysiak, Marie | 08/05 |
| Weiler, Dick | 08/05 |
| Lake, Sally H. | 08/06 |
| Colwell, Lawrence F. | 08/07 |
| Kahn, Brenda | 08/07 |
| Risley, Michael | 08/08 |
| Rockwell, Stanley C. | 08/08 |
| Thomas, Katherine I. | 08/09 |
| Ellis, Thomas H. | 08/10 |
| Dykes, Gianna K. | 08/12 |
| Hamilton, Nancy E. | 08/13 |
| Brandenburg, Kenneth E. | 08/14 |
| McKay, Rosalia I. | 08/14 |
| Finney, Frederick W. | 08/15 |
| Brogan, Kevin C. | 08/16 |
| Caldwell, Christopher H. | 08/16 |
| Hoogterp, Peter C. | 08/16 |
| Maloney, Sandra M. | 08/19 |
| Jones, Beverly J. | 08/20 |
| Duggan-Miller, Gayle D. | 08/21 |
| Maloney, Kevin J. | 08/21 |
| Lembeck, William H. | 08/22 |
| Castle, Paul J. | 08/23 |
| Ward, James A. | 08/25 |
| Hutchison, Donna | 08/27 |
| Jones, Robert M. | 08/28 |
| Becker, Mark J. | 08/29 |

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| Crawfis, Patricia W. | 08/29 |
| Hoogterp, Helena R. | 08/29 |
| Becker, Shirley | 08/30 |
| Hindley, Kenneth D. | 08/30 |
| Ford, Beverly A. | 08/31 |
| Richelsoph, Barry | 08/31 |

Activities

JULY EVENTS

our activities, what can I say, its a boat!

I expect a lot of activities in the next few months and will keep you all informed! Again, thanks for the support on the lease, outstanding job!

As always Vero Beach Proud!
Commander, Robert Sheridan, AP

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



Community Service is key to the success of the Vero Beach Power Squadron and played a important role in the renewal of our lease.

Over the next few months, members of the VBPS have several opportunities to volunteer to support our community.

VETERAN'S PARADE - July 3

John and Christine Luca have offered their boat to represent the VBPS in the Veterans Parade scheduled for July 3 at 7pm on Ocean Drive. Volunteers are needed to decorate our float (3pm - July 3 - at the Squadron) and also to monitor the parade route during the event. Several of you have already offered to help but the more the merrier.



8TH ANNUAL TREASURE COAST WATERWAY CLEANUP - July 25

July 25 from 8am - noon is the 8th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup. VBPS has always supported this event. Volunteers are needed to participate in the cleanup which takes place up and down the Indian River Lagoon. In the past members have been deployed from the Wabasso Bridge to the 17th Street Bridge.

PIRATE FEST - July 31 - August 2

The Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce will host a Pirate Fest "Under the Oaks". The history behind this event is on July 24, 1715, a fleet of Spanish ships laden with treasure sailed up Florida's east coast right into the path of a fierce hurricane. By the morning of July 31, the fleet and treasure was lost to the sea. On the 300th anniversary of this fateful voyage, Pirates, Privateers and Treasure Hunters of all ages will gather in Vero Beach to begin the annual commemoration of the loss of the 1715 Treasure Fleet. Volunteers are needed to man the beverage truck during the event. I already have several volunteers but more are still needed. I will be putting together a schedule of volunteers closer to the event.

If you have any questions regarding these events, or if you wish to volunteer to help out, do not hesitate to contact me at m_wohlstein@yahoo.com.

Through the combined efforts of the members of the VBPS we can continue to be Vero Beach Proud!

You're Executive Officer
Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



We are finishing a good year Looking forward to developing next year's program.

Student completion for the 2014-15 program:

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| America's Boating Course 3..... | 75 |
| Core Advanced Courses..... | 10 |
| Elective Courses..... | 15 |
| Special courses (2)..... | 6 |
| Total Student Participation | 106 |



VB Veterans Parade

- Friday 3rd @ 7 PM -
Volunteers needed to help with the VBPS float - contact is Mary Wohlstein.

