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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>2008</u>			
Apr	13	LINCMO Meeting	11:30 AM
May	25	LINCMO Memorial Day	2 PM
Jun	8	LINCMO Meeting	11:30 AM.
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

LINCMO

The twenty one organizations listed at the left and the five Honorary Organizations have been the staunch supporters of the Long Island National Memorial Organization and all the programs of LINCMO.

We could not have done it without their support and they all .. each and everyone deserve the thanks of all veterans for the job they have done and are continuing to do to keep our National Cemetery the "BEST" in the sysyem.

The five organizations were active but have all died off and were voted "Honary Members" for their past support.

We see the same volunteers each year coming to the metings at the Cemetery with ideas and suggestions on how we can do more for our departed comrades and their families. If your organization has any suggestions or comments please send them in to the Committee with your representative for consideration.

Each day father time catches up with some of our members through illness or death and no new members step up to take their place. Remember all who are buried here are veterans and their familes. If we don't care who will ?

If your organization is not listed on the left you may apply for membership at any time. The dues are \$60.00 per year and your input and participation are welcome. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Cemetery. (see scheule at top of page)



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dorothy Oxendine, President

We (the Officers) had a meeting with the Director of the Cemetery on Thursday, February 28, 2008 regarding the Memorial Garden. We discussed the new required regulations governing the placement of the garden. We will have to submit several documents and all have pledged to continue to support the garden.

We are losing Nadine as the Director of the Cemetery as she is going on to the Internal Revenue Department. She will be missed. A new Assistant Director will be coming in the next few weeks and at some later date a new Director will be appointed.

All are advised that we will continue to press for this garden to be completed and have agreed to await the letter with the new regulations before we take any action to solicit help from our elected officials.



HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE,

Hawaii – Airmen of the base honor guard here prepare to place memorial wreaths during the ceremony commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941. The Airmen (from left) are Senior Airmen Jodi Asprer, April Bonaparte and Leslie Ocasio-Gonzalez, and Airman 1st Class Jennifer Kincaid. U.S. Air Force photo by Mysti Bicoy

VET CEMETERY VIRGINIA:

A University of Virginia study says a new veterans cemetery in Nelson County may be needed to serve the tens of thousands of veterans living in the area. The study, commissioned by the state Department of Veterans Services, said the cemetery would serve the area including Lynchburg, Buena Vista, Lexington, Waynesboro and Charlottesville. "The most important finding is the location and need of another cemetery," said Terance Rephann, an economist with University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, who conducted the study. The study also found that veterans cemeteries should have a 50-mile service-area boundary to properly serve the veteran population, though the current service area is 75 miles. "Veterans have a strong preference for the burial site to be close to their family," Rephann said. The Nelson cemetery would be mandatory if the state adopts a 50-mile service area as the study recommends, especially if the veterans cemetery in Culpeper Virginia closes as expected in about 15 years. There are three national cemeteries in Arlington County, Quantico and Culpeper County, and two state veterans' cemeteries in Amelia County and Suffolk. An additional state veteran's cemetery will be built in Dublin in Pulaski County within a few years. The study also found that many veterans are not aware of their cemetery veteran benefits and recommended that the department improve its outreach.

H.R.4781: A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from authorizing honor guards to participate in funerals of veterans interred in national cemeteries unless the honor guards agree to offer veterans' families the option of having the honor guard perform a 13-fold flag recitation, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 12/18/07). **Cosponsors (37).** Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS:

Congress has blocked the possible replacement of the cracked Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, deciding instead to study repairs to the existing marble monument. A defense bill President Bush signed into law 28 JAN included an amendment to prevent replacement of the tomb, pending a report to Congress. The cemetery had been leaning toward replacing the monument, which was installed in 1931, to maintain its dignity. But now that replacement of the stone has been stalled, the cemetery plans to make repairs to the monument later this year, said John Metzler, the cemetery's superintendent. The last repairs were made in 1989. The work (with guidance from National Park Service stone conservators) involves replacing the existing grouting on the monument and cleaning the stone with water and a soft brush. Millions of people visit the tomb each year, where soldiers guard the sculpted sarcophagus at all times. It overlooks

Washington from across the Potomac River in Arlington and is the scene of Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremonies by the president. A crypt beneath the monument holds the remains of three unidentified servicemen killed in the two world wars and the Korean War. A Vietnam War veteran buried there was later identified through DNA testing and removed. [Source: Associated Press article 9 Feb 08 ++]

WW1 VETS

Of the 2 million American soldiers sent to the trenches during World War I, only Frank Woodruff Buckles is still alive. The retired Army corporal, who turned 107 this month, is all that prevents the First World War from slipping into the secondhand past. Harry Landis, the only other known WWI veteran, died at 108 last week in Tampa, Fla. We're about to "lose a living touchstone of history," says Bob Patrick, director of the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project. Yet the United States has no firm or official plans to mark the passing of its last WWI veteran. "Frankly, we're trying to keep the focus on the living," says Phil Budahan, director of media relations for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Britain plans to hold an elaborate ceremony at Westminster Abbey when the last of its three remaining WWI veterans die. Canada and France, which each have one remaining veteran, have also announced plans to hold a state funeral. In fact, America's plans are more akin to those of its wartime enemy, Germany, whose last

veteran died last month at 107 without official fanfare.

In America, the First World War remains a largely forgotten conflict. It has no national monument on the Washington Mall, no blockbuster film, no iconic image equivalent to soldiers' raising the flag on Iwo Jima. There wasn't even a reliable list of living veterans until a writer, researching a book about the war's place in the shadows, tallied one for himself in 2004.

"Nobody-not the Fed Department of Veterans Affairs, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion-knew how many there were," says Richard Rubin, author of the forthcoming book "The Last of the Doughboys." As far as he could tell, "that chapter of history was closed." For now, the primarily privately funded World War One Museum in Kansas City, Mo., is the only national institution with plans to commemorate the end of the Doughboy generation. "We just don't know what that means yet," says Denise Rendina, a spokeswoman for the museum. The VA says that all plans must come from Congress, while the White House Commission on Remembrance, the agency officially tasked with honoring "America's fallen," says it will invite Buckles to join a national flag-raising tour that began in December. There's just one problem: the touring flag is from a World War II memorial. [Source: Newsweek Tony Dokoupil article 9