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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LH=Lark Harbour YH=York Harbour JB=John's Beach
 HC=Holy Communion MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer
 P&P=Prayer & Praise HB=Baptism MHS=Mem Hymn Sing
 ● = Full Moon

2017 MARCH 2017

1st Wed Ash Wednesday - LH, Service, 3:30pm
 5th Sun Lent 1, LH, 7:00pm, Holy Communion
 8th Wed LH, Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm
 11th Sat *Clocks forward 1 hour for Daylight Saving Time*
 12th Sun Lent 2, LH, 11:00am, Holy Communion, followed by
 Potluck Dinner and then the Annual Congregational
 Meeting.
 ● Full Moon
 15th Wed JB, Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm
 19th Sun Lent 3, LH, 11:00am, Morning Prayer
 20th Mon Spring Equinox
 22nd Wed LH, Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm
 26th Sun Lent 4, LH, 11:00am, Holy Communion
 29th Wed JB, Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm

2017 APRIL 2017

2nd Sun LH, Service TBA. Installation of ACW Officers.
 4th Tues 1:00pm, St James Church Cleaning for Easter
 9th Sun Palm Sunday
 11th Tues ● Full Moon
 14th Fri Good Friday
 16th Sun Easter Day
 23rd Sun Easter 1

2017 MAY 2017

10th Wed ● Full Moon
 14th Sun Mothers' Day
 22nd Mon Victoria Day

2017 ADVANCE DATES 2017

June 9th Fri ● Full Moon
 18th Sun Fathers' Day
 21st Mon Summer Solstice
 Jul 1st Sat CANADA DAY
 9th Sun ● Full Moon

16th Sun JB, 2:00pm, Flower Service in Cemetery
 23rd Sun LH, 2:00pm, Flower Service in Cemetery
 Aug 7th Mon ● Full Moon
 Sep 4th Mon Labour Day
 6th Wed ● Full Moon
 22nd Fri Autumn Equinox
 Oct 5th Thur ● Full Moon ([Harvest Moon](#))
 8th Sun Thanksgiving Sunday
 9th Mon Thanksgiving Holiday, Canada
 24th Tues United Nations Day
 Nov 4th Sat ● Full Moon
 11th Sat Remembrance Day
 Dec 3rd Sun ● Full Moon
 21st Thur Winter Solstice
 25th Mon Christmas Day

BUSINESS & ORGANISATION DIRECTORY

- **Byrne's Store, Main Street, York Harbour**
groceries, hardware, gas & diesel, souvenirs 681-2040
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- **Captain Cook B&B & Cottages, York Harbour**  
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A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR REV DAVID TAYLOR



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, fasting and works of love in order to grow closer to God.

Why “DO” Lent? How do I start?

Are you searching for something more? Tired of running in circles, but not really living life with direction, purpose or passion? It’s pretty easy to get caught up in the drama of classes, relationships, family, and work. Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from living a life with Christ.

We try to fill the emptiness inside us with mindless TV, meaningless chatter, stimulants, alcohol, too many activities or other irrelevant stuff. We run away from life and from God. Lent is a great time to “repent” — to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It’s a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart.

The Parish of Bay of Islands invite you to join us as we face the brokenness of our lives, turn it over to Christ so that we can be restored through his cross. This Lenten Season we will use the Lenten Series outlined below.

Things to try for the Lenten Season

- Start a prayer rhythm. Each day of Lent pray for another person.
- Go deeper into the Bible. Worship In Light of the Cross.
- Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)
- Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee. Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis. Help to change the world.
- Create a daily quiet time. Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
- Read a daily devotional for the season of Lent. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.
- Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
- Volunteer one hour or more each week
- Pray for others you see as you go about your daily routine.

RESTORED IN CHRIST

A SERIES OF SERVICES FOR LENT

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by him through the cross. Each service in this series focuses on a certain event in the Lenten story and looks at a broken element from that particular story. Coming to an understanding of how each of these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ is key to understanding what it ultimately means to live today as new creations in Christ.

