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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

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Once again, I'm amazed at how quickly the year has passed. We are now into June, one half of 2019 is gone.

Well, it has been one year since you voted me in as your Commander. It has been an interesting year!! We've done some new things, supported different veterans organizations and have been very busy! Our Post partnered with Kindred Hospice to serve veterans in various nursing homes. We contributed to a veterans organization at Margaret and Mary church, and we've helped several other organizations. However, we are still very supportive of Hines VA Hospital.

We will have the Post installation dinner on Tuesday, June 11, at the Bohemian Crystal restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive in Westmont. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$22 per person. George Cramer will preside again this year. I want to thank our Post for re-electing our current officers for another year.

With that said, I feel our Post is in a state of metamorphose. We have been under the guidance of "the greatest

Save the Dates

June 11th – 6 p.m. **Post Installation Dinner** at Bohemian Crystal in Westmont
June 13th – Hospital Visit
June 14th – Deadline for July newsletter
July 9th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

generation ever," but these folks are handing over the torch to the next generations. It is an awesome responsibility we have to live up to. However, we have a great group, and more people are joining at just about every meeting. These are exciting times!!

Talking about exciting times, our Memorial Day Parade and ceremony afterward once again was a huge success!! THANKS to everyone who made it a success!!

A few more memorable days in June are:

- June 14, Flag Day and Army's Birthday
- June 16, Father's Day.

I will let you know what day we'll visit
the La Grange Historical Society
honoring WWI and WWII vets.

Once again, I've rambled on too long,
sooooooooooooooooooooo

Roses are Red

Violets are Blue

Another year of my poems

I hope you like them too

Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 5/15/19:

Post General Fund	\$12,424.64
Post Relief Fund	597.15
TOTAL:	\$13,021.19

Semper Fidelis!

Here Come the Wedding Traditions

With the arrival (finally!) of warmer weather comes a flood of invitations for celebrations, including weddings. Up your small talk game at wedding receptions by borrowing these great moments in wedding history.

13th Century – The Catholic Church declares a wedding must be officiated by a priest. Prior to this, a marriage was a contract between the bride's father and the groom that usually included the exchange of money or land.

14-15th Centuries – In England, wedding guests tear at a bride's dress since snagging a scrap is considered good luck. Eventually, to save the poor dress, a new ritual is born: brides throw their bouquets while grooms toss their new wives' garters.

1840 – Britain's Queen Victoria begins the fashion trend of wearing white gowns. Previously, royalty wore garments of ermine, purple velvet and gold thread.

1858 – Eighteen years later, Queen Victoria's daughter, Princess Victoria, launches her own wedding trend by walking down the aisle after her nuptials to Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

1933 – Las Vegas becomes the "Marriage Capital of the World" thanks to its same-day wedding license policy. The Rev. J.D. Foster opens a chapel for lovebirds looking to elope.

1930s to 1940s – Women are the only ones putting a ring on it until World War II, when soldiers began wearing wedding bands as loving reminders of their wives waiting for them back home.

1980s – Inspired by Princess Diana's lavish wedding, many brides begin thinking bigger is better for their own nuptials. Bridal magazines and wedding planners are more than happy to oblige.

2009-2010 – Thanks to social media, wedding planning becomes a mere click away as Pinterest boards cover everything from flowers to wedding favors. Today, half of couples create personalized hashtags for their weddings.

2016 – Bucking tradition, 26% of couples have mixed-gender wedding parties (i.e. groom ladies and bridesmen) and 37% opt to be married by a friend rather than a religious officiant.

Source: Real Simple