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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Joe Barker

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This past month seems like a whirlwind of activities, I think it is appropriate to highlight and thank a few members:

- To the members who donated their time and energy during the Poppy Days (especially Danny Legan for repeatedly raising the largest amount of donations). Your inspirational efforts will undoubtedly help many veterans.
- To Chuck Bosko and the Parade Committed for their leadership, attention to detail, and inclusion, ensuring another successful event and seamless transition of responsibility.
- To the Post officers (both last year's and newly elected), my sincere appreciation for your help and guidance in the operation of the Post.

I'll continue my request for suggestions on how we can improve and grow.

Save the Dates

July 11th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
July 13th – Hospital Visit
July 14th – deadline for August newsletter
Aug. 8th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

Please have an enjoyable Fourth of July, one of the truly great holidays of the year. A day continually earned and defended by patriots, such as you.

Senior Vice Commander

By Chuck Bosko

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How about this? I'm contributing writings from a new post, senior vice commander. Well, let's give it a try.

Last month, readers had an opportunity to glance at a DD 214 from WW II. This DD 214 was rather notable – it was for Clark Gable. Further, the officer signing Mr. Rhett Butler out was a future President, Ronald Reagan! (And he was not chasing any monkeys). Well folks, for this month, there is another DD 214

in this newsletter; this time for the King of Rock and Roll. Hope ya enjoy it.

Okay- this month's edition is rather brief.

Until the next meeting, Allons

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 6/13/17:

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| Post General Fund | \$21,637.81 |
| Post Relief Fund | 8,165.61 |
| Post Dues Reserve | 0 |
| TOTAL: | \$29,803.42 |

Poppy Days brought in over \$8,100 and continues to climb. Bruce Harken brought in an additional \$200 at the Gathering on the Green, and I brought in an additional \$50 from American Airlines.

Semper Fi!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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He said he'd break his last year's Poppy Days record collection, and true to his word, Danny (Iron Man) Legan brought in \$2,322.41 for a new record! And we didn't count the counterfeit \$50 bill somebody threw into his bucket.

In second place was Val Price, third place Tom Higgins, followed by Vince Huml and Mike Winner.

A total of \$8,136.72 was collected for our Relief Fund. One hundred percent of the fund will be used for veterans' needs.

Our Memorial Day parade was another huge success thanks to Chuck Bosko and his committee. Chaplain Bob Geaschel

promised good weather and the one up above came through for us.

Vince Huml did a good job of sending the various parade participants off to what seemed like a record crowd lining the parade route. Adjutant Bruce Harken kept things rolling at the podium introducing our Parade Marshall Ken Couture who gave an interesting account of Medal of Honor earners, and Commander Joe Barker, who was right on target – short and to the point.

Another success by Chuck Bosko.

Our 28th installation was held at Salerno's in Hodgkins. Good Italian food, good conversation, laughs and last minute improvisation made for a fun evening.

Patriotic Quotes

“Give me liberty or give me death!” – Patrick Henry, speech, Virginia Convention, March 23, 1775.

“You cannot conquer America.” – William Pitt, speech, House of Lords, Nov. 18, 1777.

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.” – Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, Nov. 19, 1863.

“America...it is the only place where miracles not only happen, but where they happen all the time.” – Thomas Wolfe, “Of Time and the River,” 1935.

“Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” John F. Kennedy, inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1961.

Source: Real Simple

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| PERSONAL | 78. RACE CAU | | D. SEX MAL | | C. COLOR HAIR BROWN | | E. COLOR EYES BLUE | | F. HEIGHT 6' | | G. WEIGHT 170 | | H. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | I. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE | |
| | 100. HIGHEST CIVILIAN EDUCATION LEVEL ATTAINED 4 YRS HS | | | | J. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD GEN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE DATA | 110. TYPE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE TRANSFER TO USAR (SEE 18) | | | | | | | | | | K. STATION OR INSTALLATION AT WHICH EFFECTED FORT DIX NEW JERSEY | | | | | |
| | L. REASON AND AUTHORITY AR 635-250 & PAR 7 AR 635-205 SPW 411 EARLY SEPARATION OF OVERSEAS RETURNKES | | | | | | | | | | M. EFFECTIVE DATE 5 MAR 60 | | N. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED DD FORM 217A | | | |
| SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA | 12. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND HQ CO 1ST MIB 32D ARMOR APO 39 | | | | 13. CHARACTER OF SERVICE HONORABLE | | | | 14. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER 486 | | | | 15. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY, COUNTY AND STATE MEMPHIS TENN | | | |
| | 16. DATE INDUCTED 24 MAR 58 | | | | 17. DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED TRANS USAR VII US ARMY CORES (RESERVE) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SERVICE DATA | 18. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE OBLIGATION 23 MAR 64 | | | 19. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION a. SOURCE OF ENTRY <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (First Enlistment) <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (Prior Service) <input type="checkbox"/> REENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: NA | | | | b. TERM OF SERVICE (Years) NA | | c. DATE OF ENTRY NA | | | | | | |
| | 20. PRIOR REGULAR ENLISTMENTS NA | | | 21. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE PVT E-1 | | | | 22. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City and State) MEMPHIS TENN | | | | | | | | |
| | 23. NAME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (Street, RFD, City, County and State) GRACELAND HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH MEMPHIS (SHELBY) TENNESSEE | | | | | | 24. STATEMENT OF SERVICE | | | 25. YEARS MONTHS DAYS | | | | | | |
| | 26. SPECIALTY NUMBER AND TITLE 133.60 ARMOR INFANTRY SPEC | | | | | | 27. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D. O. T. NUMBER NA | | | 28. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES | | | | | | |
| | 29. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL | | | | | | 30. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES | | | 31. TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE | | | | | | |
| VA DATA | 300. GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | | | D. AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT NA | | | E. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED NA | | | | | | |
| | 310. VA BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) NA | | | | | | F. VA CLAIM NUMBER NA | | | | | | | | | |
| AUTHENTICATION | 32. REMARKS BLOOD TYPE O ITEM 3a PVT E-2 (P) 24 JUL 58 LUMP SUM PAYMENT MADE FOR 0 DAYS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 33. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County and State) 2764 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH MEMPHIS TENN | | | | | | 34. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED <i>[Signature]</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 350. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER R F KLUGE 2D LT AGC ASST ADJ | | | | | | 36. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN <i>[Signature]</i> | | | | | | | | | | |