

JUNE 23, 2025



CHARLES A. WOODFORD POST 2007

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Since We Last Met

May 24: Poppy Day! The crew assembled at Lowes to pass out poppies. We collected over \$800. We shut down early due to lack of customers. It was a good day. Thanks Jerry, Bill, Mary, Barb, Robin for your support.

May 25: The 22nd District Convention was held at Columbia Post 581. Don Scheyer was elected as Commander, Doug Thompson as Sr Vice, and Brian Humphries as Jr Vice. Commander Scheyer has served as District Commander in the past. Doug comes to us from Post 199 in Edwardsville and Brian comes from Dupou Post 485. These two are also Post Commanders.

May 26: Memorial Parade and Ceremony at Walnut Hill Cemetery. We were concerned with weather, it was a great day! The parade crew were riding on the trailer and tossing out treats to the kids. At the Cemetery, the ceremony was very nice. VFW

DID YOU KNOW?

How Do You Change Something in the American Legion?

There are things we encounter in the Legion that we may not like or has not been addressed.

Example: Changing the Legion Cap to Green.

You would do the research on why you think the cap should be green. After that you would write a Resolu-

tion explaining your reasoning.

June 8: 5th Division Convention Nashville Post 110. Your new leaders will be Commander Steve Owens, Sr Vice Gary Fravel, and Jr Vice Al Mahan. The Commander has hit the ground running!

June 14: Flag Day! We hosted a flag retirement ceremony at Messinger Cemetery. Bill Martin chaired this event. He was able to retire 200 flags! He also arranged for lunch for all the participants. He had plenty of help in the lunch and setup department from Barb and Mary.

We had plenty of help from Scout Troops from 53. Both the boys and girl units attended and were very helpful in making this event a success.

Thanks to all that helped and attended.

tion explaining your reasoning.

The Post would approve or Disapprove. If approved, it goes forward to Department for approval/disapproval/rewrite. If approved at Department, it is forwarded to National. National follows the same procedure as Department. If approved at National, change is made.

Sounds easy, but can take years.

CALENDAR

- June 24, VAC Commission Meeting, 7PM, 1st Floor Conference Room
- June 28, Messinger Cemetery Clean Up, 9AM to Noon, 3450 Old Collinsville Road
- July 4th, Independence Day, Fly Old Glory!
- July 9 to 12, Department of IL Convention, Springfield IL
- July 16, McAlister's Fundraiser, 5-8PM, Shiloh
- July 19, Flag Collection, 9AM to Noon, 107 Service St, Swansea
- July 28, Post Meetings, 6:30 Executive and 7PM General, 216 Service Street in Swansea
- July 29, VAC Commission Meeting, 7PM, 1st Floor Conference Room

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Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM.
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**Troop 53
Retiring Flags
at Messinger
Cemetery,
June 14, 2025**



TID BITS

This Date in History

1784 Edward Warren makes the 1st US balloon flight, aged just 13 years old

1888 Frederick Douglass is 1st African-American to be nominated for US Vice President

2012 76 monks are hospitalized in Thailand following an attack by a swarm of bees

Annual Members

Dues notices will be mailed from National very soon. The first one will be mailed July 1-8. The next mailings will be as follows:

October 4-10. If you pay by the cutoff date of September 10, you should not get a notice.

November 8-14, cutoff date is October 15

January 3-9, 2026, cutoff date is December 10

March 1-8, 2026, cutoff date is February 11

May 2-8, cutoff date is April 8

- Reminder, dues not paid by December 31, put you into expired status. You will not be eligible for National Emergency Funds if a disaster should occur.*
- Dues for our Post remains at \$40 per year

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commander this year.

Commander Out