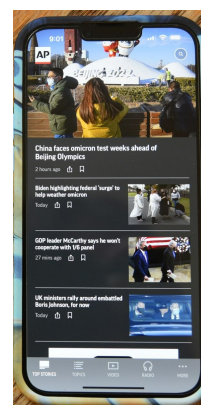


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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Nov. 11, 2022,

Happy Veterans Day!

As is our custom on this special holiday, Connecting invited colleagues to share when and with which branch they served. We got responses from nearly 60 colleagues, and I hope you take the time to read through the list.

Our colleague **Adam Yeomans** shares news that former Nashville AP staffer **Joe Edwards** suffered a health set back and had to have his right foot amputated this week due to complications from an infection. Joe's wife, Sandra, said he is in good spirits and recovering at Centennial Medical Center. He will have to undergo a second surgery this weekend and will be in the hospital another week or so before entering rehab. For those who may not know Joe, he retired in 2012 after 42 years with the AP in Nashville, where he spent much of his career covering the music business.

If you'd like to send Joe a card or flowers: TriStar Centennial Medical Center, 2300 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203. c/o Joe Edwards, Room 9133.

Wrapping up election week, we lead with an account from colleague **Ed McCullough** on his experience in working as a "voter assistance inspector in Florida earlier this week.

Apologies for my accidentally sending my Messenger Spotlight to the Connecting distribution list last night, although it was great to hear from some of you that you enjoyed the story on volunteer Pat Hassett, truly an inspiring person.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

It was a good night for democracy and America

Ed McCullough - I wanted to see whether voting last Tuesday where I live, in Florida, followed the rules. So I learned the rules and volunteered as a "voter assistance inspector" for four days including on Nov. 8. I'm happy to say: Yes. In Florida there are clear rules and they are followed.

I learned a lot. Primarily, that it's good people - in this case, voters and volunteers - who make the national endeavor work.

Rules are straightforward: Florida residents who provided a valid, current, government-issued photo ID including residence and signature could vote. You don't have that? You can't vote. Full stop.

Our polling station was overwhelmed - like many another. Hurricane Ian destroyed polling stations in Fort Myers and Lee County as well as homes and businesses. For Tuesday's vote, any Lee County voter could vote at any Lee County polling station. The few that remained processed all voters.

Into the small community center where I was assigned crowded about 18 poll workers and 22 voters at a time, plus a line of waiting voters in space the size of my living room, i.e., not so big. No complaints by anyone.

On the spot we added 5 voting stations for people who declined to use the electronic ballots, and 2 additional "smart" printers that handled the electronic ballots. Total: 22.

For much of last Tuesday, every single station was in use at the same time. There was no Black, white, healthy/handicapped, gender or other discrimination sometimes noted by news media. Just Americans.

I said literally hundreds of times: Place your completed ballot on the scanner, note the number (of votes already counted) on the scanner, watch the clock and read the message: "Your vote has been counted." When the counter advanced one number, I

