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### Post 95 Christmas Dinner

*Join us for our annual  
Christmas Dinner!*

**When: December 17, 2013**

**Time: 18:30 hours (6:30  
pm)**

**Where: Our Lady of  
Mercy Country Home  
Figue Hall**

**Who: All Post 95 members  
and their Spouse or  
Significant Other**

*The Post will provide the  
meat and buns.*

*Members please bring a  
side dish and a dessert to  
share.*

**Special Guests:  
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### Directions

From I 35 (going south) Take exit 14 on left, turn left onto Pleasant Valley Rd. go 1/10 mi. and keep right onto S. Liberty Pky. for 6/10 mi. Turn left onto Plummer Rd. and go 2/10 mi. (Sign on Pky. will show Our Lady Of Mercy Country Home) Turn right onto Mercy Dr. (must turn right) and go 2/10 mi. Take the second left onto Maturana Dr., there will be Legion sign at corner (two houses on left and multistory building on right). Go 1/10 mi. and last part of building on right is where we are. Enter at door on south end of that part of building. (No steps).

**Be sure to watch for deer after  
leaving I 35!!**

### Dates To Remember

**Jan. 1** - New Years Day

**Jan. 20** - Martin Luther King  
Day

**Jan. 21** - Legion Mtg.-7:00 PM

**Jan. 22** - 40&8 Mtg.-6:00 PM

**Jan. 23** - Bingo @ Cedars -  
6:30 PM

**Feb. 1** - National Freedom Day

**Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day

**Feb. 17** - President's Day

**Feb. 18** - Legion Mtg.-7:00 PM

**Feb. 22** - Washington's

Birthday

**Feb. 26** - 40&8 Mtg.-6:00 PM

**Feb. 27** - Bingo @ Cedars-6:30  
PM

**Mar. 17** - Saint Patrick's Day

**Mar. 18** - Legion Mtg.-7:00-  
PM

**Mar. 22** - Spaghetti Dinner-  
4:30 PM

**Mar. 26** - 40&8 Mtg.-6:00 PM

**Mar 27** - Bingo @ Cedars-6:30  
PM

**Apr. 13** - Thomas Jefferson's  
Birthday

**April 15** - Tax Day

**April 20** - Easter Sunday

### Birthdays

January 11, ???? Judi  
Samborski

January 12, 1925 Ed Eberle

January 31, 1932 Paul Ellison

### Thank You

November 6, 2013

George W. Beres family

Dear Legion Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful military ceremony you provided for Georg's funeral and burial. From the flag folding ceremony to the Gun Salute it made us so proud of George and his military Service.

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**Commander's Corner**  
**Judi Samborski**

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. As Americans we have a lot to be thankful for. However, the freedoms we enjoy have come at a heavy price; the men and women who gave their lives so we can live free. On Thanksgiving we gave thanks for their sacrifice.

December 17<sup>th</sup>, Post 95 will have our annual Christmas Dinner. This year will be the first at our new home at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, starting at 6:30 pm. I can't tell you how excited I am to have it at Our Lady. Our special guests will be the Grateful Americans Entertainment Troup; they are the same dance troupe who performed at our Open House in August. They are great! We are asking that each family bring a side dish and a dessert. The Post will be providing the meat and rolls. We will have brisket and turkey. Once again, Norma will be doing the decorations. Norma always does a wonderful job.

With the Holiday season's official beginning *after* the Plaza lights are turned on Thanksgiving evening, it will be another time that we will all be rushing around trying to find that perfect gift for family and friends. In the midst of the hurried season, say a prayer for our troops who are not home, still defending us. Also say a prayer for family and friends who are struggling during this holiday season.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I'm not too fond of the cold, as many of you know. But I love the lights, music, and just the whole feeling of the season. So if you hear me singing Christmas songs, albeit a bit off key, don't be alarmed. I just

love to sing Christmas songs. If you feel like it, you can join me to sing a chorus or two.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**CHAPLIAN'S THOUGHTS**

Jesus said "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

A man for years thought that in order to forgive he must also forget. How, can I forgive someone, he reasoned if I don't forget what they've done to me. Yet for him, forgetting seemed impossible; the scenario of their wrongdoing would keep playing in his head.

One day he realized that forgiving is a purposeful and deliberate act. We won't forget the misdeed, but we can choose to forgive the person anyway. That is forgiving the way our Father forgives us. God who knows all of our sins chooses to wipe the slate clean each day as we ask for forgiveness.

