



Post Scripts



820 N. LIBERTY STREET, ELGIN, ILLINOIS

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Commander's Corner Mark W. Smith Post 57 Commander

Fellow Legionnaires,

The weather is getting warmer, and I am definitely looking forward to Summer arriving soonest. I hope this edition of the post-scripts finds all of you in good health. We had a very successful Pride of our Post (POP) dinner and raffle, as well as some great follow-on entertainment socializing with friends new and old. The Easter Bunny visited Post 57 on Easter Sunday during breakfast and took pictures and handed out candy to the kids. Mark your calendars, as I hope everyone can make it to the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14th. This is a great opportunity to bring Mom out for a great breakfast with family and friends early on, and still have the rest of the day to celebrate.



The month of May brings The American Legion Family Poppy Days. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

American Legion Post 57 will be doing our Poppy drive May 11-13 as we lead into Memorial Day at the end of May. Please look for the sign-up sheets by the Adjutant Office so you can sign up for a time and a location to help secure donations. On May 26, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Anyone can participate in National Poppy Day®. Here are a few simple ways:

- Wear a red poppy all day and tell everyone why.
- Distribute poppies to friends, co-workers and family and tell everyone why.
- Collect donations at your workplace to give to the Poppy Program.
- Tell the story on Facebook of who you are wearing your poppy to remember or support on National Poppy Day®. Don't forget to tag us! **#PoppyDay #LegionFamily**
- Accept a poppy and make a donation if you see a member of The American Legion Family in your neighborhood distributing poppies.

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I hope to see everyone coming out and supporting the Post and our groups at the Fish Fry, Cruise Night, Queen of Hearts, Burger Night, Lightning, etc.... We are blessed with some awesome Veterans, Auxiliary, and Sons within our post who give many hours of their time to make these events possible for us all to enjoy.

The first American Legion Cruise Night of 2023, hosted by the American Legion Riders, will be May 10th in our parking lot from 5-8 p.m. Come out and enjoy classic vehicles of all types and some great food and drink.

As we lead into Memorial Day at the end of the month, please mark your calendars to come out and participate in one of the several programs held around Elgin including Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lakewood Cemetery, Veterans Memorial Park, and the biggest being the Bluff City Cemetery at 11 a.m., all on May 29th. Come back to the Post for lunch at 12:30 p.m. after the ceremonies.

As always, please keep up with current information on our webpage at alelginpost57.com, or our Facebook page at facebook.com/ALElginPost57/, which are updated regularly.

Thank you all for your service to your country and your continued support of Post 57.

Best Regards and Godspeed,
Mark W. Smith
Commander

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JUNIOR VICE

I want to thank everyone who participated in the POP raffle and attended the drawing. The DJ was great, and a good time was had by all. Easter breakfast had a good turnout and thank you to all the volunteers that helped prepare and serve. Mothers Day we will have breakfast, and Fathers Day we will have a cookout. July 29 will be our picnic; we will need help with cooking and setup and take down. I am also looking for donations for the picnic raffle. There will be a signup sheet by the office for anyone that would be interested in going to the Kane County Cougars game, if there is enough interest, I will get the tickets and the date will be announced. Don't forget our Cruise Nights on the second Wednesday this summer.

Thank you for supporting the Legion.
Jim Mosby
Jr Vice

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT CAROL S. FOWLER

Hello Post 57 members,

The year is moving right along, as we see that we are now into April 2023. Speaking about the months of May and June, as usual, we have upcoming events that need to be noted, outside of our regular monthly happenings. First off, the Adjutant's office has a few items for sale. The photo tells all, except for price.

For May the Sons of the Legion are holding a Derby party on the 6th. The ALR Cruise Nights begin on May 10th. Then on the 11th, 12th, and 13th, it is our Annual Poppy Donations drive from 8am to 8pm. Mother's Day is on the 14th with breakfast at the Post, but there won't be any bingo. The 29th is Memorial Day with numerous activities taking place to include the Elgin parade with Legion members participating in the American Legion Color Guard and The Legion Riders.

