

Dwyer Newsletter May 2025

The 22nd of May will be the 78th anniversary of Congress' adoption of the Truman Doctrine. While Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia were naturally ideological enemies and the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (The Non-Aggression Pact) was an alliance of convenience between the two countries (especially from Germany's point of view), Operation Barbarossa thrust the Russians to the Allied side for the duration of World War II. Aligning with the Soviet Union was a necessary evil to defeat the common enemy of Germany. With the conclusion of the war and Joseph Stalin unsurprisingly backtracking on his promises of allowing the people of Eastern Europe the rights of self-determination and pulling them into the Soviet sphere of influence, Winston Churchill gave his famous speech on 5 March 1946 at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Here, he uttered the famous words, "From Stettin in the Baltic, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent." This speech brought the term "iron curtain" into the vernacular of the free world and opened more people's eyes to what was going on in Eastern Europe.

By 1947, the communists in Greece were closing in on a victory in their Civil War and Turkey was being pressured by the Soviet Union to allow shipping to flow freely through the Turkish straits. Britain would traditionally help in these cases but by 1947, their economy was in a bad spot and they just did not have the resources to help Greece to remain free of communist rule or to do a show of force in Turkish waters. On 12 March, 1947, President Truman gave a speech to a joint session of Congress detailing the situation in Europe and asking congress to assist Greece and Turkey. After negotiating with the Republican controlled Congress, most members of Congress voted on May 22nd to approve the use of \$400 million in military and economic aid to Greece and Turkey, with 75% of that for Greece. This did the trick as by 1948, the Greek civil war was over with a defeat for the communists and Turkey successfully resisted the Soviet demands and the U.S. Navy sent the USS FDR to Turkey as a show of force.

The Truman Doctrine also steered the country to a policy of containment and the creation of the 'domino effect theory' where it was believed that if one country fell to communism, then it would spread to her neighboring country and so on. This led to the creation of NATO in 1949 as a way to contain communism on the European continent to where it was at that time; it worked as no Western European countries ever fell. The doctrine, however, also led to the deaths of at least 94,794 Americans.

The Korean War commenced via an invasion by North Korea on 25 June, 1950. Although the south had twice as many people, their military was ill prepared and just two days later, Seoul fell. The U.S. did not desire to intervene because they were more concerned with protecting Europe and Korea was but a small country. However, between the UN voting to support the south and President Truman deciding to act, we did. Truman gave a speech that summer outlining how allowing the south to be absorbed by the north would follow the policy of appeasement that led to World War II while also mentioning that it would embolden communist leaders worldwide to act and thus the domino effect would occur. When President Kennedy took over for President Eisenhower, he desired to continue the Truman Doctrine just as his predecessor did. By the fall of 1961, Kennedy saw the domino effect in play via the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, the negotiations with Laos between the pro-Western side and the communists, the construction of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was determined to "draw a line in the sand" at Vietnam and prevent a communist victory and further harm U.S. credibility. Thus, the long U.S. intervention in Vietnam began.

Ultimately, we won the Cold War and the domino effect never occurred for a plethora of reasons. In 1989, there were 61 communist countries, now there are Five.

Our Newsletter is growing and new information is being added and updated throughout the Month, so JVC is announcing a new platform.

JVC IS ONLINE!

You will find all the same information as the Dwyer newsletter and so much more!!



American Legion News, County Legion News, VVA, VFW, and other Wyoming County Veteran organizations and their happenings.

You will also be able to let us know your Veteran's group activities on the website by submitting a simple form.

It will also include information and contacts for the County Veteran Service office and the services we offer, along with a link to helpful Resources, employment opportunities, and Veteran programs.

PLUS, all of the Dwyer activities are included and you will be able to RSVP for all of the Dwyer programs and keep track of the activities you are attending on your own calendar. Once you have RSVP'd you will be sent a reminder on the programs you are interested in going to!

Keep checking the website throughout the month for real time updates– corrections– and additions to your favorite programs, Legion Posts and organizations!!

