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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct	11	Installation of Officers - AMVETS Post 1 - 5 PM
Nov.	8 PM	LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2
Dec	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
2010		
Jan		NO MEETING
Feb	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Mar	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Apr	11	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
May	2	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
	30	Memorial Day Service at Eisenhower Park 10:30 AM
	30	Memorial Day Service at LINCMO 2:00 PM
June	13	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
July		No Meeting
Aug		No Meeting
Sept	12	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM Nomination & Election of Officers
Oct	10	Installation of Officers
Nov	7	Veterans Day Services at Lincmo

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• With laws passed in 1999 and 2003, Congress directed VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries. Nine of them have opened in these states: Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, California and Florida. The final three, Alabama National Cemetery, near Birmingham; Bakersfield National Cemetery, California; and Washington National Crossing National Cemetery, near Philadelphia, will



The Fight is done
 The Victory won
 Now it's time to rest
 What better place
 To take up space
 Than with our
 Country's Best!



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We have reached the end of my year as President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make my job easier. My thanks to my Officers and Committee people for their dedication and support.

The next meeting of LINCMO will be our installation of Officers for the 2009 - 2010 year. It will be held on October 11th from 1-5 PM at the Amvets Post in Massapequa. I hope that everyone will attend and support the new officers. Tickets are only \$25.00 P.P.

I will now join the ranks of the Past Presidents and offer my support and advice to the new President and his Staff. I know that they will keep up the traditions set out by the past Officers on keeping L.I. National the finest veteran's cemetery in the nation.

Thank you all for helping me to achieve all the programs I set out to do.
 Chet Smiley

Election Results

President	Ken Cadieux	Nassau County American Legion
Vice Pres.	Bob Fullam	V.F.W.
Treasurer	Joe Slattery, Jr.	Voiture 893 40/8
Secretary	William Harms	Nassau County American Legion
Chaplain	Open	

There were also 3 new Directors elected as required by our constitution.

3 year term:	Chester Smiley, P.P.	MCL
2 year term	Dorothy Oxendide, P.P.	AGSM
1 year term	Max Graber, P.P.	JWV

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

On Saturday, December 12, at 9 AM we will be placing wreaths on the graves at L.I. National. These wreaths are donated and last year we received 2700 which were placed on the graves by the Boy Scouts and a few volunteers. Please come out and give us a hand to place a few wreaths. Every pair of hands makes the job easier. If you can't make it on the 12th come on the 26th and help remove them.

Burial in VA National Cemeteries

Burial in a VA national cemetery is available for eligible veterans, their spouses & dependents at no cost to the family & includes the gravesite, grave-liner, opening & closing of the grave, a headstone or marker, & perpetual care as part of a national shrine. For veterans, benefits also include a burial flag (with case for active duty) & military funeral honors. Family members & other loved ones of deceased veterans may request Presidential Memorial Certificates

Surviving spouses of veterans who died on or after Jan. 1, 2000, do not lose eligibility for burial in a national cemetery if they remarry. Burial of dependent children is limited to unmarried children under 21 years of age, or under 23 years of age if a full-time student at an approved educational institution. Unmarried adult children who become physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before age 21, or age 23 if a full-time student, also are eligible for burial.

VA operates 125 national cemeteries, of which 65 are open for new casketed interments and 21 are open to accept only cremated remains. Burial options are limited to those available at a specific cemetery but may include in-ground casket, or interment of cremated remains in a columbarium, in ground or in a scatter garden. Contact the nearest national cemetery to determine if it is open for new burials and which options are available.

Facts about VA's National Cemeteries

National cemeteries are hallowed places where deceased veterans and members of the armed forces receive perpetual care that honors their service to the nation. Dependent children and, usually, spouses are also eligible for burial in national cemeteries. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) manages the country's network of national cemeteries – considered by VA as “national shrines” — through its National Cemetery Administration.

- VA maintains more than 2.9 million gravesites at 128 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as in 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. Occupied gravesites may hold the remains of more than one family member.

- Approximately 295,500 full-casket gravesites, 90,200 in-ground gravesites for cremated remains, and 75,200 columbarium niches are available in already developed acreage in VA national cemeteries.

- There are more than 18,000 acres within established national cemeteries. More than half are undeveloped and — along with available gravesites in developed acreage — have the potential to provide more than five million gravesites.

- Of the 128 national cemeteries, 68 are open to all interments; 21 can accommodate cremated remains and the remains of family members interred in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member; and 39

will perform only interments of family members in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member.

- Since 1973, annual interments in VA national cemeteries have increased by more than 175 percent, from 36,400 to nearly 103,300 in 2008. Interments are expected to increase annually through 2009.

- More than 657,000 veterans in the U.S. and Puerto Rico died in 2008. Historically, more than 12 percent of U.S. veterans choose burial in VA national and state veterans cemeteries. As new veterans cemeteries open, this percentage is expected to increase.

- The nation's most famous national cemetery – Arlington National Cemetery – is administered by the Army, rather than VA, and the National Park Service maintains 14 historical cemeteries.

- Of the 103,275 interments conducted in 2008, nearly 51 percent were in the 10 busiest national cemeteries: Riverside, Calif.; Florida, in Bushnell; Calverton, N.Y.; Fort Snelling, near Minneapolis; Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis; Willamette, in Portland, Ore.; Fort Logan, near Denver; Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio; Dallas-Fort Worth; and National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, in Phoenix.

- As of Sept. 30, 2008, eight national cemeteries each contained more than 100,000 occupied gravesites, collectively accounting for 37 percent of all VA gravesites maintained: Long Island, N.Y.; Calverton; Riverside; Fort Snelling; Jefferson Barracks; Golden Gate, San

Bruno, Calif.; Willamette, and Ft. Sam Houston national cemeteries.

- Largest national cemetery: Calverton, N.Y., 1,045 acres.

- Smallest national cemetery: Hampton (Va.) at the VA medical center, .03 acres.

- Oldest national cemeteries: 14 established in 1862 (12 maintained by VA).

- Newest national cemetery: Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida, opened January 9, 2009.

- Since 1973, VA has provided more than 10.2 million headstones and markers. In 2008, VA provided more than 360,000 headstones and markers.

- VA provided more than 511,000 Presidential Memorial Certificates to the loved ones of deceased veterans in 2008.

- Since 1980, the State Cemetery Grants Program has obligated more than \$344 million to 37 states, Saipan and Guam to establish, expand or improve 72 state veterans cemeteries. In 2008, VA-supported state veterans cemeteries provided more than 24,800 interments.

- Volunteers donated approximately 482,000 hours at national cemeteries during 2008.

- More than 7.7 million people visited VA national cemeteries in 2008.

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