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Post meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month at the
 Wing 21 Ubon Royal Thai AB
 Driving Range Club house at 10:00 a.m.
 All members are encouraged to attend.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
June 10	Post Meeting	10:00a.m.
June 10	Father's Days Celebration	
June 10	Flag Day	

New 2019 Post Officers:

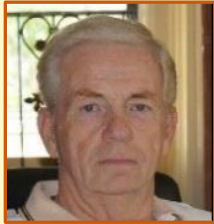
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May 13, 2019 Post Membership Meeting



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



By Larry Edmonds

Comrades,

In the coming months the Post will be operating under new guidance. Many members will be taking their vacations and will be out of the country and will not be available for the summer month's meetings. I will be returning to the States on 1 July 2019 with my wife for visits to family and friends. We will be returning sometime in October providing all medical check-ups go well. In my absence, 1st Vice Commander Templeman will be chairing the meeting for July. He will be returning to the States in August at which time 2nd Vice Commander Wright will chair the August, September and possibly the October meeting. I will be attending on the Skype conference calls but will not attempt to chair any of the meetings.

We will be using Skype from now on to broadcast our monthly meetings. There are still a few bugs that need to be fixed, but I believe it will be better than "Hangouts" was. I will try to have another test run before the June meeting. I will send out the link prior to the test.

Let's not forget the America Legion Birthday Centennial that is in process. Remember to spread the word in your communities about our goals and what we stand for. If you know a vet or vet's spouse, inform them of our Post and inform them the Legion is 100 years old and ready to assist them in any way possible. I hope to see as many as possible at the June meeting or on Skype.

1st Vice / Membership Chairman:
Bruce Templeman



All of us are bound together by shared military experiences and the fact that we are American. Americanism is a pillar of the American Legion and can be demonstrated by the way that we act and the things that we do. We, for example, show respect for the flag of our great country. We consider this symbol to be of the greatest significance in our honoring of the veterans that served under it. We should all be somewhat

familiar with flag etiquette. There are many rules, customs, and procedures for the care, display, and retirement of our colors. The week of June 09–15, 2019 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the President will issue a



proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that



week. This Post meeting will be on the 10th of June. I would like to have our members practice our military funeral honors ceremony, presenting of the casket flag. We can do this immediately following the business portion of our Post meeting. The more of us that become familiar with this ceremony, the better it will be when it comes time to perform it for a

fallen comrade.

Flag Day is on June 15.

In the United States, **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777

by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army Birthdays on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.



In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday. (Resource: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Service Officer:

Maurice (Rocky) Hatske



Take Control of Your Military Disability

Having trouble understanding your DoD and VA disability benefits?

Frustrated by the bureaucracy of the military disability system?



**Military Disability
Made Easy**

The VA understands. The Military Disability system can seem overwhelming, and the limited resources available are not clear and comprehensive. That is why they at Military Disability Made Easy website have joined together to provide you with all the resources you need to navigate the waters of the military disability system with as little frustration as possible. They have provided a one-stop shop to assist you in understanding and navigating the VA and DoD disabilities systems.

According to IG audits, the VA makes mistakes in about 25% of all VA Disability cases. By giving Disabled Veterans the knowledge they lack, we hope to decrease this percentage and ensure that all Disabled Veterans receive the VA Disability Benefits they deserve.

What is the VASRD? What do I need to do to prepare for the DoD Disability Process and VA Disability Process? What is a VA Disability Rating? How does the Physical Evaluation Board rate my conditions? What can I do to increase my Military Disability Benefits? Over the next few Months, we will cover the each of these areas and the resources available at this website to help you through the processes.

Everything you need to know about the military disability system is now in one place. **Get started** on the road to your military disability security today! Take charge of your disability by going to this website.

<http://www.militarydisabilitymadeeasy.com/index.html>

What is the VASRD

The VASRD (Veteran Affairs Schedule for Rating Disabilities) is a federal regulation that lists detailed requirements for assigning Military Disability Ratings to conditions for Military Disability. While it is a regulation, it carries the force of law, and so we refer to it as a "law" throughout for simplicity's sake

Each rating in the VASRD is meant to reflect how much the service member's ability to work is affected by his condition. Can he work to support himself and his family? Is he able to perform the tasks of daily life (dressing, cooking, shopping, etc.)?

