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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Joe Barker

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Typically, I take the following approach when writing my section of the newsletter:

- Look to see what happened this month in history.
- Think about what is going on now.
- Reflect on the upcoming needs of the Post.
- Attempt to write something semi-coherent and brief.

This month's column was a little more challenging than normal. I'm not sure if it was the anticipation of spring, the social/political events, or a combination of many factors.

As I thought about what to write, it (finally) occurred to me that for such a relatively young nation, we have a rich military tradition of doing massively good things. Ensuring freedom and liberty, disaster relief ... the list goes on. While this seems obvious, it really doesn't register until scrolling through the events for just this month.

The point, for me, is that this Post represents much of the recent history of the good in our nation; a tradition we collectively should be proud of and

Save the Dates

April 10th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
April 12th – Hospital Visit
April 13th – deadline for May newsletter
May 8th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

promote when possible. Events on the horizon to do so: Poppy Day sales and the Memorial Day activities. Please help as you are able, no assistance is too small.

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 3/13/18:

Post General Fund	\$16,458.81
Post Relief Fund	752.14
TOTAL:	\$17,210.95

Semper Fi!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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On Feb. 24, your Post hosted a pizza party at Home Run Inn in Berwyn for eight patients from Hines Hospital Residential Care facility and their care givers along with members of our Post.

Adjutant and bingo caller Bruce Harken had made the arrangements and saw to it that the patients got their fill and taste of four different types of pizza and drinks. One was the “Home Run Inn 1947” pizza, which was delicious. The patients were sent back to Hines with boxed leftovers. It was a very successful outing!

A late welcome to new Post member Steve Ewert, a patient at Hines and also a monthly bingo winner. Steve served in the Army in Korea from January 1952 to May 1953, north of the 38th DMZ zone with the 17th Combat Engineers, 4th Aerial Interdiction.

The following is a tentative slate of officers for the 2018/2018 term:

Commander	Rich Jesswein
Senior Vice Commander	Esteban Lopez
Junior Vice Commander	Buddy Georgeoulakis
Quartermaster	Mike Winner
Chaplain	Bob Geaschel
3-year-trustee	Joe Barker

Election will be held during our April 10 Post meeting. If you would like to run for any of the above offices, contact Adjutant Bruce Harken.

Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

This year’s Earth Day, on April 22, is focused on providing information and inspiration to change people’s behaviors about plastics with the launch of a multi-year campaign, End Plastic Pollution. Earth Day Network, which leads Earth Day worldwide, seeks to create global support to eliminate single use plastics with uniform regulation for the disposal of plastics.

Visit www.earthday.org to learn more about the campaign and tips on ways you can help by reducing your own plastic consumption, including picking up trash in public spaces like a park or beach; avoid buying products containing microbeads; and throwing out lint from your dryer instead of washing it off.