Post Officer Elections take place on the 13th of June, which is open to all to take part in. The ALR Cruise Night is on Flag Day, the 14th. And finally on June the 18th there is a Father's Day cook-out. There will be bingo on Friday the 19th from 7-9 pm.

Take note of these events as well as our usual burger and lightning Thursdays and Monday Queen of Hearts. It's all good. I hope to see you all there to join in on the fun.

And as always from me to you,
Semper Fidelis, always faithful.

Thank you, Fowler Tree Surgery,

Recognition goes out to the Fowler Tree Surgery for taking time out voluntarily to cut limbs at the Post. Gary Fowler, owner, has been with the business for sixty-five years, learning the trade from his father, the late Harold K. Fowler. The company is locally owned and has been in Elgin since 1930.



AUXILIARY UNIT 57 PRESIDENT'S NEWS



Hello everyone,

The weather has finally turned around with warm weather to allow us to go walking, gardening, traveling, or just sitting outside to soak up the sun. My garden calls out to me to plant some flowers.

Along with Easter mass and family get-togethers, Easter Breakfast at the Post, Anne and Craig Essick made sure that Easter cards were delivered to all the Veterans at the area nursing homes. Thank you both, and Jeri Hall for helping.

We sent out approximately 13 Auxiliary member invites to our Awards night being held on April 25th at 7:00pm. Our members will receive a pin and an Award Certificate showing their years of service.

I would like to take a moment to tell you that one of our Past Auxiliary Presidents Darlene Perfors has passed away. Darlene was well respected and liked. Many of the auxiliary

members attended her wake to pay tribute to her memory and offer condolences to her family.

Our Membership Chairman has reported that we continue to be at 100% and growing. Thank you to our members for their help and support.

Two other events for May will be our Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Elgin cemeteries closing with the ceremony held at Bluff City Cemetery on May 29th. On May 31st we will hold our Post Everlasting Ceremony.

Thanks go out to our Bingo players and Bingo volunteers for continuing to support our Sunday Bingo.

We invite our membership to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Please join us.

Sandra King
Auxiliary President

Plus Banquet

The  Plus Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday May 17th. 5pm Cocktails, 6pm Dinner and 7pm cash give back. Signup sheet is at the bar. We hope to see you soon.

Terry Cummings

 **Plus Club**



*Just a reminder,
there will be no
Sunday afternoon*

*bingo on Mother's Day or Father's Day. Please
come out and join us any other Sunday afternoon.*



***Want to keep
informed of Post 57
news and events???***

Please go to our website at:

<https://alelginpost57.com/post-57-home>

Our website is updated regularly, and you can see what is happening with our post. You can also go to the section that lets you subscribe to our mailing list and receive email updates.

Also visit us on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ALElginPost57/>

POST #57 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the newest members of American Legion Post #57:

Joseph Mckeown

David Mulcahy

Thomas Wisinski

WELCOME 2910 MEMBERS:

Eric Barabicho

Lawrence Bruce

Greg Cariello

Frederik Currie

William Dobson

Wayne Domin

Nathan Dotseth

Lucio Estrada

Kevin Harms

Glenn Hill

Michael Pisani

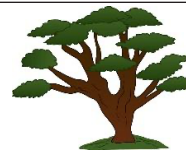
Chuck Rackow

John Shephard

Gilbert Shultz

The Officers and Members of Post #57 welcome you and wish you well in your coming experience in the American Legion.

Many thanks to **Gary R. Fowler**, President of **TREE SURGERY, INC.** for assisting us in cutting down trees on our property. We highly recommend him for any Tree removal, Tree Trimming, Stump Removal, Root Feeding, Land Clearing and Brush Hauling. He is available for emergencies and year-round service.



Fowler

Tree Surgery, Inc.

