



Newsletter

June 2003 Manny Bacon Post 1758

Memorial Day

We had a good turn out even with the rain , ceremonies were held indoors and about 12 members participated. We had a firing detail , color guard was posted at the front of the room and I was pleasantly surprised by the amount of civilians who came despite the weather. Our bugler was the boy who won our medal in the essay contest , thanks to M/M Richards for coordinating that. I want to personally thank each and every one of you who participated in any of the May events . There are some pictures on our web site.

Flags Recovered

What we put down , eventually we have to pick up and the post recovered all the Flags that were placed in the cemeteries for Memorial Day. A special thanks to John Lyons who had to go through them and discard the ones that are unserviceable and bundle the remainder up for next year. Thanks John.

Size 7 1/8 cap

Anyone looking for a legion cap that size ? Neil has one he's looking to get rid of , call him at 845-227-6091. (Brand New)

Thank you Ray

Raymond Battista had some left over poppies and took the initiative to sell them on his own . He made over \$100.00 for the post.
Thanks Ray. Get well soon.

POPPIES

Between myself , Raymond Battista , and Vice Commander Klock
Our post made over 700 dollars selling Poppies.

Pot Of Gold

There is \$44.00 in the pot . Name drawn was Hale Ingle
Unfortunately he wasn't able to be at the meeting so the pot carries over
to next week.

Just a reminder

I just want to remind everyone that donating into the building fund is
voluntary. Nobody has to donate. Every donation helps no mater how
large or small but if you cant , I understand.

Did You Know

That only \$10.00 of your dues goes to the post. The rest go to national
and department.

Our post is listed on the Department web site for being over 100% of
membership goal for 2003.

A post with 15 members or less can have its charter revoked .
(and yes they track it and yes they will revoke it)

The post Jacket for 4 new members contest ends Sept 30. Some of you
only need 2 more . The clock is ticking. (Transfers count)

Please welcome our incoming new County Commander
Anthony Storzieri . Good luck "Tony". Lets help him have a
successful year.

Well thanks to Neil Klock I walked into the county convention a Post
Adjutant and walked out a Vice County Commander. I didn't plan this
and had know idea Neil was going to nominate me.

I want to thank Neil for the faith and John Boyle for leading the way.

Last I want to thank every member of this post for there support .

Without you guys I would have packed it in a long time ago.

Government Grave Marker Requests Made Easier

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has revised its application form to make requesting a VA grave marker easier. The new form, Application For Standard Government Headstone or Marker (VA Form 40-1330), includes updated information about changes that expand eligibility for a government marker. The new form and instruction sheets also permit better communication between VA and veterans' families.

For deaths on or after September 11, 2001, Public Laws 107-103 and 107-330 made government markers available for use on veterans' graves that were already marked with privately furnished headstones or markers. Previous law prevented VA from furnishing markers when a grave was already marked.

The laws require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to Congress by Feb. 1, 2006, on the effectiveness of this benefit and to recommend whether it should continue. One of the changes made to the application form will allow VA to report on this new benefit by tracking its use.

In January 2002, VA introduced a toll-free fax service for submitting applications. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as an alternative to regular mail. Instructions, as well as the fax number, 1-800-455-7143, are on the VA website at www.cem.va.gov <http://www.cem.va.gov>. The application form on the website can be filled in and printed for submitting by mail or fax. Questions about a headstone or marker application can be directed to VA's Memorial Programs Service applicant assistance unit at 1-800-697-6947.

"We have received many compliments about the free fax submission line," said David Schettler, director of VA's Memorial Programs Service. "Funeral homes and veterans service officers are finding they can reduce the time to process a request by up to seven days and avoid postage costs."

VA handles more than 1,000 requests daily for veterans' markers.

June Meeting

The post will be selling some very nice embroidered baseball caps this summer. Cost is 15.00. You can get them at the August meeting.

The post voted to make any living charter member a "Life" member of the post.

The Officers for 2003 / 2004 were sworn in .

The post will be donating \$50.00 to Department to buy a gift for outgoing Department Commander Wong.

Jim Reynolds our post historian found some good info on our name sake

His real name was Charles Bacon . He is buried in a Long Island cemetery . He was killed in WW2 in 1943. He was 17 years old when he enlisted. He went to school with some of our charter members.

There is NO meeting in July

You will start to see your year 2004 renewals coming in the mail through the summer. PLEASE Get them in as soon as possible !

This is important. Our post is shooting for 100% by January.

There is NO meeting in July

See you at the post meeting in August to prepare for Community Day.

The next county meeting will be held at Arlington Post 1302

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If anyone knows of ANYONE who is looking for full or part time work please contact Vice Commander Klock at 845-227-6091.

He is looking for help at the Hess Mart on 376. If you don't, then tell a friend maybe they do.
