

STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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Commander's Corner

By Vic Callahan



Recently, I attended a meeting at Gracelawn Memorial with Mark Sparagna the superintendent there. The owners, SCI, are interested in having an annual flag retiring ceremony on site with our help, and they are planning on interring the ashes of the flags in a dedicated plot in the cemetery on Flag Day, June 14th. They intend to invite certain dignitaries from the area as well as local news stations. I volunteered our services, and will have another meeting soon to establish a guideline for this ceremony. I will speak with several officers that I plan to enlist to participate. This is service to the community and to the veterans the flags have honored.

In the immediate future, we have an opportunity to go to the new building and have members autograph the wall studs or possibly the structural steel around the doors. I am trying to arrange it with EDIS late in the day when the work is winding down. Their safety people want to make a stone walkway to give us a safe path into the building, I thought to do it on two days for two weeks, a Thursday and a Saturday to accommodate our work schedules. We have May 8th and 13th, then 20th and 22nd. The exact time will be confirmed, but for now use 3:30 pm. I am doing this for donations to the Post, to be earmarked to purchase an American Legion emblem large enough to mount on the front exterior wall with the name Joseph B Stahl. Other target items are Legion embossed carpet mats for the entrance, and the Stanley P Lawruk Hall plaque. No donation amount will be appreciated more or less than any other. I would ask anyone who intends to participate to have someone put their name on a sign-up sheet that will be in the Canteen, so we have an idea of how many members we need to accommodate on which day. There is a small window to do this, but it's never been possible before or will be again.

The building committee is working on an insulation issue that just presented itself. We will be meeting on site ASAP to address it. Also, the easement documents for the proposed paved road that Artesian owns has been altered twice in the last week, but are in a state that is now acceptable to us. The University is now prepared to carry the burden of maintenance on the widened Artesian road solely, in print format.

Last month I listed the names of several members who reached long term membership years. Unfortunately, I mistakenly listed George Fakus as 50 years when it was actually 60 years. My personal apology to George for this error.

Updates from 2nd Vice

By Sal Vaccarino

First and foremost, Thank you all for your well wishes and support during Merle's illness and surgery over the last couple weeks. It means so much to both of us that our Stahl Post family stepped up to offer support and assistance during Merle's illness. During this difficult time it is your true friends and family that ALWAYS step up to offer support. Thank you for being there, words cannot express the love we have for you all.

Spring has sprung and with vaccines on the rise and lots of "opening up" all around us. I am in hopes that we will soon be able to get back to a "new normal" and Stahl Post too.

The excitement is building around our new facility as we see the progress our GC is making in our new location. I know everyone is getting excited to see the new facility, as I have bumped into a few members when stopping by the construction site for an update and visit. I can't wait until we can host our Grand Opening and Re-Dedication. More to follow as future plans for the new post facility continue to expand and take some life.

Our **Hometown Heroes** program continues to move ahead with several new submissions that will be going to the printer in the next couple days. I can't wait to show everyone how wonderful these banners will look on the town center light poles of Stanton.

Have a safe and healthy spring. Hope to see you all again very soon.



Auxiliary

By Lisa Prosachik

April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims with allergies. Bad, I know. Happy May everyone!

ELECTIONS. As no one has nominated anyone or decided to throw their hat in the ring, the current officers have graciously chosen to maintain their current positions. Thank you ladies!

We are ready to make some waves and would love for you to join us. Get your calendars out, arm yourself with a pen, and mark down the following Post events:

Monday night Game Night is returning to the Post beginning May 10th from 6pm to 8pm

Auxiliary presents, "Jammin' with Stormin' Norman. **June 4th 4pm to 8pm.** There will be light finger foods for you to poke at. Stormin' Norman is graciously donating his time and music for this event. Thank you Norman!

Time to do some Cluckin' in the parking lot! Yes, cluckin'. The Auxiliary is planning a chicken BBQ out on the blacktop. And, yes, we will have a DJ, Yahoo! Time to dust off those dancing shoes. **June 26th 2pm to 7pm.** Platters will be \$15.00 a piece. The platters include: BBQ chicken, baked beans a dinner roll and your choice of potato salad or coleslaw. You can eat in or take out. For inclement weather, we will move the party indoors. *Remember folks, this is a fundraiser

MAY meeting date has been changed to May 6th @ 6pm because of Mother's Day.

SALS

By Stan Lawruk Jr



SALS meeting was held on 4/20, Finance and membership reports were read. The next meeting will be on May 18 at 6:30. The Shrimp

dinner held on 4/16 was a success and generated a profit for the Post. Yeah!

*** **SHRIMP DINNER** *** Friday May 7th at 7pm Shrimp, Chicken fingers, and Fries.

Money was approved for a Defibrillator. The state convention will be held virtually on June 6th. Vic gave us an update on the new Building, Check it out it's coming along great. Don't forget to re-new your membership and be a part of this new era at Stahl.

Memorial Day



Memorial Day is celebrated this year on **Monday, May 31st.** This federal holiday recognizes all the brave men and women who died while serving their country.

It began shortly after the Civil War ended in the spring of 1865. This war claimed more lives than any other conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the first national cemeteries.

No one is sure how this tradition started, but some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemoration was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. They called it Decoration Day.

In between 1865 and 1966, the US found themselves in other wars and rather than celebrate those who died for this country at different times, the name morphed from Decoration Day into Memorial Day. Also in 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day and with the date of May 30th. Then, in 1968, Congress passed Uniform Monday Holiday Act which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May and declared it a federal holiday.

Let's remember all those who bravely served in all wars and conflicts and died for our country so that we could live free.

Mother's Day



Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele.

In America the incarnation of Mother's Day started before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". Today this church holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, to be held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.



V-E Day - May 8

May 8th, 1945 was when the German's laid down their arms in surrender, marking peace for the people of Europe. While it did not end the fighting in the Pacific, it did bring peace to many.



Please put out your flags to rejoice the defeat of the Nazi regime and the Allies victory.

And, may we never see another world war.

Armed Forces Day, May 15

By Defense.gov









On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas". He further stated that this marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality.

According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world."

Unlike Memorial Day, held later in the month which honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice, this day honors those who are serving today. We honor their sacrifices and dedication to ensuring we are prepared for combined operations wherever and whenever we are called.

Events Calendar May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>CANTEEN HOURS</p> <p>Sunday - Wednesday: Closed</p> <p>Thursday : 2pm - 10 pm</p> <p>Friday - Saturday: Noon to Midnight</p> <p><small>Hours are subject to change based on the state guidance and member participation.</small></p>						1
<p>2 Legion Riders Meeting</p> 	3	4	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo</p> 	<p>6 National Day of Prayer</p> <p>Auxillary Meeting 6 PM</p>	<p>7 Military Spouces Appreciation Day</p> <p>Shrimp Dinner 7 PM</p> 	8
<p>9 Mother's Day</p> 	<p>10 Monday Game Night Returns 6-10 PM</p>	<p>11 Legion Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p>New Moon</p> 	12	13	14	<p>15 Armed Forces Day</p> 
16	<p>17 Monday Game Night Returns 6-10 PM</p>	<p>18 SALS Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> 	25	<p>26 Full Moon</p> 	27	28	29