



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

MAY 1	Post Meeting & Nomination of Officers, Community Center	7:00 pm
MAY 11	Mother's Day	
MAY 17	Armed Forces Day	
MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY	
JUNE 5	Post Meeting & Election of Officers, Community Center	7:00 pm
JUNE 14	Flag Day	
JUNE 15	Father's Day	
JUNE 21	Post Bar-B-Que	4:00-6:00 pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING

At our next meeting on May 1st, we will be having our annual nominations of Officers. If you know of a Legionnaire that you believe would be a great officer, please come to the meeting and nominate them. If you would like to run for an office, please let the Adjutant know. We are always looking for active leadership.

As you all know, 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. **If you can commit to just one day per month, we may be able to obtain another to take the opposing week.** 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!!!** Let's not pass this opportunity to obtain funds for our other programs as well as the honor of providing this service to our fallen comrades!

POST BAR-B-QUE

We will have a Post Bar-B-Que on June 21st between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. This is for members and their families. Please call 2nd Vice Commander Joe Olson with your reservations and number planning to attend. Joe's number is 636-222-2414.

Also at our next meeting on May 1st, we will be voting on a change to our Constitution of the Post. The Post has not had a "Post Home" since 1978. Therefore, it is recommended by the Legal and Finance Committees that the Building Association be disbanded. Please attend the meeting to have your voice heard.

ARTICLE IV, Section 4. To read:

Application for membership at the time at which they are presented, shall be accompanied by a payment of the current dues. After attending three meetings in one calendar year, the Post Commander will present the member his American Legion Cap. This Cap to be provided by the Post.

DELETE ARTICLE IX. O'Brien Post Building Association.

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5/8	Don Ford
5/17	Jay Kurtz
	Thomas Nowicki
5/21	Ronnie Brown
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



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.

POST WEBSITE

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

MIA STATISTICS

Summary Statistics

Unaccounted for from Past Conflicts						
	WWII	Korean War	Cold War	Vietnam War	Iraq & Other Conflicts	Total
Total MIA	*73,635	*7,888	126	1,642	6	83,297

Data Updated 24 April 2014

* 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.

Did You Know

Law Now Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans' service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2009.

Gregg Kitson, Adjutant

A relatively new group called Team Rubicon, which has a mission younger vets might be interested in. Their mission: Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Their website:

[Http://teamrubiconusa.org/](http://teamrubiconusa.org/)

Jay Kurtz, F.O.

Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old. So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. vets who served in Vietnam?

Mark Schmiedeskamp, Historian

HISTORY

50 Years Ago – 178 paid members.

20 Years Ago – 143 paid members. Donations made to the Olympic Festival Gun Club Project, Poppy Fund.

10 Years Ago – 138 paid members. Cory Gray and Matthew Keenoy joined the post.

A FEW TIDBITS

Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell People you are, you aren't.

Margaret Thatcher

What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you Say.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you don't have a goal, any road will get you there.

Yori Berra

Be modest. A lot was accomplished before you were born.

The best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your Friend.

Abraham Lincoln

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