

THE CORPS OF  
VIRGINIA GENTLEMEN

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INTEREST:**

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# The Bugle

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## Meeting Time

**Friday, May 18, 2007  
10-11 p.m.**

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## Don't be late...

# The Beautiful One!

## A note from the Supreme Commander, 'The Beautiful One', Ariel Jones

To THE CORPS, 007!!!!!! Hello all of you wonderful and misbehavin' Colonels...

Well, I have, as always, wonderful words of great wisdom and many hours of thought but that may have to wait a moment. First, I would like to comment on TBO's, (The Beautiful One, to those who have acronym issues) Birthday celebration. Thanks to all who sent cards, letters and even presents in the mail in hopes that it would provide great suck-up gestures. And guess what... it did! But I'm over it now.

Here are some honorable mentions...

1. Col. Jonathan Stewart—great way to call the Supreme Commander, the day **BEFORE** her birthday because you were going to be busy the **DAY OF** her birthday! Oooohh you and Pulaski will pay dearly for that one.
2. Col. Trish Tyler - the candies, cookies and treats were awesome, simply superb!!! Very nice gesture. Although my dentist didn't think so—so, you'll have to pay for that visit. BTW, how about those anatomically correct salt and pepper shakers. You all have GOT to see those!
3. Col. CJ Jorif - thanks so much for the long distance celebration. By the way, do you have permission to be on the National team this year? Again? That's right, since you moved you don't feel you have to pay fines think again—checks are allowed in the mail you know and since you work for the Government you could probably fly here and that would still be lower than my taxes...(hey, note to self, CJ pay TBO's taxes).
4. Vice Commander Sherry King- do you all know she had the nerve to call me and scold me? Do you believe that? I mean scold the Supreme Commander? The Beautiful One? *Just* because I called her at **2:30 a.m.** she gets all discombobulated. I mean, **I was up - wide awake - and very cheerful** and it was 5:00 p.m. somewhere! That's right, how about those Buffett tickets?
5. Col. Sandy Fulgham—allowing the Supreme Commander to make that phone call along with many others including one to Col. Sam Goin and he answered! Well, expect a fine for not wanting to listen to the Supreme Commanders' wonderful singing on voicemail.
6. Col. Dawana Branch - nice card, nice words... you'll be fined for making TBO have to focus on reading on her birthday after 'celebrating'. My pupils were hurting.
7. Col. Tracy Bishop, Col. Bob Wear, Col. Leandra Finder, Col. Caroline Tuck Nold, Col. Lee Wolfe, Col. Lin Martin and many more.. sent wonderful email cards...loved them...scared me though...had the volume up too high! So you'll pay the ear doctor fee for the good ear...I know there's a name for it... I can't remember now... so you'll be fined for making me think too hard and confusing my brain and ear cells.
8. BTW - Not a word from the Emporia crew... Colonels John Richards and Will Robinson... yeah - must **STILL** be looking for those Emporia Cocktails from the January meeting. I was sick, blah, blah, blah.



Aaaaahhh...there's sooo much more. Remember, I recorded the phone messages... they are goooooood! What's my favorite word...CHECKBOOK! Thanks again to all of you who participated in making me feel loved even though I know some of you wanted to but somehow it slipped your mind. Maybe when you lose weight (from your wallets that will be empty) you'll remember the next big event... which is...

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# 5 Ways You're Wasting Money...Not Saving It

By Jeffrey Strain, Special to TheStreet.com

One of the most frustrating aspects of trying to save money is when you think you are saving, but in reality you're wasting money. This usually happens when you have made bad assumptions when making a purchase or you haven't analyzed the true costs of a purchase.

Here are five common ways people waste money when they actually believe they are saving it:

## 1. **Buying gas at the least expensive gas station.**

While this would seem obvious, the problem occurs when the least expensive gas station is a few miles off your regularly traveled route. If you are driving across town to save a few cents per gallon, the cost of driving to get the better price will negate any savings the cheaper gas price provides.

Solution: Choose the least expensive gas station that is no more than a mile from your regularly traveled route. You can keep informed on which gas station is selling gas at the best price at such sites as [Gasbuddy](#) or [MSN Gas Prices](#).

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## Surf's Up Dude!

