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May Newsletter

FROM THE COMMANDER

Kentucky Derby Day: This Saturday!

Dust off your hats and get ready for the races! Our **Kentucky Derby event is this Saturday, May 2nd.**

Tickets are still available, but we need your help with planning. If you intend to join us, **please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.** Having an accurate headcount is essential to ensure we have plenty of food and refreshments for everyone in attendance. For full event details, please refer to the latest Auxiliary Newsletter.

Memorial Day: Honoring 250 Years of America

Our main event for May is our Memorial Day ceremony. This year carries special significance as we celebrate **America's 250th Anniversary** and honor the courage and sacrifice of all our Armed Forces.

Following the ceremony, we will host a community lunch. The Post will provide the main course, and we kindly invite attendees to **bring a side dish to share** with their fellow members and guests.

A Final Farewell from Commander Bernie Gobrogge

It is with a heavy heart that I share some personal news: after nine rewarding years, this will be my final newsletter as your Commander.

I am moving nearly an hour away, and as much as I love this Post, I will no longer be close enough to provide the daily presence and leadership you deserve. I am pleased to announce that **Larry Larson** will be stepping into the role, and I know the Post will be in excellent hands.

My history with VFW Post 1062 goes back to the 1960s, when I first walked through these doors with my father, a WWII Combat Veteran. This year marks my **35th year as an official member** of this Post, and it has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your Commander.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported me and worked alongside me over the years. While I won't be here as often as I'd like, I certainly won't be a stranger. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

To the colors,

Bernie Gobrogge
Commander, VFW Post 1062





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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd – Kentucky Derby 4:00 PM.
May 2nd – Post monthly drawing 7:00 PM.
May 11th – Memorial Day Parade Meeting 7:00 PM.
May 13th – House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
May 17th – Mandatory Memorial Day Parade Meeting (1 rep from each organization) 1:00 PM.
May 23rd – Place flag on graves at Chestnut Memorial Cemetery 8:00 AM.
May 25th – Memorial Day Parade – lineup at 7:00 AM and kicks off at 9:00 AM.
May 28th – Post Canteen meeting at 6:00 PM and Regular meeting at 7:00 PM
May 30th – Pickup flags from graves at Chestnut Memorial Cemetery at 8:00 AM.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

World War II Milestones

- V-E Day (May 8, 1945): Victory in Europe Day marks the formal acceptance by the Allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender, ending the war in Europe.
- The Fall of Berlin (May 2, 1945): Soviet forces captured the German capital, leading directly to the end of the Third Reich.
- Battle of the Coral Sea (May 4–8, 1942): This was the first naval battle in history where the opposing fleets never saw or fired directly at each other; it was fought entirely by carrier-based aircraft.
- Dunkirk Evacuation (Begins May 26, 1940): Operation Dynamo saw the miraculous rescue of over 330,000 Allied soldiers from the beaches of France as German forces closed in.
- Battle of Attu (May 11–30, 1943): The only land battle of WWII fought on incorporated U.S. territory (the Aleutian Islands, Alaska) in snowy, arctic conditions.

Other Historical Conflicts

- Civil War: The Battle of the Wilderness (May 5–7, 1864): This was the first battle of Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's "Overland Campaign" against Robert E. Lee.
- Vietnam War: Battle of Hamburger Hill (May 10–20, 1969): A grueling ten-day battle for Hill 937 that became a focal point of public debate over the war's strategy.
- Operation Neptune Spear (May 1, 2011): U.S. Navy SEALs successfully carried out the mission in Abbottabad, Pakistan, resulting in the death of Osama bin Laden.

Traditions and Observances

- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May): A day to pay tribute to the men and women currently serving in all branches of the U.S. military.
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May): Originally known as Decoration Day, it was first officially observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day (Friday before Mother's Day): Recognizes the unique sacrifices and contributions made by military families.





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Auxiliary Corner

In April we had our glass fusion class. It was a unique opportunity to be creative. Some of us struggled with that but all of our creations turned out great. Thank you Heidi Wojcik for teaching the class.

We also held our elections in April. The following officers will be installed in June for the 2026-27 year.

Cathy Honsaker	President	Doris Caldarelli	Guard
Beth Neiger	Senior Vice	Joanna Johnson	Chaplin
Corey Johnson	Junior Vice	Kelli Dawson	Trustee 3 yr
David Golec	Secretary	Doris Caldarelli	Trustee 2 yr
Joyce Hickman	Treasurer	Christina Schall	Trustee 1 yr
Chuck Caldarelli	Conductor		

Thank you all for your dedication to our auxiliary.

Heading into May, we are hosting the Kentucky Derby, Saturday May 2. Doors open at 4:00, dinner served at 5:00. Tickets are \$35 and includes appetizers, fried chicken dinner, dessert and one complimentary mint julep. We will also have raffles, 50/50, games, horse betting and of course the race. There will be tickets available at the door. Come join us for a fun evening!

Memorial Day is coming up at the end of the month. Any auxiliary member is welcome to join us as we walk in the parade. We are also asking for food donations for the meal at the club after the parade. Donations can be dropped off at the club that day.

Looking ahead, we have decided to host a craft show again this fall. Our show will be on September 19. Mark your calendars, more details to follow.

Our next meeting will be on May 11 at 6:00. Look forward to seeing you there.
Cathy Honsaker
Auxiliary President

