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How did Taps Originate?

Elizabeth Nix

<https://www.history.com/news/how-did-taps-originate>

The origins of “Taps,” the distinctive bugle melody played at U.S. military funerals and memorials and as a lights-out signal to soldiers at night, date back to the [American Civil War](#).

In July 1862, U.S. General Daniel Butterfield and his brigade were camped at Harrison’s Landing, Virginia, recuperating after the Seven Days Battles near Richmond. Dissatisfied with the standard bugle call employed by the Army to indicate to troops it was time to go to sleep, and thinking the call should sound more melodious, Butterfield reworked an existing bugle call used to signal the end of the day. After he had his brigade bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton, play it for the men, buglers from other units became interested in the 24-note tune and it quickly spread throughout the Army, and even caught on with the Confederates.

Not long after Butterfield created “Taps,” it was played for the first time at a military funeral, for a Union cannoner killed in action. The man’s commanding officer, Captain John Tidball, decided the bugle call would be safer than the traditional firing of three rifle volleys over the soldier’s grave, a move which couldn’t be confused by the nearby enemy as an attack.



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Phone Scams

People lose a lot of money to phone scams — sometimes their life savings. Scammers have figured out countless ways to cheat you out of your money over the phone. In some scams, they act friendly and helpful. In others, they might threaten or try to scare you. One thing you can count on is that a phone scammer will try to get your money or your personal information to commit [identity theft](#). Don't give it to them. Here's what you need to know.

How to Recognize a Phone Scam

Phone scams come in many forms, but they tend to make similar promises and threats, or ask you to pay certain ways. Here's how to recognize a phone scam.

There is no prize

The caller might say you were "selected" for an offer or that you've won a lottery. But if you have to pay to get the prize, it's not a prize.

You won't be arrested

Scammers might pretend to be law enforcement or a federal agency. They might say you'll be arrested, fined, or deported if you don't pay taxes or some other debt right away. The goal is to scare you into paying. But real law enforcement and federal agencies won't call and threaten you.

You don't need to decide now

Most legitimate businesses will give you time to think their offer over and get written information about it before asking you to commit. Take your time. Don't get pressured into making a decision on the spot.

There's never a good reason to send cash or pay with a gift card

Scammers will often ask you to pay in a way that makes it hard for you to get your money back — by [wiring money](#), putting money on a [gift card](#), [prepaid card or cash reload card](#), or using a [money transfer app](#). Anyone who asks you to pay that way is a scammer.

Government agencies won't call to confirm your sensitive information

It's never a good idea to give out sensitive information like your Social Security number to someone who calls you unexpectedly, even if they say they're with the Social Security Administration or IRS.

Examples of Common Phone Scams

Any scam can happen over the phone. But here are some common angles phone scammers like to use:

Imposter scams

A scammer [pretends to be someone you trust](#) — [a government agency](#) like the Social Security Administration or the IRS, a family member, a love interest, or [someone claiming there's a problem with your computer](#). The scammer can even have a fake name or number show up on your caller ID to convince you.

Debt relief and credit repair scams

Scammers will offer to [lower your credit card interest rates](#), [fix your credit](#), or get your [student loans](#) forgiven if you pay their company a fee first. But you could end up losing your money and ruining your credit.

"Free" trials

A caller might promise a [free trial](#) but then sign you up for products — sometimes lots of products — that you're billed for every month until you cancel.

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May Symbols

www.ducksters.com

Birthstone: Emerald
Flower(s): Lily of the Valley

Zodiac Signs: Taurus & Gemini

May Origins

<https://www.almanac.com/content/how-did-months-get-their-names>

The month of May was named after the Roman goddess, Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

May Fun Facts

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Even though the emerald (May's birthstone) symbolizes success and love, May was once considered to be a bad luck month to get married. There is even a poem that says "Marry in May and you'll rue the day".

Charity scams

Scammers like to pose as charities. Scams requesting donations for disaster relief efforts are especially common on the phone. Always [check out a charity](#) before you give, and don't feel pressured to give immediately over the phone before you do.

Extended car warranties

Scammers find out what kind of car you drive and when you bought it so they can urge you to buy overpriced — or worthless — [service contracts](#).

Loan scams

Loan scams include [advance fee loan scams](#), where scammers target people with a poor credit history and guarantee loans or credit cards for an up-front fee. Legitimate lenders don't make guarantees like that, especially if you have bad credit, no credit, or a bankruptcy.

Prize and lottery scams

In a typical [prize scam](#), the caller will say you've won a prize, but then say you need to pay taxes, registration fees, or shipping charges to get it. But after you pay, you find out there is no prize.

