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We served our  
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Still serving our  
Community

### Chili Dinner

*It's time again for 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. A donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 children for all you can eat.*

*The date is set for Saturday, October 28th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.*

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items.*

### Dates To Remember

Oct. 25 – 40&8 Mtg, 6:00 PM  
Oct. 26 – Bingo @ Cedars 6:30 PM  
Oct. 28 – Chili Dinner @ Post 4:30 – 7:00 PM  
Nov. 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Nov. 7 – Annual Military Appreciation  
Celebration @ Carstar 5:00 – 8:00 PM  
Nov. 9 – Veteran's Day Celebration @ Sprint  
Campus  
Nov. 10 – Veteran's Recognition @ Liberty  
Community Center  
Nov. 10 – Veteran's Day Observed  
**Nov. 11 – Veteran-s Day**  
Nov. 21 – Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM  
Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day  
Dec. 11 – County Oratorical Contest @ Liberty  
North High School  
Dec. 19 – Legion Post Christmas Dinner @  
6:30 PM  
Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice  
Dec 25 – Christmas Day  
Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

### Deaths

Ira Hunter, a long time Post 95 member and a decorated WWII veteran, passed away September 20, 2017. He suffered from lung cancer, brain cancer and diabetes. Post 95 provided the Honor Guard and performed the Post Everlasting at the Missouri Veteran Cemetery in Higginsville.

Escort from the church to the cemetery was provided by Post 61 Legion Riders.

Ira would have been 94 on November 28.



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**Deaths (continued)**

Gary Reinhart, who joined Post 95 in 2016, passed away unexpectedly from cancer on October 12, 2017. His cancer had been in remission but came back recently and he was receiving treatment.

**Chaplin's Corner**

G. Ray Nichols, Post 95 Chaplin  
 In the bible we have the paragraph saying, "there will be wars and rumors of wars". Now we certainly have the war theoretic with North Korea making all kinds of threats of war.

Our ambassador to the United Nations, Nikkli Haley made a comment which excited the Chinese. Ambassador Haley said "The United States should not be trading with any country who trades with North Korea." The Chinese immediately said "this is not fair." Any peaceful negotiation that avoids war is fair. At the present there are a number of Southeastern Asian Nations very unhappy with China on a number of issues. If the United States and 5 or 6 of these countries started a trade embargo with China we would see a solution with the North Korean problem very quickly. In the bible it is stated "take

your weapons and beat them into plowshares". It is doubtful this will happen. But, a very tough negotiation hitting the Chinese government, and Chinese Banks financially hard should do what we want done with China helping corral North Korea and their missile's Let us all pray there is a peaceful solution in Korea, and may God help keep peace everywhere in the world.

**Commander's Corner**

Robert Beatty, Commander  
 Little known fact about Americas Heroes  
**The Daredevil of Guadalcanal.**  
 Dubbed America's No. 1 Ace in 1943 by Life, Joe Foss led Joe's Flying Circus, renowned for its aerial acrobatics. Foss inspired his comrades and the nation by downing 26 Japanese in World War II - 23 during the battle for Guadalcanal. The Japanese lost 24,000 men in the battle, which was a turning point for the Allies in the Pacific.

**Politics**

The word 'POLITICS' is derived from the word 'poly' meaning 'many' and the word 'ticks' meaning "blood sucking parasites". Hope that clears things up.

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Frank M. McMahon, Sergeant Major

Treat me with respect, Sergeant.

For no heart in all the world is more

loyal than the heart of an

American soldier.

Do not beat my spirit with your words,

Sergeant.

For though I will do what you demand,

your guidance, patience,

And understanding will more quickly

teach me to

“Be, Know, and Do.”

Speak with me often, Sergeant. For the

praise and counseling you

give is expected.

I am an American Soldier, expecting to

be trained. Discipline must be

a part of my life.

Train me for the elements, Sergeant.

For I must learn to fight and win in the

cold, the wet, and the desert.

Those who would be enemies will use

these elements.

I must be prepared.

I ask no greater glory, Sergeant, than to

defend our country and our way of life,

against all enemies, both foreign and

domestic. Allow me that privilege,

Sergeant.....train me.

Provide me the necessities of food and

drink, Sergeant.

