"Like the pine trees limin' the windin' road/ I've got a name, I've got a name/ Like the singin' bird and the croakin' toad/ I've got a name, I've got a name/ And I carry it with me like my daddy did/ But I'm livin' the dream that he kept hid..."--Singer/Song-Writer Jim Croce.

"If you take no risks, you will suffer no defeats. But if you take no risks, you win no victories."--Richard M. Nixon.

"It's such an old world, but it stays ever-young."--Cameraman Vianet Djenguet in PBS documentary about his return to his Congo homeland.

"These men ran through the fires of hell moved by a force no weapon could destroy... They battled not for control and domination, but for liberty, democracy, and self-rule. They pressed on for love in home and country—the Main Streets, the schoolyards, the churches and neighbors.... They were sustained by the confidence that America can do anything because we are a noble nation, with a virtuous people, praying to a righteous God. The exceptional might came from a truly exceptional spirit. The abundance of courage came from an abundance of faith. The great deeds of an Army came from the great depths of their love."--From Pres. D. Trump's 75th Anniversary of D-Day Address, Normandy, France, June 6, 2019.

"If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for."--Facebook Wisdom.

"There's always some lady alone at the bar(MH). Yeah, and you always let her know just who you are!"(CE)--From Merle Haggard/ Clint Eastwood duet "Bar Room Buddies" in Clint's film "Bronco Billy"(1980). Audio & jacket-cover: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xh0cCINovCk

"Merle Haggard is in nearly every episode because he's a lifelong student of the history of country music, who happens to have sung 38 No. 1 country hits in his career."--Paraphrasing Ken Burns re: his PBS series "Country Music."

"Hoss, I don't write 'em. I just hang onto the pen and God sends 'em on through."--Hank Williams Sr. on his songwriting muse.

"Thank You David Marcou. It is an honor to have my portrait taken by you. Your work inspires me and motivates me to get better at my craft."--Peter Solberg, photographer & ceramic artist, & an unofficial photographer of downtown LaX & the Cameron Park Farmers Market.

"Dad was away a lot. I didn't know any different. But he always brought gifts."--Michael Hardy, son of famed Brit photographer Bert Hardy.

"Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace."--Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"This country is in need of deep healing. We're in a transformational moment in national history and earth history, so whichever way we move is going to absolutely define us."2019-2020 US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo.
Photo of 2 little kids on chair (Christa Marcou & her cousin Matt Marcou), LaX, ca. 1990 (Ctsy CMM & MM).

Apollo 11 lunar module Eagle, SI NASM, DC, 4-21-00 (Photo by MattAMarcou). 1st manned moon landing, Apollo 11, 7-20-69.

Edwin Q. White (pic of him in Ben Franklin glasses by AP) passed in 2012. He was a friend of mine when he directed AP’s Seoul Bureau in 1980s. He led AP’s award-winning Saigon Bureau during Vietnam’s War. He was called “Quigley”; but also “Unflappable Ed”, b/c he kept calm, tho esp. pressed on 1 of last copters from ’75 Saigon; his wife was Vietnamese. Ed once told me: “David, forget what journalism school you graduated from [we both graduated Mizzou]. Just do the work.” Ed White was a decent man, & tho I’ve not forgotten Mizzou, I still do the work.--DvJM.
“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t STOP and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”