

April 2021
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

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Hope - "To wish for a particular event that one considers possible." I've seen much Hope this past month. The tide against COVID-19 is turning. As a group, we can go back to in-person meetings. CDC new guidelines are going into effect, and we can also visit with family and friends.

Soon, I hope, we can return to activities with our community and partake in services of mutual benefit. As we move forward to the month of April, please remember to make contact with friends and comrades. I have a feeling that this is going to be a great year.

Post News

We had a good in person meeting with mild success with Zoom. Please encourage comrades who cannot attend the meetings in-person to connect or call via Zoom. The channel will be open every meeting until December 2021.

Preparation for a Memorial Day Observance is under way. Lets support the Parade Committee to make the observation a success.

Save the Dates

April 13th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

April 16th – deadline for May newsletter

May 11th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

Commanders Call remains. Please see information at the end of the section.

VA News

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the strategic review of the electronic health record modernization program after Secretary Denis McDonough's initial assessment of the program within his first month in office.

The VA released a mobile app "How We Reach Coaching tool" from Prevents, March 18, that offers step-by-step guidance for those who are trying to support someone they care about and for those who are concerned about their own emotional well-being.

During National Consumer Protection Week, Feb. 28-March 6, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) raised public awareness about a tool to protect

veterans and claimants from companies who may be targeting them or their potential benefits.

Commander's Call

All hands for meeting either in person at the Post or in Zoom. All Hands is reoccurring until satisfactory accountability is established. Information follows.

Scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VFW Post Meeting

Time: Apr 13, 2021 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 14, 2021

Apr 13, 2021 07:30 PM
May 11, 2021 07:30 PM
Jun 8, 2021 07:30 PM
Jul 13, 2021 07:30 PM
Aug 10, 2021 07:30 PM
Sep 14, 2021 07:30 PM
Oct 12, 2021 07:30 PM
Nov 9, 2021 07:30 PM
Dec 14, 2021 07:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960146185?pwd=OW9rcllubzJqTWZ6MldBT01VbUdsZz09>
icsToken=98tyKuGupz0qG9CTsRGCRpwAHY_oc-vwiCFcj7d1skz8NRB1eDniPeZ3A6BdRvTf

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960146185?pwd=OW9rcllubzJqTWZ6MldBT01VbUdsZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 6014 6185

Passcode: 10778

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Until meeting! Stay Safe!
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Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 3/9/21

Post General Fund	\$5,140.56
Post Relief Fund	5,075.10
TOTAL:	\$10,215.66

Semper Fidelis!

Parade Committee Update

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COVID-19 continues to have an effect on many community events although not as limiting as 2020. The Memorial Day Committee has considered the social concerns folks may still have, especially activities the annual parade typically involves including high school marching bands and other youth groups. What has been decided for 2021 is to forego the parade and simply stage a Memorial Day Observance.

Hence, the event will commence at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Tower. Joining us will be the West Suburban Concert Band and the designated Grand Marshall for 2020, Mike Holub, will be our guest speaker.

Fellow vets, Memorial Day is too important to forget and not gather as a community to reflect on the sacrifices of those we served with.

Further, show your thanks and visit the following businesses who have sponsored Memorial Day (as of this newsletter):

- Clarity Physical Therapy
- Pebble Valley Wealth Management
- R Grant Dixon & Sons Realty
- Combs Eyewear
- Steven Schroyer, DDS
- The Fruit Store
- Pack Wrap & Send
- J. Benak Service (car repair)
- Rohini Mathrani DDS.

Care to sponsor the Memorial Day Parade? Send your donation to our Post address:

VFW Post 10778
P O Box 73
Western Springs, IL 60558

White House Egg Roll

Since 1878, the Monday after Easter has been a huge day at the White House, when thousands of children push eggs across the lawn with spoons during the annual Easter Egg Roll. Here's how this tradition got its roots.

1878 – President Rutherford B. Hayes kicks off the tradition at the White House after the event was banned on

Capitol Hill because it messed up the grass.

1889 – President Benjamin Harrison invites the U.S. Marine Band, led by John Philip Sousa, to play at the event.

1917 – Egg Roll is put on hold until 2021 due to World War I.

1941 – First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt hosts the biggest White House Egg Roll with 53,248 attendees.

1953 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower brings back the Easter Egg Roll, which was put on hold for a decade. First World War II, then construction at the White House interrupted the tradition.

1969 – The first appearance of the Easter Bunny at the event.

1981 – First Lady Nancy Reagan, who attended the event as a child, uses her Hollywood connections to have celebrities sign wooden eggs for children.

2016 – Beyonce and Jay-Z attends President Barrack Obama's final Easter Egg Roll. During President Obama's years in office, many celebrities performed for the kids including Fergie, Ariana Grande and Justin Bieber.

2017 – President Donald Trump's first Easter Egg Roll features story time, bocce and commemorative eggs – some even painted gold.

2020 & 2021 – The event is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Joe Biden hopes to resume the event in 2022.

Source: Food Network Magazine