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An era, and a pilgrimage, come to an end

Frank Woodruff Buckles embarked on a pilgrimage of his own on the first day of August in 1917. Like that of his ancestor, William White, it took him on a long, long journey to foreign shores fraught with dangers he might never have anticipated when he was a young boy in Bethany MO.

Frank Buckles was the last surviving American veteran of World War I. He passed away February 27, less than a month after his 110th birthday. He was a 63-year member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, having been accepted into the Society on 24 Feb 1948.

When President Woodrow Wilson issued a call for volunteers as the United States prepared to enter the War to End All Wars, Frank Buckles was among the first to answer.

In fact, he attempted to answer twice--trying to enlist in the Marine Corps and the Navy, and being turned down both times--before being enlisted in the United States Army, in which he served for three years, including duty in both England and France.

He rose to the rank of Corporal before ending his service in 1920, but did not see combat duty. His primary duties in the Army were as an ambulance driver and as an escort for his commanding officers. He did, however, see the results of combat and, when interviewed in 2008 by the American Legion Magazine, indicated he had not forgotten its horrors. He would not, however, discuss them.

He was one of more than four million American men who enlisted in the Armed Forces during World War I, of whom two million were shipped to France to fight against the Germans.

In 2007, the Department of Veterans' Affairs conducted a search for remaining soldiers from World War I and declared Frank Buckles the sole survivor.

But World War I was not the only adventure for this remarkable man.

After the First World War, he took a job with the White Star Steamship Line--the same line, ironically, that operated the Carpathia, a ship famous for having rescued the survivors of the Titanic, and the ship that took Frank Buckles and his unit to France in late 1917.

In 1940, by then working for the American President Steamship Lines, he was sent to Manilla, The Phillipines, where he was still stationed in December, 1941 when the Japanese invaded. He and about 2000 other civillians were captured and sent to Japanese camps.

Frank W. Buckles remained a prisoner of the Japanese for nearly three-and-a-half years, until the camp in Los Banos, Luzon, was liberated by the 11th Airborne's famous raid on 23 Feb 1945.

After his return to the United States, he married Audrey Mayo in 1946 and they moved to Gap View Farm in Charles Town, West Virginia, where he lived until his passing in February.

His daughter, Susannah Flanagan, lived with him there. Her mother, Virginia, passed away in 1999. Susannah is also a member of the Mayflower Society.

The land on which they lived had been occupied by

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13 moons on a turtle's back

For our Junior Members

Many American Indians share the knowledge of the 13 moons on a turtle's back. As children they are taught to examine the the segments on the back of every turtle. There are 13 large segments which represent the thirteen moon cycles which make up the lunar year.By counting the smaller segments around the edge of the shell, they find there are 28, representing the number of days between new moons.

Every tribe has names for the 13 moons and there are stories that go with each. The names and stories vary from group to group, but each is descriptive of the season in which the new moon appears.

To make your own turtle, print out the drawing at the right on heavy paper or card stock. By following the directions, you will have your own pet turtle showing the number of moons and the number of days between them.

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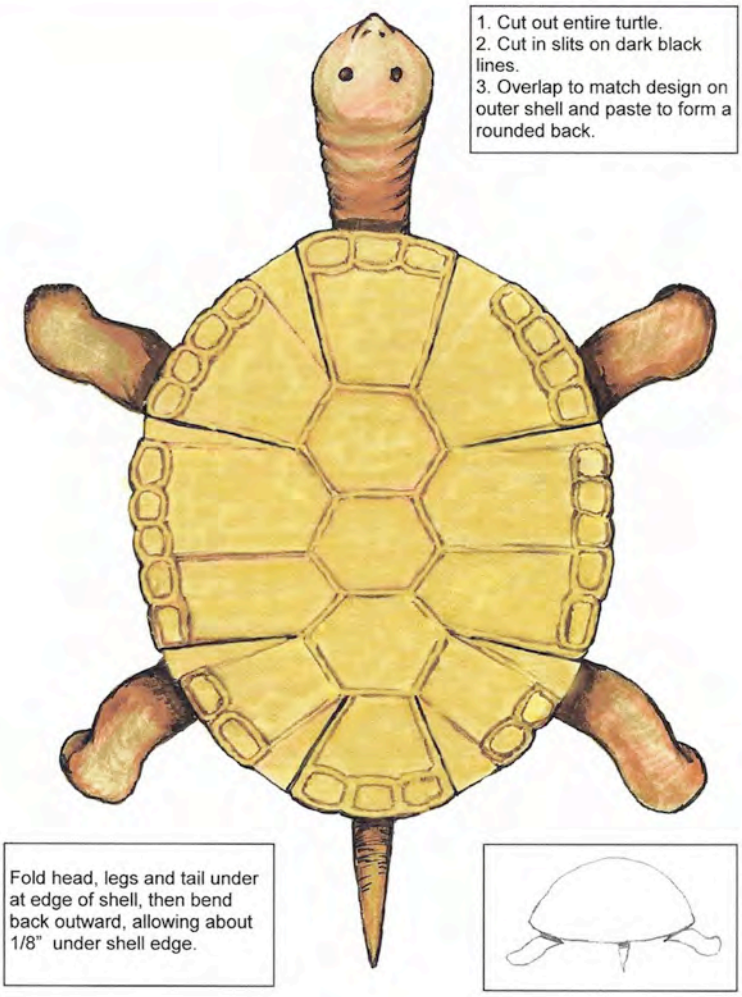

