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# First Formation

**Events for July/August, 2017**

July 1: Lone Rock post 383 will dedicate First monument and flagpole at Garrison Park.



Viola Post 383 Legion post and auxiliary will march in LaFarge parade, 10:30 AM

DAR: Karen Koch will represent DAR in LaFarge parade.

**They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. — Benjamin Franklin**

Lone Rock post 383 will work the concession at the Lone Rock parade to benefit their Veterans memorial project. Food and brats available beginning Monday during the tractor

pull, (3rd) and on the 4th after the parade.. Lineup for the parade begins at 9:30 for the 10AM parade.



July 7-8: Third District Commander Karen Knock and Post 2267 Commander Marge Freeman will attend the Council of Administration in Wisconsin Rapids. All VFW members are encouraged to attend.

July 10: Lone Rock Veterans memorial meeting 6:30PM, village office.

July 11, RC VFW regular meeting, Legion hall, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.

July 11, Viola post 447 regular meeting, legion hall, 1PM Auxiliary, 5:30PM potluck supper for Badger boys/girls family. They will talk about their experience at camp. 7PM Legion. Retiring flags.

July 13: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets regular meeting,

July 15: Military Order of the Purple Heart, regular meeting, Legion hall, 10AM.

July 16: Meeting, Gilbertson-Pitzer-Radley Post 10393, 836 Wisconsin Ave, Boscobel. Registration 8AM, Budget meeting 9AM, Organizational meeting 10AM.

July 18: Lone Rock post 383 monthly meeting 7PM.

July 18: Cazenovia post 491 regular meeting with auxiliary, 7PM Legion hall.

July 18: Lone Rock post 383 regular meeting at library, 7PM.

July 19: Lone Rock post 383 auxiliary regular meeting, Masonic hall, 5PM.

July 20: RC post 13 regular meeting, Legion hall, supper 6:30, meeting 7:30.

**July 21, 22, 23: Post 491, Cazenovia sponsors the Cazenovia Summer Celebration at Cazenovia Memorial Park. Friday: Inflatables all day, Diji deejay 8PM. Saturday: Softball**

## UP and COMING

\*Lone Rock Post 383 is working on a Lone Rock Veterans Memorial

\*Cazenovia Legion 491 is working on getting a Sons of the Legion unit that will include sons, grandsons, and stepsons of veterans.

## From HQ

From Karen Knock, VSO

### HISTORY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG

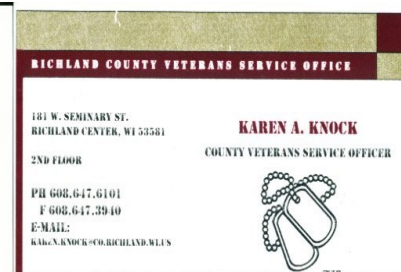
In 1970, an MIA wife and member of the National League of POW/MIA Families recognized the need for a symbol of our POW/MIAs. Prompted by an article in the Jacksonville, Florida, *Times-Union*, she contacted a flag manufacturing firm, Annin & Company, which had made a banner for the newest member of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China (PRC) as part of their policy to provide flags to all UN member states. The VP of this firm was sympathetic and, working with an Annin-contracted advertising agency employee, Newt Heisley, designed a flag to represent America's missing men. Following League approval, the flags were manufactured for distribution. Wanting the greatest possible visibility of the symbol to advocate improved treatment for and answers on America's POW/MIAs, no trade mark or copyright was sought. Today's widespread use of the League's POW/MIA flag

is not legally restricted and the League does not share in profits from commercial sales.

Other than "Old Glory," the League's POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever to fly over the White House, having been displayed in this place of honor on National POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982. On March 9, 1989, a POW/MIA flag that had flown over White House on National POW/MIA Recognition Day in 1988 was installed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda as a result of legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th Congress. In a demonstration of bipartisan Congressional support, the leadership of both Houses hosted the installation ceremony. On August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, which recognized the League's POW/MIA flag and designated it "*as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia,*

*thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation*".

Passage by the 105th Congress of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act required that the League's POW/MIA flag fly six days each year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day. It must be displayed at the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Selective Service System headquarters, major military installations as designated by the Secretary of Defense, all Federal cemeteries, and all offices of the U.S. Postal Service. In addition to the stipulated dates, Department of Veterans Affairs voluntarily displays our POW/MIA flag 24/7. The National Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans and World War II Memorials are also now re-



quired by law to display the POW/MIA flag daily. All 50 States have adopted similar laws, as have local governments nationwide.

LEAGUE POLICY ON POW/MIA FLAG DISPLAY

At the October 7 2015 Board of Directors Meeting, it was reconfirmed by the unanimous SENSE OF THE BOARD that the League endorses Federal law requiring our POW/MIA flag to be displayed on the six specified days each year at all locations named and, further, appreciates, supports, and encourages actions taken by all states, counties and cities to display our flag 24/7



Karen Knock, VSO

Events (Ctd. From page 1)

9AM, 3on3 basketball 9:30AM, donkey softball, 1PM, DeeJay Tim Bulin 7PM. Sunday: Parade 11AM (lineup 10:30), BBQ chicken dinner at Legion hall 12PM, Horse-shoe tourney after parade, Little League baseball 12:30PM, Elvis/Johnny Cash impersonator 12:30PM, Cazenovia Reds baseball 1PM, Pedal Pullers 1PM for ages 4-12, Donkey softball 2PM, DeeJay DiJi 4PM. No carry-ins. Camping available.

August 1: County Legion Meeting at Cazenovia, 7:30PM.

August 8, RC VFW Regular meeting, legion hall, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting

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meeting, Legion hall,, 1PM Auxiliary, 7PM Legion.

August 10: Chapter 7 Vietnam Vets regular meeting.

August 14: Lone Rock post 383 Veterans memorial meeting, village office, 6:30PM.

August 15: Cazenovia post 491 regular meeting with auxiliary, 7PM Legion hall.

August 15: Lone Rock post 383 regular meeting, library, 7PM.

August 16, Lone Rock post 383 auxiliary regular meeting, Masonic hall, 5PM.

August 17: RC post 13 regular meeting, Legion hall, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

VFW post 2267 encourages members to attend their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, at the American Legion post 13 at Richland Center.

Meal starts 6:30 with business meeting to follow.

Anyone that has questions on eligibility of joining our local post or interested in transferring please contact our Quartermaster Dave Bee 604-3703 or Commander Marge Freeman 647 4884.

