



Newsletter

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES ROSEMOUNT, MN. POST 9433

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Support Our Troops - Until and After They All Come Home

Commanders Corner

Comrades,

May is a busy place here at the post with many activities such as selling poppies, our Memorial Day program, bingo and possibly a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Rosemount-Valley Girl Scouts Service Center which the Post sponsors.

Memorial Day, May 30 (traditional), is a sacred day to all war veterans. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. To help people understand and remember on Monday, May 31 Post 9433 and our Ladies Auxiliary along with the American Legion Post 65 and Vietnam Veterans of America, Dakota County Chapter 492 will be hosting Memorial Day Ceremonies at The Rosemount Veterans Memorial (Central Park) starting at 9:00AM and then visiting 5 local cemeteries to pay our respects to our fallen comrades.

By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice. All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours. At noon, they should be raised back to full-staff. Please come and participate in Honoring our American Heroes and be sure to wear your Buddy Poppies.

Speaking of Poppies the post is always looking for help to sell poppies on May 14-16. If you would like to help sell please come to our meeting Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30pm and we will sign you up for an appropriate time. If you would like to sell with a family member such as spouse, children or grandchildren, their help is very much allowed.

One hundred percent of the money raised from Poppy sales stays here at our post with no fees of any kind taken out. The proceeds of the poppy sales help veterans and their families in times of need. Recently this money has helped a family pay for airline tickets to recover the body of their loved one and monthly bingo programs at the Veterans Home in Minneapolis.

One last note concerning the Post kitchen, in May we will stop serving Saturday dinners until after Labor Day. Friday night meal service will continue throughout the summer.

God bless all Veterans, Members of our Armed Forces and their Families.

Sincerely,
Mark Monson, Commander Post 9433

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President's Place

Hello Everyone,

Our Spaghetti dinner was a big success. I would like to thank Bubba for getting some of the ingredients donated for us, and Mr. Talbert for the famous sauce that makes the spaghetti a big success. And to all the volunteers that came down to help set the tables, serve the meal, and help clean up. **Without our Volunteers none of this could be successful, so THANK YOU to everyone.**

I hope to see everyone May 11th for our instillation of officers. We will have some food to eat after our instillation. If you missed the last meeting and plan to attend, ladies please bring something to share.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Sherrie Groff, President of Ladies Auxiliary

Poppy Day May 15th

Wear a Poppy to the Post and get Happy Hour prices all day. You can also purchase a Poppy at the Post.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
House Committee – 6:00 P.M.
Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

Be There !

**Donate Blood for OUR Wounded Soldiers
VA Blood Donor Center: 612-725-2275.**

Reminder: Property Tax Exemptions

Veterans with 70% or higher disability ratings are reminded that new applications must be submitted by July 1, 2010.

The St. Paul VA Regional Office will mail an annual summary of benefit letters to veterans during the month of May. These letters are used to apply for state or local benefits in which verification of VA benefits is required.

If you do not receive a letter contact the VA Regional Office, your power of attorney or your County Veterans Service Office.



Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2009

Rosemount Veterans Memorial

Ceremonies begin at 8:45 A.M. with music provided by The Velvet Tones followed by the Memorial Program at 9:00 A.M.

Individual Cemetery Ceremonies

St. Joseph's – 10:00 Rosemount – 10:15 Lebanon – 10:30
Rich Valley – 10:45 Pine Bend – 11:05

A Free Lunch will be served at the Rosemount American Legion following the Ceremonies

STANDDOWN 2010

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) Standdown
May 25 – 26 at the Fort Snelling Army Reserve Complex.

Free services available to Veterans include: Meals – Clothing – Hair Cuts - VA Benefits – Legal Assistance – Public Benefits – Federal & State Tax Assistance State DMV – Housing – employment Assistance – AA/NA Meetings – Chaplins and more.

For more info call MACV (612) 726-1327.

35 Years After Fall of Saigon

WND.COMMENTARY Wednesday, April 28, 2010 Exclusive: Richard Botkin

Thirty five years ago this Friday, the final chapter to the American portion of the Vietnam War was ingloriously concluded – even though American combat forces were largely gone by late 1971 and all remaining support troops, air crews and POWs were home in early 1973. Unlike Dec. 7, 1941, or June 6, 1944, or Aug. 15, 1945 (Victory over Japan Day), or any other notable day from World War II, April 30, 1975, will never be recalled in positive ways by those old enough to remember or those too young whose ideas have instead been shaped by contemporary media.

For the more than three million American servicemen who honorably served in Southeast Asia between 1964 and 1973, there were no tumultuous homecoming parades, no victory celebrations in Times Square or any town square – nothing.

For the remaining 200 million Americans alive then who did not go to Vietnam, the war was mostly a vicarious, unpleasant inconvenience. Where Americans might recall this day in 1975, if they recall it at all, they are likely to conjure tension-filled images of action at the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, of Marines attempting to impose order from chaos, of throngs of Vietnamese clamoring to get aboard already overcrowded helicopters hoping to leave ahead of the invading communists, some of those same helicopters later being pushed over the sides of U.S. Navy ships, of barely seaworthy, ramshackle hobo freighters packed to the gunwales with star-crossed refugees steaming well in trace of the American armada. As negative as it all seemed, as bad as the day was, at least the bad dream that was, for Americans, the Vietnam "experience" was ending. Time to move on.

America's investment in Vietnam was significant. Aside from the tens of billions of dollars spent to fight the war, 58,000 men paid the ultimate price. Several times that number were wounded, and every man who endured combat has been marked forever by that experience.

While Americans have spent liberally and invested tremendous amounts of blood and sweat and treasure in the defense of freedom around the world, there is still that solipsistic sense, even today, perhaps especially today, that liberty is somehow an American concept and not everyone is ready to enjoy its blessings. Under-appreciated is the fact that a high percentage of people who live under totalitarian rule, if given opportunity, will risk everything to seek and gain the freedoms most of us so casually take for granted.

Misremembered and misreported are the facts that our Vietnamese allies, with the assistance of American airpower, had largely defeated the northern invaders during the Easter Offensive of 1972. Snatched from the jaws of victory, American negotiators traded away hard-fought battlefield gains for empty communist promises while Congress later turned the fiscal screws to our allies when victory, or at least freedom from northern domination, might have been theirs.

On this upcoming 35th anniversary of our end to that war, we must honor our dead – American and South Vietnamese – and those left among us who nobly served. We must recall that freedom has a tremendous price which is nearly always unevenly borne, and celebrate all that was right with our effort to advance its cause.

<p>Post 9433 Wednesday Night Bingo</p> <p>Progressive Jackpot Cash Prizes</p> <p>Games Start at 7:00 P.M. Food Specials 5 - 9 All Are Welcome</p>
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Don't wait until you break...

P.T.S.D.

Need help with Veterans Benefits?
Dakota County Veterans Services,
651-554-5601.

WIN \$\$\$!!

Charitable Gaming
Powerball & Minnesota Lottery
PULL TABS \$1.00
Mon.-Fri. 2:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Sat. 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM
Sun. Noon – 1:00 AM
Support Your Club