Ash Wednesday : March 1 at 3:30pm

"Broken Hearts Restored" • Joel 2:12-14

*Our hearts are broken in sorrow over sin;
Christ restores our hearts through his forgiveness.*

Week 1 : March 8 at 7:00pm

"Broken Vessel Restored" • Mark 14:1-9

*A broken vessel holds costly perfume;
we are broken vessels restored when Christ pays
the price for us on the cross.*

Week 2 : March 15 at 7:00pm

"Broken Trust Restored" • Matthew 26:14-25

*Judas breaks his trust with Jesus by betraying him;
our broken trust is restored through the sacrifice of Christ.*

Week 3 : March 22 at 7:00pm

"Broken Bread Restored" • John 6:48-58

*Bread is broken at the Last Supper;
we are restored through the Bread of Life, Jesus.*

Week 4 : March 29 at 7:00pm

"Broken Promises Restored" • Matthew 26:69-75

*Peter's broken promises to never deny Jesus are restored
by the surpassing love of Christ.*

Week 5 : April 5 at 7:00pm

"Broken Justice Restored" • 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

*A broken justice system put Jesus on the cross;
we are restored when by his death
we are declared not guilty.*

Obituary

CECIL KEVIN SHEPPARD

1934 June 06 - 2017 January 31

IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS that the family of the late Cecil Sheppard announced his passing at Western Memorial Regional Hospital on Tuesday, 2017 January 31 at the age of 82 years.

Cecil is lovingly remembered by his wife of 60 years, Alice (née Childs); sons: Cecil, Monty (Vicki) and Conrad (Melissa); grandchildren: Marloes, Phoebe (Andy) and Charles (Chrissie); great-grandchildren: AJ and Henry; brother Wilson (Thelma); sisters-in-law: Jean (Lawrence), Elizabeth (Ralph), Elsie (Calvin), Rhodena (Max), Gertrude and Jane (Calvin); brothers-in-law: Norman (Lottie), Clarence (Joan), Thomas (Sharon), John (Lisa), Howard (friend Sheila), Maxwell (Marjorie), Terry (Tracy) and Nelson (Donna); as well as a large circle of nieces & nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother Alice and father George; mother & father-in-law Thomas and Melina Childs; sister Irene; sister-in-law Judy; brothers-in-law: Melvin, Reginald and Terrance.

Friends visited St James Anglican Church, Lark Harbour, on Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 2:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 9:00pm, from where the funeral service took place on Friday, 2017 February 3 at 2:00 pm, with Reverend David Taylor officiating. Interment followed at the church cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to St James Anglican Church Memorial Fund.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Country Haven Funeral Home, Corner Brook. The family guest book could be signed by visiting www.country-haven.ca.



Obituary

WILLIAM EDMUND SNOW

1931 December 25 - 2017 February 06

IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS that the family of the late William Edmund Snow announced his peaceful passing at Western Memorial Regional Hospital on Monday 2017 February 06 at the age of 85 years.

He will be sadly missed by his sister Jean Leary (Tom); sister-in-law Marie Pottle; nieces: Sheila Park (Howard), Beverly Connolly (Jim), Susan Nejman and Yvonne Pereu; nephews: Byron Pottle (Terri-Lynn), Shawn Pottle (Roberta), Robert Pottle (Sheri) and Sheldon Pottle (Katie); along with a large circle of great-nieces, great-nephews, other family members and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents: Hazel and Noah Pottle; brothers: Maxwell Pottle and Albert Lacey.

Friends may visit St. James Anglican Church, Lark Harbour on Wednesday 7-9pm and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 pm, from where the funeral service took place on Friday 2017 Feb 10, at 2:00 pm, officiated by Rev David Taylor.

In keeping with Williams wishes cremation followed the service with interment at a later date. Flowers were graciously accepted or donations could be made to the Lung Association or a charity of one's choice. The family guest book could be signed by visiting www.country-haven.ca



Obituary

PHILIP GILBERT

1943 - 2017 February 25

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that the family of the late Philip Gilbert announce his passing at Western Memorial Regional Hospital on Saturday, February 25, 2017 aged 90 years.