Train me to be self sufficient, that I may

lead the way, and stand ready, willing

and able

to protect you, with my life if necessary,

should your life be in danger.

Train me, Sergeant, that one day I too

can be called Sergeant,

Trainer of soldiers,

Backbone of the Army. Train me to

accept those responsibilities that are

yours.

Train me to train my soldiers to be the

greatest defenders of freedom in the

world.

Sergeant, train me to be a Sergeant.

I shall leave this Army knowing, with

my last step and my last breath, that my

fate was always safest in your hands

Sergeant, train me

That I too can earn the title “Sergeant”.

**Marriage According to Children**

How do you decide whom to marry? – You

got to find somebody who likes the same

stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should

like it that you like sports, and she should

keep the chips and dip coming

-- Alan, age 10

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### The 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel

As the tensions escalate with North Korea, it seems like a good time to look back at the history of the 38th parallel division and explore how we got to where we are now. The division of North Korea and South Korea at the 38th parallel was established in August 1945. According to "At the Tehran Conference in November 1943 and the Yalta Conference in February 1945, the Soviet Union promised to join its allies in the Pacific War in two to three months after victory in Europe. The two conferences had been major meetings between the three major allied leaders: President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Soviet leader Stalin. On August 8, 1945, three months to the day after the end of hostilities in Europe, and two days after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan. On August 14th Soviet troops began amphibious landings on Korean shores and Soviet troops advanced rapidly into Korea. The US government became anxious that the Soviets would occupy the whole of Korea." The US intervened quickly and "On August 10, 1945 two young officers, Dean Rusk and Charles Bonesteel, were assigned to define an American occupation zone. Working on extremely short notice and completely unprepared, they used a National

Geographic map to decide on the 38th parallel. They chose it because it divided the country approximately in half but would place the capital Seoul under American control. No experts on Korea were consulted. The division placed sixteen million Koreans in the American zone and nine million in the Soviet zone. The Americans did not think Stalin would accept the division but to the surprise of the Americans, the Soviet Union immediately accepted the division." The Soviets had quickly established itself in Korea but Stalin maintained "his war time policy of co-operation, and on August 16th the Red Army halted at the 38th parallel for three weeks to await of the arrival of the U.S. forces in the South." The agreement was incorporated into the surrender of Japan. On September 8, 1945 the U.S. Lt. Gen John R Hodge arrived in Incheon, Korea, which is below the 38th parallel, to accept the Japanese surrender.

Between 1945 and 1949 Korea remained a divided country. However on June 25, 1950 the Korean War began when the Soviet-backed North Korean People's Army with 75,000 soldiers poured across the 38th parallel and by the time the U.S. soldiers arrived; North Korea had overrun a large portion of South Korea. Truman initially described it as a "police action" under the auspices of the UN. It is also known as the

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"Forgotten War" or the "Unknown War" because of the lack of public attention. The U.S. Congress never declared war and a peace treaty was never signed. In South Korea the war is usually referred to as the "625" reflecting the date of the commencement. In North Korea the war is officially referred to as the "Fatherland Liberation War" and the Chinese refer to it as the "War to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea."

The timing of the conflict was in the thick of the Cold War and President Truman was adamant that Communism could not be allowed to spread across all the countries of the Pacific. Defending South Korea was of utmost importance. When the North Koreans invaded across the 38th parallel they made rapid progress and it was a series of hard fought battles to push them back across the parallel. One of the most interesting stories of the war is the story of General Douglas MacArthur who believed in winning the war and pushing the North Koreans off the peninsula. This was easier said than done when the Chinese army brought their troops to the border of Korea and there was logical concern that the world was on the brink of another World War. The story of MacArthur and Truman demanding his resignation is a story for another day.

After a stalemate of almost 2 years, where skirmishes were fought around the 38th

parallel, President Truman was replaced by President Eisenhower who made it a top priority to stop the conflict and bring our soldiers home. Unfortunately Stalin did not want to stop but he died in March of 1953 and the war was over in July of 1953. However, as we know from the headlines of today this is still an unresolved conflict.

**Creed**

Be a man of principle.

Fight for what you believe in.

Keep your word.

Live with integrity.

Be brave.

Believe in something bigger than yourself.

Serve your Country.

