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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

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The Change of Tides

“May” is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also from the Latin word maiores, “elders,” who were celebrated during this month. Maia was considered a nurturer and an earth goddess, which may explain the connection with this springtime month.

In the Western world, May is National Military Appreciation Month including Silver Star Service, Banner Day, Loyalty Day, V-E Day and Armed Forces Week.

The most outstanding day in the month of May is Memorial Day, a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life.

Here are some things you can do in May and all year long:

- Consider honoring vets by placing flags on veterans’ graves.
- Take a moment to learn the true meaning of Memorial Day, how it differs from Veterans Day and why the red poppy is a traditional symbol with unexpected origins.
- Fly the American flag at half-mast until noon and observe a

Save the Dates

June 14th – **Post Installation**

June 17th – deadline for July newsletter

July 12^h – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

moment of silence at 3:00 (1500)
in the afternoon.

Post News

The month of May is a time when our community comes together in the Memorial Day Parade and Observance. The parade will be at full swing this year and I hope to see all of you there.

The Post finalized its officers for the next two years. Congratulations to all new officials! As always, lets provide the incoming officers with our support. Do not forget the Post installation dinner on June 14.

As the Post has its change of command, I’d like to thank you all for your support these past two years. It has been a good journey and possible because all of you. This might be my last official writing, thus, thank you again, be well, and stay safe.

Ad Maiora
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Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 4/12/22

Post General Fund	\$4,549.79
Post Relief Fund	3,236.63
TOTAL:	\$7,786.42

Semper Fidelis!

Installation Dinner at Zoo

Looking forward to seeing our Post members and their spouses/guests at our Installation dinner on June 14 at Brookfield Zoo. Please note the reservation deadline has passed.

For more information or concerns, call Chuck Bosko at 708-205-3541.

Father's Day Fun Facts

This year, Father's Day is on Sunday, June 19. In honor of the holiday, here are some fun facts about this special day created to celebrate fathers.

1910

The first Father's Day celebration took place in June in Spokane, Washington, where the holiday's founder, Sonora Dodd, lived. Dodd was raised by her father after her mother died during childbirth. She came up with the idea of having a day honoring fathers after listening to a church service about Mother's Day.

1924

President Calvin Coolidge publicly supports plans for a national Father's Day.

1920s/1930s

There was a movement to combine Mother's Day and Father's Day into a unified Parents' Day as a reminder that both parents should be loved and respected together. The movement died out in the 1940s.

1966

Father's Day becomes official after President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaims the third Sunday in June become known as Father's Day.

1972

President Richard Nixon makes Father's Day a national holiday.

20 billion

Amount of money Americans were expected to spend on Father's Day gifts last year. Clothing and special outing gear make up the bulk of these gifts.

28.1 billion

In contrast, the National Retail Federation predicted Americans would spend around \$28.1 billion on Mother's Day gifts last year. Popular gifts for moms include flowers, apparel, dinner and spa days.

72 million

Number of Father's Day cards purchased each year. It's the fourth largest holiday for sending cards in the U.S., behind Mother's Day, Valentine's Day and Christmas.

Sources: NPR, Mental Floss & CNN