He leaves to mourn his loving companion Mary Brake; son Alex Gilbert; sisters Maisie Hynes, Corner Brook and Jenosene MacIntosh, Scarborough, ON; his friends and the staff at the Lohnes Complex; as well as many nieces & nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Geneva (Knott); parents May (Norman) & Charles Gilbert; brothers: Raymond, Wesley, Cyril and Douglas; sisters: Delphine Roberts, Emily Park, Mary Sheppard, and Matilda Sheppard.

Visitation will take place at Country Haven Funeral Home, 167 Country Road on Monday, between the hours of 2-4 & 7-9pm and at St James Anglican Church, Lark Harbour, on Tuesday, from 12 noon to 1:00pm. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, from St James Anglican Church with Reverend David Taylor officiating. Interment at the Anglican Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to the St. James Anglican Church Memorial Fund. The family guest book may be signed by visiting www.country-haven.ca.

**2016 CENSUS OF CANADA**

On Wednesday 2017 February 8th
[Statistics Canada](http://www24.statcan.gc.ca) made its first release
of information from the
2016 Census.

The number of Canadians counted on 2016 May 10 was

35,151,728

This represents an increase of approximately
1,700,000
since the Census of 2011
representing a growth rate of
5 per cent

the highest growth rate among the G7 countries.

[Follow this LINK for more Census highlights](#)

THE NEXT BIG UPSET

or

WHERE DOES THE WORLD GO FROM HERE?

Now that Donald Trump is ensconced as US President, what is likely to be the next big political upset? There are many possibilities, but one of the most likely could be the election of Marine Le Pen as President of France in a few months. On Sunday 2017 April 23, one week after Easter, the first vote to elect a new President of France will take place. [Marion Anne Perrine Le Pen, or Marine Le Pen](#) as she is known (*Marine* is a contraction of *Marion* and *Perrine*), has expressed her intention to run in that election, and she is emerging as a key person in French politics. Her becoming France's President is not in itself an upset, but her effect on the European Union may be.

The 48 year old Ms Marine Le Pen, a lawyer, is no stranger to politics. She is the daughter of [Jean-Marie Le Pen](#) (born 1928) who led the [Front National](#) party of France from its founding in 1972 until 2011. Ms Le Pen was elected as a member of the European Parliament since 2004 where she has had considerable influence. In 2011 she was elected to replace her father as leader of the Front National when she secured 67% of the poll. She also expelled her father and several other members from the FN when they made some controversial statements.



Marine Le Pen

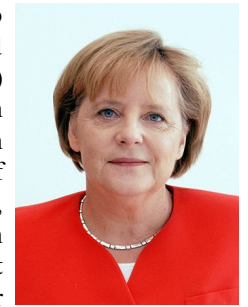
In 2012, Ms Le Pen ran for the office of President of France but placed third behind François Hollande, the current President, and Nicolas Sarkozy, the runner-up. She is expected to run for President in the upcoming election and has been the leader in early polls for the first round of the Presidential Election scheduled for April 23rd, where she is favoured to win. If she does win, she will then be facing a run-off vote on May 7th to become the next President of France. She is known for her nationalist politics but is said to be less of a nationalist than her father. However the fact that she fired him from the FN would suggest that she is a woman of very independent mind.

Recently she has criticised the European Union, saying, as many British voters and politicians have also said, that it "*is a failure ... It hasn't upheld one of its promises especially in terms of prosperity and security*". Similar criticisms made by the Brexit leaders last June resulted in the [British vote to exit the EU](#). So it seems likely that if Le Pen is elected President of France, she will call a referendum for many of the same reasons. It is her stated intention to do so within six months of her election. And she has predicted that other European members will join her.

