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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>2009</b>		
<b>Aug</b>		<b>NO MEETING</b>
Sept	13	Nomination & Election of Officers
OCT	11	Installation of Officers - AMVETS Post 1 - 5 PM
Nov.	8	LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2 PM



6th Marine Corps Communication Battalion  
 - USMCR Color Guard is Saluted by our  
 President Chet Smiley at our Memorial Day  
 Services.



Roisin Dubh - Irish Pipe Band Color Guard  
 East Islip



*Long Island National Cemetery  
 Memorial Organization, Inc*



*The Field of Valor  
 Newsletter*

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**  
 Chet Smiley, President

I hope that everyone is having  
 a great summer vacation!

This is just a reminder that nomina-  
 tions and election of Officers for the 2009-  
 2010 LINCMO year will be made at the next  
 meeting held on Sunday September 13th.  
 Also mark your calendars for Sunday, Octo-  
 ber 11th for the Installation of Officers at the  
 AMVETS Post from 1-3 PM.

My thanks to all who participated in  
 out Memorial Day Service. It was well at-  
 tended and went off without a hitch. I wish  
 to send special thanks to all who showed up  
 for the flagging of the graves. They do a fan-  
 tastic job!

As my year is drawing to a close I look  
 back on what I set out to do and I am very  
 happy at the progress that we have made in  
 the last year. Our programs continue to be  
 the best in the country and I thank all of you!

Secretary Report

Just a reminder that all participating  
 member organizations must recertify their  
 representatives to our board for the 2009-2010  
 Lincmo Year. Their name, address, phone  
 number and e-mail (if any). This informa-  
 tion should be on the organization station-  
 ary and signed by the chief officer ( Presi-  
 dent, Commander, etc).

We would also like to have the name  
 and address and phone number for your chief  
 officer for contact purposes.

William Harms, Secty.



Gold Star  
 Mother  
 Dorothy  
 Oxendine  
 Advances  
 to place  
 wreath.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
VETERANS' CEMETERIES  
COMMITTEE  
CONVENTION REPORT JULY 2009**

The report today will start with information on the most well known national cemetery, Arlington. Arlington and the Army Corps of Engineers have committed to repairing rather than replacing the now weathered Tomb of the Unknown.

Pending legislation at the national level includes Protect Our Veterans Memorial Act of 2009, HR247. If enacted, it would extend federal jurisdiction over destruction of veteran's memorials on State and local government property.

Also in the House, HR761 provides a stipulation that if enough space is available in open national cemeteries, eligibility be extended to parents of certain veterans, under certain circumstances, for internment in national cemeteries.

Another bill, HR1114, would direct the Secretary of VA to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by national cemeteries in that area. The process would include six factors plus a provision that if sufficient land is not available alternatives including a mausoleum be considered.

HR2486 would provide support for funeral ceremonies provided by details that consist solely of members of veterans' organizations and other organizations. The legislation would require the Secretary of the military department of which the veteran was a member support with a daily stipend to each person who participates.

HR2586 would prohibit the Secretary of VA from authorizing honor guards to participate in funerals of veterans interred in national cemeteries unless the honor guard proactively offer veterans' families the option of having the honor guard perform a 13 fold flag recitation.

HR2594 would direct the Secretary of the VA to provide a plot allowance of \$300 for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State or political subdivision cemeteries.

Last, but not least is HR2642, the Veterans Missing in America Act of 2009. If enacted, it would direct the Secretary of VA to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery. Its provisions include cooperating with VSOs to assist entities in possession of abandoned or unclaimed remains in determining eligibility for a national cemetery and the VA cover the cost of preparing, transporting and burial if (1) there is no next of kin or other person claiming the remains (2) that there are not

available other sufficient resources to cover burial and funeral expenses. It also provides that the VA establish a data base of those identified that is publicly accessible.

Based on information received from Headquarters, on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> I attended the internment at the Saratoga National Cemetery of 3 veterans who had been in a funeral in Schuylerville from 26 to 36 years. Past Department Service Officer of the Year Bob Mitchell and the Director of the Cemetery did an excellent job providing dignified ceremonies and final resting place for those veterans.

Over one hundred bikers from several clubs including the American Legion Riders along with an Army Honor Guard, the Hudson Falls Post 574 Color Guard and the Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard riflemen and bugler.

I counted 38 3X5 U.S. Flags in the procession from the main flag pole to the wall. The bell from the USS Saratoga was rung for each veteran and a world class young bagpiper played. The Missing in America Act is not a law yet. I understand the funeral director covered the expenses.

If there are similar ceremonies in your communities, I urge you to attend. Respectfully submitted

**Robert J. Dyer, Chairman  
Department of New York  
American Legion**



**Roisin Dubh - Irish Pipe Band**



**Memorial Garden in Bloom !**