

Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

Vince Lombardi

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TODAY'S FORECAST:

High: 88°F Low: 76°F

Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly in the afternoon.

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FROM THE "BOONE BEAT"

MATTHEW TEMOFONTE, CABIN E

Daniel Boone was born on November 2, 1734. At the age of 15 he was a hunter and a tradesman. At the age of 21 he fell in love with a neighbor named Rebecca. They soon married and went to Kentucky to live. In Kentucky he helped to build a fort to protect his people from the Shawnee and other native American tribes.

In the winter of 1778, Daniel Boone was out hunting. Four Shawnee scouts crept up on Daniel. He tried to run, but the Shawnee scouts caught him and brought him back to their camp. He needed to think fast. If he didn't cooperate the Shawnee would kill him and his men back at the fort. He was forced to join the Shawnee tribe.

In June of 1778 he learned that the Shawnee were going to attack his home fort. After he knew this he ran away to save his family and friends. He rode on a stolen horse, until it gave out then he ran on foot for 4 days. When he arrived at the fort no one recognized him. He had to explain who he was.

Daniel told the men that the Shawnee were coming to attack. The men voted and decided to fight. Daniel's army consisted of thirty men and twenty boys. When the Shawnee attacked, they had 400 men. After 11 days of shooting, the Shawnee finally gave up. Daniel's heroic actions saved his people.

After wining the battle Daniel moved to Missouri. On the morning September 26, 1820 Daniel died an American hero at the age of 85.

ONE ARTICLE SUBMITTED!

DAVID MONTALVO, CABIN C

I was nervous and excited when I was just arriving at camp. When I got here at camp I was going to stay in the Lakeside and in the same cabin! A counselor showed my dad, my brother and me around. I visited the chapel and saw that it had moved and had new stuff. I later unpacked my stuff and said goodbye to my dad and brother, then I went to the pool. Afterwards, I found out that I'm having the two same counselors as last year and some of the same camp mates. I liked Leo and Dominic. I think it's pretty cool. After all this discovering I am really sure that I'm going to have a great time!!!!



JL addresses the throng: "Welcome to LCT 2007!"

Just for you, dad...

JAMES POWERS, CABIN F

What does the word hero mean to you? The person who I believe to be an ideal person is my dad. Through my eyes my father has superpowers. He is a hero even though he doesn't know it. My dad is there for me when ever I need him. If I am being bullied at school he would help me over come it. Sometimes his lectures fall on deaf ears, but when I need help in a sticky situation I always look towards my dad.

Sometimes my father and I clash in battles as great as David and Goliath, yet they are always over the simplest matters. Spanish 1, the class I thought I would never love, became one of my favorites. I credit this accomplishment to my father for forcing me to study every night for fifteen to thirty minutes. My dad made algebra seem like a walk in the park when he helped me check it. He taught me different ways to solve

equations. My father was my school hero.

Along with being my school hero my dad is a hero off the books. He is always setting a good example for me to follow. He leads me down the hardest paths, but we always come out together. When we were driving down the street, my dad saw an elderly lady trying to fix a flat. He immediately pulled over next to her and began to help. I stayed inside the car watching him converse with Mrs. Smith, the elderly lady. His kindness and willingness to help dazzled me.

All in all, my father is my hero. He is always there to stand beside me and always there to set a positive example. He is my hero as Batman is to Gotham. I could state thousands of other memories that say in bold letters, my dad is a hero, but I have a feeling that from the evidence you already know he's my hero.

Astros 10, Mariners 3 (Lamb, grand slam in the 1st)
Rangers 4, Reds 8 (Griffey, 2 HR)

LOMBARDI LIFE

JOSEPH FORMELLA, CABIN E

Vince Lombardi was a great football coach – and a great man. He was born on June 11, 1913, in Brooklyn, New York. At the age of 15, he entered Cathedral Preparatory Seminary, a six-year secondary program, to become a Catholic priest. Finally, after four years, Vince decided not to be a priest. He transferred to the St. Francis Preparatory High School. Even though he decided not to be a priest, he remained a devout Catholic his entire life.

When he was 26, he accepted an assistant coaching job at St. Cecilia. One year after that, Vince married Marie Planitz. At age 41, he became what was later known as the offensive coordinator for the Giants.