Some of you may recall that the Corps actually has a Yahoo Group, which has not been used in a great while.

I am pleased to announce that the Corps Yahoo Group has been revived at the direction of Supreme Commander Ariel 'The Beautiful One' Jones. She has expressed a great interest in reviving it and using it for more effective, streamlined and timely Corps Communications. This doesn't mean The Bugle is going away. There will still be a quiz on it at meetings.

The Yahoo Group is to be used in conjunction with The Bugle, and we plan to make the Bugle available electronically through the Yahoo Group when each issue is published. The Yahoo Group will be used for important communications and to announce the availability of the Bugle, and other critical files of interest.

I encourage each of you to subscribe to the Yahoo Group. Membership in the Yahoo Group is by invitation only for security reasons. So, if you are not currently a member please send your e-mail address to me at [Robertwear@cox.net](mailto:Robertwear@cox.net) and I will ensure you receive an invitation via return e-mail from the Yahoo Group.

You may want to subscribe soon because the Supreme Commander could, at her sole discretion, start fining Colonels who don't subscribe.

To the Corps!

Robert K. Wear, Colonel #380



# TBO...continued

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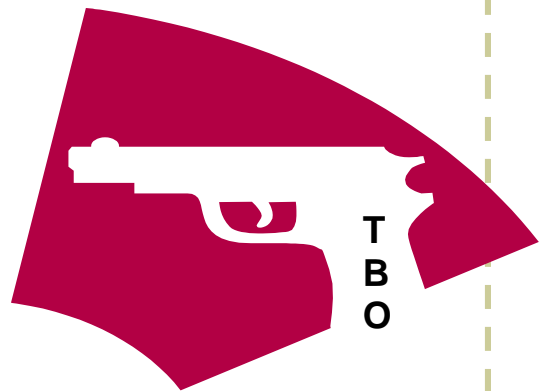
Remember to  
always count  
your blessings  
and not your  
troubles and sor-  
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MAY MEETING... whoooooo... it's next Month in Richmond We're going to have an absolute great time... lots of surprise guests....even Col. #001!!!! Do you know who that is?? I had the pleasure of meeting him last week-end; he's fantastic and his homemade kahlua is wonderful. Do you know your Colonel number??? Contact Vice Commander King, [newme34@hotmail.com](mailto:newme34@hotmail.com), hopefully she won't sing to you) and get your number! It's going to be a great meeting with lots of reminders of why the Camp is so important to our Corps organization!

Also, be on the look out for new features... speed 007 questions, Chinese auction with a twist, and Corps Jeopardy! Who is TBO? Who is Col.#001?, Who was the first Supreme Commander? Where is your checkbook?

As I close this chapter of words of wisdom, I'd like to leave with just a few observations of most fineable behavior:

1. Col. Troy Anderson - why do you sleep with paint on your face?
2. Vice Commander Sean Neff - the purpose of Camp Work Party is to 'help' with the cabins, etc, not damage them.
3. Col. Laurie Skinner - still looking for the badge?
4. Col. Donna Yenney - new job, huh?
5. Col. Alon Richardson - sharing bartending duties...why can't we just pour more? This one thousand, two thousand stuff doesn't work for me... let just do one million and get it over with.
6. Col. Scott Grantham --- yeah - I know about what you did - what's up with you Highland folks...you naughty, naughty people... for shame... and yet - so understandably good.



Here's hoping all of you will enjoy a fantastic Easter or just a joyous weekend whatever your religion or spiritual nature may be...just remember to always count your blessings and not your troubles and sorrows.

Most of all, let's continue to have fun through our wacky ways so that those with special needs may have more opportunities for a better life and keep those in your prayers as we continue to live and share in the vision of Camp Virginia Jaycee. <http://www.campvirginiajaycee.org/>

To The Corps 007, we're unstoppable, you can *try* to shake us, but don't **even** think about stirring things up.



The Beautiful One, (That be ME)  
Your Supreme Commander,

Ariel Jones

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## **2. Going to different stores to get sale items.**

People often believe that they are saving money by looking at the weekly discount ads that stores send out and finding the best price for each product they need. The problem is that by driving all around town to the different stores, you waste all of that savings on the cost of operating your car.

