Post Elections

Department Vice Commander Stephen Ward conducts Installation Ceremony at IR63 during their Annual Elections.
Vice Commanders Corner

I stress the importance of membership in the Posts, Department, and the National Organization. Membership is our Voice on Capitol Hill. Rhein Main Post GR05 is over 103% (66) members, Riley Leroy Pitts Post GR07 at 106% (64) members, Thomas W. Barnett GR14 101% (57) members, Father Francis Duffy Post IR02 at 59.09% (33) members, Comm. John Barry Post IR03 at 59.25% (16) members, and John F. Kennedy Post IR63 at 14.54% (8) members. I encourage the Posts to transmit each month to the Department Membership Chairman, Joe Brown.

The next Leroy Riley Pitts Post GR07 Post meeting is 1 December 12, and the Thomas W. Barnett Post 14, Buedingen, meeting is 12 December 12.

I attended the John F. Kennedy Post IR63 Annual Meeting/Post Elections/Thanksgiving Dinner at Powerscourt County Hotel, Enniskerry Co. Wicklow, Ireland, 22 November 12. Many thanks to Legionnaire Michael Coyne for driving my family and I to the event. I conducted the installation of the newly elected officers for the 2012 – 2013 term. Congratulations to the Post Commander, Liam Kane and other Post Officers of John F. Kennedy Post IR63. Also present was Ron Howko, Post Commander, IR03, and Michael Noone, Post Adjutant, IR03, and other Post members and guests. Commander Howko presented Certificates of Appreciation to several Legionnaires for their Outstanding Service by assisting in the grave site visits. I’m impressed with the grave site ceremonies Post IR03 performs with the assistance of Legionnaires from Post IR02 and Post IR63. Remembrance Day (Veterans Day) commendation at the King House, Boyle, Ireland to remember soldiers from the Connaught Rangers who march from the King House for action on the Western Front during World War I. John F. Kennedy Post IR63 has submitted a bid to host the Department of France Convention, June 13 – June 16, 2013. The Irish Posts website is: www.americanlegion-ireland.com

I attended the Veterans Day Observance at Rokycany, Czech Republic, 9 – 11 November 2012. The group stayed at the Bily Lev Hotel, Rokycany. The program consisted of: Social gathering in the dining room at the Bily Lev Hotel, Rokycany, 9 November, 6:30 p.m.; Wreath laying ceremony at the Demarcation Memorial, 10 November, 10 a.m., outside Rokycany; The banquet was held at the “Ranch” near the town of Hradk, 7 p.m.; Blessing of the Flags, 11 November, at the city square, Rokycany church, 9 a.m.; and laying of the wreaths at the city town hall, Rokycany, 11 a.m. Afterwards, mayor’s lunch at the Hotel Bily Lev. It would be great if other Legionnaires would attend this event.

We pay our respects on 7 December, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Visit the website: www.infamydecember1941.org

Commanders & Fellow Legionnaires, many thanks for what you do for your Posts and the communities you serve.

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Newly elected Officers of JFK Post IR63 at their AGM and Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Powerscourt Country Hotel,

Certificates of Appreciation presented to Liam Kane, Michael Coyne, Libby Coyne and Stephen Ward by Ron Howko,

Remembrance Day (Veteran's Day) commemoration at the King House, Boyle, Ireland to remember soldiers from The Connaught Rangers who marched forth from the King House for action on the Western Front during the Great War 1914-1918