Travel scams and timeshare scams

Scammers promise [free or low-cost vacations](#) that can end up costing you a lot in hidden costs. And sometimes, after you pay, you find out there is no vacation. In [timeshare resale scams](#), scammers lie and tell you they'll sell your timeshare — and may even have a buyer lined up — if you pay them first.

How to Stop Calls from Scammers

Hang up

Even if it's not a scammer calling, when a company is calling you illegally, it's not a company you want to do business with. When you get a robocall, don't press any numbers. Instead of letting you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, it might lead to more robocalls.

Consider call blocking or call labeling

Scammers can use the internet to make calls from all over the world. They don't care if you're on the [National Do Not Call Registry](#). That's why your best defense against unwanted calls is [call blocking](#). Which type of call-blocking or call-labeling technology you use will depend on the phone — whether it's a cell phone, a traditional landline, or a home phone that makes calls over the internet (VoIP). See what services your phone carrier offers, and look online for expert reviews. For cell phones, you also can check out the reviews for different call-blocking apps in your online app store.

Don't trust your caller ID

Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. That's called spoofing. So even if it looks like it's a government agency like the Social Security Administration calling, or like the call is from a local number, it could be a scammer calling from anywhere in the world.

Learn more about unwanted calls and what to do about them at ftc.gov/calls.

Report Phone Scams

If you've lost money to a phone scam or have information about the company or scammer who called you, report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

If you didn't lose money and just want to report a call, you can use our streamlined reporting form at DoNotCall.gov. Report the number that appears on your caller ID — even if you think it might be fake — and any number you're told to call back. The FTC analyzes complaint data and trends to identify illegal callers based on calling patterns. We also use additional information you report, like any names or numbers you're told to call back, to track down scammers. We take the phone numbers you report and release them to the public each business day. This helps phone carriers and other partners that are working on call-blocking and call-labeling solutions. Your reports also help law enforcement identify the people behind illegal calls.

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As for the name “Taps,” the most likely explanation is that it comes from the fact that prior to Butterfield’s bugle call, the lights-out call was followed by three drum beats, dubbed the “Drum Taps,” as well as “The Taps” and then simply “Taps.” When Butterfield’s call replaced the drum beats, soldiers referred to it as “Taps,” although this was an unofficial moniker, according to “Taps” historian and bugle expert Jari Villanueva. He notes that Butterfield’s bugle call was officially known as “Extinguish Lights” in American military manuals until 1891. Since that time, “Taps” also has been a formally recognized part of U.S. military funerals.

TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.



To learn more and to read the full story about the history of TAPS visit this website: <https://www.ausa.org/history-taps>

House Rules Refresh

Subject: Smoking

As a leader in Quality Senior Living and in support of our ongoing commitment to the safety, health and well-being of our residents, staff, and guests, PVM has implemented a new Smoke Free Environment Policy. Effective July 1, 2010 indoor smoking is no longer allowed at **PVM Community** including in individual apartments. Smoking will be permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas only. For purposes of this policy the term “smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, breathing or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, or other tobacco product or similar lighted product in any manner or form.

Landlord agrees to provide reasonable advance notice of his/her intent to enter the unit, except when urgency situations make such notices impossible.

Failure to observe this policy shall constitute material non-compliance with your Lease Agreement. A violation of this policy may result in the termination of your Lease.

NO 
SMOKING

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BIRTHDAY BASH

May 13, at 1:00pm

* Please let Trish know if you will be bringing something. *

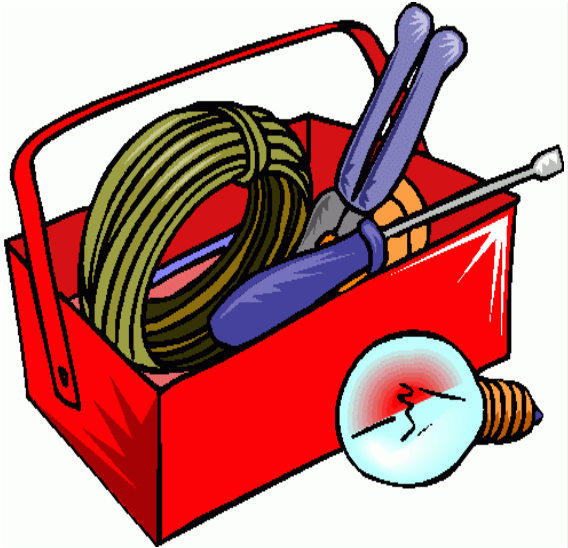


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BIRTHDAYS:

- Dan Milbocker 5/5
- Mario DeFalice 5/13
- Jean Hyde 5/18
- Nelda Wellsted 5/19
- Etta Walters 5/27





MESSAGE(S) FROM MAINTENANCE:

Welcome to May!!

