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Military Trivia:

The cause of the brief undeclared war that broke out between Honduras and El Salvador in July 1969 was El Salvador's victory over Honduras in the three game World Cup soccer play-off. The war is known as the Soccer War.

The Battle of Waterloo lasted about nine and a half hours.

Lela Rogers, the famous backstage mother of actress Ginger Rogers, was a Marine sergeant during World War I.

During World War II Russia declared war on Japan on August 8, 1945--two days after the U.S. bombed Hiroshima.

The Oscars handed out at Academy Award ceremonies during World War II were made out of wood--gilded wood because of wartime conservation efforts. After the war, they were replaced by real Oscars.

Soldiers of the Netherlands, whose army was fully unionized in the 1960s, do not have to salute officers and are paid overtime for KP and other undesirable assignments.

Napoleon Bonaparte financed his invasion of Russia in 1812 with counterfeit money. He printed it at a factory he set up in Paris and used it to purchase military supplies.

During World War II England's King George VI issued an edict for Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle to cut down on the use of fuel. He decreed that tubs could be filled with no more than five inches of water--and had lines painted at the five-inch level to make the depth of his commitment clear.

When World War II ended in 1945 almost eleven million (10,795,775) enlisted men and women were in the nation's armed services?

A military contractor talking about a "manually powered fastener-driving impact device" is referring to a hammer.

In a military contract a "portable, hand-held communications inscriber " is a pencil.

In the 1990's the tiny European principality of j Andorra allocated its entire national defense budget of \$5 for bullets (blanks), for ceremonial salutes to guest dignitaries.

Until the very late nineteenth century British sailors were forbidden to use a fork because it was considered both unmanly and harmful to discipline?

In a poll taken of American servicemen in Europe during World War II, Country singer Ray Acuff beat out Frank Sinatra as their favorite singer. Subsequently, military correspondent Ernie Pyle wrote of a Japanese attack that was preceded by the battle cry: "Te hell with Roosevelt! To hell with Babe Ruth! Go hell Roy Acuff.

As a young naval officer serving in World War II, President-to-be Lt. Richard M. Nixon set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific. At Nixon's Snack Shack, he served free hamburgers and Australian beer to flight crews.

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Mobilized Reserve 26 APR 2010:

The Department of Defense announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 6 APR 2010. The net collective result is 2000 fewer reservists mobilized than last reported in the 6 APR 09 Bulletin. At any given time, services may activate some units and individuals while deactivating others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 101,746; Navy Reserve, 6,427; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 17,270; Marine Corps Reserve, 6,379; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 834. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 132,476, including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated may be found at <http://www.defense.gov/news/d20100427ngr.pdf>