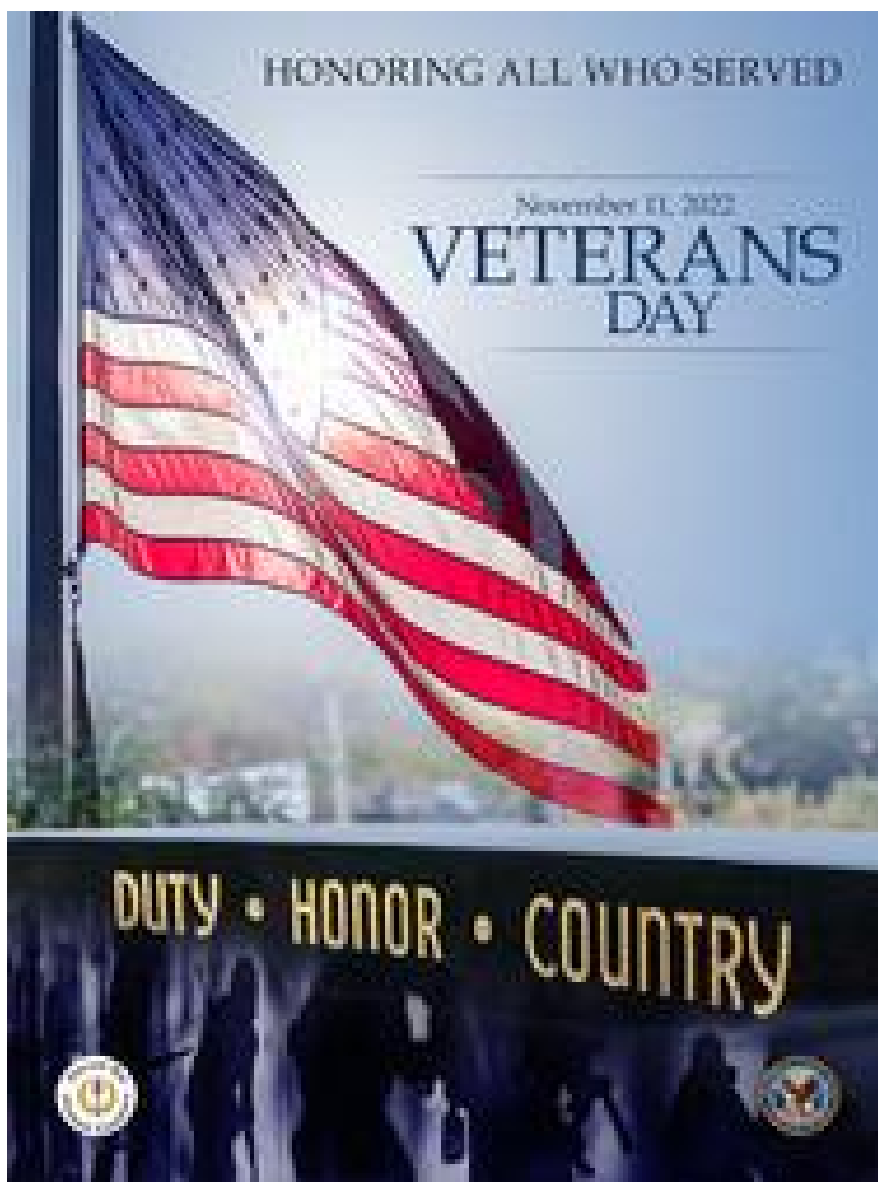
said: Do you see what just happened? The general response was: I voted. Yes, you did. Here's the "I voted" sticker to prove it.

Many people chose the traditional printed ballots vs. the electronic ones. To them I noted (when asked): the electronic ballots are THE SAME as the printed ones. You're standing at THE SAME scanners that count your ballots. ALL ballots are counted THE SAME way and ALL ballots drop into the machine after they're tallied. After polls close, the printed ballots have to match the electronic tallied.

If you think that electronic ballots somehow disappear (maybe the scanner is a shredder?), why would that not apply to the printed ballots? And if that does not apply to the printed ballots, why would it happen to the electronic ones?

It was a good day for democracy and America regardless of who won.

A Connecting salute to our veterans



Hank Ackerman – Army, 1965-67, Ft Corozal, Panama Canal Zone.

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Terry Anderson – Marines, 1965-71, Vietnam.

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Harry Atkins - Air Force, 1959-1963, Savannah, Ga.

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Jim Bagby - Army, 1967-69, Fort Sill, Okla.

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Myron Belkind - Army, 1964-1965, Fort Jackson, S.C.; Kansas City, Mo.; Saigon.

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Brian Bland – Army, 1964-68, Army Pictorial Center, Queens, NY; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., Mobile TV Detachment; Cu Chi, Vietnam, 25th Infantry Division Combat Photo Detachment.

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Hal Bock - US Army Reserve, 1961-66, Fort Dix, N.J.; Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio; 307th General Hospital Unit, Jamaica, N.Y.

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Henry Bradsher - Air Force, 1952-1955. Mountain Home AFB Idaho, Great Falls AFB Montana, RAF Station (used by USAF) Molesworth England.

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Charlie Bruce – Army, 1956-59. Ft. Jackson, SC; Ft. Devens, MA; Ft. Gordon, GA; Ft. Dix, NJ and Rothwesten, Germany.

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Hal Buell – Army, 1954-56, Ft Leonard Wood, Fort Monmouth, Japan and Taiwan.

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Jim Carlson – Army, 1968-70, Vietnam.

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Darrell Condon – Marines, 1965-71, MCRD San Diego, Camp Pendleton, NAS Memphis, NAS Jax, Andrews AFB, El Toro, Da Nang, Chu Lai, Iwakuni, NAX Jax.

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Rick Cooper – Army, 1968 -1973, Vietnam 1970-71.

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Bob Dobkin - Army Reserve, 1964-1970. Basic at Ft. Dix, NJ.

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Harry Dunphy – Army, 1966-1968, Fort Campell, Ky., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

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John C. Eagan – Army, 1954-57, Ft. Jackson, S.C.; Baumholder, Germany, 1956-57.

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Michael Embry - Air Force, 1969-73, Whiteman AFB, MO.

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John Epperson – Air Force, 1966-70, Lackland AFB, Texas; Lowry AFB, Colo., March AFB, Calif.

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Claude Erbsen – Navy, 1961-65, Pentagon.

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Mike Feinsilber – Army, 1967-69, Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Knox, Ky.