At present, after Britain's plans to leave, France and Germany remain the two most influential members of the EU. If France votes also to exit the EU, then Germany remains as the largest and most powerful member. However the German [Chancellor Angela Merkel](#) herself has to face election in September, and polls have shown her support weakening among German electors. Moreover, she is dependent on the support of a [coalition](#) consisting of her own party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the Christian Social Union of Bavaria (CSU) and the Social Democrats. Coalitions at the best of times can

be subject to break-up for a wide variety of reasons, and the present one is the [third coalition](#) Angela Merkel has put together since 2005.

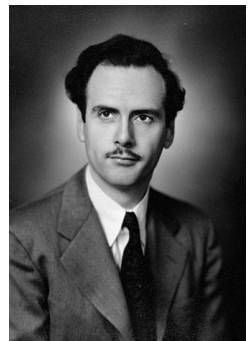
Given the volatile state of governments in so many erstwhile stable regions of the world (UK, USA, perhaps EU after last May) Chancellor Merkel may face difficulties in Germany when she seeks re-election herself in September. Thus far, since the Brexit vote of last year, the EU has held together quite well, though a few weaknesses are showing, with Merkel emerging very noticeably as the most reliable leader of the remaining member countries. However some distinct xenophobic tendencies have surfaced in Germany since the huge influx of refugees last year, perhaps affecting Merkel's chances of re-election in her country. And if Le Pen follows through on her threat to withdraw France from the EU, that could reduce the EU to the point where it is no more than a weak alliance of some twenty states, several with poor economies (e.g. Greece) and some also considering withdrawal. In other words, the upcoming elections in France and Germany could be key factors in the viability or even failure of the EU, eventually causing further damage to a stable world order for at least a number of years into the future.



Angela Merkel

With Donald Trump running the USA like one of his resorts, we cannot count on the relatively enlightened world leadership of the USA since 1945 to continue. The current leaders in Britain also appear to have lost any real international vision. Russia is being governed like a feudal state and shows no reliable international vision. China has not yet moved far enough from totalitarianism to enable it to develop an acceptable 'world view'. The United Nations has lost much of its earlier idealism along with the financial support of many of the member nations, thus restricting its capability around the world.

In the 1960s the Canadian philosopher and linguist [Marshall McLuhan](#) drew our attention to the ability of modern electronic communication to make information available almost instantaneously anywhere in the world. It is also possible to travel almost anywhere in the world within a 24-hour time frame. Highly simplified, the *medium of communication* therefore affects the message, until [the medium is the message](#) for practical purposes. Because of these high speed technologies a world-wide organisation like the UN has become essential to enable debate and solve problems between people and countries equally quickly and fairly.



Marshall McLuhan

Is it possible for Canada to step in and fill some of the democratic vacuum before the UN declines even further as an effective multinational forum?

— SLH

!!! BUYER BEWARE !!!

These days there are many items being offered in special advertising on TV. Among them are such things as cleaning products, cooking utensils, exercise equipment, and even cosmetics. Many of these claim to be improved versions that are not sold in stores. One example is a non-stick frying pan that claims to be unscratchable and more heat-resistant than regular non-stick utensils. Whether they are what the advertisements claim, remains to be seen.

The problem with these things is that, even if they are truly better than those we can buy in stores, **they are available only by mail order from the USA**. Of course they have to be paid for in American dollars. And don't be taken in by "Ships from Canada". That may be true, but it doesn't say you can pay in Canadian dollars.

Consider this: A ceramic-titanium frying pan is advertised for \$29.95 — not expensive for such an item, if it will perform as the advertisement says. [Click for enlarged TV advertisement.](#)

Now look at the very fine print near the price. It will look something like this:

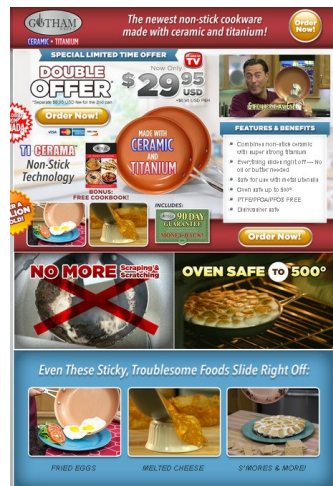
\$29.95 USD

See those three tiny letters near the price? "USD" of course means United States dollars. By present rates of exchange, our Canadian dollars are worth much less than American ones: you will have to pay about C\$1.32 for each US\$. Years ago our dollars were worth more than American ones, but those days are long gone. Today you would have to pay almost C\$40.00 for your frying pan, not including S&H. Many of these advertisements frequently offer other products at the same time, or even a 2 for 1 deal *plus extra shipping & handling*. Without extras, but with S&H, your US\$29.95 frying pan could cost almost C\$49.00, if it is shipped from the USA. You can check the exchange (it varies daily) at this official Bank of Canada [Daily Currency Converter](#).

You may also have to pay a Canadian import duty which adds to the cost if it is shipped from outside Canada. The shipping company will attach a label describing the item and its value in currency of the country of origin. The [Canada Border Services Agency](#) will decide what duty, if any, must be paid, and your item will be released to Canada Post or the courier involved. You will then have to pay this duty before the item will be released to you.

A favourite gimmick of these ads and websites is to tempt you by saying *Not available in stores*, which may be true. But once the TV ad has creamed off the biggest profits, the item or a comparable one will appear in your local department store with a Canadian price on it. Then you can see if you think it will live up to the claims made on the advertisement and is worth the Canadian price... Maybe when no store employees are looking you can even grab a hammer and give it a good smack to test it like the man in the TV advertisement does!

— SLH



Click to see this ad online

NL GOVERNMENT PLANNING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR NEW WESTERN HOSPITAL

On 2017 February 17, Friday, Premier Dwight Ball, [Health Minister Dr John Haggie](#), with other members of the Government of N&L made a long-awaited announcement about the much-needed replacement for Western Memorial Regional Hospital.

Originally promised about ten years ago by the PC government, not much has been done since then to the "big hole in the ground" at the site near the top end of the Lewin Parkway, but finally we appear to be getting some desperately needed action. (Having spent a couple of weeks in the present building in January 2015, I had personal experience of a night in one of the squalid makeshift lower regions of that building.)

I leave the essential details of Dr Haggie's announcement to the two excellent reports by CBC news team, as follows:

[Friday's announcement](#), by Colleen Connors, CBC News and [Plans for more long-term care in W NL](#) by Bernice Hillier on West Coast Morning show. The latter is an audio report aired on the West Coast Morning Show on Monday Feb 20th. Between them these two reports provide the essential details of the Government's announcement.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Governments have two main ways of handling large capital investments :-

- 1) PUBLIC - To secure up front funds to cover the cost of the project. This may be done by taxation or by borrowing, or a mixture of both. There will be an ongoing cost immediately the project begins, and this must be met through either taxes, or some kind of interest-bearing loan; OR
- 2) PRIVATE - Contracting with private companies for the entire project. This may mean purchasing or renting.

A third option is a Public-Private partnership, a combination of 1 and 2 above. This could be a contract with private companies for the construction and, on completion, government purchase of the facilities. From the information provided it appears that this, or something like it, is the choice by the Government: a combination of purchase and rental, with minimal direct involvement in construction. If carefully handled, this would provide government with 'the best of both worlds' by allowing monitoring of progress, maintaining quality and cost controls, and avoiding many of the cost over-runs that have plagued so many government projects in the past, as at Muskrat Falls.

When all construction of the new medical facilities is completed, present plans call for 309 beds available in various facilities for medical, surgical, long term, short term, emergency, palliative, pediatric care, etc, including expansion of cancer treatment, removing the need for patients to travel to St John's for many cancer treatments in future. These facilities are expected to be completed in future stages over the years.

— SLH

IS CANADA PULLING ITS WEIGHT IN NATO?

Donald Trump has recently criticised some members of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, for not living up to the financial obligation of 2% of [Gross National Product](#) (GNP, also referred to as GDP, Gross Domestic Product) the level agreed by all members.

