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DATES TO REMEMBER

2008		
Mar	9	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM.
Apr	13	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
May	25	LINCMO Memorial Day 2 PM
Jun	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM.
Sept	7	LINCMO Meeting - Nomination & Election of Officers 11:30 AM.
Oct	12	Installation of Officers AMVETS Post, Massapequa 1 PM
Nov	2	LINCMO Veterans Day Svcs 2 PM

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008

THE DUES OF \$60.00 WERE DUE AND PAYABLE TO LINCMO AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THE BREAKDOWN IS \$10.00 FOR DUES, \$25.00 FOR WREATHS AND \$25.00 FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO FLAG THE GRAVES ON MEMORIAL DAY.

NOT YET PAID

- VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
- AMERICAN LEGION NASSAU COUNTY
- MASONIC WAR VETERANS
- POLISH LEGION AMERICAN VETERANS
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- AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETS
- FIRST MARINE DIVISION
- U.S. FLEET RESERVE

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINCMO AND SEND TO ME:

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YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

LINCMO

Another month has gone by and it seems like time is just flying by. This months meeting will decide the fate of the Memorial Garden, which has been delayed by some Federal Regulations. We will keep everyone informed as to the outcome.

We still have no information on our attempts to get National Shrine Status for L.I. National. But we will keep trying.

Thanks to a lot of work done by Chet Smiley, we are now registered as non-profit and we have been Incorporated.

If your organization has not yet submitted the list of their (2) representatives to LINCMO, please have them do so immediately so that we may update our records. We need the name, address, phone # and e-mail address of each member elected or appointed to our Board.

Thanks for your kind support,
Dorothy Osendine,
 President

Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization (LINCMO) is made up of 26 Veterans Organizations & two representatives from the administration. From the veterans groups we elect five officers each year. These Officers chair the meetings of the committee and carry out the recommendations of the Board.

The committee is charged with assisting the Administration to oversee and keep our National Cemetery looking great and offering suggestions and help with their projects. We participate in the flagging of the graves. We sponsor and participate in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies at the Cemetery.



VETERAN GRAVE VANDALS:

A Texas lawmaker has introduced a bill that would make vandalizing the grave of a service member or veteran a federal crime, even if the grave is on private property. The bill sponsored by Rep. Ted Poe R-TX) comes after the grave of a Marine killed in Iraq was vandalized just two days after his burial in Liberty, Texas. "The person responsible has since been arrested and charged with a state felony, but no federal provision exists," Poe said. Federal laws making it a crime to damage or destroy a memorial, headstone or gravesite apply only to public land, not to gravesites in private cemeteries.

This is not the first time the federal government has had to stand by when a veterans' grave was damaged. Last year, American flags were replaced with Nazi flags on Memorial Day weekend at the gravesites of veterans in Orcas Island WA, but the federal government could do nothing because the graves were in a private cemetery. Poe's bill, HR 4973, was referred to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration. If enacted into law, it would apply the same penalty for the destruction of graves on public lands - a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to 10 years imprisonment - to graves on private property.

[Source: MarineTimes Rick Maze article 25 Jan 08 ++]

VA BURIAL PROGRAM SURVEY:

The VA is conducting a program evaluation of the Burial Benefits program. VA will use information gathered from the evaluation to ascertain how well it has reached its goals and the impact of its burial program on the lives of veterans and their families. This information will enable VA to evaluate current and potential burial benefits, consider new policies and set priorities for the future. As part of the evaluation, a national survey on burial preferences will be conducted with veterans. Focus groups with veteran next of kin and funeral directors will also be conducted.

Data collection from the survey and focus groups will take place from 3 JAN thru 28 FEB 08. Approximately 38,000 veterans and 1,000 next of kin and funeral directors have already been randomly selected from VA administrative databases to participate in the evaluation. A notification letter was mailed to these participants on 3 JAN, informing them of their selection to participate in either the survey or a focus group. Sites selected for focus groups include Springfield VA; Tampa FL; Minneapolis MN; Denver CO; and Los Angeles CA. Participation of veterans, veteran next of kin, and funeral directors in this evaluation is voluntary. Respondents will be assured that their answers will be kept confidential under the Privacy Act, will be used for research purposes only, and will be reported at the group-level only.

If you have questions about the survey or focus groups, call an ICF International Caliber representative at 1(888) 556-6355 09-1700 EST.

[Source: NAUS Weekly update 18 Jan 08 ++]

MILITARY DEATHS:

CRS Report for Congress (Order code: RL32492) American War and Military Operations Casualties: Lists and Statistics at <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32492.pdf> is written in response to numerous requests for war casualty statistics and lists of war dead. It provides tables, compiled by sources at the Department of Defense (DOD), indicating the number of fatalities and numbers of wounded among American military personnel serving in principal wars and combat actions from the Revolutionary War to the current Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) (operations in Afghanistan and related conflicts). A review of the composite data reveals the following.

During the period between the Revolutionary War and the Persian Gulf War, it was the Civil War that produced the most American fatalities, when Union statistics and Confederate estimates are taken into account.

. World War II was the first war in which there were more battle deaths than deaths from other causes such as accidents, disease, and infections.
. With a total of 382 in-theater deaths, 147 of which were battle deaths, the Persian Gulf War was the least costly in terms of fatalities.
. The ongoing Operation Iraqi Freedom to date has produced more than nine times the number of in-theater deaths than the Persian Gulf War (which lasted seven months).

. During the Clinton presidency total military deaths from all causes were 13,417 whereas during the Bush presidency total military deaths through 2006 from all causes were 9,016.

The latest census, of Americans, shows the following distribution of American citizens, by Race:

>>European descent (White) 69.12%
>>Hispanic 12.5%
>>Black..... 12.3%
>>Asian 3.7%
>>Native American 1.0%
>>Other 2.6%

. Fatalities by Race; over the past three years in

Iraqi Freedom are:
>>European descent (white) 74.31%
>>Hispanic 10.74%
>>Black 9.67%
>>Asian 1.81%
>>Native American 1.09%
>>Other 33%

. The casualty statistics for wars long ended are updated periodically, sometimes yearly. This almost always reflects the identification of remains of persons previously listed as missing in action and those persons' reclassification as dead. Other reasons, much rarer, include the discovery of errors in casualty records for individuals or categories of people. [Source: Honolulu-Eagles Military statistics msg 14 Jan 08 ++]