In January of 1959, Lombardi accepted the head-coaching job for the Green Bay Packers. He created punishing practices for a team that only had one win the entire 1958 season. He didn't go easy on any of the players. Not only did his workouts help win games, but his speeches also motivated his players. One of these famous speeches is, "What it takes to be Number One." It states that you have to be assertive, that there is no room for second place, only first. Vince knew that if you wanted to do something, you needed effort.

Lombardi had 7 championships with the Packers. In June 1970, he was diagnosed with intestinal cancer. He was treated at Georgetown University Hospital but died ten weeks later, on September 3, 1970.

"UNCLE BILL"

DAVID O'BAR, CABIN A

This story is about William Philip Staff, otherwise known as my great Uncle Bill. He served in the United States Navy as a Navy Seal. In his days of being a Seal, he fought many battles and helped every one to be free and he saved the lives of women and children and men. My Uncle Bill overcame a lot of things to become a Navy Seal. He was the top student in his Seal training class until he was hit by a drunk driver while riding his motorcycle. His ankle was crushed between the car and his motorcycle. He missed his graduation and his doctor told him he would probably never walk again. He trained for one year to make his ankle heal. Soon he became the next honor man, top of the class, in his second Navy Seal training class. He went on to fight in Grenada, Iraq, and the Gulf War.

Subway part II

CHAPPELL STANZEL, CABIN A

I think that Wesley Autrey did a very heroic act. He saved a man who was about to die in a subway station by jumping down on top of the man, who had fallen on the tracks. He flattened the man and himself between the tracks.

The mayor of New York City gave him the highest honor of the city, a bronze medallion. Mr. Autrey was invited to a press conference where he talked about what happened when he rescued the man in the life or death situation. He also said that he wasn't a real hero. He

said that the soldiers in Iraq were the real heroes. He said that he and two women helped the man after he had a seizure. After he had another seizure, the man fell on to the train track. Mr. Autrey saved him from the oncoming train by pressing him down between the tracks.

The heroic act affected the people of New York and the world. The heroic act made me feel that there are people out there who want to help other people. The heroic act made me think about how Jesus sacrificed himself for other people because he loved them.

Edson who?

IGNACIO TORRAS, CABIN F

Edson Arantes do Nascimento also known as "Pele" was born in Tres Coracoes, Brazil in October 23rd, 1940. He is a Brazilian soccer player and is known as the ambassador of the world. He is a son of a soccer player called Dandinho. Pele and his friend made their own team and entered a tournament, in this tournament they got to the finals and in front of thousands of people won with Pele ending up as the top scorer.

In 1956 he joined his first team The Santos when he was 15 years old, when he was 16 he was a starter

of the team. I am surprised because he was very young. Then he was called up to the Brazilian National Soccer team. After the World Cup 1962 many Europeans teams wanted to buy him but Brazil did not let him go because they said was a treasure to Brazil. On November 19th, 1969 he scored his 1000th goal. Pele played in four world cups.

In 1972 Pele retired from Brazilian club soccer. He signed two years later with the New York Cosmos, increasing the interest in soccer in the United States. Pele is one of the best soccer players that ever lived.

Washington Crosses the Delaware!

JOHN PAUL SPENCE, CABIN E

Though a famous movie has never been made about George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, someone should consider giving it this attention. A midnight crossing of an icy river and the surprise attack on the city of Trenton would fire men's imagination and pride for his homeland. Washington's epic feat should be preserved for all future Americans to see.

George Washington felt many emotional strains during the winter of 1776, and one of them was certainly frustration. His men had suffered numerous defeats, and now they were stuck in the winter, waiting until spring to move. Morale was at the lowest point it would hit during the war. Washington, to rejuvenate his soldiers, planned a surprise attack on the city of Trenton in Delaware. The attack was to take place on December 25 in the early morning.

Washington had 6000 men at his disposal when he planned the attack, so he hoped to take Burlington as well as Trenton. He had to place guards at Newton, Pennsylvania and other small cities, however. In addition, some soldiers were left behind on the West side of the Delaware when the crossing took place. As a result, Washington had

about 2400 men with which to attack Trenton. So he never attempted the attack on Burlington.