Thank you for your patience during this time while our maintenance person is out. Monica is doing her best to make sure things are getting done. We will be finishing the bi-annual inspections by the 13th of this month. All work orders found during the inspections will be getting completed between this month and June. The REAC is still scheduled to happen July 14th.

Thank you.

The Senior Advocate

By Lynn Alexander

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2022

It is that time of year once again. Although spring seems to be slow in coming, senior providers are ready to go with our annual tribute to Older Americans Month in May and the chance to highlight the accomplishments and needs of our aging population. Seniors saved our country from tyranny and supported our schools, libraries, emergency responders and our communities in general. They still volunteer to help our society in so many ways as citizens, parents and grandparents.

The theme at the national level is AGE MY WAY 2022. Indeed, as we have many more older adults living their best life possible it has become apparent that there are many ways to do so. Although many are running marathons and reinventing their careers, others may have challenges which we can assist in conquering.

In Michigan there are several ways in which we will celebrate:

PACE DAY AT THE CAPITOL (LAWN) will be an in-person event to highlight the great success of PACE in Michigan and to advocate for support of these life enhancing programs. Legislators will be in attendance so there will be an opportunity to share policy recommendations with influencers. For information go to their website at www.pacemichigan.com

OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY will be held May 11th virtually which will also have a Senior Action Week. Once again, this is an important venue for making known the importance of supporting our senior population. The host for this event is the Michigan Association of Area Agencies on Aging. For information go to their website at www.4ami.org

These organizations are also asking all of us to contact legislators to ask that they continue to address these issues. Members of Congress and Michigan legislators have been supportive. Let's further that work as a state and a society.

RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS

1. REAC - July 14

Our REAC inspection is happening on July 14th. We will be finishing the bi-annual inspections next week.

2. Office & Dining room CLOSED - May 12th

The office and dining room will be closed May 12, 2022. There will be a training seminar for the staff in the dining room. Monica can still be reached in case of an emergency.

3. Bedbug Informational Meeting/Demonstration - May 20th

John Steenstra from Rose Pest Solutions is coming to do a bedbug informational meeting on May 20th at 11am. He will be able to answer your questions and give you facts about bedbugs. Due to this being such an important subject, we are asking that all residents attend.

4. Mother's Day Tea - May 9th

We will be having tea on Friday, May 9th at 1pm for Mother's Day. We will be having a light snack with our tea. Family are invited. Sign-up sheet is on the board.

5. A/c Unit installation

As the weather is getting warmer the need for an a/c unit is rising. We will be taking names in the office for anyone that would like to have their unit installed. Please let Trish know if you would like it in the bedroom or living room, and if it was stored in your closet or was taken out and stored elsewhere.

6. Art of Music - May 10th

Mr. Art Doyle will be coming back May 10th for some more singing and karaoke. This will be taking place in the dining room at 1 pm and everyone is welcomed.

7. Laundry

When doing your laundry please make sure that you are checking your pockets and other places where things may reside. We have been having an issue where people are washing their laundry and leaving behind bits and pieces of stuff. This makes it difficult for our neighbors. Please, remember to check the washer basin before and after you do a load to make sure that you are not putting your clothing into a mess and that you are not leaving a mess. Don't forget to empty the lint trap after each load. Remember, we don't have a housekeeper at this time and every little bit helps to making sure that we keep our building clean and functioning.



Recipe Swap & Funnies

CHOPPED APPLE CAKE

Thank you, Willow Liebenow, for this recipe



Ingredients

Cookies

- 4 C. Sliced Apples
- 2 Eggs
- 2 C. Sugar
- 2 C. Flour
- 1 Tsp. Baking soda
- 1 ½ Tsp Cinnamon
- ½ Tsp. Baking Powder
- ½ Tsp. Salt
- ½ C. Oil
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla
- ½ Chopped nuts

Directions

Cookie Directions

1. Preheat oven at 325°
2. Place sliced apples in a large bowl, break eggs over them and stir with a fork.
3. In a separate bowl, blend together dry ingredients, then sift over apple mixture and stir well.
4. Add wet ingredients and mix well.
5. Pour into an 8" x 12" pan and bake for 1 hour.

No need to frost, just enjoy after cooling.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please bring it to the office and it will be included in the next newsletter.



Source: www.wftv.com/news/local/may-fourth-be-with-you-9-best-star-memes



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