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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>2009</b>		
Mar	8	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
Apr	19	The <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> - due to Palm Sunday & Easter
May	3	LINCMO Meeting on <b>FIRST SUNDAY</b> due to Mothers Day.11:30 PM
	24	LINCMO Memorial Day Services 2 PM
June	14	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 AM
July		<b>NO MEETING</b>
Aug		<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

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

**ON THE AGENDA IS THE FINAL DISCUSSION ON THE NEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS. SO, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT TO GET THE CHANGES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION.**

**THE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM WAS A HUGH SUCCESS AND WE WISH TO THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN PLACING THE WREATHS AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERIES AT FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND AND AT CYPRESS HILLS IN QUEENS.**



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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

We are moving right along with our programs for 2009 and we will be setting up our program for Memorial Day. Everyone knows what to do and I hope that you all plan to attend.

If your organization is going to have a color guard please let us know so that we can get them listed on the program. Our attendance at this ceremony has been going up and we need your support to see that it continues.

The cemetery staff has ordered 20,000 flags to replace those that are worn out for the falgging of the graves. As usual we need all the help we can get in the placement and retrieval of those flags before and after Memorial Day.

A proposal was suggested at the last meeting to have a flag pole placed in the Memorial Garden and a plaque to commenerate the Garden area. More will be discussed at our next meeting in March.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

ROBERT FULLAM

THE ANNUAL DUE FOR LINCMO ARE DUE. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TREASURER WRITE A CHECK FOR \$60.00 AND SEND IT TO ME AT:

62 MICHEL AVENUE  
 FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

**BREAKDOWN OF THE DUES**

- \$10.00 LINCMO DUES
- \$25.00\* WREATHES FOR MEMORIAL DAY
- \$25.00\* FOR FOOD & DRINK FOR THE GRAVE FLAGGERS.

\*WHILE THE LAST TWO ITEMS ARE VOLUNTARY, WE COULD NOT FUNCTION IF WE DID NOT GET YOUR SUPPORT.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINCMO, INC.

I WISH TO THANK THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR DUES FOR BEING PROMPT.

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN AS WE HAVE PLANS FOR THE AREA THAT WOULD MAKE IT NICER FOR THE FAMILIES.

**VET CREMAINS UPDATE 02:** The unclaimed cremated remains of veterans left in funeral parlor basements, hospitals or prisons are now eligible for a proper military interment in New Jersey. On 4 FEB, Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed legislation authorizing New Jersey veterans' service organizations to receive the cremated remains of veterans for burial if they remain unclaimed after one year. It is unknown how many cremated remains, or cremains, of veterans have been left at funeral parlors or other places across the state, said Roman P. Niedzwiedz, first vice president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 899 in Bordentown Township. It's estimated there are more than 1,500 cremains in the state. "The one way that America honors it's veterans is by giving them a military funeral," he said. However, for some, and for a variety of reasons, the honor was never given as their remains were never claimed by family or friends after cremation.

"We are the family that will claim those remains," he said of the state's veterans. Now with authorization given in the new legislation, veterans' services can begin contacting funeral parlors and other places the unclaimed cremains end up to check and see which ones are veterans. The remains can be handed over only after they remain unclaimed for one year and an attempt has been made to contact family or friends. The remains must then be scattered at sea or disposed of on land in a dignified manner at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans

Cemetery. "We as a state have stepped up to recognize the sacrifice given to protect our freedom," Corzine said Wednesday at a ceremony at the veterans cemetery. Francis Carrasco, vice chairman of the veterans' grass-root effort Mission of Honor, said the first to be honored could be the remains of a World War II veteran that have been sitting at a funeral home in Bergen County for 25 years.

The cemetery is located in Arneytown, North Hanover Township, Burlington County on Province line Road, which intersects Route 664 to the north of the cemetery and Routes 537 and 528 to the south. It's central location, 15 miles southeast of Trenton, makes it easily accessible from the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway and Interstates 195 and 295. The cemetery is a contemporary memorial type with all grave markers flush with ground level. It covers 225 acres and was designed to accommodate 154,000 veterans and their family members. To provide privacy and protection from the elements for the bereaved, a chapel is provided for committal ceremonies. The United States and New Jersey State flags are flown in the front court of the chapel in tribute to all veterans buried in the cemetery. As a state shrine, Doyle Cemetery honors the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Approximately 15 burials occur each business day and the cemetery is visited by thousands of visitors each year. [Source: The Courier-Post George Mast article 5 Feb 09 ++]

**WW1 VET SEARCH UPDATE 04:** World War I took place so long ago — in a lost world of cavalry horses and biplanes — that it's a little startling to meet Frank Buckles in the flesh. Buckles who turned 108 on 1 FEB is the last known survivor of the American military personnel who took part in World War I. On Tuesday, as a winter storm moved in from the west, he sat in a blue blazer in a warm corner of his day room, surrounded by history books. Outside, white wisps blew across the pale stubble on the 330-acre cattle farm where he settled quietly in 1954 after what had already been a life's worth of adventure in two wars and as a commercial seafarer. Beyond lay the river town of Harpers Ferry, W.Va., and the Civil War battlefield at Antietam, Md. Buckles said he had always known he would grow quite old. His father lived to be 97. He had a sister who was 104. Other relatives on his mother's side lived to be 100. The national World War I veterans group, of which he is the commander and sole member, used to publish a newsletter. Each issue counted down the number of old doughboys still around. As the number got smaller and smaller, "I realized I'd be one of the last," he said, "but I never thought I'd be the last."

On 11 NOV, the 90th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs recognized Buckles as "our last living link" to that war. Buckles met President George W. Bush at the White House last year and was feted at the Pentagon. He seems to have enjoyed the attention, but he isn't eager to talk about the melancholy that must come with being the last of 4,734,991 American military personnel during the United States' participation in the war, in 1917 and 1918. "Being the last is sort of a negative .

thing because it means all your buddies have gone before you, so he doesn't dwell on that," said Muriel Sue Kerr of Mount Vernon, Va., the longtime director of Buckles' veterans group and the granddaughter of a World War I veteran. He's still in good health — "for a man my age," as he put it. A couple of years ago, his only child, Susannah, 53, moved in with him. His son-in-law built two rooms on the ground floor of his 250-year-old house so he doesn't have to climb stairs

In SEP 06, portrait photographer David DeJonge of Grand Rapids, Mich., set out to photograph all remaining World War I veterans. He had 15 names on his list. By the time he was finished, six had died. In March, nine DeJonge portraits, including one of Buckles, were hung in a corridor of the Pentagon. With Buckles beside him, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said: "The First World War is not well-understood or remembered in the United States. There is no big memorial on the National Mall. Hollywood has not turned its gaze in this direction for decades. Yet few events have so markedly shaped the world we live in." To qualify as a World War I veteran, someone must have been on active duty between 6 APR 17 and 11 NOV 18. About 53,000 died in combat, with another 204,000 wounded. The primarily privately funded World War One Liberty Memorial Museum located at 100 W. 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108-4616 is the only national institution with plans to commemorate the end of the Doughboy generation. The Museum is free to the public on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and on other days tickets can be purchased in the Museum Store. For additional info on WW1 or the museum refer to [www.libertymemorialmuseum.org](http://www.libertymemorialmuseum.org). [Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer Tom Infield article .