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Commander's Corner

Happy Fall! This month, VFW patriotic essay program entries for Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy are due into the Post by October 31, and so are Teacher of the Year nominations. If you know of an eligible youngster to write an essay, see the brochures at the Post to read about the subject matter and rules. The Chili Cook-Off is postponed until sometime when we can re-start potluck style meals. Hopefully before the end of the year. The old juke box was won by silent auction by Audrey Asimus! A special shout out to our volunteer bartenders that stuck it out through the lean shifts and our cooking crews that have come back! Thank you for your support and your volunteerism as we get closer to resuming normal operations!

*With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander*



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Auxiliary News

I am pleased to hear none of our membership has been affected from the China Virus so far. Obviously everyone is carefully distancing, washing hands and properly wearing masks. We continue to have our meetings in person every second Wednesday of the month. I encourage everyone to participate. If you support a specific military cause, you can bring it to the floor at the meeting. The membership will discuss the issue and vote. Please only bring to the floor issues supporting recognized veteran causes.

I would like to recognize the following people for their participation in the Auxiliary Dinner; Jim Kimminau, Tim Gilmore, Janet Farris, and Joe Tafoya. The Italian Sausage Sandwich was a success. We sold 30 Friday night and on Sunday Kathy Kurtenbach, Dan Asimus, and Janet Farris sold the remainder at halftime of the Bronco game.

Ideas are welcomed on how to fund raise in this pandemic. An idea of mine incorporates volunteers to make face masks to sell. I have the facemask templates. If we can't beat the China Virus maybe we can make money off of it.

*Michael Casagrande
President*

Post Members: Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.

Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December, 31, 2020.



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Save the Date!

Veteran's Day Dinner

Friday, November 13

Free Dinner for Veterans


Post 5061

Dine-in, carry out or curbside pickup

\$5 non-veterans More details to come

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

Do you know a middle or high school student? Encourage them to compete in the Patriot's Pen (6-8th grade) or Voice of Democracy (9-12 grade). Download an application at VFW.org or stop by the Post to pick up an application. Drop off the application to the Post Commander by October 31.



Deadline is October 31st.

Vote

November 3

It's your duty as an American citizen



Taps

Jim Reilly

Tony Martinez

Jerry Loose

Ken Kisicki

If an Auxiliary member becomes ill or loses a family member, please let our Auxiliary Chaplain, Roxi Nielsen, know as soon as possible. (303-517-7774)

Thank you Roger!

While the Post was closed, Roger seized the opportunity to fix the doors on the cabinet in the hallway.



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This Month in Military History

October 3, 1990 - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

October 4, 1957 - The Space Age began as the Russians launched the first satellite into orbit. This accomplishment resulted in U.S. efforts to be the first on the moon.

October 5, 1813 - Shawnee Indian Chief Tecumseh was defeated and killed during the War of 1812. He joined the British as a brigadier general and was killed at the Battle of the Thames in Ontario.

October 6, 1973 - The Yom Kippur War started as Egypt and Syria launched attacks on Israeli positions on the East Bank of the Suez and the Golan Heights.

October 8, 1918 - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown.

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in 1817.

October 16, 1859 - Fanatical abolitionist John Brown seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry with about 20 followers. Three days later, Brown was captured and the insurrection was put down by U.S. Marines under the command of Col. Robert E. Lee. Brown was convicted by the Commonwealth of Virginia of treason, murder, and inciting slaves to rebellion, and was hanged on December 2, 1859.

October 17-25, 1944 - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during World War II in the Pacific. The battle involved 216 U.S. warships and 64 Japanese ships and resulted in the destruction of the Japanese Navy including the Japanese Battleship Musashi, one of the largest ever built.

October 19, 1781 - As their band played The World Turned Upside Down, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington.

October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."


October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

October 29, 1929 - The stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices. The Great Depression followed in America, lasting until the outbreak of World War II.

October 31, 1968 - During the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt of American bombing of North Vietnam.

Suicide Prevention is a Community Effort

- Learn the warning signs
- Don't be afraid to ask someone if they are suicidal if you have concerns
- Know the risk factors
- Remove the stigma, talk about suicide and mental health as easily as we talk about physical health
- Empower yourself and those around you with the tools, resources and knowledge to address suicide and help those in need



A Shout out to Nemesis Industries' Rob Graft for designing, crafting and donating the lid for the fire pit.

Thank you!

