

May 2019
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Rich Jesswein

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May has finally arrived, bringing with it flowers that the April rains (and snow) brought that made them possible. May is also a very busy month for your VFW Post.

For us, May 18 is Armed Forces Day. I discussed this in my April newsletter article.

May 27 is Memorial Day. Of course, this is our BIG parade day. Again, if you know of a veteran who would like to march with us, PLEASE let us know! "The more the merrier," still holds true. From all indications, this parade will be better than ever!!

I just about forgot (and don't know how I could) but May 21-23 are Poppy days!! Please volunteer if you can. We seem to have fewer members now, which means fewer feet on the street. So, if you can help PLEASE DO!!

A few other important days in May are May 12, Mother's Day; May 15, National Peace Officers Memorial Day (flag at half-staff); and May 1, Loyalty Day.

The La Grange Historic society has a new display of WWI and WWII Items.

Save the Dates

May 9th – Hospital Visit

May 14th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

May 17th – deadline for June newsletter

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

They will give our Post a private tour of their display. Please let me know what days and times would be good for you.

Once again, something important just about slipped my mind. Your Post held elections for officers for the 2019-2020 year. Guess what?? The officers for the 2018-2019 year were unanimously re-elected. Sorry folks, you're stuck with me for another year.

There are military retirees who have a service-connected disability. Their retirement pay is being reduced, dollar for dollar, by the amount of their disability. Congress is doing this to save money, however, it forces military families to do without goods and services that they require. Contact your congressman to stop this injustice.

As always, I tend to go on too long,
sooooooooooooooooooooo

*Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Can you march in our parade?
I'm looking forward to seeing you*

Till next month CHOI

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 4/9/19:

Post General Fund	\$12,066.29
Post Relief Fund	747.15
TOTAL:	\$12,813.44

Semper Fidelis!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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On April 12, the following Hines volunteer members of our Post attended the annual Hines Voluntary Awards Service luncheon at Crystal Sky Banquets in McCook.

As of April 15, their service hours were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Years</u>
Guy Vorsanger	525	3
Bruce Harken	2,434	6
Seedy Ulrich	2,715	24
Walt Bergenthal	3,114	29

6 Things to Know about Memorial Day

From its Civil War origins to modern-day traditions, learn more about this solemn holiday.

1. The U.S. isn't the first country to establish the practice of honoring those who died in battle. Ancient Greeks and Romans held annual days of remembrance for loved ones (including soldiers) by holding public festivals and feasts in their honor.
2. In May 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Union veterans group the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should be a national day of remembrance for the more than 620,000 soldiers who died in the Civil War.
3. Memorial Day didn't become a federal holiday until 1971.
4. It wasn't until World War I that the focus of this holiday expanded to include remembering those killed in all wars.
5. The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.
6. Since 2000, all Americans have been encouraged to pause for a National Moment of Silence at 3 p.m. local time.

Source: History Channel