

September 2019

Post Newsletter

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Commander's Stuff

By Rich Jesswein

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“And the days get short, when you reach September.” At least that is the way the song goes. But, it is true. It is darker earlier in the morning as well as earlier at night. What it means is that Fall is here. The kids are back in school and everyone seems to be on a more regular schedule.

For us VFW members, we are busier and on a more regulated schedule as well. We have a lot going on in September.

Our Post is scheduled to visit the La Grange Historic Society at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, to view WWI and WWII artifacts. Some of us went in July, but I am hoping more of us will take advantage of this wonderful display.

From Monday, Sept. 26, to Friday, Sept. 30, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial moving Wall and Museum will be in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. It is a great museum!! I'm told that some VFW members may even be asked to stand guard over the museum. I'll let you know more about this in the future.

Save the Dates

Sept. 10th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
Sept. 12th – Hospital Visit
Sept. 13th – Deadline for October newsletter
Oct. 8th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

There is a program called “Road Home Program.” The West Suburban Road Home offers counseling, crisis intervention mental health care and support every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1517 W Roosevelt Road in Broadview. This is a free program. Call (312) 942-8387 for more information.

Some important dates in September include:

- Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Sept. 11 - National Patriots Day
- Sept. 18 – U.S. Air Force birthday
- Sept. 20 - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept. 29 - VFW was established in 1899.

Plus the whole month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month.

As always, I've rambled on for too long, sooooooooooooo

*Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Fall can be Beautiful
But don't catch the Flu*

Till next month, CHOI

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 8/13/19:

Post General Fund	\$9,899.65
Post Relief Fund	\$5,981.69
TOTAL:	\$15,881.34

Semper Fidelis!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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During our Aug. 13 Post meeting, it was voted that our Post donates \$2,500 to Hines VA Hospital for the purchase of five flat screen TVs to replace old TVs in patients rooms.

Thanks to Poppy Day collections, we were able to make this contribution. Again, veterans helping veterans.

Big Moments in Airline Food

1919 – The first airline meal is served on a Handley Page Transport flight from London to Paris. Passengers paid three shillings for a cold box lunch of fruit and a sandwich.

1928 – The first hot meal is served on a flight between Berlin and Paris on Lufthansa's 15-seat Flying Dining Car.

1936 – United Airlines introduces the first functional airplane kitchen. Passengers could choose between fried chicken or scrambled eggs.

1958 – Pan Am launches the golden age of air travel with white tablecloths, silver coffee carafes, and extravagant beef and chicken dishes plated on fine china.

1971 – Southwest Airlines markets itself as the “peanut airline” and offers rock-bottom fares in exchange for minimal perks. The company offers nothing to eat except for peanuts.

1987 – As a savings measure, American Airlines decides to remove one olive from every first-class salad plate. This resulted in the airline saving \$40,000 per year!

2000 – Jet Blue arrives and gains a following by offering free snacks, including its signature Terra Blues chips.

2001 – Following 9/11, air travel drops and nearly every major airline eliminates meal service on domestic flights to cut costs.

2016 – Food Network chef Maneet Chauhan partners with American Airlines to create dishes such as duck confit pot pie and lamb osso buco for international flights from the U.S.

2017 – A flight attendant makes headlines after blogging the difficulties serving Diet Coke in the air.

Source: Food Network Magazine