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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Joe Barker

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I'm writing this column with Poppy Days and the Memorial Day parade fast approaching. I'm reminded of a passage from Bob Dole's book, "One Soldier's Story." During his speech at the dedication of the World War II memorial he observed, "What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war, rather it is a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys, and inspires Americans in every generation to lay down their lives for people they will never meet, for ideals that make life itself worth living."

This time of year people typically look at Memorial Day as the unofficial start of summer and a time to slide into a relaxed mindset. I appreciate the respectful manner to which our Post members (with friends and families) continue to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and support those veterans in need.

I hope to see everyone at the Post installation dinner in June. Remember it is at a new location (Salerno's in Hodgkins) with a new menu. Your presence makes the event.

Save the Dates

June 8th – Hospital Visit

June 13th – Post Installation Dinner

June 16th – deadline for July newsletter

July 11th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

On June 14, let's all wish a Happy Birthday to the premier force for right, the U.S. Army! ... and the Army keeps rolling along.

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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On April 26, Hines Hospital Volunteer Services held its annual Volunteer Recognition ceremony and luncheon at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center. In attendance were Bruce Harken, Seedy Ulrich and Walt Bergenthal. Bruce was honored with a 1,000-hour service award and was one of three volunteer guest speakers.

Service Officer Stuff

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Change is constant. Example, ever hear the quote, "If you don't like the weather, wait." Surely as the sun always rises, the weather always changes. Which brings me to this month's column.

I have been honored to serve as the Memorial Day Parade and Observance Committee chair since 2010 (I think it was 2010 - the years seem to melt unto each other after a while). Anyway, back to my intention. So now it is an appropriate moment in history to invite another 10778 Post member to assume the chair position. Effective with installation dinner, our Commander, Joe, will appoint a new chair for this incredibly great committee. Bruce Harken has agreed to lead our committee forward.

I am most sincere conveying to all that I have truly enjoyed serving on the committee with some of the most decent veterans I have known. Together, we have instituted changes that have allowed the parade to flourish and evolve into a wonderful community event while retaining the true purpose of Memorial Day - to never forget the sacrifices of fellow service personnel we have known during our own service years.

A few of those changes included altering the entire parade route north of the Burlington Railroad tracks. This was essentially a change for the safety of all participants and residents for the parade. Further, we began to provide huge tents as shelter for the Tower Chorale and West Suburban Concert Band, and

shelters for our fellow veterans; we provided a new venue for a total sound system for the guest speakers and the Tower Chorale; we invited student members of the Lyons Township High School's Model United Nations club to read the names of the fallen Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy service personnel; and we developed a proper procedure process for the selection of a Parade Grand Marshal.

Yes, being involved with this committee has been an honor. I am most grateful for all the committee members, past and present, for their support and for their dedication to their unwavering commitment to keep alive the true meaning of Memorial Day - honoring America's citizen soldiers who died to keep America God's most cherished nation.

In Comradeship,
Chuck Bosko
Allons!

Oops, one more thing! Somehow, a certain DD 214 was not included in last month's newsletter. Look for it elsewhere in this month's edition. Pay attention to the veteran AND the officer signing that vet out of the military. Enjoy!

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 5/9/17:

Post General Fund	\$21,508.00
Post Relief Fund	165.00
Post Dues Reserve	0
TOTAL:	\$21,673.00

Semper Fi!

REPORT OF SEPARATION

1. LAST NAME GABLE		FIRST NAME CLARK		MIDDLE INITIAL (RMI)	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]	2. GRADE Major	3. COMPONENT AUS
4. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 4525 Petit Avenue, Encino, California					5. BRANCH OF SERVICE AT SEPARATION Air Corps		
6. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES (IF SAME AS ITEM 4, SO STATE) Same as Item 4					7. RACE White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		8. U. S. CITIZEN? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
9. ADDRESS FROM WHICH MAN WILL SEEK EMPLOYMENT (IF SAME AS ITEM 4 OR 6, SO STATE) Same as Item 4					10. EDUCATION (IN YEARS) GRAMMAR I HIGH SCHOOL Grad. COLLEGE -		
11. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA REGISTERED YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		LOCAL SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NO. 146		COUNTY and STATE 18451 Sherman Way, Reseda, Calif. (9)		12. IS JOB AID DESIRED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION Motion Picture Actor			14. MILITARY OCCUPATION Motion Picture Photo-Gunner		15. SPEC. SERIAL NO. 8537		16. FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/>		18. NO. OF DEPENDENTS 0		19. PLACE OF BIRTH Ohio		20. DATE OF BIRTH 1 Feb 1901	
21. YEARS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE INDUCTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSION <input type="checkbox"/>		22. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE California		23. DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 7-12-42		24. Branch 5	
24. CAUSE OF SEPARATION (i.e. C.D.D., Minority, Convenience of the Government)		25. PLACE OF SEPARATION Culver City, California		26. DATE OF SEPARATION 12 June 1944		27. Rate / Cit. M O S	
		27. TYPE OF DISCHARGE Honorable/Dishonorable/Other Excellent		28. CHARACTER AT SEPARATION Excellent		29. HAS PENSION CLAIM BEEN MADE YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT!—IF A PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER INSURANCE WILL LAPSE.

Make checks or money orders payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and forward to Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

20. Kind of Insurance		(30) How Paid	(32) Effective Date of Assignment/Discontinuance	(33) Date Next Premium Should be Paid (On: Mo. After 30)	(34) Premium Due Each Month
National Service Life Insurance	U. S. Government Life Insurance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assignment: Direct to V.A.		

I certify that all information on this form is in accordance with the records of the War Department regarding the individual above named and that a copy of this form informing him of his obligations under the Selective Service Law and of his rights and benefits (except where separated from the armed forces by reason of death), has been delivered to him in person.

Signature of Organization Commander or Adjutant
RONALD REAGAN, Capt., A.C., Pers.O.
True Name of Officer, Grade and Organization

37. It is my intention to: **NOTICE TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**
 (A) Continue my insurance in full (B) Continue \$ _____ insurance in force (C) Discontinue my insurance

NOTE:—If (c) is checked no premium notices will be sent. If reduction in insurance is desired see item 7 on reverse side of form.

38. If discharged for physical disability, state physical restrictions, if known

39. If discharged for a physical or mental cause, copy sufficient data from page 2 of D. A. & O. Form No. 49 to clearly indicate the cause
WAR

40. If discharged for the convenience of the Gov't or transferred to the reserve, state circumstances
Transferred to Inactive Status.

W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 53
1 August 1943
(See AR 615-420)

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To: The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D. C.
(Printed and inserted in the Service Record of listed men)

- 24. Cause Sep.
- 25. Place Sep.
- 26. Date Sep.
- 27. Character
- 28. Med. Disq.
- 29. Residence
- 30. El. Lev.
- 31. Cit. Comp.
- 32. Maternity
- 33. Place Entry
- 34. Date Entry

