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Williamsburg Post 39**

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Meetings Every Fourth Monday  
of Each Month –Rocco's BBQ Grill  
6:00 PM – Dinner Meeting  
Except July & August —No Meetings

*Next Meeting May18*

*6PM at Rocco's Smokehouse Grill on By Pass Road*

*Speaker: John Jackson*

*Afghan War Vet will speak on his experiences*

**Congratulations to**

**Pete Morelli and Bill Carroll**

**on 60 Years of Continuous Membership in the American Legion**

**Well done, Gentlemen!!**

**From The Commander's Desk:**

*Fellow Legionnaires and Ladies,*

May is the month we remember Veteran's. The 8<sup>th</sup> was VE Day (1945); the 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officers Memorial Day (fly your flags at half-staff until sunset) (Woman's Army Corps Founded (1942)); 16<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day; 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day (fly flags half-staff until noon) This is the day we remember all service members who came before us, those who were with us, and those who are now serving. Because of them, our Lives are Free. Because of them, Our Nation Lives.

Remember, at this month's meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> May, we will hold the election for the upcoming year's (2016) Post 39 Officers. Please bring your nomination ballots to our meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup>, for each of the following Offices:

**Commander; Vice Commander; Adjutant, Finance Officer; Secretary; Sgt-at-Arms; Chaplain**

Induction ceremony for the newly elected Post Officers, will be conducted during our June 22 meeting.

Preparations for the Memorial Day Ceremony is about ready to go to press. We will put grave site flags in, Thurs. 21 May, at 9:00am. We will take them out, Tues 26 May, at 9:00am. Anyone who would like to help please be there at 8:45am. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held, 25 May at 10:00 sharp, "Rain or Shine" Guest Speaker is Maj. Gen. Ross Ridge, Deputy Commanding General, Initial Military Training, US Army TRADOC, Fort Eustis, VA. A Bell Ceremony will be conducted in memory of all our comrades who have reported to, and now stand in the ranks, of our Supreme Commander this past year.

Baseball tryouts will be held 26-28 May. Field yet to be determined, because of schools are still playing and starting play-offs. Will announce at all schools when and where. Season will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June. SR team will play home games at Warhill High, JR's (2 teams) will play at Hornsby Middle School.

Board members there will be no meeting this month.

Commander Bill

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**"Our flag is our national ensign, pure and simple, behold it! Listen to it! Every star has a tongue, every stripe is articulate" (Robert C. Winthrop)**

**VA ID Card Update 05 ► H.R.91 Gathering Steam**

A Florida congressman is claiming momentum for his bill H.R.91 ensuring every honorably discharged veteran receives an ID card from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs which, he insists, can be done without burdening taxpayers. U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL) introduced the "Veterans ID Card Act" earlier this year and claimed it was gathering steam on Tuesday. The bill has picked up more than 30 co-sponsors. On 21 APR, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Association of the U.S. Navy (AUSN) endorsed Buchanan's bill. The bill has also won the backing of veterans groups including AMVETS and Veterans for Common Sense (VCS) in the past few weeks. "I am very excited that momentum is building for this important legislation to help our nation's veterans ... The VSOs and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle recognize that this is a straightforward, cost-neutral bill that will make it easier for veterans to provide proof of their service." Buchanan said.

The bill would ensure all veterans receive ID cards from the VA instead of just those who served 20 years in the armed forces or are seeking medical treatment for service-related wounds. Buchanan said veterans are forced to carry DD-214 paperwork, which contains sensitive information including Social Security numbers, and an ID card would be more convenient and would do a better job of keeping their personal information secure .

**DoD-VA Pharmacy Update HASC Wants Pharmacies to Match Meds**

The House Armed Services Committee wants the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments' pharmacies to offer the same medications, at least for some prescriptions. Legislation introduced this week calls for the

formularies of both departments to match medications for pain management, sleep disorders, psychiatric conditions and other illnesses "determined appropriate" by the DoD and VA secretaries. Committee aides said lawmakers are looking to ensure continuity of care and treatment when troops move from active duty to veterans status. Concerns over the two departments' discordant formularies have been raised by veterans and advocacy groups.

The House proposal follows a recommendation from the Military Modernization and Retirement Compensation Commission that DoD and VA align their formularies. According to the Government Accountability Office, just 43 percent of the medications in DoD's formulary also are in VA's system, excluding many pain medications, antidepressants and antipsychotics taken by injured service members for physical pain and mental health conditions. Commission member retired Army Gen. Peter Chiarelli said the gap leaves troops vulnerable. "If we have found a medication that works, it should be available wherever (the veteran) goes," Chiarelli said. "We should not put our service men and women in this situation." The House Armed Services Committee will review its full version of the fiscal 2016 defense authorization bill on Thursday. The Senate will work on its own version of the legislation over the next few weeks

### Adjutant Notes

**We still need one more renewal or new member to make our Department membership goal. If you know of anyone who is eligible to join, please encourage them. If you can help us put out flags at Williamsburg Memorial Park on 21 May in preparation for the community Memorial Day ceremony, please consider doing so. No heavy lifting and just a bit of walking is involved. We have it well organized.**

What's Up

# Post 39 Update

May 18 at 6PM at Rocco's on By-Pass Road

Menu

Beef Brisket

Crab Cake

Rocco's Choices (two)



### Use Your Life Insurance or Annuity to pay for Long-Term Care Insurance

Premiums for long-term care insurance can be expensive, and cash or income to cover those premiums may not be readily available. One option is to exchange your life insurance or annuity contract for a long-term care insurance policy.

#### **Section 1035 Exchange**

The earnings portion of the withdrawal is treated as income to the annuity owner, subject to ordinary income taxes. IRC Section 1035 allows you to exchange one annuity for another without any immediate tax consequences, as long as certain requirements are met

**Conditions for Tax-Free Exchange:** The annuity must be **nonqualified**, meaning it cannot be part of an employer-sponsored retirement plan. The long-term care insurance policy **must meet the requirements of the HIPAA and IRS criteria**. The long-term care insurance policy must provide coverage only for qualified long-term care services, it must be guaranteed renewable, it cannot have a cash surrender value, refunds or dividends can only be used to reduce future premiums and policy benefits cannot pay for expenses covered by Medicare (except where Medicare is a secondary payee). The exchange must be made directly from the annuity issuer to the long-term care insurance company. You will not receive tax-free treatment if you withdraw funds from the annuity directly, and then use them to pay the long-term care insurance premium. Presuming these criteria are met, exchanging an annuity for a long-term care policy can be done in one of two ways: A full transfer of the entire cash surrender value of the annuity in exchange for the long-term care insurance policy or partial exchanges of the annuity's cash value for the long-term care policy. Not all insurance companies allow long-term care policies to be funded with a single, lump-sum payment, so the more common approach may be to pay long-term care insurance premiums through several partial exchanges from the annuity

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