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This week's topics:

1. What's happening in your life?
2. Your thoughts on Afghanistan.

and responses:

Norm Arendt - normarendt@gmail.com

Have 2 grand daughters and 2 more grand kids on way. One from each of our kids. Farm life keeps you busy with 4 acres of pollinator field tillable land grass to mow and then factor in golf and organizational meetings. Very busy.

Afghanistan is a big bungled mess by o'biden. This will most likely lead to china taking Taiwan. US has no guts under o'biden. Their only focus is how to destroy society and the country. You think we have trouble getting chips from china now, just wait. One conflict always leads to another and it seems donkeys love war losses. Started in Tripoli and extends to today. Afghanistan - perfect example. Another Vietnam only worse. Taliban have started killing anyone who helped us or looks like an American. If reports from over seas news are correct a slaughter of civilians has started. Great escape o'biden.

Pat Barton Lovesee, Class of 64 - patal@solarus.net

1. My life is pretty standard. I continue to work and plan to finally retire early in 2022. I hope inflation doesn't continue to grow and cause me to reconsider the retirement plan. I hate listening to the news. Our government is determined to give away more money with their do-good programs and they never figure out how to pay for these programs. What if all of us just write checks with no money in the bank to back up the checks? We would be bankrupt in no time. Our country seems headed in that direction.

2. Afghanistan is a tragic story. Mr. President made a poor choice in this event. Just by listening to retired generals, there way a 'better' way to pull out of the country, one, by not announcing the timing, two, by having the millions of dollars of equipment destroyed instead of left behind to be used by the enemies of that country, and three, by assuring the leaders of Afghanistan that it was their turn to step-up and lead their country with a strong will and presence.....those leaders just never believed we would leave. It is tragic!

Candace Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

I'm not sure what to think about Afghanistan. It feels like a similar failure that we had at the end of the Viet Nam war. Was anything really accomplished? Was the loss of thousands of military lives and the profound physical injuries and mental problems in vain?

The quickness of the Taliban take over of the country in eleven days is unbelievable. Our "intelligence" regarding this was not very intelligent. Apparently the Afghan military and police literally rolled over and did nothing to stop it.

The biggest worry I have is the strength of the Taliban and the fact that they released terrorist prisoners. I am afraid of more possible attacks on our own soil. I am sad for the women and girls of Afghanistan. I hope the Afghan's that helped us during the war can be saved.

I think our military leaders should have been more aggressive in fighting the war and eliminating Isis and the Taliban. If we are attacked internally again, it will be back to the drawing boards. Evil forces like them need to be eliminated

permanently.

Terry Stake - mrtbass7106@gmail.com

Number one. My wife and I had 2 weeks in Hawaii scheduled in September. I am disabled and need special seating. We booked April 1st and got all the special seating. In late July we received word that our American airlines flight was canceled. We were unable to get any other special needs flights. We also found that our return flight was scheduled to land in Seattle at 9 30.and scheduled to depart for Minneapolis at 8 30. Yes, you read at right. We got our money back and are now spending the week in Door county.

Number two. If Trump did this we would be hearing about impeachment. Someone should have foreseen this and got people out before our troops left

In Memoriam



Nicholas Roger Harring, 88, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at his home in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

He moved to Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School in 1963 where he was the head football, wrestling and track coach.

Full obit at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/lacrossetribune/name/nicholas->

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