Originally formed 1949 April 4th, NATO consisted of twelve members, of which all were European with the exceptions of the United States and Canada. Since then it has expanded to 28 members, still all European except for Canada and USA. [See complete list.](#)

NATO's original purpose was, and still is, to safeguard the freedom and security of its members through political and military means. The purpose is still the same, but due to technological developments, NATO's activity now extends further. All members are governed by the 14 Articles of the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949: it is agreed by all parties that *"an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all."* Each member nation also agrees to assist those so attacked *"by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area."* (Quoted from Article 5) Under Article 7 the rights and obligations of members under the United Nations will not be affected.

Below is a list showing the percentage of GNP currently being contributed by each nation.

FULLY PAID UP	United States, 3.61% Greece, 2.38%. Britain, 2.21% Estonia, 2.16% Poland, 2%
LESS THAN 2% PAID UP	France, 1.78%. Turkey, 1.56%. Norway, 1.54%. Lithuania, 1.49%. Romania, 1.48%. Latvia, 1.45%. Portugal, 1.38%. Bulgaria, 1.35%. Croatia, 1.23%. Albania, 1.21%. Germany, 1.19%. Denmark, 1.17%. Netherlands, 1.17%. Slovakia, 1.16%. Italy, 1.11%. Czech Republic, 1.04%. Hungary, 1.01%
LESS THAN 1% PAID UP	Canada, 0.99% Slovenia, 0.94%. Spain, 0.91%. Belgium, 0.85%. Luxembourg, 0.44%.

Before passing any comments on the standing of these nations, it must be understood that Gross National Product (or Gross Domestic Product, or GDP, basically the same thing) is a simple statement of the TOTAL annual value of ALL Goods and Services created within a country. Thus, countries with small population, small geographical areas, large unpopulated areas, or limited natural resources, tend to have smaller GNPs than larger ones. Also, some countries may have small GNPs due to social unrest or economic or natural disasters. Some countries are also deploying military units on behalf of NATO, requiring costly financial support. These include USA, Britain and Canada. To be fair it is necessary to consider these factors before deciding whether a country is pulling its weight in NATO. For example, although Canada is not 'paid up', this nation has contributed military support for NATO in several regions of the world (Germany, Cyprus, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Ukraine) for many years. USA and Britain are not only both paid-up but they are also both involved in military effort, notably in the Middle East.

Based on Wikipedia's [List of Countries by GDP](#), in 2015 Canada's GDP ranked 10th in the world with about 1,532,000 billion US\$, roughly 2.03% of World GDP. At the same time, the Greek GDP was ranked 49th in the world with only about 195,878 billion US\$, only about one eighth the size of Canada's economy and 0.31% of the world's. Unfortunately the actual dollar value of each country's contribution to NATO could not be found on the Web.

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE

Had NATO existed in the late 1930s when Germany under Hitler was exercising its muscle and successfully invading Sudetenland on 1938 Oct 15, the rest of Czechoslovakia on 1939 March 16, and Poland on 1939 Sept 1, it is possible that World War Two might have been avoided in Europe because defence arrangements would have been in place and America would have been treaty bound to enter the war two years earlier than it did. However, NATO was not yet born for ten more years, and America steadfastly refused any formal involvement because it was a "European war". President Roosevelt's effort to support Britain and her Allies (France, Australia, New Zealand; Canada a week later) by supplying materiel in those dark days of 1940 after the [Battle of Dunkirk](#) and the ensuing evacuation was vital until America entered the war after Japan attacked Pearl Harbour on 1941 Dec 7. Also many Americans had much earlier volunteered independently to serve in the Allied armies, navies and air forces, and their support was important in adding to the effectiveness of the Allies fighting from Britain after the German occupation of all of Northern Europe.

Click on [THE HISTORY PLACE](#) for a very useful [Chronology of WW2 Events](#) from 1918 to 1946.

[These NATO countries are not spending their fair share on defense](#)