Office (847) 741-0435

FORE!
American Legion Golf League
“We Are Ready for Some Golf”



Unlike recent years, members teed-off their 2023 season “opener” under sunny skies, with temperatures in the 80’s. Inclement weather caused the cancellation of last year’s opening day. All three of the league’s divisions started the season with a full lineup of members. The league is welcoming four new members. They are John Daddono, Kurt Eilrich, Dave Hamilton, and Tom Stahlbusch. Substitutes are always welcome on a space availability basis. This year the league has one substitute to take the place of an absent member. Tom Sorenson is our current sub. The league plays on Thursdays at Bonnie Dundee Golf Course in Carpentersville. Tee-times begin at 3:02 PM and run until 4:00 PM. Starting on April 13th the season is 19 weeks long and will conclude on August 24th with the annual tournament and banquet on Saturday August 26th. Interested parties may sign up at the post. See the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet. It has a bright orange border. You may also contact Earl Donoho, the league secretary, at 847 802-2748 or the league President, Larry Wetzel, at 847 562-6478.



American Legion Post 57 QUEEN OF HEARTS!

QUEEN of HEARTS IS WORTH OVER \$7,000.00 (As of 4/17/2023)

Post 57 continues its Queen of Hearts program on Monday nights along with Karaoke. Tickets will be available at the Canteen during regular business hours and will be sold up to 15 minutes before the drawing. Net Ticket sales will be added to the remaining JackPot for the next week's drawing. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 (sold in \$5.00 lots only) and participants can purchase as many tickets as they want.

In-House Special Mondays 10am —10pm 18 tickets for \$10.00

Tickets need to be purchased (cash only) in person at the Post 57 Canteen and participants must be at least 18 years old to play. Participants do not have to be present to win. This program is open to the public.

Join us for the raffle at 8pm and Karaoke starting at 7pm.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi All,

My name is Jim Looney and I have the honor of being the new Director of the American Legion Riders (ALR). With the warmer weather coming soon we will start having our annual events. The car and bike show (Cruise night) is every second Wednesday of the month starting in May and ending in September (5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13). We will also be having our Back the Blue and Support the Veterans bike run. That happens annually on the third Saturday of August (8/19). Also, we will be involved with Memorial Day events, Poppy Days, Salute to our Heroes, Paradises Escorts, and of course many rides. If anyone wants us to attend an event, please let me know, and I will bring it to the group to discuss. One of the goals this year will be to support other American Legions and their Rider groups. Which in turn should have them supporting our functions as well. We are always looking for new people so if you are part of the Legion and ride a motorcycle, please stop by and introduce yourself, take a ride with us and see what kind of group we have. Thank you.

Jim Looney – ALR Director

HELP WANTED!

The Legion is looking for volunteers to help place the flags for the Avenue of Flags at Bluff City Cemetery on May 24th. If you're interested in helping, please call 847-741-2358.

POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY

We will be holding our annual Post Everlasting service on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 PM. We will be honoring all Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders who have passed to the Post Everlasting this past year. Please come out and honor those who have passed.

SAL

The Kentucky Derby Party at the Legion is May 6th. Come bet on the horses and more. We're going to use our antique wheel, so come see it in action. We're serving delicious pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and chips for \$7.00. Hope to see you here.

Terry Cummings – SAL Adjutant

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER ROBERT GETZ

For those Kane County veterans who received the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption last year, you will be receiving a form in the mail this week for 2023's exemption. Once you receive the form, you will need to include a verification letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to return with the form to the Kane County Assessment Office. You can obtain that VA letter a few different ways:

- 1.) Create or login to your eBenefits account and navigate to "Documents and Records" and then to "VA Letters" to download your letter <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
- 2.) Create or login to your VA.gov account and navigate to "VA Benefits and Health Care" and then to "Records" and then to "Download your VA Benefits letters" to download your letter <https://www.va.gov/?next=loginModal>
- 3.) Request a call from the VA through their VERA Website. Click on "Illinois" make sure the appointment type is toggled to "Virtual" then click on the box that says "Virtual Chicago Regional Office" continue to complete your information and select the box that says "Letter or Form Request" and they will fax or mail you your letter <https://vets.force.com/VAVERA/s/>
- 4.) Call the VA benefits hotline at 1-800-827-1000 and request a summary of benefits letter be emailed, faxed, or mailed to you.
- 5.) **Schedule an in-person appointment to receive the letter through our office by calling 630-232-3550/3551.**

MEMORIAL DAY May 29th, 2023



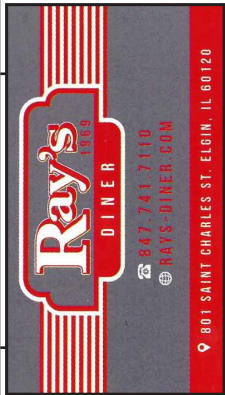
8:30 AM - Mount Hope Cemetery

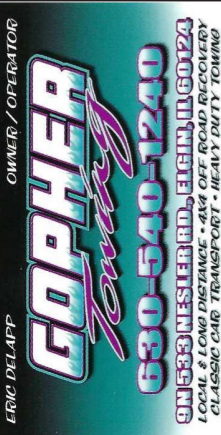
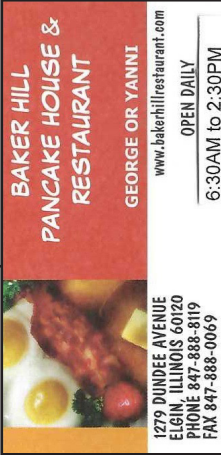
9:00 AM - Lakewood Memorial Park

9:30 AM - Veterans Memorial Park

11:00 AM – Bluff City Cemetery

For additional information, please visit www.elginmemorialday.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		HOME ASSN MTG 7PM LIONS CLUB MEETING 7PM METRO ENGINEERS 7PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7PM LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM	HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM Fish Fry 4-7PM	
7 AUX. BINGO NOON	8 AMVETS 7PM KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	9 POST MEETING 7PM	10 SAL MEETING 7PM ALR CRUISE NIGHT 5-8PM	11 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM	12 LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM Fish Fry 4-7PM POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM	13 POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM
14 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 9-11:30 No BINGO	15 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	16 AUXILIARY CLUB MEETING 7PM LIONS CLUB MEETING 7PM	17  PLUS BANQUET 5PM	18 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	19 LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM Fish Fry 4-7PM BINGO 7-9PM	20 ARMED FORCES DAY CANTEEN MEETING 9AM EUCA MTG. 12 NOON
21 AUX. BINGO NOON	22 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	23	24 ALR MEETING 6:30PM	25 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	26 LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM Fish Fry 4-7PM VETS SVC BENEFITS KCVAC & VA HINES 9:30AM-2PM	27 EPMA MTG. 9AM
28 AUX. BINGO NOON	29 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH 11:30AM No QUEEN OF HEARTS	30	31 POST EVERLASTING 7PM			
 May 2023 KITCHEN PHONE: 847-741-8143 — CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE - SOUPS, SALAD BAR, COLD SANDWICHES AND MENUS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR ARE ALL AVAILABLE.  <i>Symonds-Madison</i> <i>Funeral Home</i> Proudly veteran and family owned 847-741-1128  Ray's DINER 847.741.7119 847-5-DINER.COM 9 801 SAINT CHARLES ST. ELGIN, IL 60120 O'Connor - Lettz FUNERAL HOME, P.C. 364 Division Street Elgin, Illinois 60120 Tom Lettz Owner/Funeral Director www.oconnor-lettz.com (847) 741-1400 (Bus) (847) 741-1473 (Fax) email: tlettz@oconnor-lettz.com						