Solution: Find the closest store that will price-match. While many stores don't advertise that they will price-match, a fair number of stores still do. You may need to ask the manager to confirm whether or not the store does. Once you have located a store that will price-match, simply buy everything there and bring in the competitor's ads to get the best price.

## **3. Buying the cheapest instead of the best value.**

People often confuse the least expensive price with the best value. Unfortunately, the products with the least expensive prices are often a poor value. While price is an important factor that contributes to value, it isn't the only factor that one needs to consider.

Solution: Look beyond price when you purchase a product. Consider how long you need it to last along with its price. Other factors you should consider that can contribute to value include quality, design, warranties and repair costs. By taking all these factors into consideration instead of focusing exclusively on price, you are much more likely to walk away with something that will be of value.

## **4. Purchasing items on sale.**

Purchasing items on sale is a great way to save money if they are items that you would have purchased anyway even if there hadn't been a sale. The problem is that many people purchase items they would have never purchased except for the fact that they were found on sale.

Solution: When purchasing items on sale, only purchase those items that you would eventually purchase at full price. If it is something that you would not normally purchase, then don't.

## **5. Buying in bulk.**

While buying in bulk can reduce the cost per unit of the item you're purchasing, it only saves you money if you consume all of it and consume it at the same pace you would if you had a lesser amount in the house.

Many times when people purchase in bulk, a good portion ends up in the trash because it goes bad before it can be used. On the other hand, some items, such as candy, often get consumed at a much faster pace when there is a lot of it around than when there isn't. Either of these scenarios can make purchasing in bulk more expensive, even with the lower unit price.

Solution: Take the time to make sure you carefully consider an item's shelf life and how it will be consumed before buying it in bulk. To solve these issues, consider buying in bulk with friends so that you get the better price yet take home a unit size that avoids these problems.

There are many ways that we fool ourselves into believing we are saving money when in reality we are wasting it. It's important to look beyond the initial assumptions and take a critical look at the cost of all that we purchase. When you take the time to do this, you'll know that the savings you get are real.

### **REMINDER—Corps Uniform**

Corps Shirt  
 Corps Name Badge  
 Colonel's Eagle Rank Insignia  
 Corps Pewter Pin on Lapels  
 Corps Hat  
 Khaki Pants or Skirt with Belt  
 Dark Shoes

# APRIL 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14
15	16	17 Blah, Blah, Blah Day	18	19	20 Volunteer Recognition Day	21
22	23 Take A Chance Day	24	25 Newsletter Articles Due	26	27	28
29	30 National Honesty Day					

## Schedule of Events

- } Friday, April 6, 2007—Good Friday
- } Tuesday, April 17, 2007—Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- } Friday, April 20, 2007—Volunteer Recognition Day
- } Wednesday, April 25, 2007—Newsletter Articles Due

APRIL FOOL'S DAY—April 1

The origin of this holiday is rather uncertain. However, the common belief holds that during the reformation of the calendar the date for the New Year was moved from April 1st to January 1st.

During that time in history there was no television or radio so word spread slowly. There were also those who chose to simply ignore the change and those who merely forgot. These people were considered "fools" and invitations to non-existent parties and other practical jokes were played on them.

"All Fools' Day" is practiced in many parts of the world with practical jokes and sending people on a fool's errand. Others believe that the origin began with celebrations at the Spring Equinox.

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## 'Please Excuse Me' Corps Meeting Waiver Request

Dear Supreme Commander Jones,

Due to my total stupidity and inexcusable carelessness, I made other plans for the time you will be conducting the Corps Meeting. I humbly request that I be excused from your most excellent meeting.

The depth of my regret is indicated by the attached pledge offering checked below:

- \$5.00 I am cheap; I'll pay a lot extra (mucho dinero/a lot of moolah) at the next meeting
- \$10.00 I will cry and vomit for days and will allow my fellow chapter/region colonels to pay my fines
- \$15.00 I am devastated and will allow my fellow region/chapter colonels to be fined in my absence for my lack of commitment
- \$20.00 I am in deep regret and understand that VAJC President Trish Tyler will pay my fines
- \$50.00 I am disgusting, yet the world's best suck-up

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Colonel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Note: I do not know my Colonel number – so add an extra \$5.00 to my pledge amount. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials)

***For Supreme Commanders' Use Only (don't even THINK about writing below this line)***

### ACTION REASON

- Disapproved – Insufficient groveling
- Disapproved – Personal grudge (hasn't given me a gift)
- Disapproved – Women's issues
- Disapproved – No reason, I just feel like doing it
- Approved – Thank you for your consideration, just don't let it happen again

Email form to The Supreme Commander, Ariel Jones – [arieljone@aol.com](mailto:arieljone@aol.com)

This pledge form is binding and will be read aloud at Corps Meetings. Thank you for your continued support of Camp Virginia Jaycee!



