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DATES TO REMEMBER

2008
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

(Monuments Cont)

monuments. Other national monuments include the Statue of Liberty, designated by Calvin Coolidge in 1924, and the Grand Canyon, made a national monument by Herbert Hoover in 1932. [Source: Navy Times AP Audrey McAvoyn article posted 1 Jun 08 ++]

H.R.0191: Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits. Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] (introduced 1/4/07). **Cosponsors (12).** Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

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.2696: Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007. A bill 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 6/13/07). **Cosponsors (None).** Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Memorial Day was a well attended function at L.I. National Cemetery. We had a good showing from the member organizations and from the public and all went off without a hitch.

I wish to thank all who participated, or attended the ceremonies.

We have no meetings in July - August and we will meet again on September 7, at 11:30 AM. We will be accepting nominations for the new officers for the 2008 - 2009 LINCMO Year.

On a happy note, we will be proceeding with the construction of the Memorial Garden. It is still not too late to make your donation as we have not reached our goal yet. The four benches are paid for but we still need funds for flowers and shrubs. Please make all checks payable to LINCMO and earmark for the Memorial Garden.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Garden has been approved by the Cemetery Administration and we hope to have it finished in time for Veterans Day.

We are in the process of verifying the plaques to be placed on each of the four benches paid for by:

Nassau County American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
U.S. Submarine Veterans
Farmingdale Rotary Club

We have received a donation of \$1,025.00 from the Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary for the flowers.

We are still short of our goal and any organization who has not made a donation to this fund should do so soon.

Make all checks payable to:
LINCMO and send to:

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VA BURIAL BENEFIT UPDATE 01:

Often survivors are disappointed when they seek reimbursement of burial expenses for departed veterans. This is because retirees have not informed their loved ones what to do and how much to expect in the event of their demise. You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- . You paid for a veteran's burial or funeral ; AND,
- . You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer; AND,
- . The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Following are the maximum benefits currently available from the VA:

- . **Burial Allowance (SC):** VA will pay a burial allowance up to \$2,000 if the veteran's death is service-connected. In such cases, the person who bore the veteran's burial expenses may claim reimbursement from VA. In some cases, VA will pay the cost of transporting the remains of a service-connected veteran to the nearest national cemetery with available gravesites. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected death cases.

- . **Burial Allowance (NSC):** VA will pay a \$300 burial and funeral allowance for veterans who, at time of death, were entitled to receive pension or compensation or would have been entitled if they weren't receiving military retirement pay. Eligibility also may be established when death occurs in a VA facility, a VA-contracted nursing home or a state veterans nursing home. In non service-connected death cases, claims must be filed within two years after burial or cremation.

- . **Plot Allowance:** VA will pay a \$300 plot

allowance when a veteran is buried in a cemetery not under U.S. government jurisdiction if: the veteran was discharged from active duty because of disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; the veteran was receiving compensation or pension or would have been if the veteran was not receiving military retired pay; or the veteran died in a VA facility. The \$300 plot allowance may be paid to the state for the cost of a plot or interment in a state-owned cemetery reserved solely for veteran burials if the veteran is buried without charge. Burial expenses paid by the deceased's employer or a state agency will not be reimbursed.

- . **Headstones or markers:** VA will provide headstones or markers to memorialize veterans or mark the graves of veterans buried in national, state, or private cemeteries as well as those whose remains have not been recovered or identified. This includes those buried at sea, those remains donated to science, and those cremated and whose cremated remains were scattered without burying any portion of them. VA will also provide markers for eligible family members interred in a national or State Veteran's Cemetery. When interment is in a private cemetery, the cemetery may require, and charge for, a foundation for the marker and installation of the marker. Such costs must be paid from private funds.

- . **Flag:** VA will provide an American flag, upon request, for covering the casket; and a memorial certificate, bearing the President's signature, expressing our Nation's grateful recognition of the deceased veteran's service.

- . **Other:** In addition to VA burial benefits, the surviving spouse or eligible child of a veteran may be eligible for a \$255 lump-sum death

benefit from Social Security. Local Social Security Offices have details. [Source: VA Federal Benefits for Veterans & Dependents 2008 Edition ++]

NATIONAL MONUMENTS:

President Bush has asked his defense and interior secretaries to look into designating Pearl Harbor and other historic World War II sites in the Pacific a national monument. A 29 MAY presidential memo to Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said such status could offer the sites additional protection. "These objects of historical and scientific interest may tell the broader story of the war, the sacrifices made by America and its allies, and the heroism and determination that laid the groundwork for victory in the Pacific and triumph in World War II," Bush said. The letter, posted on the White House Web site, doesn't say what specific places Bush has in mind aside from Pearl Harbor. Parts of the naval base which are already under some form of protection or have historic designation. The USS Arizona, an underwater grave for over 1,100 sailors and Marines unable to escape the ship before it sank during the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack, is currently part of the USS Arizona Memorial run by the National Park Service. Ford Island, where several of the Navy's battleships were moored during the attack, is a National Historic Landmark. The island, located at the center of Pearl Harbor, is home to historic airplane hangers that survived the aerial assault. A red and white striped

airplane control tower on Ford Island delivered the first radio broadcast of the attack. Next door to Pearl Harbor, the top Air Force commander in the Pacific today has his headquarters in a building that served as barracks for Army airmen in 1941. Bullet holes left by Japanese machine guns are still visible on the outside of the structure's concrete walls.

Outside Hawaii, crucial battles were fought at Midway, Wake and Guam islands. All are still U.S. territory. Today, Midway is mainly a wildlife bird refuge and key node in the island chain making up the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument that Bush established in 2006. The former naval base, where the U.S. defeated Japan in June 1942 to turn the tide of World War II in the Pacific, was named a National Historic Landmark in 1986. Many areas - particularly Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force Base, and Guam - that would likely be eligible for inclusion in the monument are still actively used today by the U.S. military. Making them part of a monument could complicate daily operations for the services. But Bush's memo told Gates and Kempthorne that national monument classification shouldn't interfere with the military's business. The Antiquities Act of 1906 gives the president the authority to make national monuments of "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest." The president doesn't need Congressional approval to do designate