Teach.

Mentor.

Give something back to society.

Lead from the front.

Conquer your fears.

Be a good friend.

Be humble and be self-confident.

Appreciate

your friends and family.

Be a leader and not a follower.

Be valorous on the field of battle.

And take responsibility for your actions.

Never forget those that were killed.

And never let rest those that killed them.

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**Robert E Lee**

From Sam Lenord

As in most cases of historical figures Lee had a mixed past of good and bad, but like most of us, I think his efforts were in doing what is right.

**Your history lesson for the day.**

Robert E Lee was married to George Washington's granddaughter. He worked with Grant during the Mexican-American war and became a decorated war hero defending this country He believed slavery was a great evil and his wife broke the law by teaching slaves to read and write. After the civil war he worked with Andrew Johnson's program of reconstruction. He became very popular with the northern states and the Barracks at West Point were named in his honor in 1962. He was a great man who served this country his entire life in some form or other.

Lee was also very torn about the prospect of the South leaving the Union. His wife's grandfather George Washington was a huge influence on him. He believed that ultimately, states' rights trumped the federal government and chose to lead the Southern army. His estate, Arlington, near Washington DC

was his home and while away fighting the war, the federal government demanded that Lee himself pay his taxes in person.

He sent his wife but the money was not accepted from a woman. When he could not pay the taxes, the government began burying dead Union soldiers on his land.

The government is still burying people there today.

**It is now called Arlington National Cemetery.**

**Medical Definitions**

- Bacteria** - Back door to cafeteria
- Urine** - opposite of you're out
- Outpatient** - a person who has fainted
- Artery** - The study of paintings
- Cesarean section** - a neighborhood in Rome
- Cauterize** - made eye contact with her
- Coma**- a punctuation mark
- D & C** - Where Washington is
- Dilate** - to live long
- Fibula** - a small lie
- GI series** - world series of military baseball
- Hangnail** - what you hang your coat on
- Impotent** - distinguished, well-known
- Labor pain** - getting hurt at work
- Morbid** - a higher offer
- Pelvis** - second cousin to Elvis
- Recovery room** - place to do upholstery
- Seizure** - a Roman emperor
- Varicose** - nearby

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Sincerely,  
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### USMA Cadet Makes History

A Glendale shout-out to Simone Askew who became the first black female to lead the Long Grey Line at the U.S. Military Academy. She is Captain of the Cadet Corps, the highest cadet command at West Point.

### Air Force Birthday

The U.S. Air Force became a separate branch of service on September 18, 1947. Prior to then it was the Army Air Corp.

### 9/11

The attacks of **September 11th** were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom.

**- Rudolph W. Giuliani.**

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting **September the 11th**. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

**- President George W. Bush**

### Phyllis Dillarisms

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

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### I am Your Flag

Author Unknown

I am not a pennant, but a purpose;  
not a standard, but a symbol;  
not a banner but a belief.

I was conceived in justice,  
fostered by the love of liberty,  
and nourished by the desire for freedom.  
I am not a flag, but your Flag.

My fate is in your hands.  
I can rise equal to your highest hopes.  
I am indicative of your ideals  
and symbolic of your sacrifices in the  
preservation of Liberty,  
Freedom and Justice.

I am not a substance, but a shadow:  
The heroic spirit  
of all the great Americans...  
of Washington and Wayne,  
of Jefferson and Jones,  
of Calhoun and Carver.

I flew as proudly at Charleston as at  
Concord,  
at San Antonio as at San Juan Hill,  
at Iwo Jima as at Independence Hall.

I am a composite of a Nation's ideals  
and a denotation of its desires.  
I am Old Glory.....

The Star spangled Banner....  
the Red, White and Blue.

I am what you believe me to be,  
and am nothing more.  
Love and respect me,  
then Freedom, Liberty, and Justice live.  
Neglect me and we perish together.  
I am YOUR FLAG.  
My fate is in your hands.

### Ira Hunter's Ramp

Robert Beatty, Commander Post 95



Members of Post 61 Legion Riders – Gary  
Lehman Joel Doyscher Dan (Happy Jack)  
Heiser Bruce Yorkovich Dave ( Pappy )  
Miller and Post 95 members – Robert  
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