Corrie Ten Boom, who helped hide Jews in WWII Holland, once said "Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize that prisoner was you." God intentionally chooses to set us free--free to love in spite of what we have experienced. This is what it means to forgive like our father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Our Father thank you for wiping the slate clean, intentionally forgiving us, starting us anew. May we follow your example of wiping the slates clean for others? Amen

November 17, 2013 (taking from The Upper Room  
November-December

**Inscription at Tomb of Unknown**

Here rests in honored glory and American soldier known but to God.

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### **BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT**

You are gonna say, "I didn't know that!" at least 5 times. Really neat stuff here:

#### **Alaska**

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

#### **Antarctica**

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by one country.

Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica.

This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches.

Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it is ice), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

#### **Canada**

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village'.

#### **Chicago**

Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

#### **Detroit**

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

#### **Istanbul, Turkey**

Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.

#### **Los Angeles**

**The full name of Los Angeles is:** El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula. It can be abbreviated to 3.6% of its size: L.A.

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### **New York City**

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple.

There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

#### **Ohio**

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio. Everyone is man-made.

#### **Rome**

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy (in 133 B.C.). There is a city called Rome on every continent.

#### **Siberia**

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

#### **Roads**

Chances that a road is unpaved: in the U.S.A = 1%; in Canada = 75%

#### **Russia**

The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Super deep Borehole, in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles.) It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen - so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.

#### **United States**

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

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**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

On December 7, 1941 the home port of America's Pacific fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy and brought the United States into World War II. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day commemorates and remembers the more than 2,000 Americans killed and over 1,000 injured in that surprise attack.

The U.S. flag should be flown in mourning at half-staff till sunset. When flying the flag at half-staff, the flag should be raised to the top of the staff for an instant, then lowered to the mid-way point of the staff (half-staff). It should be raised to the top of the staff again before lowering the flag at the end of the day

**One Veteran's Memories of Pearl Harbor**

As we remember our veterans we thought it would be interesting to tell about one of our Pearl Harbor veterans, Electrician's Mate Second (EM2) Bud Cloud, who served on the destroyer, the USS *Dewey*. The USS *Dewey* was moored in a nest having tender overhaul when the attack began but was underway by 1505. A report from the USS *Dewey* on that day can be read at [History.com](http://History.com).



Over seventy years later one of the USS *Dewey's* veterans, wanted to meet the third ship to be named *Dewey*. Unfortunately, EM2 Cloud was dying and

was scheduled to be moved to hospice. Through the diligent work of a friend, arrangements were made for Cloud to visit the ship. According to an article in the *Daily Mail*, "The crew of the USS *Dewey* has honored the dying wish of a Pearl Harbor survivor by allowing him on board the latest version of the destroyer he served on in the Second World War." The story goes on to describe how "the sailors carried the 90-year-old veteran on board and attentively listened as he shared his memories from the war."



On deck: The crew of USS *Dewey* with Bud Cloud and Jennie Haskamp.

"During one story, Cloud was stopped mid-sentence as one of the crew members brought a large photo of the original USS *Dewey* over to show him.

"That moment was priceless," Ms. Haskamp said. "Bud stopped mid-sentence and yelled, 'There she is!'"

She said the crew continued to hold the photo up as Cloud told them about the ship's armament and details of the attack in Pearl Harbor.

After an exhausting visit, it was time to leave. "As he neared the gangplank they announced over the ship's speakers: 'Electrician's Mate Second Class William Bud Cloud, Pearl Harbor Survivor, departing.'" Cloud died thirteen days later and as the crew had promised during his visit, provided his

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burial honors and attended his reception after the burial.

**I am the Flag**  
**I am Old Glory**

Author unknown

I am the flag of the United States of America.

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth, justice.

I stand for freedom.

I am confident.

I am arrogant.

I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher; my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one.

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshipped—I am saluted.

I am loved—I am revered.

I am respected—and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatow.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea, and KheSan, Saigon, and Vietnam knew me.

I was there.

I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the Streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.

And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle...it hurts.

But I shall overcome...for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

My name is Old Glory, long may I wave.

Dear God in Heaven, long may I wave.

**Note:** The above was recited at a Navy reunion, held in the Plaza Holiday Inn, for sailors who served on the USS Caperton. They also held a memorial service for five of their shipmates.

Post 95 was requested to post the colors and blow taps and afterwards they presented the post with a check for \$100.

Red sky at night, Sailor's delight, red sky at dawn, Sailor forewarn.

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### **Vocal Gymnastics**

Couldn't have said this better!!

From a Marine Corps Colonel in Afghanistan:  
"So with all the kindness I can muster, I give this one piece of advice to the next pop star who is asked to sing the national anthem at a sporting event: save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts. Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in kindergarten - straight up, no styling.

"Sing it with the constant awareness that there are soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines watching you from bases and outposts all over the world.

Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification. Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 86 year-old WW-II vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars and flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love - not because you want them to think you are a superstar musician. They could see that from your costume, makeup and your entourage.

Sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not you. And please remember, not everything has to be sung as a spiritual. We're getting a little weary of that.

Francis Scott Key does not need any help."  
Semper Fi

### **Travel Plans**

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no-one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made

several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

### **Quote**

**Samuel Adams, First Official Thanksgiving Proclamation:** It is therefore recommended ... to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor.

**Anne Frank:** I do not think of all the misery, but of the glory that remains. Go outside into the fields, nature and the sun, go out and seek happiness in yourself and in God. Think of the beauty that again and again discharges itself within and without you and be happy.

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy:** As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

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### Five Things You Probably Didn't Know

As the nation marks this tragic 50 year anniversary, here are five things you may not know about the assassination of the 35th president of the United States:

#### **1. Oswald wasn't arrested for JFK killing**

Lee Harvey Oswald was actually arrested for fatally shooting a police officer, Dallas patrolman J.D. Tippitt, 45 minutes after killing Kennedy. He denied killing either one and, as he was being transferred to county jail two days later, he was shot and killed by Dallas nightclub operator Jack Ruby.

#### **2. Assassinating the president wasn't a federal crime in 1963**

Despite the assassinations of three U.S. presidents - Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield and William McKinley -- killing or attempting to harm a president wasn't a federal offense until 1965, two years after Kennedy's death.

#### **3. TV networks suspended shows for four days**

On November 22, 1963, at 12:40 p.m. CST -- just 10 minutes after President Kennedy was shot -- CBS broadcast the first nationwide TV news bulletin on the shooting. After that, all three television networks -- CBS, NBC, and ABC -- interrupted their regular programming to cover the assassination for four straight days. The JFK assassination was the longest uninterrupted news event on television until the coverage of the September 11 attacks in 2001.

#### **4. It led to the first and only time a woman has sworn in as a U.S. president**

Hours after the assassination, Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as president aboard Air Force One, with Jacqueline Kennedy at his side,

an event captured in an iconic photograph. Federal Judge Sarah Hughes administered the oath, the only woman ever to do so.

#### **5. Oswald had tried to assassinate Kennedy foe**

Eight months before Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated JFK, he tried to kill an outspoken anti-communist, former U.S. Army Gen. Edwin Walker. After his resignation from the U.S. Army in 1961, Walker became an outspoken critic of the Kennedy administration and actively opposed the move to racially integrate schools in the South. The Warren Commission, charged with investigating Kennedy's 1963 assassination, found that Oswald had tried to shoot and kill Walker while the retired general was inside his home. Walker sustained minor injuries from bullet fragments.

### Fascinating Facts About the U.S. Constitution

The U.S. Constitution has 4,440 words. It is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world.

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Of the spelling errors in the Constitution, "Pensylvania" above the signers' names is probably the most glaring.

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Thomas Jefferson did not sign the Constitution. He was in France during the Convention, where he served as the U.S. minister. John Adams was serving as the U.S. minister to Great Britain during the Constitutional Convention and did not attend either.

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The constitution was "penned" by Jacob Shallus, a Pennsylvania General Assembly clerk, for \$30 (762 today)

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**The Gettysburg Address**

150 years ago Nov. 19, 1863

There are five known copies of the speech in Lincoln's handwriting, each with a slightly different text, and named for the people who first received them: Nicolay, Hay, Everett, Bancroft and Bliss. Two copies apparently were written before delivering the speech; the remaining ones were produced months later for soldier benefit events. Despite widely-circulated stories to the contrary, the president did not dash off a copy aboard a train to Gettysburg. Lincoln carefully prepared his major speeches in advance; his steady, even script in every manuscript is consistent with a firm writing surface, not the notoriously bumpy Civil War-era trains. Additional versions of the speech appeared in newspapers of the era, feeding modern-day confusion about the authoritative text.

**Bliss Copy**

Ever since Lincoln wrote it in 1864, this version has been the most often reproduced, notably on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. It is named after Colonel Alexander Bliss, stepson of historian George Bancroft. Bancroft asked President Lincoln for a copy to

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use as a fundraiser for soldiers (see "Bancroft Copy" below). However, because Lincoln wrote on both sides of the paper, the speech could not be reprinted, so Lincoln made another copy at Bliss's request. It is the last known copy written by Lincoln and the only one signed and dated by him. Today it is on display at the Lincoln Room of the White House.

***Gettysburg Address***

*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here,*

*have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

**Abraham Lincoln**  
November 19, 1863

**Getting Old**

You know you're getting old when you fall down and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

At my age rolling out of bed is easy. Getting up off the floor is another story.

"I don't think of my skin as saggy....I think of it as relaxed fit!"

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