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DATES TO REMEMBER

2007		
Sept	9	Nomination & Election of Officers for 2007 - 2008
Oct	14	Installation of Officers
Nov	4	Veterans Day Services 2 PM

**NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 2007 - 2008**

Nomination and election of Officers for the coming year will be held at the September 9th meeting at the cemetery.

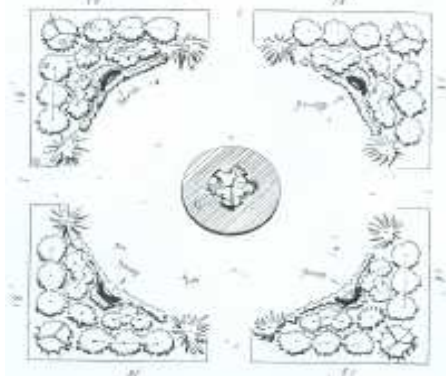
The nominating committee has submitted the following slate for election but nominations may be made from the floor.

President	Dorothy Oxendine
1st V/P	Chet Smiley
Treas	Ken Cadieux
Chaplain	Bob Fullam
Secretary	*Morris Miller

Morris Miller declined due to other duties.

DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Ken Cadieux	\$500.00
Charles Wagner A.L. Post	50.00



*Long Island National Cemetery
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone is enjoying having the summer off and is getting well rested for our September Meeting.

I hope that everyone has asked their respective organizations for a donation to our "Memorial Garden". We received a check at our last meeting for \$500.00 to kick off the drive. We still need \$7,000.00 to make this project a reality.

It is an important project and the LINCMO Committee has promised 100% support. We are going to try to have this "Garden" in place for Veterans Day. Once the "garden" has been implemented, the Master Gardeners and Cornell University will maintain it for us without charge.

So... enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you on September 9th at 11:30 am.

**POSSIBLE UPGRADES TO LINCMO
 2007 - 2008**

1. PLANNED MEMORIAL GARDEN - COST \$7,500.00 -(Projected completion by Veterans Day 2007.)
2. POSSIBLE SHELTER FOR THE COLUMBARIUM AREA . (To be discussed)
3. ADDITIONAL BENCHES (for columbarium area.) (To be discussed)
4. NATIONAL SHRINE STATUS (AWAITING DECISION)

A discussion was held on the Memorial Day Services and the flagging and the picking up of the flags. The Cemetery Administration was pleased with the amount of volunteers and the response to the placement and picking up of the flags. The administration said that even though they told us 7 am, they opened the gates early to ease congestion on Wellwood Avenue. It was also stated that volunteers were stopped from putting bundles of flags into their cars and that there would be more flag boxes placed around the cemetery to make it easier to get flags.

Inquiry Does VHA ever provide bereavement (grief) counseling to families of active duty service members killed in action?

FAQ The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) offers bereavement counseling to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died in the service of their country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty. VA's bereavement counseling is provided at community-based Vet Centers located near the families. There is no cost for VA bereavement counseling. Services are obtained by contacting Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS) at 202-273-9116 or via electronic mail at

vet.center@hq.med.va.gov

both of which are specific to this specialized service. RCS staff will assist families in contacting the nearest Vet Center. For further information visit the website <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/dependents.htm#deceased>

For more information regarding services available to returning Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve service members of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom visit the Seamless Transition Website at <http://www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/>

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO HELP TO CREATE A MEMORIAL GARDEN AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL. PLEASE ADD MY DONATION TO THE FUND. MAIL ALL DONATIONS TO: CHET SMILEY, TREASURER 3 Marion Place, Huntington Station, NY 11746

VET CEMETERY FLORIDA UPDATE 06:

On 15 JUN the U.S. House approved \$27.8 million in federal funding to construct a national veterans cemetery in Sarasota County Florida. The funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act (H.R. 2642), which provides a necessary increase in federal funding to meet the needs of our nation's military and honor our commitment to our veterans. The Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery is currently in the design phase. It will be located on 295 acres of land purchased in April by the Veterans Administration. Construction is planned for May 2008 with the first burials anticipated in OCT 08, with the entire first phase of the project expected to be complete in 2011. The 60 acre site will provide 25,700 casket and cremation burials. The entire property is expected to provide burial capacity beyond the year 2050. The cemetery funding in this bill will help ensure that the nearly 400,000 area veterans can be placed to rest close to home and with the honor and dignity they deserve. [Source: Rep. Vern Buchanan Press Release

VETERAN DISINTERMENT:

Picking up and moving a deceased family member is something most people do not think about. The vast majority of families consider the final resting place to be final. The decision is made when a person's desire to have his/her loved one nearby overcomes any desire to leave a grave undisturbed. Funeral and cemetery directors say the scenarios are complicated and endless. National veterans' cemeteries charge nothing for any services

they provide for disinterment. The disinterred get a new gravesite, a free headstone and are even entitled to another volunteer honor guard service when the new grave is sealed. However, the family is responsible for the arrangements and cost of the movement from one gravesite to another. The veteran cemetery personnel dig down to the casket. When they stop digging that is where a funeral home comes in. A funeral director has to be present while a vault company extracts either the casket or the vault it is encased in. The vault company loads it into a hearse or van or, if the entire vault is moved, onto a flatbed and drives it to the new resting place. It unloads it into the new grave and seals it, again under the eye of a funeral director. This can cost \$2500 and up dependent on where and how far the new gravesite is located. The funeral director will normally take care of any permits required. Veterans Affairs does not keep track of how much it costs them to disinter, officials said. But it can be time-consuming, especially in sandy Florida where it can take up to six hours to unbury a casket if the soil does not hold tight. Sandra Beckley, who runs the new national cemetery in Georgia and the future director of the Florida Sarasota cemetery when it opens in the fall of 2008 said, "Whether it takes a couple of hours or a half-day to re-dig a grave, the agency considers it a service veterans are entitled to. Burial at a VA cemetery is a benefit for the veteran and his honorable service, and if the family wishes to do a disinterment, it is their right."

[Source: Tampa Tribune Gretchen Parker article 17 Jun 07 ++]

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Pending Legislation

H.R. 2551: A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in Sarpy County, Nebraska, to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. Sponsored by Rep. Terry Lee [NE2] (introduced 5/24/07 Cosponsors (3))

H.R. 2696: Veteran's Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007.

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Lamborn, Doug [CO5] (introduces 6/13/07) Cosponsors (none)

Senate Bill: S.1266: Sponsor Sen. Craig, Larry E. [ID] (Introduced 5/2/07) cosponsors (1)

S.1480: Gold Star Parents Annuity Act 2007

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war. Sponsor: Sen. Clinton Hillory, Rodman [NY] (introduced 5/24/07) Cosponsors (none)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of Officers for LINC MO will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at the AMVETS Post on Broadway in Massapequa. Tickets are available at a nominal cost of \$25.00 p.p. There will be a cash bar.