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DATES TO REMEMBER

2009		
Jan		NO MEETING
Feb	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Mar	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Apr	19	The THIRD SUNDAY - due to Palm Sunday & Easter
May	3	LINCMO Meeting on FIRST SUNDAY due to Mothers Day.11:30 PM
	24	LINCMO Memorial Day Services 2 PM
June	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
July		NO MEETING
Aug		NO MEETING
Sept	13	Nomination & Election of Officers
OCT	11	Installation of Officers - AMVETS Post 1 - 5 PM
Nov.	8	LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2 PM

FEDERAL LEGISLATION PENDING.

H.R.2696 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes.
 Sponsor: Rep Lamborn, Doug [CO-5] (introduced 6/13/2007) Cosponsors (None)
 Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
 Latest Major Action: 6/20/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.RES.392 : Urging Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the American Cemeteries, Memorials and Markers.
 Sponsor: Rep Lamborn, Doug [CO-5] (introduced 5/10/2007) Cosponsors (None)
 Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
 Latest Major Action: 5/23/2007 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote



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**PRESIDENTS REPORT
 Chet Smiley, President**

Another month slips by and we continue to try to make things better at our National Cemetery.

Now that we are Non Profit and Incorporated we must revise our Constitution & Bylaws. I have appointed a new Committee to address the issue and report back to the membership at a later date.

Questions were raised about the Columbariums and how long they would be available. The answer was given that we have only used about 1000 out of 6000 niches in two years. Even if we used them there are plans to add another Columbarium at a later date.

We had a fair turnout for our monthly meeting in December but the cold kept a lot of members home. We attended the Pearl Harbor Services sponsored by the AMVETS and things went great. My thanks to all who attended.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR VETS

H.R.358 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and make permanent the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Reichert, David G. [WA-8] (introduced 1/9/2007) Cosponsors (67)
 Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
 Latest Major Action: 3/2/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1273 : 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 3/1/2007) Cosponsors (6)
 Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
 Latest Major Action: 3/9/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

VA regulations for inurnment in the Columbarium niches.

Any eligible veteran or their eligible family members may be inurned in the columbarium upon cremation. While another eligible family member does NOT have to be cremated and inurned with their loved one in the columbarium, should they choose to be interred in a full-casket gravesite, inurnment in the columbarium will NOT guarantee them a gravesite at LINC. They may be interred at any National Cemetery and have their loved one's remains moved there to be inurned in that gravesite or they may leave their loved one's remains here in the columbarium and they may be interred in ANY NCA National Cemetery they so choose.

Currently, inurnments in the columbarium are only done on Tuesday through Thursday. That policy is extremely short term in nature. We are currently in the process of selecting new employees to assist in dealing with families in the committal shelters. Additionally, sometime this year all of our scheduling for burials will be handled by the National Scheduling Center (NCS) in St. Louis, Missouri. Once the NCS takes over LINC's scheduling functions and we get our new employees trained, we will be conducting committal services for the columbarium Monday through Friday just as we do for full-casket interments.

CAMP LEJEUNE TOXIC EXPOSURE

UPDATE 02: The Marine Corps is searching for at least 500,000 people who have visited Camp Lejeune, NC, and could be at risk for health problems due to the drinking water on base. Chemicals from a building used to wash clothes for dry cleaning and degreasing were found in the water system. More than 80,000 people have registered, which is only a fraction of the veterans and visitors who could be affected. Those who have visited or lived on the base between 1957 and 1987 should register by visiting the Marine Corps' Camp Lejeune Water Study website <https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clsurvey/> or by calling (877) 261-9782. [Source: NAUS Weekly Update 26 Nov 08 ++]

NEW REPS ELECTED?

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS APPOINTED NEW REPS TO THE LINC MO BOARD, WE NEED THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR OUR RECORDS.

WE ALSO NEED THE NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE COMMANDER OR PRESIDENT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION.

VA MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

UPDATE 06: Veterans traveling to and from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities started being reimbursed for their travel at a higher rate effective 17 NOV. The increase, from 28.5 cents per mile to 41.5 cents per mile, was mandated by law this year, and Congress provided funding for the increase. Veterans who have service-connected disabilities, receive VA pensions or have low incomes are eligible for the reimbursement. The deductible that applies to certain mileage reimbursements will stay the same for now, at \$7.77 for a one-way trip and \$15.54 for a round trip, with a cap of \$46.62 per month. On Jan. 9, these deductibles will decrease to \$3 for a one-way trip, \$6 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$16 per month. [Source: NavyTimes Karen Jowers article 18 Nov 08 ++]

VA PRESUMPTIVE VIETNAM VET DISEASES:

The Department of Veterans Affairs presumes that specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans were caused by their military service. If one of these conditions is diagnosed in Vietnam Vet, VA presumes that the circumstances of his/her service (i.e. exposure to Agent Orange) caused the condition, and disability compensation can be awarded. This includes DIC education and CHAMPVA for spouses of veterans rated 100% or surviving spouses late-veterans that died from discussed medical problems. The following disabilities may be presumed for

those who served in the Republic of Vietnam between 1/9/62 and 5/7/75:

- . chloracne or other acneform disease similar to chloracne*
- . porphyria cutanea tarda*
- . soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma)
- . Hodgkin's disease
- . multiple myeloma
- . respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx, trachea)
- . non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- . prostate cancer
- . acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy*
- . type 2 diabetes
- . chronic lymphocytic leukemia

Note*: Must become manifest to a degree of 10% or more within a year after the last date on which the veteran was exposed to an herbicide agent during active military, naval, or air service.

[Source: County of Humboldt Veterans Service office 12 Oct 08 ++]

DUES ARE DUE

PLEASE GET YOUR TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK TO "LINC MO" FOR \$60.00 FOR THE DUES FOR THE YEAR. WE WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEM ALREADY.