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DATES TO REMEMBER

2009		
Feb	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Mar	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Apr	19	The THIRD SUNDAY - due to Palm Sunday & Easter
May	3	LINCMO Meeting on FIRST SUNDAY due to Mothers Day.11:30 PM
	24	LINCMO Memorial Day Services 2 PM
June	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
July		NO MEETING
Aug		NO MEETING
Sept	13	Nomination & Election of Officers
OCT	11	Installation of Officers - AMVETS Post 1 - 5 PM
Nov.	8	LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2 PM

New Secretary for LINCMO

At our November Meeting, William Harms, Past Nassau County Commander of the American Legion was elected to the vacant position of LINCMO Secretary for this year.

Bill who has been a long time supporter of all LINCMO programs will be a plus to our Officers for this year. He may be reached at:

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Chet Smiley, President



Exciting News !!! You've read about the "Wreaths Across America" program donated annually since 1992 by Morill Worchester and his Worchester Wreath Company, of Harrington, Maine. - Well the Boy Scouts, Scoutmasters and family members carefully placed 2,700 Worchester wreaths at L.I. National Cemetery in Farmingdale, N.Y. Only one other National Cemetery placed more wreaths Arlington National Cemetery !!! Thank You and congratulations to all participants for a job - WELL DONE !

The AMvets Pearl Harbor Services were held at LINC on December 7, 2008 - The dedicated Amvets braved the bone chilling cold to pay their respects to members of all services - a day of "Infamy" never to be forgotten! Thank you Amvets.

Since we are incorporated, it was suggested that we review our Constitution & By-Laws so we appointed a committee and they met during the month of January 2009. This

committee met for over two & a half hours on Sunday, Jan 4, the committee consisted of: Randy Carroll, Bob Fullam, Morris Miller, Joe Slattery, Jr and Myself as Chairman. The Committee will report their proposed changes for your approval before we make any changes.

**A HAPPY & HEALTHY
 NEW YEAR TO ALL !**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF
 LINCMO WILL BE HELD ON
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009 AT
 11:30 AM.**

**PLEASE BE ON TIME AND
 REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
 LETTER DESIGNATING YOUR
 TWO REPS TO THE BOARD.**

**ALSO REMEMBER TO
 BRING A CHECK FOR YOUR AN-
 NUAL DUES OF \$60.00 MADE
 OUT TO LINCMO, INC.**

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