# Application for Membership Virginia Jaycees Corps of Virginia Gentlemen

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth/Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred name on Certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years in Jaycees \_\_\_\_\_  
 List all Jaycee offices held \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of sponsoring active dues-paid Colonel (required)/Sponsoring Colonel #/Chapter/Region

Submit application and \$125.00 initiation fee to:  
**Drill Sgt. Mike Wolfe**  
 (If you are a married couple joining, ask about the special discount price)

Payment method: Cash, Check, and/or Credit Card (MC or VISA only)  
 Credit Card MC/VISA# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Checks payable to : **CORPS OF VIRGINIA GENTLEMEN**

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**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – CORPS USE ONLY**

New Colonel Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Method of Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pin \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of this application have been given to:  
 Supreme Commander, Ariel \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Commander – Recruits, Sherry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drill Sgt. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ Quartermasters Scott and Chris \_\_\_\_\_

# Show Me The Money

## Letter From The Editor

*Newsletter Editor Colonel Bishop travels the globe and uses her wits, fighting skills and a grab-bag of high-tech gadgets to battle super-villains often bent on world domination and delaying the creation of **The Bugle**. She wants the official newsletter of the Corps of Virginia Gentlemen, **The Bugle**, to get to press on time and will do anything to make that happen. She wields a discretionary license to quill!*

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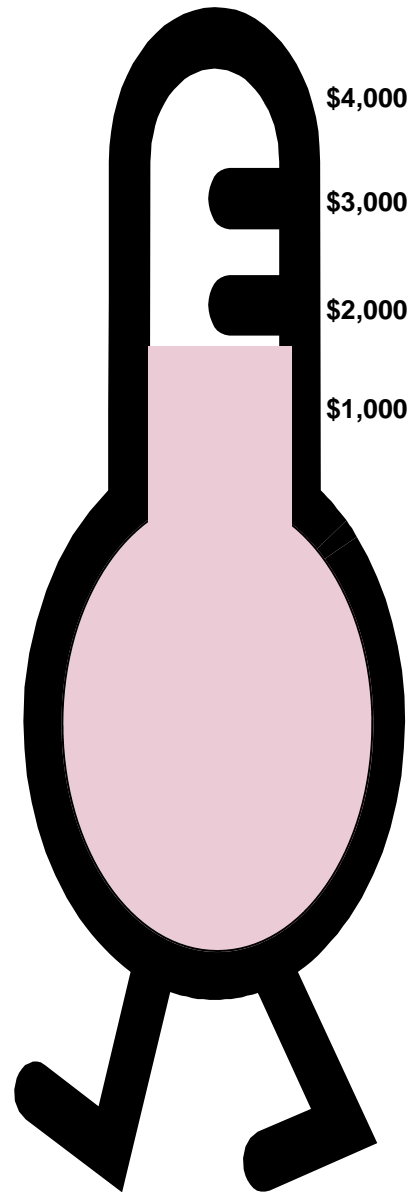
This year The Bugle became a monthly publication so that we can keep our Corps members informed on what is going on and how our fundraising is going. It is important that we generate interest in our existing colonels to increase our recruits and increase our membership.

The next meeting is just around the corner and we want to make sure that YOU don't miss out on the fun—draining! The Corps meetings are something that we want others to long to be a part of. Where else can you be verbally abused and pay for it with a smile on your face?

Be sure and pass this newsletter along to others so that we can spread the word.

Let's make the Supreme Commander, TBO, proud of our recruiting talents!

To The Corps! Colonel Tracy Bishop #470, Newsletter Editor



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 Vice Commander – Recruits  
 Co-Quartermaster  
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