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Chili Dinner Fundraiser Planned

At the August meeting, members decided to hold the annual Chili and Hot Dog Dinner.

The menu will include Chili, Hot Dogs and buns, veggies, dessert, and drinks. The normal “fixings” and crackers will also be provided. The cost will be \$6.00 for all you can eat.

The date will be Saturday, November the 6th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. We will have our normal raffles and Door Prizes provided by our Newsletter Advertisers. Bless them all.

So mark your calendar and come on out and support your Legion. Remember guys, this does count as a “dinner out”, even though the ladies may not think so. Hope to see you there!!

2004-2005 Officers

Your new Post 95 Officers for the 2004-2005 membership year are : Commander – Paul Ellison, Paul is on his 4th term as Commander. This shows that he is a great leader and has and continues to do good things for Post 95.

Vice Commander – Dale Moses; I have moved up to take the Vice-Commander position. I will be working membership

with the new Adjutant; Hopefully, this will be a good year for membership.

Finance Officer – Ray Nichols; Ray has served as Commander and this is his second term as Finance Officer. Ray does an outstanding job managing your money.

Adjutant – Robert Emery, Robert has stepped forward to take the Adjutant spot. A good Adjutant can make or break a Post.

Sergeant –at –Arms – John Gibbs; this is John’s 5th term. Color Guard Commander – Mike Edwards. Mike volunteered to manage the Color Guard activities.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

November 2, 2004 is Election Day in the United States of America. Regardless of whom you are supporting for any office get out and make the effort to vote.

Keep in mind our fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters and all American Legion members served in the military to preserve our right to vote. Those who lead and help make laws are selected by our vote.

This is a right, and a privilege we have as citizens of a free Nation lets exercise that RIGHT.

In the primary election in August some of the precincts in Clay County had over 50% of their registered voters cast their choice. While this is better than in some past elections it isn't good enough, we should have 100%.

If you want to vote make sure you are registered correctly, and know your polling place. Polling places change often so check with the election board to be sure where you are to cast your ballot. By Law it is published in the newspapers also. Take your

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proper I. D to show where you live so it can be determined that you are at the correct polling place.

If you know of a Post 95 member who needs a ride on Election Day pick them up or get some one to pick them up so they too may vote.

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We all came together, Both young and old.

To fight for our freedom, To stand and be bold.

In the midst of all evil, We stand our ground,

And we protect our country From all terror around.

Peace and not war, Is what some people say.

But I'll give my life, So you can live the American way.

I give you the right To talk of your peace,

To stand in your groups, And protest in our streets.

But still I fight on. I don't bitch, I don't whine.

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I'm harder than nails, Stronger than any machine,

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So stand in my shoes, And leave from your home.

Fight for the people who hate you, With the protests they've shown.

Fight for the stranger, Fight for the young,

So they all may have, The great freedom you've won.

Fight for the sick, Fight for the poor.

Fight for the cripple, Who lives next door.

But when your time comes, Do what I've done.

For if you stand up for freedom You'll stand when the fight's done.

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about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today it's called golf. And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

Will Rogers

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest

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political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:
The ones that learn by reading.
The Few who learn by observation.
The rest of them have to pee on the Electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started

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roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral:

When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

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"We the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior, and secure the blessings of debt free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional, and other liberal bed-wetters.

We hold these truths to be self evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim they require a Bill of NON-Rights."

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV, or any other form of wealth.

More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone -- not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc.; but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

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ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful -- do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat, or coerce away the goods or

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services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII: You do not have the right to a job. All of us sure want you to have a job, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE IX: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to PURSUE happiness, which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an over abundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE X: This is an English speaking country. We don't care where you are from, English is our language. Learn it or go back to wherever you came from. and lastly....

ARTICLE XI: You do not have the right to change our country's history or heritage. This country was founded on the belief in one true God. And yet, you are given the freedom to believe in any

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religion, any faith, or no faith at all; with no fear of persecution. The phrase IN GOD WE TRUST is part of our heritage and history, and if you are uncomfortable with it, TOUGH!!!!

Getting Into Heaven

After a long illness, a woman died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her.

They saw her and began calling greetings to her. "Hello!" "How are you? We've been waiting for you!" "Good to see you!"

When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her. "Which word?" the woman asked. "Love."

The woman correctly spelled love, and Saint Peter welcomed her into heaven.

About six months later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of

Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived. "I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?" "Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her.

"I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a big mansion. And my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation and I went water skiing today. I fell, the ski hit my head, and here I am. How do I get in?"

You have to spell a word," the woman told him.

"Which word?" her husband asked.

"Czechoslovakia."

Nichols, and then Post Adjutant answer "yes" as some as they were asked.

The 3 presented the National and Missouri Flags, along with one rifleman. The Colors were presented were 4 area reserve servicemen lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Music Director of the United Methodist Church sang the National Anthem.

After this, we were seated on the front row with the servicemen. When the President entered all stood, and the Color Guard and servicemen rendered a hand salute. The President returned our salute. That, to me, meant more than being able to shake his hand. He shook a lot of hands that day, but only seven of us received a return salute. That alone, was worth the half-day of vacation. - Dale

Post 95 Presents Colors for the President

Three Post 95 members presented the Colors for President Bush's visit on Flag Day, June 14th. With only a limited number of members were invited. Commander Paul Ellison, Finance Office Ray

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Taps – the real story

A while back I included an article on Taps. Recently, I found out the story I included was an “urban legend”. I found the “real” origin and thought I’d include it. - Dale

It’s hard to feel surprised when a melody as hauntingly beautiful as Taps picks up a legend about how it came to be written -- it's too mournfully direct a piece for the mere truth to suffice.

