

The Perfidy Pit

COGNAC OR BRANDY FOR MONSIEUR?

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Does the Emperor at 1600 prefer cognac or brandy with his lobster thermidor and other dishes prepared by the White House culinary staff?

(Oct. 1, 2013) — Well, the pit just keeps getting deeper. The regime’s perfidy pit, that is. While my two recent prior posts at The P&E [here](#) and [here](#) focused mainly on the venality of Sen. Harry Reid (D. NV.) regarding his actions to make sure the government shutdown occurred, this one addresses the actions of the Emperor at 1600.

Whether through direct order from Monsieur obama or delegated authority to the underlings beneath him, one of the federal facilities declared to be “non-essential” to the functioning of the government was the [World War II Memorial](#) built on the National Mall.

Recall that the memorial is the one where all references to God or any deity were ordered omitted from the [inscriptions](#) placed at various locations around the structure, despite their having been used by President Roosevelt in his “date of infamy” speech to the Congress on [December 8, 1941](#). The Memorial is situated between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Now it gets good: in glorious defiance of the closure of the Memorial, earlier today a small platoon of some 80 World War II veterans, some in wheelchairs, others with Purple Heart limbs, who had traveled great distances to visit the memorial – perhaps for their first and last times – crossed over yellow National Park Service tape and removed various

physical barriers to gain access to the [memorial](#). Former U.S. Congressman Pete Hoekstra (R. MI) [summed it up](#) perfectly: “It was the right thing to do.”

Meanwhile, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the evening dinner menu listed... oh, wait... because of the “shutdown,” that website has [gone dark](#). This means, of course, no one can see the picture image of the president’s birth certificate either. The website redirects one to www.usa.gov, but alas, that site (ironically sub-titled “Government Made Easy”) has no information regarding tonight’s White House dinner menu, either.

The burning question thus surfaces: Will the residents at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue be dining out during the crisis at Burger King or Pizza Hut after the White House chefs are told to go home because of the failure of Congress to pass legislation to continue funding the [government](#)? As the elderly veterans were initially told to do at the World War II Memorial?

Or will the chefs, on the other hand, be told that, although their services are “essential” to the continued functioning of the government and that they will not be furloughed, they must to make sure that, *this* time, the lobster thermador is to be prepared with cognac and not brandy? Honestly, these days, it is soooooo difficult to find and retain competent culinary help.

Rest assured, this will be an issue worthy of monitoring as the days pass. And once again, dear electorate, remember that November 2014 is only 13 months away.