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From the Captain's Log Airshow a Bust – Family a Plus

In 2011 the Airshow at Pease Airport in Portsmouth was fantastic, fighter jets buzzing around, Blue Angels synchronized flying wing to wing, sky jumpers, aerobatics. A fantastic showing.

2021 Airshow a rinse/repeat. The jets came in so fast that the waters of Great Bay surrounding the Airport were churning. Even with earplugs your ear drums cried Uncle, but your eyes were all in amazement at what those birds could do. God help our enemies.

So, with big fanfare the 2023 Airshow was announced. Reserved seating at the Airport was \$1600.00. Parking was close to \$100. As Litigator's mooring at Great Bay Marina sits directly on the flight path of the Airport, as in previous Airshows we invited many family/friends to join us on the boat to what was billed as a fantastic show. Knowing the thunder of the fighter jets I ordered 25 sets of earplugs for my guests and stocked up the food and drinks. We had over 25 guests onboard for the Saturday performance. At noon a lone F-16 took off to signal the opening of the show. In previous years (2) F-22's did that. No comparison. Then we saw a few propellor planes doing some limited aerobatics, a loan KC-46A refueling jet lumbered off. I kept telling my guests that this was just the warmups. We waited. A few more propellor planes did some tricks, a smoker did a little skywriting. I kept telling my guests - still just the opening act. A couple more small planes flew and then at 4:00 pm the F-16 did a trot around the airfield, and all went quiet. I poured generous drinks for my quests.

Sunday, we positioned on the far side of Great Bay for a different angle. More guests joined us. But no F-16 to open or close the show. A few more refuelers and C-130's in the pattern than Saturday, a few more propellor plane aerobatics, a little more smoke writers and then, with a forecast of threatening thunderstorms for 4:00 pm, the Airshow stopped at 3:30 pm with no closing F-16. All quiet. Disappointing.

However, my daughters with our guests cooked up a fantastic barbecue on Saturday and out came the water tubes and bathing suits and off into the bay waters many guests swam basking in the warm weather and sunny skies. While the Airshow was a bust, time with family and friends was certainly a plus and made the weekend. Never opened a set of those earplugs. •



October 2023 News



Not Just Any Old Cemetery



The 639 scenic, tranquil acres that comprise Arlington National Cemetery were once owned by George Washington Parke Custis, the adopted grandson of our nation's first president and the father-in-law of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The Union army seized the property at the outset of the Civil War to defend the capital.

Custis's grandson, George Washington Custis Lee, pursued legal avenues to reclaim the land in 1870, which he argued were confiscated illegally. In 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with Lee. By this time, the property had already become sacred ground for over 6,000 Union soldiers. Knowing that he could no longer live or operate a plantation there, Lee sold the property back to the government in 1883.

Over 3 million people visit Arlington National Cemetery annually to honor the 400,000 soldiers buried there, representing all our nation's wars. In addition, military nurses, doctors, chaplains, and war correspondents call it their final resting place as well.

So do over 4,000 former slaves who lived in Freedman's Village, originally a refugee camp set up on the property during the Civil War that evolved into a thriving community following the war. In addition, three prisoners of war from WWII who died while being held captive — one German, two Italians — are interred there, too.

More than 2,000 bodies lie beneath the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. Three bodies lie beneath the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, one from each world war and one from the Korean War. There had been a fourth for over a decade, from the Vietnam War, but no longer. No resurrection ... just DNA identification, exhumation, and relocation to the soldier's home state. Amazing, yes, but not quite a miracle. There is no doubt when you walk around Arlington National Cemetery that you are in the land of heroes. •



October 2023 Notable Dates

Oct. 4
Walk to School
Day

Oct. 9
Columbus Day

Oct. 12
Farmer's Day

Oct. 14
National Dessert Day

Oct. 16
Boss's Day

Oct. 26
Pumpkin Day

Oct. 31
Halloween

LEGAL TERMS OF THE MONTH...

Deposition and Pro Se

A **deposition** is the oral testimony of a party or witness in a civil or criminal proceeding that is taken before trial and it takes place most often at an attorney's office. An attorney asks the questions and the deponent, the person being asked questions, responds to those questions. These questions and answers are recorded by a court reporter/and or videographer and become testimony.

Deposition testimony is generally taken under oath so the court reporter and deponent sign affidavits that state the testimony is accurate. The testimony is then transcribed into a written transcript and used as a discovery tool by attorneys to prepare for trial.

To act "**pro se**" in a legal claim means that you are representing yourself without the help of an attorney. For those people who do file cases on their own behalf, it is important to understand that the Court still expects the pro se filer to follow all the rules and procedures that an attorney would follow.

If you or someone you know is thinking of acting pro se in a legal issue, it may be worthwhile to just talk with an attorney beforehand. You may be able to get some guidance or discover that you really do need the help of an attorney. One thing you certainly don't want to have happen is getting in over your head with a legal situation without an attorney being able to help you.

Now, '**Res Judicata**' and '**Stare Decisis**' we'll explain those terms another day. ●

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Dogs Might Find Halloween Spooky, Too



Most kids love Halloween. Dressing up, gallivanting door to door to collect sweet loot, soaking up the sights and sounds — it's exciting. That is, until a child becomes a dog-bite statistic: one of 4.5 million Americans bitten each year.

For some dogs, Halloween is stressful. Doorbells ringing repeatedly, strangers in costumes, loud voices, scary sound effects, strobe lights, artificial fog, etc. can rile even the most mild-mannered dogs. Dogs might recognize some kids by scent, but costumes, masks, or face paint are nonetheless confusing.

In addition, some dogs might be on edge due to instinctual things, like protecting the owner or owner's property. Or, a dog might be handling things well, but overexuberant trick-or-treaters find the dog adorable, rush forward to pet it, step on a paw or tail or otherwise spook it, and you know what happens next.

Trick-or-treaters should avoid homes where a dog is barking behind a fence or is leashed in the yard. If they hear a dog going crazy inside a home, it's best to move along, too. If a resident opens the door and a dog is present, kids (and parents) shouldn't enter the home unless the dog is moved to another area. If that doesn't happen, just accept treats while on the porch.

Trick-or-treaters should not approach dogs who are accompanying other trick-or-treaters. These dogs are exposed to the same stimuli as homebound dogs. They might even be in costume. Chances are, they're not all that thrilled with their predicament.

If your child is harmed by a dog contact our office. We will fight to attain fair compensation for their injuries. ●