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June Newsletter

FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello everyone,

I want to clear up some confusion regarding the leadership transition. While I previously mentioned that the new Commander, Larry Larson, would take over in May, I actually have one more month at the helm before he officially assumes his duties.

Next, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who made our Memorial Day such an outstanding success! The weekend rain finally held off, giving us a beautiful day to honor and remember.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I want to express again how much I appreciate the incredible support I've received from everyone. It has been a true honor to serve as your Commander for the past nine years. If it weren't for some changes in my personal life, I would still be serving in this role.

While I won't be able to be at the post quite as often moving forward, I certainly won't be a stranger. Thank you all for a wonderful nine years.

Bernie Gobrogge
Commander, VFW Post 1062

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st – Memorial Day Parade wrap-up meeting 7:00 PM.

June 6th – Post monthly drawing 7:00 PM.

June 10th – House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

June 25th – Post Canteen meeting at 6:00 PM and Regular member's meeting at 7:00 PM

HISTORICAL EVENTS

World War II Turning Points

- **June 4–7, 1942** – The Battle of Midway: Six months after Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy decisively defeated the Imperial Japanese Navy near Midway Atoll. Thanks to American codebreakers, the U.S. intercepted enemy plans and sank four Japanese fleet carriers, permanently turning the tide of the war in the Pacific.
- **June 6, 1944** – D-Day (Operation Overlord): The largest amphibious invasion in military history. More than 150,000 American, British, and Canadian troops stormed five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of Normandy, France, opening the Western Front and marking the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany in Europe.
- **June 22, 1944** – The G.I. Bill is Signed: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (the original G.I. Bill), fundamentally changing the future for millions of returning World War II veterans by providing education, housing, and unemployment benefits.





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Other Historical Conflicts & Milestones

- **June 12, 1948 – Women's Armed Services Integration Act:** Signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, this groundbreaking act officially permitted women to serve as full, permanent members of all branches of the regular and reserve military. (Now widely celebrated as Women Veterans Day).
- **June 17, 1775 – The Battle of Bunker Hill:** One of the earliest and bloodiest major engagements of the Revolutionary War. While the British technically won the hill, the massive casualties they suffered proved that the colonial militia could stand toe-to-toe with a professional global army.
- **June 19, 1865 – Juneteenth:** Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with roughly 2,000 Union soldiers to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation and ensure the freedom of all enslaved people in Texas, marking a significant Civil War milestone.
- **June 25, 1950 – The Korean War Begins:** Armed forces from North Korea launched a massive surprise invasion across the 38th Parallel into South Korea, triggering a swift United Nations intervention led predominantly by United States forces.

Service Birthdays & Patriotic Days

- **June 14, 1775 – U.S. Army Birthday:** The Second Continental Congress officially formed the Continental Army to unify the 13 colonies against British forces during the Revolutionary War, making the Army the oldest branch of the U.S. military.
- **June 14, 1777 – Flag Day:** On the exact same day two years after the Army was founded, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.
- **June 23, 1939 – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday:** Originally established by Congress as the Coast Guard Reserve and later renamed the Auxiliary, this vital volunteer component supports maritime safety and homeland security operations.

June Observance Note: June is also designated as **National PTSD Awareness Month**, with June 27th specifically marked as National PTSD Awareness Day, focusing heavily on supporting veterans dealing with the invisible wounds of war.

Auxiliary Corner

Hi everyone!

May was a busy month, and I would like to thank the auxiliary members that worked hard and put in so much effort to make our Kentucky Derby and Memorial Day weekend such successes. Your time and dedication are appreciated.

We have a lottery board up for sale in the canteen. Tickets are \$2 apiece and can be purchased at the bar.





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We have dropped the price of our grey auxiliary T-shirts to \$15. We need to make room for our new shirts that will be for sale. The new shirts are available in blue or grey and orders can be placed at the bar. A sample shirt is hanging on the wall in the canteen.

Since it looks like summer has finally decided to show up, we will be hosting a couple of outdoor events.

Our first event will be a Paint and Plant on June 27 at 1:00 out on our pavilion. We will paint terracotta pots and plant young shoots from a spider plant. Everyone will leave with a thriving plant in their decorated pots. Snacks will be provided and the cost is \$6 per person.

Looking forward to July, our next event we are planning is a flea market. On July 18 we will host a flea market in our parking lot. Start going through your items that you might want to either donate to us to sell or rent a space and sell them yourself. More details will follow closer to the event.

We have to change the date of our Fall Craft Show from September 19 to September 26 due to a scheduling conflict.

Our next meeting is June 8 at 6:00. It would be nice to see you there.

Cathy Honsaker
Auxiliary President



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