Taps was composed in July 1862 at Harrison's Landing in Virginia, but after that the fanciful e-mail quoted above parts way with reality. There was no dead son, Confederate or otherwise; no lone bugler sounding out the dead boy's last composition. How the call came into being was never anything more than one influential soldier deciding his unit could use a bugle call for particular occasions and setting about to come up with one.

If anyone can be said to have composed 'Taps,' it was Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, during the American Civil War. Dissatisfied with the customary firing of three rifle volleys at the conclusion of

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burials during battle and also needing a method of ceremonially imparting meaning to the end of a soldier's day, he likely altered an older piece known as "Tattoo," a French bugle call used to signal "lights out," into the call we now know as 'Taps.' (Alternatively, he wrote the whole thing from scratch, a possibility not at all supported by his lack of musical background and ability.)

Whether he wrote it straight from the cuff or improvised something new by rearranging an older work, Butterfield brought 'Taps' into being. With the help of his bugler, Oliver W. Norton of Chicago, the concept was transformed into its present form. "Taps" was quickly taken up by both sides of the conflict, and within months was being sounded by buglers in both Union and Confederate forces.

Then as now, 'Taps' serves as a vital component in ceremonies honoring military dead. It is also understood by American servicemen as an end-of-day 'lights out' signal.

When "Taps" is played at a military funeral, it is customary to salute if in uniform, or place your hand over your heart if not.

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Post 95 Fall Activities

Post 95 again has a busy Fall planned. It all starts with the Fall Festival and continues to just before Christmas.

The Fall Festival has the Post marching in the Parade and possibly a float. We may be performing a Flag Disposal Ceremony that evening.

The Fall is also busy with our Flag Etiquette classes for area 4th and 5th graders, and the America's Veterans program for area Middle Schools. If you have any of these grades in your family come and join us, the kids love it!

The normal Veterans day events in November along with the Chili Dinner will make for a busy month.

December has us distributing magazines at the VA Hospital on Pearl Harbor Day, we welcome you to car-pool along and always welcome magazine donations. The December meeting is the Post Family Dinner. The Post provides the meat dish and everyone brings a passing dish. We stay busy, but it is all fun, working with your fellow Vets making the Community better.

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First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying

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Swiss league records were
unfortunately destroyed in a fire.
Thus we'll never know for Whom
the Tells Bowled.

"THE ROAD TO FAITH"

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In the ordinary areas of life,
most of us betray a certain
amount of cynicism, pessimism,
and doubt. It is easy for us to
question the certainty of things
because it is so difficult for us be
absolutely certain of much in life.
This can be true in the very
sensitive area of human
relationships, as well as the basic
area of our faith in God.
Thomas, one of the Apostles,
gives a classic example of this
kind of uncertainty of doubt,
about the most fundamental fact
of our faith in Jesus God, his
resurrection from the dead.

Thomas is often referred to as
a "twin", in this respect he can

easily be identified as our twin.
We can resonate so much with
his reaction to the other Apostles'
stories about the risen Christ,
because we, too, are a mixture if
fear and doubt, of cynicism and
trust, of belief and unbelief.
Along with Thomas, most of us
inevitably find along the road of
faith certain stumbling blocks
that at first seen to question or
weaken our faith, but in the long
run can be the very stuff which
strengthen our faith.

A certain amount of cynicism
or pessimism seems to be
inevitable factor of human life as
it is lived out in its various
phases. We become particularly
aware of this during an election
season, for example, as we listen
to the glorious promises of
candidates for office. We voters
tend to question the sincerity and
reality of the promises. It also
happens in the field of commerce
and business as we read or see
the glowing ads of what the
products can do for us at
amazingly low prices. It happens
in the field of human
relationships, especially in
budding relationships of love,
when heartfelt expressions of

love and promises are exchanged
between lovers. Even here we
tend to show a certain element of
cynicism. Remember the famous
scene out of "My Fair Lady",
when Eliza Doolittle sings that
sprightly song, "Show Me!" in
response to a young man's
profession of great love for her?

Our faith is a lot like the sun.
Sometimes it is gig and bright
and clearly visible in the sky. At
other times we can't even see it.
It has disappeared behind a layer
of clouds and seems to have
vanished from the sky.

We know from experience,
however, that the sun is always
somewhere in the sky. It's just
that we can't see it all the time.
Faith is like that, it is always
there no matter what we may feel
or think.

As Jesus said, "Happy are
those who have not seen, yet
believe."

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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Interesting facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Sentinels of the Third United States Infantry Regiment "Old Guard"

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds, for the same reason as answer number 1.

3. Why are his gloves wet?
His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?

No, he carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?
Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES**. They cannot swear in public **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES** and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way

After **TWO YEARS**, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first **SIX MONTHS** of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends **FIVE HOURS A DAY** getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

Post 95 dues are due

Your 2005 dues are now being collected by Post Adjutant Robert Emery.

Of your \$20.00 dues the Post maintains \$5.00 while the rest is used by the District, Department, and National. We do need you to renew.

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