Independence Day Dinner

- Saturday 4th @ 6PM (plus VB fireworks)--chicken plus Bangers 'n' Mash--sign up to bring salad, side dish or appetizer - Our Brits are in charge: Caroline & Paul Castle - 772 257-6106

General Membership Meeting

(abbreviated) - Sat. 4th @ 6PM - Bob Sheridan

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl

- Sunday 5th @ 5:45PM - Nora Lichty

Paddle Group @ SL-15

- Tuesday 7th @ 9AM - Friends of the Spoil Islands Clean up - bring picnic lunch - Toby Jarman

D8 Rendezvous in Key Largo

- Fri 10 , Sat 11, Sun 12 - District Event

Book Club Lunch at VBYC

- Wednesday 15th @ 12:30PM - Carole Brubaker

America's Boating Course

- Saturday 18th @ 9 to 4 PM - Larry Lott

Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup

- Sat 25th @ 8 to 12N - signup on website: www.tcwaterwaycleanup.com - Contact is Mary Wohlstein

Boat "Beach-Up"

- Sat 25th at IR-9A, NW of Green 69 @ 11AM - part of the Waterway Cleanup on that island - Joe Troiano

VB Pirate Fest

- July 31st through Aug. 1st & 2nd - volunteers needed to help with beverage truck - contact is Mary Wohlstein

AUGUST EVENTS

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl

- Sunday 2nd @ 5:45PM--Nora Lichty

Executive Board Meeting

Monday 3rd @ 7 PM (new date)--Cdr. Bob Sheridan

General Membership Meeting

- Monday 10th @ 7:30PM - Exec.Officer Mary Wohlstein

Program Schedule for 2015-16:

- August.....One evening seminar to be announced
- September One evening seminar to be announced,
Confirm upcoming course instructor roster.
- October.....One evening seminar to be announced
Announce Fall-Winter course offerings
Initiate student registrations
- November-March.....Course Operations

We look forward to each member reviewing the training opportunities we are fortunate to have available here at the Squadron.... and consider taking advantage ... learning new skills.

Lastly, A special recognition and thank you for the quality service of our Instructor team.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
Education Officer

Dear members,

If you have an interest in Boat Operator Certification(BOC) On-the-Water Training (OWT) Inland Navigator (IN) Program at Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS) contact me or Doug Jacoby or sign up at the building. Program details are at this link <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm>. Our focus falls under Inland Navigator **Skills Demonstration - Basic Powerboat Handling skill demonstration** as defined in the guide at http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/files/boc_material/in_guide.pdf. Please review the guide so you get a feel for what we will be doing. I will be happy to meet and do an overview at VBPS if you like. I will need to collect checks (\$50) each for the course. We have 5 Inland Navigator packages (book/passport which takes about 30 days) on hand. First come first served.

I propose we schedule a 2 hour briefing during the week to address what we will do on the water. The 4 hours "On Water Training" will be scheduled for a weekend with a 2 hours summary the same day. The on water vessel will be a 23' Parker (center console) working on skills demonstration (pages 5-8 INLAND NAVIGATOR GUIDE 28 September 2013). The boat is loaned to us courtesy of Bill Zilg, JN. P/C John Spilman, SN is up north so P/C Warren Miller, AP will be your OWT Instructor. Questions. Please call or email me.

In the event you have a boat that you would like some help with navigating the local waters please also let us know and we will arrange for a member to travel with you in and around Vero Beach. Any member who has a boat that is 20-23 feet that would be willing to loan it to the OWT Program should contact me as well. In order for us to use your boat it must have a current year (2015) vessel safety check. If you don't have one that can be arranged as well. See you on the water.

Regards,

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Safety

To render assistance whenever possible

We raise our right hand and utter this phrase as part of the USPS oath of membership. After a recent discussion at the June 1, 2015 executive committee meeting, I did a search on "liability for boat assisting." www.discoverboating.com/law and disorder was a most informative article. The bottom line is that if you

Mini Cruise & Potluck Dinner - Sat. 22nd (new date)
 @ Loggerhead Marina - all day
 - Dick Myers/ Carol Pastirchak/
 Kathie Thomas

Boat "Beach-up"- Sat. 29th
 at SL-8, East of Red 176 @
 11AM - Joe Troiano

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render assistance, you must do it competently. Any error CAN make you liable. Maybe it won't, but it can. In the cited example, the good guys inadvertently towed a disabled boat over a shoal and someone was injured. They were sued for medical expenses and boat repair.

Most "Good Samaritan" laws have a catch phrase in them. You cannot be sued so long as you are competent in rendering aid. But make a mistake, and you're liable. And if you think it can't happen to you, be advised that the U.S. Coast Guard lost a case where they made an error.

If lives are not in danger, "rendering assistance whenever possible " can mean calling for a professional tow company and standing by until they arrive. Federal law and the USPS pledge do not require you to put yourself or your vessel at risk. Know your limitations. Any towing involves large forces that experts can get wrong. Even where lives are in danger, you must be careful not to make the situation worse by getting in above your ability.

