

# VFW



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.  
AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS  
WHO HAVE FOUGHT  
AMERICA'S FOREIGN WARS  
ON LAND AND SEA  
AND IN THE AIR

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## **Important Dates to Remember**

**April 1 April Fools' Day**  
**April 6 Army Day**  
**April 9 National Former POW Recognition Day**  
**April 11 Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991)**  
**April 15 Income Tax Day**  
**April 22 Earth Day**  
**April 24 Administrative Day**  
**April 26 Arbor Day**

## **Words to Move You**

**Americans have always assumed, subconsciously, that all problems can be solved: that every story has a happy ending; that the application of enough energy and goodwill can make everything come out right. In view of our history, this assumption is probably well-founded.**

**Adlai E. Stevenson**

**Jo Ellen Walsh was a featured speaker and presenter at the February meeting of Carillon VFW Post 12059. We were treated to a presentation of WWI memorabilia that belonged to her father and was passed down to her from her family. Featured was a portion of a Spad Airplane with the insignia of the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron which was commanded by Medal of Honor Recipient Eddie Rickenbacker. Her father saved the life of the pilot when the pilots' plane was shot down and crashed between the front lines. Her father ran out and rescued the injured pilot from the plane and dragged him to safety. Then he returned to the plane and cut out the insignia of the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron which was known as The Hat in the Ring Squadron. Mr. Rickenbacker then personally autographed the piece of fabric for her fathers' bravery. In the years after the war Mr. Walsh was featured in the Chicago newspapers concerning the event and his correspondence with the pilot he saved that day in WWI.**

**27 Members were mesmerized and asked many great questions. Jo Ellen answered ever one and talked for about 40 minutes. It was a great evening and the post members were treated to a piece of American History that few have been privileged to witness. Thank you Jo Ellen for an enlightening evening. You had the attention of every man in the room. You were great.**

**Carillon VFW Post 12059 is one of the original Veterans Organizations that participate in the Direct Burial Program at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. The program is two years old and to date there have been 66 Military Honor Ceremonies for 116 veterans. These are veterans whose remains are dropped of by funeral homes or delivery services and no honors ceremonies are requested by the families. Member organizations who stand in for the families are: Viet Now, VVA VFW, American Legion, DAV, Marine Corps League, Navy League, Patriot Guard Riders, Combat Veterans Association, Christian Motorcycle Association, DAR, Am Vets, and Canaryville Veterans Riders. The post is proud to be a part of this service to give these men and women their Military Honors.**

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