

# 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

- May 1 Loyalty Day
- May 2 Carillon VFW Post 12059 Members Meeting 7PM
- May 3 National Day of Prayer
- May 6 Nurses Day
- May 7 Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces Signed (1945)
- May 8 V-E Day declared (1945)
- May 11 Military Spouses Day
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 15 Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)  
Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 19 Armed Forces Day
- May 20 Carillon VFW Post 12059 Poppy Day
- May 21 Victoria Day (Canada)
- May 22 National Maritime Day
- May 28 Memorial Day (observed)
- May 30 Memorial Day  
Carillon VFW Post 12059 E-Board Meeting 7 PM

## Words to Move You

### The Veteran of a Foreign War

The veteran of any war soon fades from conscious thought.  
And someone has to make a point of remembering he served.  
Most veterans themselves refrain from noising how they fought.  
Just getting on with life, ignoring accolades deserved.

Make no mistake, his war-time memories will never fade.  
Indelible, those certain times, still hover in his mind.  
And though he would suppress them neither would he ever  
trade.

They're part of who he is, the man it took a war to find.

On his return he tried his best to simply look ahead.  
So that is whom you will remember—friend, or son, or Dad.  
There will be times, in sober thought, remembering the dead.  
He'll live again, in sharp detail, those certain times he had.

He'll tell you where and how he served, and what his duties were.  
But he will carefully omit describing death and gore.  
That's not for you to know—that's something he would much prefer.  
His fondest wish is that you'll never have to go to war.

Your veteran will never rate or praise himself too high;  
That was another life, a life that was both great and grim.  
If you would ask him why, he simply did his job, that's why!  
But rest assured, our world would be much different but for him.

Richard Williams  
Dover Resident

**Attention All Carillon Veterans! Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13 and Carillon VFW Post 12059 want to talk with you about the benefits of continued service. Learn how being a member of a VSO (Veterans Service Organization) helps veterans and their families. Learn more about what veteran benefits exist and how to access them. This meeting will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Carillon Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

**Carillon VFW Post 12059 will be holding our Poppy Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> in front of the Wal-Mart Store on Rt. 59 at 127<sup>th</sup> Street in Plainfield from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We do this twice a year to raise money to support the veteran projects of the VFW nationally and our post projects locally. We really could use your support.**

**Carillon VFW Post 12059 along with the 18<sup>TH</sup> District of the VFW held a Bingo Party at the Manteno Veteran Home. We entertained about 120 veterans and paid out \$1639.00 in prize money to them. They had a great time and look forward to our return in October. A special thank you to the Crafty Crafters for the lap robes, knit hats, and scarfs they gave us to be used as prizes. They were beautiful and appreciated. May God Bless you Ladies.**

James Singler, Commander  
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