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### DATES TO REMEMBER

2007  
Sept 9 Nomination & Election of  
Officers for 2007 - 2008  
Oct 14 Installation of Officers  
Nov 4 Veterans Day Services 2 PM

but an official protest should be sent to all federal officials including the President from LINC MO.

LINC MO represents hundreds of hours of volunteer service that has saved the national cemetery thousands of dollars your voice should make a difference. In 2003 Nassau County sent bullet proof vests to Iraq in 2007 we provided flags for our national cemetery. Something is wrong with this picture.

### Ed sent a copy to the Federal Legislators

### Senator Schumans Office Replied:

Thanks for sending Ed. I'll look into it and see if we can be helpful.  
Best, Matt Cohen

### Ed also contacted Suffolk County

### Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency

I agree with you Ed, I will pass this mail along to our Senators and the Con-Del in Suffolk. In the mean time, just as a means of ensuring that the flags are at least properly retired they might want to try some VFW or American Legion Posts, many have programs where they collect and dispose of flags.

Thomas Ronayne, Director  
Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency



*Long Island National Cemetery  
Memorial Organization*

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The summer is going by so fast and it will soon be meeting time again. We are scheduled to meet again on September 9, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

The Officers held a meeting in August to discuss the progress of the "Memorial Garden". We would like to get this project off the drawing board and into reality.

If any of the LINC MO Organizations are planning to make a donation to this project we would like to know before the September meeting as we must order the four benches so that we may get them on time.

To date we have only collected \$ 550.00 and we need \$7,500.00 to complete this job. Please make all check payable to LINC MO and send to:

Chester Smiley, Treasurer  
3Marion Place,  
Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746

"Please support our Iraq Veterans  
Memorial Garden"

### PENDING FEDERAL LEGISLATION

**H.R.1273:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restore plot allowance eligibility for veterans of any war and to restore the headstone or marker allowance for eligible persons. Sponsor: Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1] (introduced 3/1/07). Cosponsors (2). Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R.1660:** A bill to direct the VA Secretary to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region. Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 3/22/07). Cosponsors (8). Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R.2346:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area. Sponsor: Rep Fossella, Vito [NY-13] (introduced 5/16/07). Cosponsors (None). Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**VA CEMETERY IOWA:** Ensuring that Iowa veterans have a final resting place to honor their service to the nation, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the award of a \$7.6 million grant to establish a new state veterans' cemetery in Van Meter. The Iowa Veterans Cemetery, the first state veterans' cemetery in Iowa, will be located in Dallas County near Des Moines.

Nearly 70,000 veterans and their families live within its service area. The grant will pay 100% of allowable costs for the cemetery's construction, which is scheduled to begin this fall. It also covers construction of nearly 10,000 full-casket gravesites, 750 in-ground cremation sites, 768 columbarium niches, a memorial walkway, a storage building, utilities, landscaping and irrigation.

**VA CEMETERY WISCONSIN:** Continuing its mission of providing a final resting place for Wisconsin veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the award of a \$622,580 grant to the state to expand the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner.

The grant will pay for the construction of 460 full-casket burial sites, 444 in-ground cremation burial sites, 704 columbarium niches, a memorial walkway, a storage building, utilities, landscaping and irrigation.

**FUNERAL HONORS UPDATE 02:** Every veteran is entitled under federal law to be laid to rest to the iconic strains of taps. But the number of military buglers is dwindling at the same time burials are increasing, forcing national veteran cemeteries, and organizations working with them, to come up with creative alternatives. South Florida is one of the busiest veterans cemeteries among 125 nationwide, averaging 73 burials weekly since it opened 1 APR. Only four buglers are officially on call there, and three of them also travel and perform with Florida's Army Band. Buglers, a generic term that encompasses musicians who play several types of horns including trumpets and cornets, once were a fixture in military life. But they have become more scarce as their routine duties were eliminated, so cemetery officials have lined up other options. The South Florida cemetery honor guards are equipped with a "ceremonial bugle". This is a \$500 nickel-plated faux horn sold by a New York company that plays taps through a tape recorder hidden inside. It was developed in response to the bugler shortage and was considered a more respectful alternative to punching the button of a boom box. The military has purchased more than 3,500 horns since 2002. The committal shelter at South Florida, where services are held, also has a tape recorder loaded with taps that is discreetly lodged in the rafters and can be activated by remote control. To fill the bugle gap civilians are stepping forward. Christina Encinosa, an Episcopal priest at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Lake Worth, is part of an organization called Bugles Across America (BAA). Founded seven years ago by Tom Day, a

Chicagoan who taught Army ROTC high school classes and has been involved in military drum and bugler corps since childhood, the organization has 5,200 volunteer horn players nationwide, with 256 in Florida, willing to play gratis at local military funerals. For additional info on BAA and to request their services refer to <http://www.buglesacrossamerica.org/volunteer.php>. Few honor guard buglers play an actual field bugle, an instrument with no valves, but military regulations aren't specific. Day has heard taps played on a French horn.

Buglers once were part of all Army units, a job that included clerical duties as well as sounding calls that signaled wake-up time, flag raisings and lowerings, assemblies and the end of the day. But bugler positions were eliminated sometime between 1944 and 1950, according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C. Bugle calls still regulate military life but now, at most bases, they are taped and played over a speaker system. The Department of Defense estimates there about 500 buglers in the armed forces today, with most performing in honor details when possible. They are stretched thin, as the ranks of World War II soldiers and sailors, who once numbered 16 million, die at the rate of about 1,200 a day. There were 96,797 deceased interred in national veterans' cemeteries last year, according to the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. This is the most on record since the VA took over the cemetery administration 34 years ago. [Source:SouthFlorida Sun-Sentinel Diane Lade article 3 JUL 07 ++]

## QUESTION TO THE EDITOR

Subject: US Flags

Today, I took 100 unserviceable US Flags for disposal to the NC Calverton since I was turned away with them at NC Pinelawn. NC Calverton large flag bin is almost filled and unless they get a stove to dispose of flags, they will also not accept more. They claim they do not have the appropriation for a new one.

Why can't our Congresspeople or Veterans Groups take care of this matter so we may continue to accept flags from the public.

The Editor sent an e-mail to Ed Aulman, Director, Nassau County V. S. A. asking for his support.

To: Aulman, Edward

Subject: Fw: US Flags

Ed, Can we get some support from the Nassau & Suffolk County Veterans Service Agencies? Ken Cadieux

Ed's response:

Ken: I don't want to sound cold hearted or political but our National Cemeteries did not have the appropriations to replace their worn out flags last year so Nassau and Suffolk counties provided money for flags. Now they say they don't have the money to dispose of our old and unserviceable flags. This is a federal issue and Bishop, Israel, King, McCarthy, Schumer and Clinton should be made aware. By copy of this e-mail I will notify my contacts in Schumer, Clinton and McCarthy offices and Suffolk County VSA (Continued on back page)