

# VFW



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.

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**VFW POST 12059 OF CARILLON**

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## Important Dates to Remember

- March 1 Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day
- March 2 Vietnam War Began (1965)
- March 3 Stat Spangled Banner Made U.S. National Anthem (1935)
- March 7 VFW Post 12059 Meeting 7 PM
- March 8 Purim
- March 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 12 Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Founded ( 1912)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 Operation Iraqi Freedom Began (2003)
- March 20 Spring Begins  
Primary Election Day
- March 25 18<sup>th</sup> District VFW Bingo Party at Manteno Veterans Home
- March 31 Somalia Campaign Ended (1995)

## Words to Move You

If one asks the meaning of our flag, I say to him: Under this banner rode Washington and his armies. This banner streamed in light over the soldiers' heads at Valley Forge and at Morristown. It crossed the waters roiling with ice at Trenton, and when its stars gleamed in the morning with a victory, a new day of hope dawned on the despondency of this nation.

Henry Ward Beecher

Carillon VFW Post 12059's contestant in the VFW National Voice of Democracy Contest placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 18<sup>th</sup> District elimination round. Brooke Roemer wrote and recited an excellent paper and the post was very proud of her. She is anticipating

next years contest and hopefully will advance to the state competition where she will be eligible for a \$30,000.00 college scholarship.

March 20 is Primary Election Day. This is just a reminder for those residents who have a tendency to forget, to get out and vote. Carillon VFW Post 12059 hopes all residents exercise their protected freedom to vote. Please do not take this freedom for granted. We get the representation we deserve by voting. We also get the representation we deserve by not voting. Sounds strange doesn't it, but both statements are true. Your involvement in the election process is vital. By not voting you give up your right to complain about our elected officials. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

On March 25, Carillon VFW Post 12059 will be with the 18<sup>th</sup> District of the VFW playing Bingo with the veterans at the Illinois State Veterans Home in Manteno. This is one of our days where we go as a group to entertain the veterans and leave them with a bunch of money. They love us and especially the presents we bring them from the Crafty Crafters and the Lap Robe Makers. All of their works of love and art are cherished by the veterans at the home. Thank you ladies for all you do for our service men and women.

Jim Singler Commander  
Carillon VFW Post 12059

