

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut

“From our roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”-National President’s motto

“Never forget the difference you make” - Department President’s motto

Americanism

Bulletin 3

**Webster Dictionary’s definition #4 for truck is a small wooden cap at the top of a flagstaff or masthead
Myth or Legend?**

Do you know that military bases call the flag pole building #1? That is because it is considered the most important building there. If you look up the meaning of the word TRUCK in the dictionary, there’s several meanings. One meaning is the box or ball or knob on the top of a flagpole or ship mast. There’s a myth or legend that within the “truck” is a razor, a match and a bullet. The story is that if the base is overrun and the soldier who is the last survivor is supposed to get these objects. There is supposedly a revolver 10 paces away in the ground. He is to cut the stars off the flag and burn it with the match. Some stories tell of a penny - to blind the enemy or a grain of rice to nourish the soldier. As if a grain of rice would do that. And when all else fails the soldier can choose to not be taken alive.

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