

APRIL 22, 2024



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Since We Last Met

Apr 7: The 5th Division met at Post 137 in O'Fallon. Membership and dues were big topics. As for membership, the Commander held all the District Commanders after the Caucus to discuss options. A plan was developed and the District Commanders are to implement. I saw a mystery guest at the meeting, Andrew Dunham. Hopefully Andrew came away with something from the meeting.

Apr 13: I travelled to Normal for the Spring Department Executive Committee Meeting. All District and Division Commanders and Senior Vice Commanders are invited to attend. The business of the Department was discussed and information was passed out.

Apr 14: Another day of travel. This time the 22nd District met at Post 485 in Dupu. Is that Andrew again? Yes indeed, Andrew was at the District Caucus!

DID YOU KNOW?

Arnold Palmer, US Coast Guard

Long before Arnold Palmer became a household name because of his exploits in golf (and eventually became the first millionaire in the history of the sport), he was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

While attending Wake Forest University, he was distraught over his roommate dying in a car accident, and used the U.S. Coast Guard as a means to get away from the situation. Palmer credits

Business of the District was met head on. Information passed and several after meetings held and heading home.

One area was discussed at several of the after meetings, mentoring. There are slots available on committees and officer positions across the District and Division. If you are wanting to help your Legion outside of the Post, let me know. I will help you in finding a slot for you.



the Coast Guard for making him more mature and better able to make an impact on the world, in his own way.



CALENDAR

- April 29, VACSCC Meeting, 7PM, 19 Public Square
- May 7, Veterans Resource Fair, 10AM to 4PM, 2300 W. Main, Belleville, Old Lindenwood Campus
- May 11, Be the One Walk, 6:30AM Registration, 8AM Walk starts! Flora to Louisville walk.
- May 12, Mother's Day
- 5th Division Armed Forces Dinner, Social at 5PM, Program and Dinner to follow. The Haven will be host.
- May 18, Messinger Cemetery Clean-Up, 9AM to Noon, 3450 Old Collinsville Road. Bring gloves, rakes, shovel, and what not!
- May 18, 9AM to Noon, Flag collection at St. Clair Township Bldg., 107 Service St. in Swansea
- May 19, 22nd District Convention, 1PM, Post 365 in Collinsville. There will be committee meeting prior to lunch and the Convention
- May 20, Post Meeting and Annual Dinner, Time

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Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM.

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STILL SERVING AMERICA

DID YOU KNOW PART TWO

The United States service academies, also known as United States military academies, are federal academies for the undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces.

There are five U.S. service academies:

The United States Military Academy (USMA) in West Point, New York, founded in 1802

The United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland, founded in 1845

The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1954

The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut, founded in 1876

The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York, founded in 1943

In the case of the non-military Merchant Marine Academy, midshipmen may elect to receive an active duty or reserves commission in any branch of the uniformed services, including NOAA and the United States Public Health Service, most are commissioned into the Navy Reserve, Strategic Sealift Officer Force.

All applicants, except for the Coast Guard Academy, are required to obtain a nomination to the academies. Nominations may be made by Congressional Representatives, Senators, the Vice President, and the President.[1]
[2] Applicants to the Coast Guard Academy compete in a direct nationwide competitive process that has no by-state quotas.



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

TID BITS

On This Day

1864 US mints 2 cent coin (1st appearance of "In God We Trust")

1972 NASA Apollo 16 astronauts John Young & Charles Duke ride the Lunar Rover on the moon

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service-members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

We will be moving into a new Legion membership year on July 1st. That will mean another year of supporting Legion programs such as Scouting, Poppies, Boys State, and more. These programs continue to help our community. The Legion continues to support veterans. Please do what you can for our veterans in need.

Commander Out