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11 AUX. BINGO NOON	12 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	13 POST MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS 7PM	14 FLAG DAY 4PM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK SAL MEETING 7PM ALR CRUISE NIGHT 5-8PM	15 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	16 LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM FISH FRY 4-7PM	17 CANTEEN MTG. 9AM EUCA MTG. 12PM @ AMERICAN LEGION
18 FATHER'S DAY COOK-OUT 11-1PM No BINGO	19 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	20 AUXILIARY CLUB MEETING 7PM LIONS CLUB MEETING 7PM	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM 2023 INITIATION CEREMONY 7PM	23 LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00PM FISH FRY 4-7PM VETS SVC BENEFITS KCVAC & VA HINES 9:30AM-2PM	24 EPMA MTG. 9AM
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From the Canteen

AMERICAN LEGION POST 57 IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON OUR CANTEEN COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT PROVIDES ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO OUR CANTEEN MANAGER AND MEETS ONCE A MONTH. LET ANY OFFICER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.



Congratulations to Nancy C. for 25 years of service to our Post and Canteen. Stop by our Canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays to say hi and congratulate her on a job well done.

Congratulations to the following Legionnaires on their member recognitions!

5 YEAR AWARD

Donald Cerny
Thomas Cowser
Curtis Dillard
Edward Fabsits
Paul Stevens

10 YEAR AWARD

Caesar Andreoni
David Arbitman
Frederick Currie
John Farrell
Maburn Franks
Lane Gardner
Conrad Helland
Ted Hover
Tom Jackson
James Korlesky
Larry Labahn
Nathaniel Morish
John Page
Sam Sanavongsay
Clarence Schultz
Rachel Sherman
Richard Sherman
Jeffrey Snow
Sam Soneinthavong
Daniel Symonds
Michael Zimmerman

15 YEAR AWARD

Norman Budnick
Richard Kozlowski
Robert Scholler
Donald Quillman
James Spangler
Steven Weber

20 YEAR AWARD

Herbert Mueller
Leo Ribordy
Gerald Rotundo
Larry Wojtas

25 YEAR AWARD

Erik Bezak
Edward Curtis
Rick Dau
Jonathan Eddy
Lee E
Illington
John Gehm
Robert Goff
Lyle Pope
Souphanh Rattana
Louis Soest Sr.

30 YEAR AWARD

Thomas Ayres
Richard Dunn
Larry Nielsen
Edward Parisek
Vernon Patton
Charles Pickens

35 YEAR AWARD

Robert Johnson
Gene Josephsen
Donald Leo
Gene Mitoro
Robert Roundtree

40 YEAR AWARD

Clarence Heine
Michael Wirsing

50 YEAR AWARD

Robert Froehlich
John Hansen
Robert Hartig
James Hobbs
Kenneth Lang
David Rothfuss

55 YEAR AWARD

Timothy Crabb
Robert Lamping
Glenn Wood Jr.

60 YEAR AWARD

Lorenzo Ruiz

70 YEAR AWARD

Donald Nish

*Please remember
our active-duty
servicemen and
women who are
in harms way all
over the world.*



POST 57 SWAG – Limited sizes and numbers available



Baseball Cap - \$15.00



Polo Shirt - \$25.00



Pullover Hoodie - \$35.00



Zip up Hoodie - \$35.00



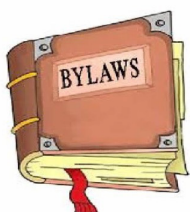
Back of Shirts / Sweatshirts

See Adjutant for availability.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post #57 will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Bring the entire family for an excellent breakfast. Check out the Legion Facebook page or website for more details.

We would also like to remind you that there will be no Bingo on Mother's Day Sunday and the Post will be closing at 3:00 pm.



A Bylaws Committee is currently in the process of updating our Post 57 Bylaws. A draft of the amended Bylaws will be distributed at a future Post meeting and will be approved by a majority vote of those members present.

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post #57 will be hosting a Father's Day Cookout on Sunday, June 18th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bring the entire family for some wonderful food. Check out the Legion Facebook page or website for more details.

