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Commander's Corner

Dale McMahon, Post Commander

It is now April and I would like to say Thank You to all the volunteers and staff members who helped me as commander throughout the year. I could not have asked for any better and appreciate each and every individual and all they have contributed to Post #20.

Elections for the 2012-2013 year will be held June 6, 2012 at the next membership meeting. Please attend this important meeting and vote for the individuals you wish to lead the Post next year.

We have come far this year and still need volunteers for Bingo and other programs to support our mission. We are about helping veterans and it takes a little effort from each of us to continue to do so. Please, stop in and see if there is any way you can help in some small way.

Thank you again and I hope to see you around the Post.



Post #20 will celebrate Memorial Day with a special ceremony on 28 May 2012, 11:00 AM. The post would like to invite every member, their families, all veterans in our community to come and celebrate with us on this special occasion. This year we are honored to have as a guest speaker Major General Robert J. Kasulke, Commanding General U.S. Army Reserve Medical Command. MG Kasulke recieved a direct commission in the Medical Corps in 1980 following graduation from the State University of New York, Syracuse. Throughout his career he has held numerous positions within the medical field with the Army reserves. This ceremony will certainly remind us of all who have served in the armed forces. All gave some, and some gave all that our country would remain free. Please come and celebrate together with us. A light lunch will be served following the ceremony.

Carl Duford, 3rd Vice Commander



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 13th
10AM-2PM

Memorial Day CEREMONY

May 28th
11AM



Post #20 Elections
Membership Meeting
June 6, 2012
7PM
(see page 2 for
candidates)

Membership

Art Maggy, Executive Committee Member

Membership: Our membership stands at 695 paid. We still need 32 more to reach our assigned goal of 727. It's not too late to pay, we have had several come forward in the last three weeks. I want to thank Mike McKeon (Clinton County Commander and past Post Commander) who has paid for four members who we felt were in need and had several years in the Post. Also former POW Robert Booth has paid for three and Art & Marie Maggy have paid for two. This all helps and again thanks to all.

From one Veteran to Another, it's an honor to be in your company. Thank you for your service to our Country and defending the Freedoms we enjoy.

Art Maggy Membership Post #20

On June 6, 2012, all members are encouraged to attend the membership meeting and to cast your vote for the following offices:

2012-2013 Nominees

Commander	Dale Mc Mahon
1 st Vice Commander	Cliff Matott
2 nd Vice Commander	Jason Laundry
3 rd Vice Commander	Carl Duford
Adjutant	Cindy Eckhoff
Chaplain	Ron Wood
Treasurer	David Graves
Members At Large	Don Rushford
“ “	Ron Laduke
Executive Committee	Joan Mc Mahon
“	Mike McKeon
“	Richard Turnbull
Board of Trustees	
Year 1	Ted Alwine
Year 2	Joe Patnode
Year 3	Andrew Leonard

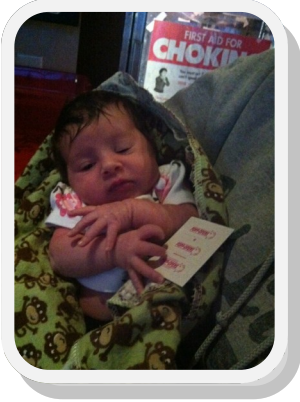


**SCAM
ALERT**

Scam alert sent in from Mike McKeon:

An email appears to come from a DFAS employee and displays a DOT MIL address; it is actually from a non government email account. It states you may be due additional funds from the IRS, but you need to send copies of your VA award letter, your income tax returns, your 1099-R's, your RAS statements and a copy of your DD-214.
DON'T DO IT.





Welcome baby Billie Jean Harkness, daughter of Heather and Mark Harkness, born April 12, 2012. Heather is the Bar Manager and Mark is Commander of the Sons at Post #20. Stop in and congratulate them when you get a chance!

Plattsburgh Military Appreciation Day

September 8, 2012

9 AM-2PM

Crete Memorial Civic Center

4 Beach Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Facebook:

<http://wwfacebook.com/pages/Plattsburgh-NY-Military-Appreciation-DaySeptember-8-2012/332591903431300>

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Chappy's Corner

Ron Wood

If you are in a reading mode, may I suggest "Will Rogers—The Man and His Times". He was an icon of the early 20th century. Over 70 years have come and gone since his death and he still is respected and remembered for his many sayings.

He was born in 1880. During his life he was a performer in vaudeville and the Ziegfeld Folies in silent and talking pictures and radio.

In his stage debut of "Three Cheers", he replaced his friend who got injured, allowing only 2 weeks to learn his part but he did it. Perhaps it could be partially attributed to the fact that while on stage he never exactly followed the script. He knew the general "thought" but made up his own dialogue—causing anxiety for the other actors wondering "where is my cue to come in".

Because he loved to meet and talk with people he became a well known world traveler. He became a very wealthy man but never lost sight of his "old country boy" beginnings. One of his famous quotes was "I never met a man I didn't like".

Another saying of his was "We spoiled the best territory in the world to make a state". He spoke of Oklahoma—his home state.

He made the statement "My ancestors didn't come on the Mayflower but they met the boat". He was part Indian.

In 1935, Will Rogers died along with his friend Wiley Post, the famous pilot of the early years of flight. "Taking off, the engine misfired on right bank while only fifty feet off water. Plane, out of control, crashed nose on ___". Upon the news of this tragedy John McCormack said "A smile has disappeared from the lips of America".

I highly recommend the reading of this interesting and informative book.

Till next time,
Chappy,
Ron Wood



Taps

Walter Light	3/12
Gordon Brown	3/12
Lawrence Doyle	4/12
Earl Carpenter	4/12
Gerald Brown	4/12



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