Anagrams

The following anagrams are all Pilgrim-associated words. The ones with asterisks are more than one word. Answers on Page 6.

1. WORDS
2. DEEP SWELL
3. P PINK WHIG LIARS*
4. OUCHY KLM PORT
5. NO PAINT TAIL
6. LOP LASH
7. BLED OUT
8. GO PAW A MAN
9. LOSE CHILL*
10. ODE STACK
11. BA CAP DECOY*
12. MAD ACT COPY*

Pilgrim challenge

1. Who were the Pilgrims?
2. Who was the first governor of Plymouth Colony?
3. Who was lost in 1621 and returned by the Indians?
4. Who was the first person to die after the Mayflower arrived in Plymouth Colony?
5. Who was the last of the Mayflower Passengers to die (November 29, 1699)?
6. Name the person who fought a duel with Edward Doty.
7. Name the child born on the Mayflower during the crossing.
8. Who was the first child born after landing in 1620?
9. What is the Mayflower Compact?
10. When was the Mayflower Compact signed?

Answers on Page 6

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Members of the nominating commitee were:

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116th Annual Meeting program features Peggy Baker

This year's Annual Meeting will take place Saturday April 16 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield.

A full program will feature the annual election and installation of officers and a speech by Peggy M. Baker, right, Director Emerita of the Pilgrim Hall Museum, who will bring, in her own inimitable fashion, the story of "Priscilla's Choice." Peggy will also bring us up to date on the progress of the Plymouth 2020 Committee.

We will also be joined by Harry Paine Folger III, Assistant Governor General, and Alice Carnrite Teal, Editor of The Mayflower Quarterly, who will bring greetings from the General Society.

Dinner choices include Roast Pork Loin or Baked Boston Scrod with a special chicken finger dinner available for children.

The Holiday Inn is located at 31 Hampshire St., Mansfield MA. Directions may be found below.

Reservations must be returned to the office not later than April 11, 2011. The mailing address is listed on the reservation form.

Cash Bar 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Luncheon 12:30 PM

Choice of:
Roast Pork Loin with Apple Brandy Sauce
Or
Baked Boston Scrod with Cracker Crumb Topping

Served with
Fresh Fruit Cup
Roast Potatoes & Carrots
Strawberry Mousse

Directions to the Holiday Inn, Mansfield

From I-95 North or South: Take exit 7A, Route 140 South. At the 2nd set of lights, make a right into the Cabot Business Park. Stay in the right hand lane to the end. The hotel will be on your right.

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Address:_____ Baked Boston Scrod _____@$28.00 $_____

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Quiz answers

Anagrams: 1. sword. 2. Speedwell. 3. King Phillips War. 4. Plymouth Rock. 5. Plantation. 6. Shallop. 7. Doublet. 8. Wampanoag. 9. Coles Hill. 10. Stockade. 11. Cape Cod Bay. 12. Compact Day.

P ilgrim Challenge: 1. Refugees from England, the first English settlers of New England, and people fleeing religious persecution. 2. John Carver. 3. John Billington Jr. 4. Richard Britteridge. 5. Mary Allerton. 6. Edward Leister. 7. Oceanus Hopkins. 8. Peregrine White. 9. A document of self-government which became the foundation of Plymouth Colony's government. 10. November 11, 1620.

The end of an era ...

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his ancestors when the area was first settled.

Frank Buckles received many honors in life and has also been granted the honor of being buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Only a few years ago, in 1999, the then-president of France, Jacques Chirac, awarded him the Legion of Honor. In March 2008, then-President George W. Bush honored him during a ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C. He also received the Victory Medal, the 75th Anniversary Medal, and the Occupation Medal.

Frank Buckles did not let his advancing years slow him down. He continued to work his cattle farm after turning 100 and said in one interview in 2008 that the only time he felt his age was "when I try to walk."

(Information for this article was gleaned from a number of sources, including the files of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Boston Globe, the Washington Post, the American Legion Magazine, and The Daily.

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