We would also like to remind you that there will be no Bingo on Father's Day Sunday and the Post will be closing at 3:00 pm.

Members Who Have Passed on to Post Everlasting

Darlene Mae Perfors –
Past Auxiliary president



"May they rest in peace..."



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NATIONAL POPPY DAY®

POPPY DAYS-MAY 11, 12, & 13, 2023 Volunteers Needed

**Elgin Post #57 American Legion will be distributing Poppies in Elgin this year.
A location and sign-up sheet will be in the foyer.
The Auxiliary, SAL and Amvets will be assisting.
If you have any questions, please call 847-741-2358.**

From the Historian

Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday in May. How many of us are old enough to remember our grandparents referring to Memorial Day as Decoration Day? It seems surprising to learn that it took Congress until 1971 to declare Memorial Day a national holiday. Following the Civil War, families of both the Union and Confederacy decorated the graves of fallen soldiers. On March 3, 1868, General John A. Logan issued an order to take time to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. It is safe to attribute the establishment of Memorial Day to General Logan's action. However, on May 5, 1868, the leader of the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) is said to have established "Decoration Day" as a time for decorating the graves of soldiers with flowers. The date of May 30 is thought to have been chosen for the holiday since flowers would be in abundance at that time of year. Family gatherings for cookouts are also traditional. As folks gathered to decorate soldier's graves, they would spread dishes of food on tablecloths laid out on the grounds; it was referred to as "dinner on the ground." "Dinner on the Ground" is why we have picnics on Memorial Day today. Our nation may have shifted to barbecue as the national Memorial Day tradition, but the custom is thought to have its roots in "Dinner on the Ground." (see:act-on.com) For combat veterans, Memorial Day is especially important. Who better to pay homage to the fallen than those who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with them on the battlefield? We come to the cemeteries to honor the memory of the fallen, but not to mourn. General George S. Patton said,

"It is foolish, and wrong, to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." This statement is especially true today, with our "all-volunteer army". However, let us show our empathy for the families that have lost a loved one in the service of their country. Then, this Memorial Day let us give thanks that such men 'have' lived and let us honor THEM that have given their lives. Let us remember, and even let us mourn, but mostly, let us honor, and let us be thankful for them, and let us be proud to have served with them. We can be proud of all of our American Legion members. Be thankful for all the men and women for serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Then let us have "Dinner on the Ground", remember and honor all of our nation's fallen soldiers, from the Revolutionary War of 1776 to our modern days now. Stand proud with the Elgin American Legion this Memorial Day as you make your way down the Avenue of Flags at Bluff City Cemetery, it is a most impressive honorarium to our fallen comrades!

D-Day, June 6, 1944, 79 years ago, Operation Overlord started the allies' involvement in WWII with the goal of defeating Nazi Germany and the Axis. The anniversary of the invasion comes just 8 days after Memorial Day 2023. The gallantry on this day by the men of the armed forces of the United States is at the very least, quite astonishing. Elgin Legion member, Artie Miller, who just recently passed away, was a participant that day as a member of the 82nd Airborne. He was just one of 13,100 paratroops. Let's "thank God that such men lived" and have "Dinner on the Ground".

Earl Donoho



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 10 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 11-13 - Poppy Days
- 14 - Mother's Day Breakfast 9am - 11:30
- 17 -  Plus Banquet 5pm
- 29 - Memorial Day: Mount Hope 8:30am
LakeWood 9:00am
Veterans Memorial Park 9:30am
Bluff City Cemetery 11:00am
Luncheon at Post 57 11:30pm
- 31 - Post Everlasting Ceremony 7pm

JUNE

- 13 - Post Elections 7pm
- 14 - Flag Day Ceremony
- 14 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 18 - Father's Day Cookout 11am - 1pm

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- 4 - Independence Day
- 12 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 29 - Post Family Picnic

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This annual program is sponsored by Elgin Elks Lodge 737 with the assistance of Elgin Post 57 American Legion. A fine tradition!

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