There was a discussion about whose towline gets used, I stand by my original statement. If you put your line on his boat, you assume some liability AND you give him control over your line. If you take his line, he has the liability and you can drop his line and his weird behavior at your discretion.

When I was a young and idealistic squadron member, I took a decrepit private boat with engine trouble in tow, using his anchor line. At some point in the tow, he got the engine running. With no warning, he started to go in a different direction with the tow still attached. I just released the towline and got away from him. Had it been my line, I would have had a big problem.

Rendering assistance is a serious issue that each skipper should take very seriously. 100 years ago, there were no towing companies and little tort law. In fact, as late as 1960, we all thought a tort was a European cupcake. Today towing insurance is so low cost, no prudent skipper should be without it. The towing company personnel are trained, equipped, and insured. You are not.

Ellis Simon
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Throwable Type IV PFDs

We all read the literature and buy the proper safety equipment required by law. Right? Well, there is more to it than that. You must make that equipment functional by placing it in a position that the helmsman can reach it.

Where do you keep your Type IV? Many boaters stash it in the salon so it will not get dirty, mildew or sunburned. Is your throwable near the helm when boating? Here is a typical scenario for a two person crew: IF the mate should fall overboard how will the helmsman rescue that crew member? Secure the life ring, square seat cushion or Life Sling in a place that is easily accessible from the helm.

It is good practice to have your rescue items, Life Jackets or Throw Rings in a visible and accessible location. That way the safety equipment is ready whenever you need it, in a location the helmsman can access it and use effectively. Also consider if your guests can access it and they know how to use it.

Type IV throwable PFDs come in many sizes and designs. Look for the label Approved Type IV PFD. Twenty or twenty four inch rings, orange or white, seat cushions in many colors, horse shoe designs or the packaged Life Sling system. Investigate the styles and where you may locate it aboard your boat for easy quick access when needed.

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- October 2015 America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association Fall Rendezvous Rogersville AL

- November 2015 Fort. Lauderdale International Boat Show Florida

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USPS District 8 Summer Rendezvous 10—12 July 2015



Schedule of Events:

Friday, 10 July 2015

- Check-in—Mile Marker 84—Oceanside
- 1700—2200: Commanders Hospitality Marina Suite.
- Dinner: on your own.

Saturday, 11 July 2015

- 0800—0930: Breakfast
- 0930—1130: Officers Meeting, Marina Suite
- Lunch: on your own.
- 1700—1815 & 2030—Closing: Hospitality Marina Suite
- 1830: Dinner at Shulas 2 (order from the menu). Contact D/Lt Lee Popham, AP, for info 305-904-4400, or Popham@earthlink.net.

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New Members



Theresa Atkins & Dan Czernickin



Penny Martin



Lynn Helfferich



Linda Durso



Larry & Bonnie Ebstein



Judy Stephens



Bob Matusiak



Bob Heckman

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Chaplains Corner

Memorial Day 2015

The Debt

I fear ... the story of Memorial Day and the heartfelt pain and debt of gratitude we should have for those who have given their lives or a portion of their lives for the defense of our country is no longer a part of the DNA of the American Heritage.

I was shopping at a local store this week when the cashier (a young lady not much younger than me as a matter of fact) said "Have a Happy Memorial Day" as she handed me my change. "Have a Happy," ... what is happy about Memorial Day?

"You just don't get it!"

I graduated from high school in 1965, a mere youngster if you look at the demographic of this group. Never the less, by 1966, one year later, twelve of my friends and classmates had died or been seriously injured in Vietnam. Tell me about 'Happy!'

These guys were no heroes (at least not Hollywood heroes); they were just regular guys who were not fortunate enough to get government deferments of one type or another. They were drafted into the service of our country (as an obligation of their citizenship). They were whisked off to 10 weeks of intensive training and then travelled off to a foreign land they knew little about and for that matter, cared very little about. Within a year they were gone ... never to enjoy and take advantage of so many things we 'take for advantage.' They did what they were told to do ... it was an obligation. We could celebrate their patriotism (if we even understand patriotism). Celebrate, wrong word, rather we should be pensive and thank our lucky stars and creator that it wasn't us, or our children, or parents.

We don't celebrate 'debt.' Do we? Yet their lives have become our debt. Once again, I fear we have lost the stigma of that debt.

Now, don't hang you heads in shame, because I am probably talking to the choir. This is a National Holiday and a National Issue. ... But we are implied because we are Americans.

I pray that your discussion today, as you feast with your friends will be "Memorial Day!" ... *and the debt needs to be seared into every aspect of our lives.*

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