

May 2023
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Bruce Harken

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We had a taste of early spring and/or summer in April! It just sent a few snowflakes through the air today! I am ready for shorts and golf shirts!

May will be a busy month for our Post. On Saturday, May 6, we will be participating in the VFW National Volunteer Day by serving patrons at the Saturday lunch program at the First Presbyterian Church in La Grange. More info on time will be forthcoming soon. Thanks to Guy Vorsanger and Joe Barker for heading up this initiative.

Our monthly Home Run Inn delivery will be on Wednesday, May 10, to the Residential Care Facility at Hines VA Hospital. If any Post members would like to visit with the vets residing there, please meet us at 11:45 a.m. at Bldg. 221. Masks are required.

The parade committee under Chuck Bosko's leadership is ready for the annual Memorial Day parade in Western Springs on Monday, May 29. The parade steps off at 10 a.m.. Please try to participate in this event. Cars are available for vets with mobility issues, which may include me! Our Grand Marshal is the recipient of the Medal of

Save the Dates

May 6th – VFW National Volunteer Day
May 9th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**
May 10th – Pizza run Hines VA
May 12th – deadline for June newsletter
May 20th – Armed Forces event in Burr Ridge
May 20-29th – Poppy Week
May 29th – Memorial Day Parade
June 13th – 6 p.m. **Post Installation**

Honor for his actions during the Vietnam War, Al Lynch.

The Burr Ridge Armed Forces event will be on Saturday, May 20, in Burr Ridge. The recipient of this year's award will be a friend of our Post, Ken Couture. He's the State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the VFW. Come to the ceremony, it starts at 10 a.m.

The Post welcomes two new members, Bill Cagney, who served in the Army during Vietnam; and Alex Bubis, who served in the Army during Afghanistan. If you know veterans who might be eligible for membership in the VFW,

please bring them to one of our meetings.

Poppy week is Saturday, May 20, to Monday, May 29. We will need boots on the ground for a successful drive this year. Contact Bruce Harken if you will be able sell at least once during the week. I am working on getting into both campuses at LTHS on Thursday, May 18, for the lunch periods. We will be assisted by members of the Model U.N. Club at both campuses.

Our control point will at Grace Lutheran Church on Wolf Road. We will have poppies, aprons, containers and people to gather up the money on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-25. Any collections after those dates should be delivered to Bruce Harken, 3832 Lawn Ave., Western Springs. Call Bruce at 708-370-0557 with any questions.

The election of officers took place at the April meeting with the slated officers being elected (see April newsletter for names and offices). Installation of officers will be Tuesday, June 13, at the American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Rd., La Grange. Dinner will be catered by Spring Forest Caterers from Willow Springs. Event will run from 6-9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cash bar!

Gather members, sell poppies, enjoy the parade and prepare yourself for a fine meal!

Bruce Harken
Commander
Semper Fi!

Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 4/11/23

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| Post General Fund | \$4,238.93 |
| Post Relief Fund | 5,726.64 |
| TOTAL: | \$9,965.57 |

Semper Fidelis!

Mother's Day Around the World

U.S. - First celebrated in 1908 when a woman named Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her late mother. Jarvis was a peace activist and a Civil War medic who wanted to create a day to honor moms. By 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared that the second Sunday in May would become a national holiday.

U.K. - Began as a church holiday in the 1500s, known as Mothering Sunday, on the fourth Sunday of Lent where people would gather with family at church they were baptized—known as their "mother church." It's since become less religious.

Peru - The week leading up to Mother's Day—known as Dia de la Madre— involves many large meals, celebrations and performances to honor mothers. Then on second Sunday in May, families gather around the graves of female relatives and spend the day cleaning and decorating to honor them.

Mexico – On May 10, children perform music to wake up their mothers and put on a skit at some point in day Then they go out to eat so mom doesn't have to cook.

Source: Better Homes & Gardens