



The Knox County Joint Veterans Council are looking for **volunteers!!!**

The Knox County Joint Veterans Council is located at the Knox County Veterans Service Office located at 105 E Chestnut St. Mount Vernon, Ohio. The post conducts regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting time is 7:00 P.M. **Contact Carol Riley @**

[740-504-3264](tel:740-504-3264) if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!



They stand guard silently, vigilantly through whatever Mother Nature dares throw at them. They do so with great pride to honor one of their own. And they do this without thought of payment. For them, honoring a fallen brother-in-arms is compensation enough.

For the families of the deceased soldier, they are the ever-watchful sentinels, and their selfless act is a much-appreciated tribute.

How hot soup almost stopped a war

When people think of Switzerland, they tend to think neutrality (and cool pocket knives and stylish watches, I guess). But there was a point when the country was caught up in a religious civil war that their armies tried to resolve with soup, according to lore.

In the early 16th century, conflict arose between the Protestant forces from Zurich and Catholic forces from Zug — Switzerland's Christian Reformation — but legend has it that on the field of Kappel am Albis, no blood was shed. Instead, the armies simply shared some good, hot soup.

There are no records that detail how the soup was made or where it came from, but the story of the milk soup, known as "Kappel Milchsuppe" has become an integral story in Swiss history.

Made primarily with bread and milk, there is no definitive recipe left from the 1500s. Today's recipes, however, feature various takes with butters, milks, cheeses, onion and garlic.

Though few facts about the original 500-year-old soup can be verified, BBC reported that historians agree the "broth was created by accident in June 1529 when two hungry armies met on a battlefield on what is now known as the Milchsuppestein, or 'milk soup pasture.'"

"The soldiers from both sides mingled and eventually dined together — supposedly the troops from Zug provided the milk, and those from Zürich the bread to make this soup," wrote Swiss cook and blogger Andie Pilot. This brought to a close the first Kappel War.

"Negotiations continued, but to the amazement of everyone, the infantry brokered their own truce over a cooking pot while on the battlefield," former Kappel Abbey pastor and historian Susanne Wey-Korthals told BBC. "Naturally, they were hungry after the long march, and Zürich had plenty of bread and salt, while Zug had a surplus of milk from its farms. From that the legend was born." Unfortunately the bisque was not enough to stop the fighting indefinitely.

The second Kappel War was fought in 1531. Ironically, a food embargo imposed on the Catholics brought the two armies back to war, bringing about a resolution in Switzerland's Protestant Reformation. Ultimately, the Roman Catholics would go on to win when Zürich's Protestant leader Huldrych Zwingli was killed.

Still, the lands of Milchsuppestein and the legendary soup enjoyed by the two warring factions became enduring symbols of Swiss peace. A stone monument to the original bloodless battlefield meeting remains there to this day.

"These fields have played witness to some of the most important moments in Swiss history," Wey-Korthals said. "Switzerland found a way to compromise here. To concentrate on what we had in common rather than focus on our differences. It sounds remarkable, but we did it over a bowl of soup."

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2022/04/25/how-hot-soup-almost-stopped-a-war/>

These Army pilots poop in luxury at Joint Base Lewis-McChord

A group of warrant officers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, gained notoriety last week after their hangar bathroom was shared by U.S. Army WTF Moments.

The 2-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion latrine lacks many of the amenities soldiers have come to know and love about most Army bathrooms — the familiar washed-out glow of flickering fluorescent lights; rusty, broken hand soap dispensers; suspicious puddles; and stained ceiling tiles that inspire questions that you don't want answers to. Instead, it's exactly what a wet, spiteful, freezing-cold infantryman stuck in the field at Yakima Training Area imagines those damn pilots have: a mood-lit "Alaskan lodge" lounge, with paintings on the wall, assorted hand soaps and air fresheners. There's a putt-putt green, a taupe backsplash and classic rock emanating from a CD clock radio.

Army Times tracked down and caught up with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade chief warrant officer 2 who masterminded the operation. The soldier is a former infantry NCO who once worked for an international luxury hotel chain — "if it's not the Four Seasons, it's this other company." "I used to regularly use a granite countertop bathroom with an individual stall that had linen towels and running water, you know, all those types of things that you take for granted working in a place like that," he said. "And then I joined the [infantry]."

The now-warrant officer, a Black Hawk pilot, asked during his phone interview that Army Times withhold his name so that a news article about his unit's bougie bathrooms wouldn't be the top Google result for his name. We reluctantly agreed. "I don't want to be known as the bathroom guy for the rest of my career," he confessed. "But this whole idea of trying to make this place a little bit nicer each day — and maybe the next guys get to enjoy it after my group phases out of here — it's actually been a really cool thing." He also noted that this wouldn't have been possible at his old infantry unit. "If you were to do this in an infantry company, somebody would find a way to break everything in there," he explained.

The brigade public affairs officer, Capt. Kyle Abraham, gets no such anonymity, though, and will have to deal with this coming up in his Google history forever. He described the latrine as what can happen "when soldiers have pride in the unit and pride in where they work."

Seriously, how did this even happen?

The project began last fall when the battalion's pilot mafia realized they'd been spoiled by occasional visits to high-class facilities at other airports in the region.

"They've got people flying in and out of there with private jets," explained the warrant officer. "And then you got all these grubby Army guys coming in and out, drinking all their coffee and eating their snack stuff."

A realization and two rules set the project in motion, he said: "We should have nice things, too...[but] everything that goes in the bathroom — it has to be free."

The second rule? "It has to be classy," said the pilot. He said he vetoed a few items that didn't "fit that ambience that we were trying to create."

"Somebody wanted to put a wicker chair in there, and that was absolutely a no-go," he explained. "It looked like cheap patio furniture, and we weren't going to have that in there."

Over time, giveaways on Facebook Marketplace and other sites coalesced into a coherent theme — "Alaskan hunting lodge," as the warrant officer described it.

The only enemy of the project? The brigade's former command sergeant major, according to the warrant officer. "He did exactly what you think a brigade sergeant major would do," explained the pilot. "He turned the [fluorescent] lights back on, and immediately within minutes, the next guy that walks in would automatically turn the lights off."

That battle continued for about a month, he said. But every time he's entered "in the last three or four months...everything is just the way it's supposed to be — music on, lights off, lamps glowing and everything peaceful," he added.

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-army/2022/04/21/these-army-pilots-poop-in-luxury-at-joint-base-lewis-mcchord/>

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Pictures of the Month



Marine Corps Cpl. Aiden Bobrowski, a combat engineer with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, conducts a patrol during an exercise at Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan, Feb. 11, 2022. (Cpl. Juan Carpanzano/Marine Corps)



Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point aircrews conduct flight formations in the soon to be retired HC-130H Hercules airplane over Honolulu, Feb. 17, 2022. (Lt. Cmdr. Scott Handlin/Coast Guard)