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Joe Frazier - Marines, 1967-69, Vietnam.

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Denne Freeman – Army, 1960-61, Ft. Lee, Va.

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Charlie Hanley - Army, 1969-70, South Carolina and Vietnam.

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George Hanna - Marine Corps, 1951-53, Parris Island, SC.

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Jerry Harkavy – Army, 1965-68, Vietnam.

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Mike Harris - Army Reserve, 1967-1973, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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Mike Holmes - Navy, 1970-72, mostly aboard the USS Oriskany in the Tonkin Gulf.

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Lindel Hutson - Army, 1969-71. Fort Polk, LA, Fort Dix, NJ, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA, NATO/SHAPE, Belgium.

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Gerald Jackson – Navy, 1966-94, NAS North Island, Coronado, CA and deployed twice aboard the USS Coral Sea during the Vietnam conflict.

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Bill Kaczor – Air Force, 1969-72, Lackland AFB, Texas; Chanute AFB, Ill., Eglin AFB, Fla.

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Brent Kallestad - Navy, 1966-70, San Diego, Pearl Harbor, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

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Abner Katzman - Army, 1969-71, Vietnam.

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Doug Kienitz – Navy, 26 years, NAS Barbers Point, Honolulu; USS Salisbury Sound (AV-13), Whidbey Island; Naval Air Reserves at sites in Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Massachusetts, Georgia and Texas.

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Jim Limbach – Army, 1965-68; Seoul, Korea; Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

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Dick Lipsey – Army, 1968-88, Germany, Vietnam, Alaska, Washington DC, Kansas, Fort Benning, and Fort Ord, California.

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Larry Margasak - Pa. Air National Guard, 1965-71. Olmsted Air Force Base outside Harrisburg. Now Harrisburg International Airport.

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John Marlow – Navy, 1953-57, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Bainbridge MD, Newport RI, Los Alamos NM, Mercury Nev.

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Brad Martin – Naval Reserve, 1972-76, USS San Bernardino, LST-1189, Western Pacific.

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Joe McGowan – Navy Reserve, 1953-72, active duty PCE Milwaukee 1953-55, PatrolCraft Escort, Great Lakes.

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Marty Merzer - Army, 1966-68, Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Riley, Kan.

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Reid Miller - Ft Riley, Kan., Ft Devens, Mass., Korea, Two Rock Ranch Station, Calif.

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David Minthorn - Army, 1966-69, Fort Polk, La., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Leighton Barracks, Wuerzburg, West Germany.

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Bob Nordyke – Army, 1968-70, Vietnam.

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Robert Reid - Army, 1970-1973, Augsburg, West Germany.

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Keith Robinson – Naval Reserve, 1970-76, active duty USS Cascade 1971-73, Naples, Italy.

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Marty Rose - Air Force, 1967-71, San Antonio, Texas; Amarillo, Texas, Vietnam, Westover AFB, Mass.

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Jeff Rowe - Air Force, 1971-1975, March AFB, Calif.

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Mike Short – Marines, 1961-64. Deployed to the Caribbean during Cuban Missile Crisis.

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Hal Spencer – Marines, 1966-68, Vietnam, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Paul Stevens, Air Force, 1968-72, Lackland AFB, Texas; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Langley AFB, Va.

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John Strachan - Army, 1967-70, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Fort Meade, Md.; Vietnam, and Fort Eustis, Va.

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John Terino - Air Force, 1963-1983, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam; Hanscom AFB, Mass.; Luke AFB, Arizona; Langley AFB, Va.; Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Joint Cruise Missile Project Office, Crystal City, Va.; Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, The Pentagon; American Forces Information Service, Roslyn, Va.

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Chris Tomlinson - Army, 1983-1990, Fort Hood, Texas, Field Station Okinawa Japan, Ft. Meade, Md., Bad Aibling Station, Germany.

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Jeffrey Ulbrich - Army, 1962-64, Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Sill, OK, Fort Benning, Ga, Fort Riley, Kan.

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M.L. (Bud) Weydert, Navy, 1965-70, Great Lakes NTC, Groton, CT Submarine School, USS Bonefish, Pearl Harbor, HI, San Diego NTC, Agana, Guam.

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Lew Wheaton – Navy, 1965-1970. Newport, RI; Athens, Ga.; USS Wexford County, LST-1168 (homeport San Diego, Danang, Vietnam 1967-68); Petersburg, Va.; Brooklyn, NY.

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George Widman – Navy, 1965-69, Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam; Subic Bay, Philippines; Norfolk, Va.

