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Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

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New Year

As this letter goes out, we have begun a new cycle at our Post. Thanks to all for making last year a success. As we get ready for the year ahead, we are encountering a new normal. Hopefully, soon we can return to the activities that makes our Post a great one.

Post News

We have a new lineup for Post officers. Congratulations to all! Thanks to Chuck for the installation ceremony. Our Post is ready for business.

VA News

The Department of Veterans Affairs is partnering with Salesforce Military to offer programs that will help veterans and spouses develop skills and employment options in the tech-driven economy. The partnership will build on existing programs and add new ones, offering free technical skills training, career development and veteran-specific resources in a variety of areas.

Beginning in 2023, the VA will be getting into the life insurance business.

Save the Dates

July 13th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

July 16th – deadline for August newsletter

Aug. 10th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

The new law requires the VA to offer all disabled veterans under age 81 a whole-life policy by that date. The program will be similar to Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI); however, veterans must sign up for VGLI within 16 months after leaving the service. The new insurance program will have no such time limit. Policies will be limited to a \$40,000 payout for most veterans when the program begins.

Next meeting is July 13, 2021. See Zoom info after this article.

Until next time! Stay Safe!
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Scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: VFW Post Meeting
Jul 13, 2021 07:30 PM

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Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 6/8/21
Post General Fund \$11,177.63
Post Relief Fund 10,426.67
TOTAL: \$21,604.30

Semper Fidelis!

Parade Committee Update

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Fellow VFW members, please notice the page of sponsors and supporters for the year's Memorial Day Observance. Please keep these businesses or folks you know in mind when shopping or just offer a nice thank you.

Further, I shall never tire of thanking my fellow members of the committee who every year dedicate themselves to ensure Memorial Day is not just a holiday- IT IS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S FALLEN HEROES.

Our fabulous committee members are:

- Rev. Bob Geaschel
- Buddy Georgeolakis
- Vince Huml
- Rich Jesswein
- Esteban Lopez
- Bill Nawrot
- Pete Zika
- Chuck Bosko

Roller Coasters 101

Roller coasters tend to fall in the “love ‘em or leave ‘em” category. Whether you’re a thrill seeker or watch from the sidelines, here are some fun facts about this popular amusement park attraction.

- Coasters date back to the 16th Century when Russians created ice slides – slick tracks in the snow thrill seekers rode down on sleds.
- America’s first coaster was a switchback railway in Mauch Chunk, Pa. Used to carry coal down mountains, by 1873 it had given 35,000 tourists a ride.
- The first American roller coaster for fun, named Switchback Railway, opened in 1884 in Coney Island, Brooklyn – the same spot where they Cyclone now stands.

Source: Real Simple

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