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AMERICA'S FOREIGN WARS
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## **VFW POST 12059 OF CARILLON**

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## **Important Dates to Remember**

February 1 National Freedom Day

February 2 Groundhog Day

February 8 Boy Scouts of America Founded

February 12 Lincoln's Birthday February 14 St. Valentine's Day

February 20 George Washington's Birthday (observed)

(Presidents' Day)

February 21 Shrove Tuesday

February 22 Ash Wednesday

Washington's Birthday

February 29 Executive Board Meeting 7PM

## Words to Move You

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

John F. Kennedy

Carillon VFW Post 120529 has been the recipient of a power wheelchair and power Jazzy Chair. Each chair needs batteries and a little work, so the post will spend the money to refurbish each one and deliver them to The Illinois State Veterans home in Manteno for the benefit of the veterans. One of our Carillon

residents, Bob Zimny, put us in contact with a gentleman who lives in Manhattan, Illinois, who had these chairs and wanted to donate them. We contacted Mr. Carl Kummer and picked up the chairs immediately and have started to work on them. We will deliver them late this month and the veterans at Manteno will love them. Thank you Bob, for your referral and your involvement in securing these two chairs. The post really appreciates it.

Carillon VFW Post 12059 sponsored the Voice of Democracy again this year which is the VFW National Essay Contest for high school students. Grand Prize is a College Scholarship worth \$30,000.00. Our entry is Brooke Roemer from Plainfield North High School. Brooke is a Junior and a Honor Roll Student. We expect big things from Brooke as she progresses through District Competition and hopefully on to State. The Post is very proud of Brooke.

Carillon VFW Post 12059 over the past 5 years has been involved with many wonderful projects for the direct benefit of veterans in need, the community, patriotism in the schools, the National Home for Children, Illinois State Veterans Homes in Manteno and La Salle, The Deployed Veterans from the Illinois National Guard, and many more worthwhile projects too numerous to mention. All this takes money, and every penny we collect goes to veterans or veteran sponsored endeavors. We have been recognized by the State Office and the National Office of the VFW for our good works and our community involvement. We would like to do more but are limited by our revenue that we collect from our two Poppy Days. If any member of the Carillon Community would like to make a totally tax deductible contribution to the post we would be forever grateful. Checks can be made out to VFW Post 12059, and sent to Jim Singler.

Jim Singler Commander Carillon VFW Post 12059 815-407-1900