The VASRD was created by Congress in an attempt to create a fair disability rating system, and the VASRD can only be changed by Congress. Although the VASRD tries to be fair, it often seems to fall a bit short. It is important to remember, though, that it is practically impossible to assign a rating for every possible condition and all its variations. To address this problem, there are numerous VASRD Principles that guide how the VASRD should be applied in more complicated cases.

Regardless of whether or not we agree with the VASRD, though, it is law, and that's just the way it is. Sorry. Of course, you can always help your case by being as knowledgeable as possible about your conditions and their possible rating requirements.

The VASRD sorts conditions into numerous categories including: musculoskeletal (bone injuries, joint injuries, arthritis, etc.), muscle (injuries directly related to and affecting the muscles of the body), sensory organs (eyes, ears, etc.), neurological (nerve pain, fibromyalgia, etc.), and more.

Each condition in the VASRD is assigned a four-digit VASRD Code that is used for reference. When assigning a rating, the Rating Authorities will try to choose the code in the VASRD that is the most appropriate for the condition and all its symptoms.

Since the VASRD cannot cover every condition, some conditions must be rated analogously or by the symptoms of the condition. For example, there is no rating in the VASRD for chicken pox, probably since most cases do not cause lasting damage. In the case of the chicken pox leading to severe scarring on the face, however, it is the scars that can be rated. So the chicken pox condition would be rated analogously under a scar code. See our Analogous and Equivalent Codes page for complete information.

While the VASRD has been put in place to regulate the amount of compensation received for each disability, it often leaves a great deal of room for interpretation. It is up to the medical examiners to record the appropriate information and then for the Rating Authorities to review all the medical data and make the ultimate rating decision. A single condition may be able to be rated a number of different ways, but based on the evidence at hand, the Rating Authorities are required to award the most appropriate rating for the condition.

Note: They cannot guarantee that the ratings you may think your condition deserves based on the information on this site will be the ratings you actually receive.

Before you [Find Your Condition](#), read about VA Disability and DoD Disability so that you understand how each rates conditions. The majority of the VASRD applies to both the VA and the DoD, but because of the differences in their rating systems, some rules have to be applied differently.

Also make sure you look over the VASRD Principles page and the Musculoskeletal Principles page so that you can understand exactly how to rate your conditions.

Next Month we will cover the VA Disability rating. VA Disability Ratings determine the exact amount of VA Compensation.

Adjutant Corner:
Jeff Ludwig



Membership dues: June is the last month for paying for 2019 dues. After the first of July, all dues will be posted for year 2020. It is also time to get geared up for the new membership year. First, let me congratulate all of you for helping us to not only achieve but also exceed our goals and accomplishments for the 2019 membership year. I am confident with your help, we can meet and exceed our goals for the 2020 membership year. The first couple of months are key to us continuing our strong membership program.

Change of Legion Eligibility: Comrades the Post and the American Legion need your help! The American Legion National Resolution changing the eligibility requirement for joining the American Legion was introduced in April into the US House of Representatives' as bill HR 1641 and introduced in the US Senate as bill S 504. HR 1641 was referred to the Judiciary Sub Committee on Immigration and Citizenship in April and has not moved. The Senate bill was sent to the Committee on Judiciary in February and it too sits in committee. The bills in both houses are virtually identical and should be a simple matter of a bipartisan vote in each house. It is up to us to get our Representatives from both houses focused on these bills and get them passed this year. Many of our fellow veterans are waiting needlessly join our great organization and we need them. Remember strength in numbers! I plead with you to contact you Representatives and urge them to act on these bills. Also, have your friends and family do the same. Remember the old saying, "Squeaky wheel get the grease." I will keep posting the status on our monthly newsletter to keep you informed on of the status of these bills.

Historian Archives: Ted Potyrala

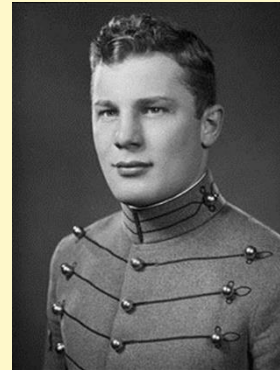


Just who was our Post namesake, Brig. Gen. Robin Olds? Robin Olds was the son of Army Air Force, Maj. Gen. Robert Oldys (later changed to Olds) His father was an instructor pilot in France during WW I. He was an aid to Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell and a leading advocate of strategic bombing.

Robin Olds grew up at Langley Field, Virginia. His daily contacts were with officers who would lead the U.S. Army Air Force during WW II.

