

# Watch List

THINGS YOU SHOULD BE TRACKING



**[DOYUBREW?]**

OFFduty is looking for service members who brew their own craft beer at home. Drop us a line at [OFFduty@militarytimes.com](mailto:OFFduty@militarytimes.com) and tell us your story. Be sure to include your name, rank and current duty station. One entry will be drawn at random to receive a box full of great loot from our gear locker.

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## Get your gum on

Show your service pride and get your daily dose of caffeine with Jolt's new "Support our Troops" energy gum. It comes in spearmint and mint and costs about \$1.50 a pack.

A portion of the proceeds goes to veterans charities, such as the Wounded Warrior Project and Fisher House. Two pieces pack the same caffeine punch as a cup of coffee. Visit [www.joltgum.com](http://www.joltgum.com) to buy some online.



**IT 365**

People who walk or bike to work have fewer risk factors for heart disease, a new study has found. Those who are active commuters were less likely to be overweight and had healthier triglyceride, blood pressure and insulin levels. Plus, ditching the car helps the environment.

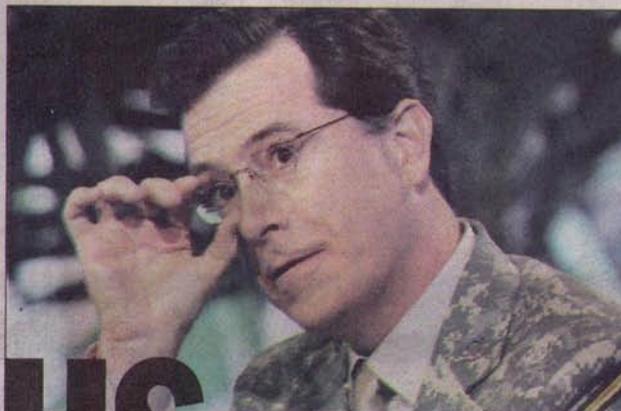
## Web surfer

Forty years later, the Apollo 11 mission still fascinates. You'll lose track of time going through the restored videos, photos and astronaut interviews at NASA's 40th anniversary site: [www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/apollo](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo). There's even zoomable satellite shots of the moon from Google Moon.

## And ... action!

Are you a fan of movies that accurately tell your story? Embarrassed by the ones that get it all wrong? Tell us your picks for the best — and worst — military movie of all time and you could score a new SureFire Helmet Light plus a

# Satire gets serious



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**Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America is gathering votes to make Stephen Colbert an honorary member.**

## Wannabe vet Colbert uses show to promote key issues

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Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America is trying to draft comedian and faux-conservative talk show host Stephen Colbert into its ranks.

Colbert recently took his show to Iraq, taping a week's worth of "The Colbert Report" in Baghdad and getting a buzz cut along the way.

Since his return, he's joked that he's now an Iraq war veteran but has used the punch lines to raise awareness of serious veterans issues.

Claiming that he'd recently tried to get help at a local Veterans Affairs Department hospital after attaching Fourth of July bottle rockets to his feet, he noted headlines of a 1-million-deep backlog of VA claims ahead of him.

Appearing on "The Colbert Report" on July 13, IAVA director Paul Rieckhoff told the satirist, "Your uniform over in Iraq was fantastic."

"The new haircut looks good — could have gone a little farther, but it looks good," he said, pointing

to his own smooth-topped head. "We've actually thought about it and we want to make you an honorary member," he added. "If you get 25,000 votes, we'll make you an honorary member of IAVA."

"Well, do that, please," Colbert deadpanned to the camera, "because I have to lord my veteran's status over my talk show competition."

Two days later, Colbert had garnered more than 10,000 votes.

"The response has been incredible," Rieckhoff told Military Times. "It is clear that Colbert has a huge following, and that his trip to Iraq has made a significant impact. This campaign has focused people on veterans issues."

Rieckhoff said the campaign has quickly gone viral. Actor Ashton Kutcher and Craigslist founder Craig Newmark have been among those tweeting, blogging and sharing it online.

To vote Colbert into the veterans group, go to [www.IAVA.org](http://www.IAVA.org), click on "IAVA Blog" and scroll down to July 18. □

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## Golf pro guardsman gives back to troops

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As Air Guard Maj. Dan Rooney boarded a first-class flight to Michigan, where he owns and operates a golf course with his father, he noticed a corporal in Army greens. He made nothing of it until the plane's captain announced the remains of Cpl.

Brock Bucklin, a soldier killed in Iraq, were onboard. Escorting the remains was his twin brother, Brad.

Rooney, an Oklahoma Air National Guard pilot,



Rooney

watched the grieving family that rainy night in June 2006 while the casket was unloaded. The young son of the deceased soldier held onto his mother. Despite a request that everyone remain seated as a sign of respect, Rooney turned from the plane window to find some passengers had already left.

Rooney came away from that moment with a mission "not to just help that family, but to invoke patriotism in people."

He called his wife, unsure of what he could do