Rhein Main Post GR05 received Temporary Charter on Oct. 18, 1972 then received their permanent charter on Apr 6 1973 in the German State of Hessen. GR05 has contributed various donations to organizations such as Fisher House, CWF, and Legacy Fund. Also, our Past Commander Ron Moore had ridden the Legion Riders Run held in the United States.

Post Commander: Santos Alvarado
1st Vice Commander: Quincy Foster
Adjutant: Lewis Pullum
Finance Officer: Santos Alvarado (Appointed)
Service Officer: Quincy Foster (Appointed)
Chaplain: John Jones
Sergeant of Arms: Juan Barrenchea
Judge Advocate: Stacey Krueger

Executive Committee: Ron Epps, Ernie Cojoe, Michael Blood, Dallas Smith, Walter Becker
Commander’s Message
Santos Alvarado

This month brings to us the first day of summer season on June 21st. Schools will be out and most importantly, it will be my birthday! Families will start their travels for the summer vacation, so we must think safety first and foremost! If you drive, please take a break every 2 hours and rest.

This month we also celebrate the 70 years of the Berlin Airlift! We would like to welcome our newest member Bruce Cole, who served in the Air Force.

Our next Post meeting will be Saturday, 8 June @ 2 pm, at the Bistro Blitz:
Am Oberwald 264546 Walldorf

All are asked to arrive at least 30 mins early for social hour*

The Meeting starts promptly @ 2pm.

----If you are to be late, please call 015114959970----

*We are also available by Facebook video or Skype (rheinmaingr05); please contact us the day before if you want to use video

If you would like food during the meeting please let us know before; The Bistro’s owner can cook up a great meal for sale!

The American Legion Auxiliary will be having their meeting at 1 pm.
This Month in History

1 June 1938: The first Superman Comic is published
4 June 1944: Rome is liberated by the US Army during WWII
6 June 1944: D-Day, largest amphibious landing in history, occurred in Normandy
10 June 1652: First mint in America was made, in defiance of English colonial law
14 June 1775: The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army, consisting of 6 companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress.
19 June 1903: Baseball great, Lou Gehrig was born.
20 June 1782: The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the USA.
21 June: HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Commander Santos!
25 June 1950: The Korean War began

American Legion News:

American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad will be leading a delegation of more than 40 American Legion Family members and guests through a tour of key European sites marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the centennial of the organization that he now leads. Reistad is scheduled to kick-off the tour with a Memorial Day visit to the Allied Museum in Berlin. In addition to meeting with U.S. and German government officials, Reistad plans to visit the city’s Holocaust Memorial. While in Germany, Reistad will visit local American Legion posts and present grants from The American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors program to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Fisher House.

https://www.legion.org/commander/245719/reistad-heads-europe-historic-milestones
4th Annual Memorial Ceremony
Frankfurt American Kinderfeld

[Images of the ceremony, including saluting veterans and a wreath with text "Rhein Main Post GR 05"]
On 11 May, Commander Alvarado, Vice Commander Foster, and Post Chaplain John Jones, joined to honor the memory of 453 American children buried between 1946 and 1992. Our Post laid a Wreath and were joined by the Deputy Mayor of Frankfurt, the US Consulate General, the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard, and local Girl Scouts. The event was a beautiful dedication and even featured in the local newspaper Frankfurter Neue Presse. Thank you for representing our Post!
American Legion tribute to D-Day

In advance of the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, The American Legion has produced a two-minute video to honor those who participated in that historic day.

*Please click on the photo above to view the video*

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When the war ended, the allied forces of the USA, the United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union divided Germany and its capital Berlin into four administrative zones. When the Western powers pushed through a currency reform and introduced the deutschmark in 1948 against its will, the Soviet Union sealed off the western sector of Berlin on 24 June 1948. The Cold War had begun.

The supply of food and energy, which was tight in any case, threatened to collapse altogether. The people of Berlin would starve. Lucius D. Clay, the military governor of the American occupation zone, took action and initiated the Berlin airlift. On 26 June 1948, the first supply flights set off from Frankfurt am Main and Wiesbaden to Berlin.

It quickly became clear that as many planes as possible would need to land in Berlin in order to supply over two million people in the western part of the city. The Allies used their three air corridors at maximum capacity. The “raisin bombers” landed at one-minute intervals, were unloaded at lightning speed and then took off again. This meant that around 5,000 tons of aid could reach the blockaded sector each day.

US Lieutenant Gail Seymour Halvorsen would drop packages of sweets to cheer up the children in the war-torn city. Other pilots picked up on his idea and followed suit. By the end of the blockade, around 23 tons of sweets had reportedly rained down on Berlin.

The Western allies kept the airlift going for an entire year. It is thought to be one of the biggest humanitarian operations ever organized. The Soviet Union ended the blockade on 12 May 1949, though American and British pilots continued to fly aid shipments in until the autumn.

The Berlin Airlift gave rise to close ties between Germany and the USA, the United Kingdom and France. Wartime enemies became saviors, partners and friends. This special relationship continues to shape the transatlantic partnership between Germany and the USA to this day.

The airlift will be re-enacted in June 2019 – with care parcels, sweet drops and air displays. The plan is for around 40 “candy bombers” to fly over Berlin once again.

INFORMATION: https://www.visitberlin.de/en/event/70th-anniversary-airlift
TIME: June 15th at 1700 & June 16th at 1300
LOCATION: Berlin, Germany

ALSO,
A great festival celebrating the “70th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift” will take place at Wiesbaden-Erbenheim airfield on Whit Monday, 10th June 2019. The festival will be celebrated as an "open day" at Clay Kaserne barracks.

Tickets can be bought online at: https://www.wiesbaden.de/en/living-in-wiesbaden/festivities-markets/festivities/anniversary-berlin-airlift.php
Chaplain’s Prayer:

The Season is changing! Summer is here, let's embrace it with smiles.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from. My help come from the Lord, the Makers of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Amen God bless you all and your family.

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Comrade Krueger, Editor. Request must be submitted no later than by the 20th of the month for the next edition@ rheinmain05@outlook.com

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