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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2007**
- Sept 15 MIA/POW Candlelight Vigil at Eisenhower Park 6:30 PM.
- Oct 14 Installation of Officers AMVETS Post, Massapequa
- Nov 4 UVO Vets Day Svcs at Eisenhower Park 10:30 AM.
- 4 LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2 PM



Volunteers cook and feed the homeless veterans at the recent standown.



Service agencies from all areas help to inform the homeless of their benefits and get them help with food and shelter and medical services.



*Long Island National Cemetery
Memorial Organization*

*The Field of Valor
Newsletter*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dorothy Oxendine

The newly elected officers for the 2007-2008 LINCMO year are:

- Dorothy Oxendine, President
- Chester Smiley, Vice President
- Ken Cadieux, Tresurer
- Robert Fullam, Chaplain
- Joseph P. Slattery, Jr. Secretary

The installation of officers will take place at the AMVETS hall in Massapequa on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 1 PM. Tickets will cost \$25.00 P.P.

Any organization that plans on replacing their representatives on the LINCMO Board should notify the Secretary of the name, address & phone number of the new reps. That will assure the information and the flyer getting to the right people.

I am looking forward to working with the LINCMO Reps to further the goals and projects put forth by our member organizations.

CORRECTION

In the last edition of this newsletter I reported on the new Memorial Garden but in proofing the article I did not pick up an error.

The article read " Please support our Iraq Veterans Memorial Garden".

The article should have read please support our LINCMO Memorial Garden This garden will be dedicated to all veterans.

The same mistake was made in the letter I sent to all member organizations soliciting a donation for this project.

This mistake was because the Garden will be located in the section of the cemetery where those KIA in Iraq are buried.

I apologize to all for my rush to get the newsletter out that I did not pick up the error.

Ken Cadieux
Editor

MILITARY SPOUSE MONUMENT:

Due to the efforts of two military spouses, the first steps toward a monument to honor the courage and sacrifice of military spouses have been taken. Representative Thelma Drake (R-VA-02) recently introduced The Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007 (H.R. 3026) to authorize a monument to be erected in the Washington DC area. The Military Spouses Legacy Association, Inc. was founded in 2007 by Nicole Alcorn, herself a military spouse and the daughter of a military widow, and Karie Darga, who lost her husband in Iraq. The association has received its 501(c)3 non-profit status and is collecting the private donations to fund the construction and maintenance of the monument. To learn more about the Military Spouses Legacy Association, refer to <http://www.militaryspousemonument.org/home.html>. [Source: NMFA Government & You e-News 14 Aug 07 ++]



Ken Cadieux, (Back to camera)works with fellow veterans to give free glasses and hats to all the homeless veterans at the recent standown held at the Hempstead American Legion Post.

SALUTING THE FLAG:

The Senate has passed legislation to ensure that veterans and service members can salute the flag when not in uniform. The bill S.1877, sponsored by Sen. James Inhofe [R-OK] would address the ambiguity of current law, which states that veterans and service members not in uniform should place their hand over their hearts, without specifying whether they can or should salute the flag. Inhofe said, "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag." Inhofe said he believes this is "an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

The House would have to agree to the legislation before it could become law. The bill does not address the ambiguity of veterans saluting during The Pledge of Allegiance and playing of the National Anthem. Present policy for saluting is:

- When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.
- To salute, all persons come to attention.
- Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute.
- Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart.
- Members of organizations in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.

- The pledge of allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag, and saluting.

When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

[Source: ArmyTimes Daily News Roundup 3 Aug 07 ++]

RETIREMENT TAX CONSIDERATIONS:

If you plan to move to another state when you retire, examine the tax burden you'll face when you arrive. State taxes are increasingly important to everyone, but retirees have extra cause for concern since their income may be fixed. Many people planning to retire use the presence or absence of a state income tax as a litmus test for a retirement destination. This is a serious miscalculation since higher sales and property taxes can more than offset the lack of a state income tax. The lack of a state income tax doesn't necessarily ensure a low total tax burden. States raise revenue in many ways including sales taxes, excise taxes, license taxes, income taxes, intangible taxes, property taxes, estate taxes and inheritance taxes. Depending on where you live, you may end up paying all of them or just a few. At <http://www.retirementliving.com/RLtaxes.html> you can obtain information by state on state income taxes, sales and fuel taxes, taxes on retirement income, property taxes and inheritance and estate taxes. It is intended to give you some insight into which states may offer a lower cost of living. Since everything is subject to changes recommend you check with the state tax office you decide to retire in to obtain the latest tax information.

All states except Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon, collect sales taxes. Some have a single rate throughout the state though most permit local additions to the base tax rate. Those states with a single rate

include Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. States with the highest sales tax are: California (7.25%), Mississippi (7.0%), New Jersey (7.0%), Tennessee (7.0%), Rhode Island (7.0%), Minnesota (6.5%), Nevada (6.5%), and Washington (6.5%). Many cities and counties have the option of imposing an additional local option sales tax. For instance, in Tennessee some cities add as much as 2.75%. Nevada's sales tax varies by county and can be as high as 7.75%. Most states exempt prescription drugs from sales taxes. Some also exempt food and clothing purchases and a few also exempt non-prescription drugs.

A total of 41 states impose income taxes. New Hampshire and Tennessee apply it only to income from interest and dividends. Seven states (Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming) do not tax personal income. Of the 41 with a broad-based income tax, 35 base the taxes on federal returns, typically taking a portion of what you pay the IRS or using your federal adjusted gross income or taxable income as the starting point. Most states specify amounts for taxpayers and each of their dependents that can be used as an offset in determining taxable income. Most also specify the amounts that persons 65 or older can deduct. Most states treat health care expenses as having already been deducted from federal returns. Two states (North Dakota and Oregon) allow full deductions while Indiana does not permit itemized deductions on state taxes. Only 12 of the 41 states with broad-based income taxes permit taxpayers to deduct federal income taxes. This is an advantage if you are deciding between two states with similar rate structures but only one allows you to deduct. The latter would give you a lower effective tax rate. [Source: www.retirementliving.com/RLtaxes.html Jul 07