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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

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Happy month of May!! The birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, and the flowers are blooming-----and we have the time to sit back and enjoy it all. I know, some of us are going stir crazy, but it's for your own good, and the good of everyone else. You would think there isn't any news to tell you about, but after thinking about it, there is quite a bit I need to tell you.

First and for most, I've made an executive decision to postpone our Poppy Day sales on the third week in May. I know, we could wear our masks, but my arm isn't six feet long, so we would not be keeping our social distancing. We will let you know of new dates when the government reduces some of the restrictions.

Going with the same frame of mind, we are cancelling the Memorial Day parade this year. I know, the parade is important to our Post and the community in general, but again, "It is better to be safe than sorry." There is always next year.

We've missed three bingo meetings at Hines Hospital. Normally we give \$150 to the vets who play bingo. So, we have

Save the Dates

May 12th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
May 15th – deadline for June newsletter
June 9th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

Note Poppy Days have been postponed & Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled.

\$450 in our kitty that we would have spent. There are a number places we could put that money. One of the excellent places is a charity called "Meal Train." This charity supplies meals for the doctors, nurses and health care workers. They do this at Hines, Jesse Brown as well as other hospitals.

We've also donated a \$100 Kindle gift card to the spinal cord injury ward at Hines. If any of you have thoughts about other charities we could help at this time, please let Bruce Harken or myself know.

Well folks, my rambling days are about over. I'm looking forward to installing your new commander Esteban Lopez!! He is a younger man, with all kinds of Great New Ideas!!

Soooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

*Roses are Red
April has been Gray
I hope we can go
To bar in May*

Ciao

Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 4/14/20:

Post General Fund	\$7,643.32
Post Relief Fund	3,930.10
TOTAL:	\$11,573.42

Semper Fidelis!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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As of March 18, due to COVID-19 all volunteer services at Hines Hospital have been suspended. We will be notified when the ban is lifted. This means no bingo or other services we provide.

So hunker down, wash your hands and wear a mask.

Big Moments for M&Ms

Next year, M&Ms will turn the big 8-0! They were created as an All-American treat for soldiers during World War II. Learn more about this tasty treat.

1941 – Confectioner Forrest Mars creates a chocolate candy for American soldiers serving in World War II. He candy-coats the pieces to keep them from melting. Thus, M&Ms are born!

1948 – The Mars company starts selling M&Ms in brown paper wrappers, replacing the cardboard tubes used during the war.

1950 – Mars stamps the candies with a black “m” to differentiate them from look-alikes. The color changes to white in 1954.

1954 – Peanut M&Ms make their debut along with the familiar slogan “Melts in your mouth, not in your hands.”

1981 – M&Ms become the first candy to rocket into space at the request of astronauts on the space shuttle Columbia. M&Ms are on board for all 135 missions that follow until NASA’s shuttle program ended in 2011.

1991 – Mars unveils another new flavor, peanut butter.

1996 – Mini M&Ms hit the market, selling in a plastic tube reminiscent of the candy’s original packaging.

2004 – The company launches mymms.com, enabling people to personalize these chocolate treats. Brides gave guests customized candy with the wedding date and new couple’s initials.

2006 – Dark chocolate M&Ms make their debut.

2010 – Responding to the popularity of sweet-salty combos, Mars releases M&Ms Pretzel.

2015 – Although it originally was only available from 1998 to 2005, fans rallied and Mars brought back M&Ms Crispy.

Source: Food Network Magazine