On December 24 at 3:00 p.m., the troops were ready to cross. The boats were loaded at nightfall. Washington had planned to finish the crossing at midnight, but a severe ice storm broke out. Ice blocked the river, and it had to be cleared out of the way before the crossing could begin. The boats, overloaded with supplies and men, were in danger of sinking. The last boatload was finally ferried across the river at 3:00 a.m. Though he was well behind schedule, Washington decided to march on Trenton anyway. On the morning of December 25, Washington took his enemies completely unawares, attacking the force of 1000 Hessians at Trenton. They were soon forced to surrender. The battle lasted only 45 minutes. His victory complete, Washington recrossed the Delaware with the Hessian prisoners.

Washington's victory rallied his men. The Colonists were soon able to drive the British out of Delaware. Many look at this battle as the turning point of the war. Because of one man's daring, and thousands of others bravery, the Colonists took Trenton and won the war.

FLIGHT 93 REMEMBERED

SAM TALABER, CABIN B

When you think of heroes you usually think of well-known people and not the average person. You may think of firemen or war heroes but you don't usually think of the unknown heroes. The ones that keep our country from falling to pieces. There were a lot of unknown heroes on United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001.

These were the main heroes but the authorities said there were a lot more:

Mark Bingham - a rugby star
Todd Beamer - a basketball and baseball player

Jeremy Glick - a wrestler
Tom Burnett - a very good quarterback

Lou Nacke - an executive
Donald F. Greene - another pilot on board.

Flight 93 took off at 8:42, 40 minutes behind schedule. At 9:28 the passengers started to get suspicious and started calling their families. Their families were probably watching or listening to the news. They might have heard about the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and told their spouse. Then the action began. The passengers put down their phones and started scavenging for what they could use against the terrorists. The flight attendants get boiling hot water and sodas. Once they were all armed one of them got the refreshment cart and they charged. You might have heard their famous saying "Let's roll." They failed to take over the plane but succeeded in preventing the White House's destruction.

I chose this story for my story because I am very interested in this subject. Average people can still do something important.

NOBEL PRIZE AWARDED

MICHAEL FORMELLA, CABIN A

Mother Teresa is a true hero. In my perspective, she is one of the best saints who showed her love for others. She went to Calcutta, India, when she was very young to help all the people there who needed love. India was, and still is, one of the poorest, most undeveloped countries in the world. However, she went there and started a whole group with other nuns trying to help all the poor families who needed help. She taught children to read and write and sing, and she would also feed them. It was like a small orphanage run by nuns. She also did her best to solve the violence problems between the two religious groups there. Basically, she always tried to care for others. Honored for her actions, Mother Teresa of Calcutta won the Nobel Peace Prize.

WAR HERO

BENJAMIN BAILEY, CABIN B

This report is about Hershel "Woody" Williams. I met Mr. Williams in 2005, in Fredericksburg, Texas, at a ceremony for the 60th anniversary of the battle of Iwo Jima. Mr. Williams is a man of great valor, courage and honor. He fought at the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. The first time he tried to get in to the Marines in 1942 he was too short. A month later he tried again and passed. He was put into the flamethrower/demolition unit.

Mr. Williams hit the beach on the island of Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945. The volcanic ash was so porous that the U.S. Army could not dig pillboxes. They were exposed to enemy fire! Mr. Williams' squadron had six flamethrower men and lost all of them without advancing more than 50 yards. The opposing Japanese were protected by pillboxes.

Mr. Williams saw the American tanks sinking slowly in the volcanic sand, and everywhere around him men were dropping either wounded or dead. In some places, the volcanic ash was three feet deep! The Japanese pillboxes were concrete boxes. They could fit three well armed men. They were also connected through a network of tunnels that allowed the Japanese to move around freely.

Here is why Mr. Williams is my hero. He saw that the men needed help. He grabbed a flamethrower off of a dead soldier. He saw that the Japanese had a great advantage: pillboxes. So Hershel Williams went from pillbox to pillbox putting his flamethrower through the vents and blowing out the soldiers. This action allowed the U.S. Army to advance on the island and eventually win. After the war, Mr. Williams went back to West Virginia (his hometown) and earned the Medal of Honor from President Truman. I admire Mr. Williams because of his bravery. That is why he is my hero. Mr. Williams and I are pen pals and he sent me a letter quoting one of President Truman's favorite sayings, "The Buck Stops Here", meaning we are responsible for our actions.

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