

April 2020
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Rich Jesswein

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Everyone is talking about it, so I thought I would too. YES!! We are in the middle of a coronavirus epidemic in the world. As of this writing, the U.S. has not peaked yet, but, I believe, when the peak comes, it will be a lot less than in other countries!! The reason being, we have taken precautions before the peak to limit our exposure to the coronavirus. For example, Hines VA Hospital has stopped extracurricular activities. They have also limited people visiting the hospital. That is just one example, but everyone in our country has been asked to self-quarantine to ensure we keep the virus at bay. It is a hardship on some, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

Here are five steps you can do to help stop coronavirus:

1. **HANDS:** Wash them often
2. **ELBOW:** Cough into them
3. **FACE:** Don't touch it
4. **FEET:** Stay from three to six feet apart
5. **FEEL:** If you feel sick—
STAY HOME

Save the Dates

April 9th – Hospital Visit
April 14th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
April 17th – deadline for May newsletter
May 12th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

In DuPage County there is a special court exclusively for veterans called “Vets Court.” If veterans get in trouble, they can request to go to a “Vets Court” instead of a regular court. One of the offenses the court will accept now is DUIs.

Going back to the coronavirus, there was going to be a free “strength and honor” luncheon on April 22 at Bobaks restaurant in Woodridge. Unfortunately, it is cancelled.

An important date for our Post is Tuesday, May 12. Why, you ask?? Well, we will be voting for new officers for our Post!! I'm sure you want your voice heard!!

With everything being shut down, I really don't have more to say
sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

*Roses are red
Violets are blue
STAY WELL!!
Next month, I want to see you*

Ciao

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 3/10/20:

Post General Fund	\$8,269.00
Post Relief Fund	\$3,815.10
TOTAL:	\$12,084.10

Semper Fidelis!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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For only the third time in 30 years of playing bingo at the Hines Residential Care Facility, Hines canceled our program. The first time was years ago when a wake was held for patient the Rev. Calvin. In February and March of this year, bingo was canceled due to an outbreak of the flu and coronavirus. Quite a record.

Over the 30 years, your Post paid out approximately \$54,000 in bingo prizes – all made possible through Poppy Day sales.

Hines also canceled the pizza party for patients at Home Run Inn in Darien on March 23 that adjutant Bruce Harken had arranged.

Nominating Committee Report for 2020-2021

Fellow members of VFW Post 10778, the Nominating Committee slates the following for election as Post officers.

Commander	Esteban Lopez
Quartermaster	Michael Winner
Sr Vice Commander	Buddy Georgeoulakis
Jr Vice Commander	William Nawrot
Chaplain	Rev. Robert Geaschel
Surgeon	Dr. Paul Thomas
Judge Advocate	Seedy Ulrich
Service Officer	Bruce Harken
Trustees	
Three-year term	Richard Jesswin
Two-year term	Pete Zika
One-year term	Jim Boland

These are nominations for Post members to take notice. The election for Post officers for the VFW year 2020-2021 will be conducted at the May Post meeting at 7:30 p.m. (1930 hrs. for the military minded) Tuesday, May 12, at Grace Lutheran Church, 4101 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Nominations from the floor will of course be considered.

Appointed positions and committee chairs will most probably remain the same yet are not noticed here until after Post elections.

Concerns and nominations for floor consideration are to be directed to Chuck Bosko or Jim Boland for discussion.

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Parade Committee, Vet Updates

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Memorial Day stuff:

Veterans who wish to ride in the parade rather than walk (or march or double time) **MUST** call either Bill at 708-557-

1937) or Chuck at 708-205-3541. Bill coordinates the drivers and needs a head count so he can request enough drivers with their convertibles.

During the Memorial Day observation wreath laying, one member from each branch of service participates. If you're interested, give Chuck a call (yea, I know, that Chuck guy again. Just call him okay?).

And how about this for thought:

Since the Memorial Day parade and observance is a Post 10778 project, why not support this? Yes, you too can support the event by sending your donation to the Post. True, most donations derive from local businesses, yet members can also be supportive. Simply forward your support to the Post for the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you in advance!!

Veterans Views update:

Veterans Views now has six episodes for your viewing pleasure. Guests this year included Dr. Paul Thomas, Bill Nawrot and, most recently, Buddy Georgoulakis. Simply go to YouTube, Veterans Views, episodes 1-6.

Great Moments in Jelly Bean History

For more than 150 years, Americans have been enjoying these tiny treats. Here's more info about this popular treat.

1861 – Boston confectioner William Schrafft invents jelly beans.

1880s – Although jelly beans are often associated with Easter, back in the real olden days parents filled little bags with jelly beans and hung them up on the Christmas tree.

1920s – Jelly beans make the switch to being an Easter candy. At the time, some confectioners called them Jelly Bird Eggs based on their egg like shape.

1930s – Prepackaged jelly beans appear in stores. Brach's Candy Company sells bags with a mix of lemon, lime and orange beans.

1965 – Jelly Belly Candy Company formulates gourmet jelly beans with flavoring in the gelatinous interior rather than just the crunchy shell.

1981 – President Ronald Reagan has 3.5 tons of jelly beans shipped to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. During his presidency, Reagan places a standing monthly order for 720 bags that are distributed among federal buildings.

1989 – Jelly Belly introduces the first savory jelly bean – buttered popcorn.

1995 – Starburst becomes the top-selling jelly bean brand. The beans have the same flavors as the classic chewy squares.

2010 – Jelly beans make their primetime debut as a Mystery Basket ingredient on the popular cooking show Chopped. The winner turned blueberry-flavored beans into a sauce to top cannoli for dessert.

2014 – Prairie Farm Dairy sells limited-edition jelly bean flavored milk.

2020 – About 16 billion jelly beans will be produced for Easter this year.

Source: Food Network Magazine