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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec	3	AMVETS Pearl Harbor Ceremony 1:30 PM. AT LINCMO
	7	Pearl Harbor Ceremonies Rockville Centre Mill River 11 am
	7	Pearl Harbor Ceremonies at Oyster Bay
	7	AFA Pearl Harbor Ceremonies at Republic Airport 9 am.
	25	Happy Holidays to all!
Feb	11, 2007	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
Mar	11	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
Apr	15	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
May	6	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
	27	Memorial Day Services 2PM
June	10	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
Sept	9	Nomination & Election of Officers
		for 2007 - 2008
Oct	14	Installation of Officers
Nov	4	Veterans Day Services 2 PM

NEW FLAGPOLES DEDICATED

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006 FIFTY NEW FLAGPOLES WERE DEDICATED AT THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE.

THESE POLES WERE DONATED BY THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELP TO KEEP THE NATIONAL CEMETERY A PLACE OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE.

TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT LINCMO IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO MAKE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY A LITTLE NICER FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS BURIED THERE, WE SAY "THANK YOU".



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Tony Arico

Guest Speaker

My first Veterans Day as President of LINCMO was a rewarding one. The weather was beautiful, the program went off without a hitch and we had a fair showing of member organizations.

I wish to thank all who participated. I know if I tried to thank you individually I might miss someone.

For those who could not attend, we dedicated the new fifty flagpoles that you all donated to the cemetery. They looked great!

We also presented the digital bugle to Nadine for use by any veterans organization on the cemetery grounds.

Soon we will be planning the new memorial garden that is slated to be landscaped and have benches for families to sit and to provide a place for those who wish to relax and reflect.

Lindee Lenox is the Director for the National Cemetery Administration's Memorial Programs Service in Washington, DC. In this position she is responsible for administering the government headstone and marker and Presidential Memorial Certificate programs – two national VA benefit programs providing memorials to commemorate the service of America's veterans.

Ms. Lenox is a native of upstate New York and a Vietnam era Army veteran. While on active duty she served as a military policewoman with the 977th MP Company at Fort Riley, Kansas. After completing her military service, Ms. Lenox continued her public service as a civilian employee and over the course of her career has worked for the Department of the Army, Department of Labor, and Department of Treasury before moving to the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2001.

Part of Guest Speaker Lindee Lenox's
Speech
Veterans Day Celebration – Nov. 5, 2006
Long Island National Cemetery

This is a personal narrative written one morning by Sergeant Michael Thomas while he was traveling home to Colorado with his National Guard Unit. Their tour in Iraq had been extended beyond what was initially projected, and their trip home had been wrought with difficulties and delays.

In Sergeant Thomas' words¹:

“Thirty six hours after our scheduled arrival, we landed in Bangor, Maine. It was 3 AM. We were tired hungry, and as desperate as we were to get to Colorado, our excitement was tainted by bitterness. While we were originally told our National Guard deployment would be mere months, here we were— 369 days later—frustrated and angry.

“As I walked off the plane, I was taken aback; in the small, dimly lit airport a group of elderly veterans were there waiting for us, lined up one by one to shake our hands. Some were standing, others were confined to wheelchairs, and all of them wore their uniform hats. Their now-feeble right hands stiffened in salutes, their left hands holding coffee, snacks, and cell phones for us.

“As I made my way through the line, each man thanking me for my service, I choked back tears. Here we were, returning from one year in Iraq where we had portable DVD players, three square meals, and phones, being honored by men who had crawled through mud for years with little more than

the occasional letter from home. A few of them appeared to be veterans of the war in Vietnam, and I couldn't help but think of how they were treated when they came back to the U.S., and yet here they were to support us. These soldiers—many of whom had lost limbs and comrades—shook our hands proudly, as if our service could somehow rival their own.

“We later learned that this group had waited for more than a day in the airport for our arrival.

“Looking back on my year in Iraq, I can honestly say that my perception of the experience was changed; not so much by the soldiers with whom I served – though I consider them my saving grace – but by the soldiers who welcomed us home. For it is those men who reminded me what serving my country is truly about.”

To the veterans here before me, and to all of the other veterans across this great nation, with gratitude and respect, we say: Welcome home - thank you for your service (Endnotes)

¹ Sgt. Thomas' story was taken from the book: *Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families*, Random House (September 12, 2006)

• Chet Smiley,
Max Graber & Tom Banks
Pose for Picture.



VETERANS DAY



Nadine welcomes all to the ceremonies.



State Commander James Casey and State Detachment Commander Al Deichler of the American Legion watch as Al's son Jonathan does the Stars Spangled Banner in sign language. (Top Right) Frank Tobani M.C. Asks Rabbi Pomerance to do the closing prayer. (Bottom Center)



Inquiry Am I eligible for a nursing home?

FAQ Veterans requiring nursing home care for a service-connected condition or a veteran rated 70% or more have mandatory eligibility. All other veterans are eligible on a resource and space-available basis. The best source for determining what assistance is available for these VA services, is the Social Work department at the nearest VA facility. To find the nearest facility, visit the facility page at <http://www.va.gov/sta/guide/home.asp> click on your state, and the VA medical centers will be listed along with phone numbers. I hope this is helpful. Thank you for visiting our VA Website.

Inquiry Can you please explain what a State Veterans Home is?

FAQ The State Veterans Home is a home approved by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs which was established by a State for veterans disabled by age, disease, or otherwise who by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living. State homes include facilities for domiciliary nursing home care, and/or adult day health care. Hospital care may be included when provided in conjunction with domiciliary or nursing home care. A state home may also provide care to veteran related family members. For further information, please contact your local VA Medical Center.

**PEARL HARBOR CEREMONIES
SUNDAY- DECEMBER 3, 2006
AT 13:30 HOURS
LONG ISLAND NATIONAL
CEMETERY**