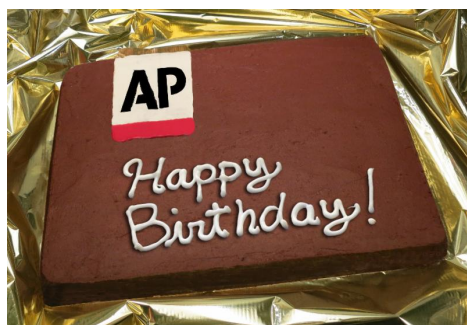
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Jim Willis – Air Force, 1968-72, Moody AFB, Ga.

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Jeff Wilson – Navy, 1967-71, San Diego, Norfolk, Va, Seoul, Korea, USS Eldorado.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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On Saturday to...

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Today in History – Nov. 11, 2022



**Today is Friday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 2022. There are 50 days left in the year.
Today is Veterans Day.**

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I ended as the Allies and Germany signed an armistice in the Forest of Compiègne (kohm-PYEHN'-yeh).

On this date:

In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politick."

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a slave uprising, was executed in Jerusalem, Virginia.

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

In 1938, Irish-born cook Mary Mallon, who'd gained notoriety as the disease-carrying "Typhoid Mary" blamed for the deaths of three people, died on North Brother Island in New York's East River at age 69 after 23 years of mandatory quarantine.

In 1942, during World War II, Germany completed its occupation of France.

In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off on a four-day mission with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard; it was the tenth and final flight of NASA's Gemini program.

In 1972, the U.S. Army turned over its base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1987, following the failure of two Supreme Court nominations, President Ronald Reagan announced his choice of Judge Anthony M. Kennedy, who went on to win confirmation.

In 1992, the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton ordered warships, planes and troops to the Persian Gulf as he laid out his case for a possible attack on Iraq. Iraq, meanwhile, showed no sign of backing down from its refusal to deal with U.N. weapons inspectors.

In 2004, Palestinians at home and abroad wept, waved flags and burned tires in an eruption of grief at news of the death of Yasser Arafat in Paris at age 75.

In 2020, Georgia's secretary of state announced an audit of presidential election results that he said would be done with a full hand tally of ballots because the margin was so tight; President-elect Joe Biden led President Donald Trump by about 14,000 votes out of nearly 5 million votes counted in the state. (The audit would affirm Biden's win.) Texas became the first state with more than 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and said the Sept. 11 generation had "written one of the greatest chapters" in the country's military service, toppling a dictator and battling an insurgency in Iraq, pushing back the Taliban in Afghanistan and decimating al-Qaida's leadership.

Five years ago: The annual Pacific Rim summit stuck to its tradition of promoting free trade and closer regional ties, shrugging off the "America First" approach that was brought to the summit by President Donald Trump. After talking with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the summit, Trump told reporters that Putin had again insisted that Moscow had not interfered in the 2016 U.S. elections, and Trump said he believed Putin was sincere in making that claim; he accused Democrats of trying to sabotage relations between Washington and Moscow.

One year ago: Facing a surge in coronavirus infections that threatened to overwhelm Colorado hospitals, Gov. Jared Polis defied federal guidance on COVID-19 booster shots by issuing an order allowing all state residents 18 and older to get them. President Joe Biden saluted the nation's military veterans as "the spine of America" as he marked his first Veterans Day as president in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. A spokesman for his foundation confirmed that F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's last apartheid leader, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela and oversaw the end of the country's white minority rule, had died at 85.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Narvel Felts is 84. Former Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 82. Americana roots singer/songwriter Chris Smither is 78. Rock singer-musician Vince Martell (Vanilla Fudge) is 77. The president of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, is 77. Rock singer Jim Peterik (PEE'-ter-ihk) (Ides of March, Survivor) is 72. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 71. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 71. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 69. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 69. Rock singer Dave Alvin is 67. Rock musician Ian Craig Marsh (Human League; Heaven 17) is 66. Actor Stanley Tucci is 62. Actor Demi Moore is 60. Actor Calista Flockhart is 58. Actor Frank John Hughes is 55. TV personality Carson Kressley is 53. Actor David DeLuise is 51. Actor Adam Beach is 50. Actor Tyler Christopher is 50. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 48. Actor Scoot McNairy is 45. Rock musician Jonathan Pretus (formerly

with Cowboy Mouth) is 41. Actor Frankie Shaw is 41. Musician Jon Batiste is 36. Actor Christa B. Allen is 31. Actor Tye Sheridan is 26. Actor Ian Patrick is 20.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

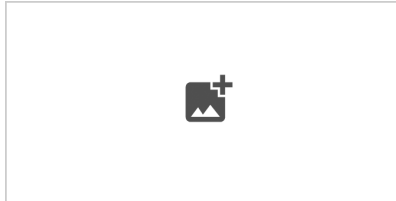


Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Most unusual place a story assignment took you.**

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