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Important Dates to Remember

January 1 New Years' Day
January 6 Epiphany (Traditional)
VFW Post 12059 Members Meeting 7 PM.
January 17 Persian Gulf War Ended (1990)
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
VFW Post 12059 E-Board Meeting 7 PM.
January 31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

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

Carillon VFW Post 12059 extends its wishes that the Carillon residents had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our members had a very busy December and January will be the same hectic pace. May God bless all of you.

During the week of November 23 the post helped the Will County Veterans Committee pack all of their files and equipment for the pending move to new office space at 2400 Glenwood Avenue in Joliet. They needed more space as their client base had tripled during the last two years. They really appreciated the help.

Carillon VFW Post 12059 made two trips to Manteno Veterans Home during the month in anticipation of Christmas and New Years' Day with the donations from our community. As always, they were pleasantly surprised with the wonderful things that you sent them for their use. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

This past month there were two burials at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for six veterans who were homeless. The veterans attending took the places of family members and received the honors they rightly earned.

About 8 years ago the VFW and American Legion discovered that a large number of deceased veterans were homeless or were dropped off by delivery services and, although qualified, were not being given their burial honors because services were not scheduled. Apparently many had no living relatives or the distance was too great for family members to attend. We worked with the National Cemetery to correct these problems. Now homeless veterans are waked by the Dignity Memorial Network and they contact the Lockport VFW Post; then a call goes out to all Veterans Service Organizations of the impending burial. Between 30 and 70 members attend the ceremony and take the part of the family members.

Those veterans who are dropped off by delivery services unannounced are given their burial benefits quarterly since no notice of their arrival is given. At this service all names are read and a bell is rung for each veteran and select veterans take the place of the family.

Today, no veteran is buried at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery without honors.

**James Singler Commander
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