He first flew at the age of eight in an open cockpit biplane that was flown by his father. By the age of twelve, he knew he wanted to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In 1939 Olds enrolled at Millard

Preparatory School in Washington D.C. It was to prepare himself for the entrance exam to West Point. During his schooling, Germany invaded Poland and he tried to join the Royal Canadian Air Force but his father prevented him from doing so. Olds completed his schooling at Millard Prep. Still wanting to go to West Point, he was nominated by Pennsylvania congressmen J. Buell Snyder. He was accepted into West Point of the class of 1944. While he was in school, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Olds was sent to Spartan School of Aeronautics for flight training in Tulsa Oklahoma. He trained for one year and was than returned back to West Point on Christmas of 1942.



Olds played on the varsity college football team in both 1941 and 1942 playing tackle on both offense and defense. In 1942 he was named by Collier's weekly as it's Lineman of the year and by Grantland Rice as Player of the Year. He was also selected as All-American. In 1985, Olds was enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

Olds received his wings from Gen. Henry H. Arnold on May 30th. 1943.

Next, the WW II war years.

If you can't wait and want to know more copy this youtube link in Youtube "<https://join.skype.com/HVgBylIEw9gs>". This is a biography of General Olds as narrated by his daughter.

SAFETY MESSAGE:

June National Safety Month

The **National Safety Theme 2019** is – “Cultivate and Sustain a Safety Culture for Building a Nation.” Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. According to *Injury Facts*, 161,374 people died from unintentional injury-related deaths in 2016. Most unintentional injury-related deaths occur off the job, often when least expected – during a vacation, while doing chores at home or while driving across town.

Top Causes of Unintentional Injury and Death in Homes and Communities



#1: Poisoning

In 2011, poisonings overtook motor vehicle crashes for the first time as the leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death for all ages combined. Poisoning deaths are caused by gases, chemicals and other substances, but prescription drug overdose is by far the leading cause.



#2: Motor Vehicle Crashes

No one wakes up thinking they will lose a loved one in a car crash, but motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death overall. Impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and inexperience can cause a life to be cut short in the blink of an eye.



#3: Falls

In 2016, 34,673 people died in falls, according to *Injury Facts*. Falling is the third leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all age groups, but it's the #1 cause of death for those 65 and older. The good news: Aging, itself, does not cause falls.



#4: Choking and Suffocation

Suffocation is the fourth leading cause of unintentional injury-related death over all age groups, and choking on food or other objects is a primary cause. Suffocation is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for people 87 and older. Mechanical suffocation is the #1 cause of death for infants.



#5: Drowning

Not including boating incidents, about 10 people drown every day. It's the fifth leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all ages, and the #1 cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, mostly due to children falling into pools or being left alone in bathtubs.



#6: Fires and Burns

Fire is the sixth leading cause of unintentional injury-related death over all ages. About 2,646 deaths were caused by burns and injuries related to fire in 2015. Often fires start at night, when family members are asleep. A working smoke alarm will cut the chances of dying in a fire in half.



#7: Natural and Environmental Incidents

Disasters are front-page news even though lives lost are relatively few compared to other unintentional-injury-related deaths. Weather-related disasters claim hundreds of lives per year. NSC encourages families to learn all they can about emergency preparedness, and always have an emergency kit on hand

*Taken from the National Safety Council

Events:

The Post honored and celebrated Mother's Day by providing a bouquet of flowers to the Spouses and the Facility staff.

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children. ..."



The Post also celebrated Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day with a great hamburger luncheon. We specially wish to thank all those that helped to prepare the food for the event.



Chaplain's Message

Flag Day Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you for our nation and for the men and women who had the courage to form this nation. We thank you for the flag which flies over our nation and which gives to us hope. We ask your blessing on our nation and its leaders.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the men and women who serve our nation and ask your blessing upon them. Be with them in times of strife. Grant to them your wisdom for the benefit of our nation.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We lift up to you the leaders of our nation and ask that you guide them in their decisions. We ask Lord for your wisdom in their leadership. We pray for peace among all nations.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We lift up to you our men and women in the military and ask that you watch over them and protect them from the evils of this world.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

As many nations have become global, help us to learn from one another. Teach us tolerance. Grant to us strength when fighting the evils of this world. Help us Lord to be greater than our individual parts.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

TAPS:

None



June Birthdays:

- Dennis, Darwin
- Gilmore, James
- Manchester, Carl
- Ritzel, Peter
- Sebring, Kenneth



A very happy birthday to all!

Upcoming Events:

4th of July
Candle Parade
Post American Legion Centennial Celebration