



O'Brien POST #177

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Post meetings held the 1st Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
All members are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| MAY 2 | Post Meeting , Community Center | 7:00 p.m. |
| MAY 9 | 10 th District Meeting, Post 111 | 7:30 p.m. |
| MAY 12 | Mother's Day | |
| MAY 18 | Armed Forces Day | |
| MAY 27 | Memorial Day Services, Community Ctr. | 10:00 a.m. |
| JUNE 6 | Post Meeting , Community Center | 7:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 13 | 10 th District Meeting, Post 101 | 7:30 p.m. |
| JUNE 15 | Flag Burning Ceremony, City Hall | 12:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 16 | Father's Day | |
| JUNE 21 | 1 st Day of Summer | |



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

If you have not renewed your 2013 membership dues please pay them as soon as possible. Officially, you are delinquent and will be dropped from the rolls of our Post. We would like to keep you as a member. **REMEMBER: The American Legion year begins July 1st, not January 1st.**

Our current membership stands at 123. We need just 1 more to obtain our 100% goal.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to have 1 new member in March, Ron Kurtz, an Air National Guard veteran and brother of long time member, Jay Kurtz. Ron has already become active in joining our Color Guard. Please be sure to welcome him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, May 27th, we will partner with VFW Post 5468 in conducting our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Community Center. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. There will be refreshments after the ceremonies. Please join us in honoring our fallen comrades.

Saturday, June 15th, 12:00 p.m. we will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at Eureka City Hall. If you or your family have never seen the proper disposal of our flag, please join us. We will have refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

It has been approved by the membership for our Color Guard to act as the Honors Rifle Squad one day per week at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. With eight (8) members no single member will have to tie up every Tuesday.

Each member will be required every other week. The Post will receive \$100 per burial for this service. Obviously this would be a great help financially to the Post. **We are down to needing just one more member to start this program.** If any member would like to join this team, the Post will provide a complete uniform, training, etc. Please contact the Captain of the Guard, Ken Allison, or the Adjutant, Gregg Kitson, of your desires to join this vital team. It is an honor to provide this service to our deceased comrades. **We need your help** to make this program a success!!!

FROM THE ADJUTANT

Let me start off by thanking you for *your* support of veterans and your military service. Your military service in our nation's time of need and continued service as Legionnaires is what makes America the greatest nation on earth.

Those of you that responded to the post's request for email address will save the post \$65.00 per year just is the mailing. Another way to save the American Legion money is pay your dues promptly. If you don't pay your dues until the last minute, the Legion will send you 3 or 4 requests for the dues. The cost of postage and materials for these requests and your email address could save O'Brien Post 177 and the American Legion money better used for veterans' programs. If you have an email please send your address to kallison@appliedcoding.com Remember, the Legion 2014 membership year begins in JULY.

POST WEBSITE

If you have any content to add, i.e. pictures, articles, etc., please forward to Don at Don.bette@yahoo.com.

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Ken Allison, Editor.
Requests must be received by the 15th to be in the current newsletter.

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5/8 Don Ford
 5/17 Jay Kurtz
 Thomas Nowicki
 5/21 Ronnie Brown
 5/26 Darwin Kraus
 5/27 Emil Wallach Jr.
 5/30 William Schulte
 6/10 James DeClue
 6/14 Don Hendel
 6/16 Tim Dougherty
 6/17 Patrick Nickens
 6/22 Stanley Wallach
 6/24 Robert Crosby



MIA STATISTICS

Summary Statistics

| Unaccounted for from Past Conflicts | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|--------|
| | WWII | Korean War | Cold War | Vietnam War | Iraq & Other Conflicts | Total |
| Total MIA | *73,677 | *7,921 | 126 | 1,649 | 6 | 83,379 |

Data Updated 18 April 2013

* Reflects actual number still unaccounted-for. PMKOR database count is slightly higher due to several entries pending administrative review.

* The number represents those missing from World War II as determined from the congressionally-mandated "World War II Return of the Dead Program," (which ended Dec. 31, 1951), and the final 1956 Army Graves Registration Service (AGRS) roster which listed all WWII individuals considered unresolved by AGRS at that point (it contained 80,871 names but included 6,299 men officially buried at sea who are not considered missing). The present total reflects those numbers as well as those recovered and identified since 1956 and will continue to be updated as ongoing identifications are made or as research supports adjustments to the list.

HISTORY

50 Years Ago – 169 paid members. Held a May Queen Dance.

20 Years Ago – 136 paid members. Leo Polster, Edgar Boggs, Herbert Saeger, John Wolf, Dan Moulson, and John Detchemendy joined the post. Donation made to the Shriners

10 Years Ago – 136 paid members. Donated to Eureka Historical Society for 150th Anniversary of Eureka. Flag pole donated and erected at Eureka High School baseball field.

A FEW TIDBITS

“Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.” ~ Thomas Jefferson

“Those who trade liberty for security have neither.” ~ John Adams

Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.

An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.

Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.

“One useless man is a shame. Two useless men is a law firm. Three or more useless men is a Congress.” ~ John Adams

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