Check us out!!!

Website Address: <https://wycojvc.wixsite.com/wycovets>

Upcoming Events

Free Veteran and family Haircuts

May 7th 10am—NOON

36 Center St Basement



D&D Friday Game Nights

6PM

36 Center St—Basement

May 2 May 16

May 30

Please Bring A Dish to
Pass

Free Veteran RTS Bus Pass

May 1st 2PM

36 Center St Suite B2

We must have RSVP's for the
RTS representative to come

RSVP by calling 786-8860

Or NOW ONLINE at : <https://wycojvc.wixsite.com/wycovets>

The Office will be closed on Monday May 26

For Memorial Day

Services



Newsletter Day is Tuesday May 27th 11:00

Join us for our Coffee Hours

May 5th

The Prospector in Attica

10 AM

May 13th

Wyoming Hook and Ladder

May 20th

Perry VFW

Warsaw – Cancelled for May

Newsletters will be on Tuesday May 27th

Operation Wellness

At Beaver Hollow

May 14th

May 28th

As always please RSVP on Wed. the week before

You may RSVP ONLINE and you will receive reminders and updated information on class activities!

**Dwyer Social and
Flag Retirement Ceremony
5 PM**

36 Center St—Dwyer Pavilion

Thursday May 29th

**Please bring a dish to pass if
you are able**

RSVP 786-8860 or Online!

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**Quilting/ Crafting
Class**

101 Miner St Warsaw

May 7th and May 21

2PM

**RSVP by the Monday before
each class**

786-8860 or online!

**FYI—There will be stairs to climb
to the class room**

Veteran's Community Bulletin Board

May 4th 1100 VFW District 7 Convention—VFW Post 1602

25 Edwards St. Batavia

May 10th 10:30—2PM Daemen Vets Expo—Daemen University Amherst, NY
Free to all Veterans and their families- Connect to Veterans to essential resources, services, and support

May 24th 10AM registration- Wyoming County American Legion Riders
18th Annual Motorcycle Run—245 W. Buffalo St Warsaw—Wyo. Co. Vets Club
\$20 Driver- \$10 passenger- \$10 guest

MAY 24th 10am-2pm VFW Hot Dog Sales
Location: Sav-a-lot/ Tractor Supply Plaza Warsaw, NY

May 31st 1-4PM- Arcade Legion Post in shelter: Gun raffle, beverages, food, floor raffle \$20. tickets 1,000 tickets sold
Contact: Dave Kellner 716-353-2031 or Mike Jones 716-474-2419



McKelton Post 0350—Perry, NY

Eagle memorial Post 1720—Bliss, NY

Bostian Rowe Post 1849—Wyoming, NY

**for receiving citations for exceeding their total 2024
membership by March 5, 2025.**

♦ Also congrats to: Bates Courtney Post 0105 Hugh Lynch Post 0737 Arcade

and Wallace Jeffers Post 0753 for having 100% Membership as of April 2025



DON'T MISS OUT

Vietnam Veterans of America— VVA

Is offering Life Memberships for FREE.. Yes Free, Just a
DD214 showing dates from 2/28/61-5/7/75 in the Republic of Vietnam or
8/5/64 -5 5/7/75 in any duty location First Come—First Serve limit of 10

Call Scott Dieter 585-322-6815

Or Ray Cummins 585-298-7177

Arcade: 1000 Cemetery Flags out May 17th - meet at VFW **MEMORIAL DAY POST**
EVENTS

Sunday 5/25 1000 Firing/Taps at St. Mary's-1200 at Curriers Cemetery **AND CEREMO-**
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Monday 5/26 0900 Parade down Main St. from the firehall to Arcade VFW followed by a ceremony and lunch.

Attica: Monday 5/26 0900 Parade and ceremony to the memorial next to Five Star Bank on Main St

Castile: Monday 5/26 0900 Ceremony at the Doughboy followed by Services at Grace Cemetery and Hope Cemetery

Eagle: Monday 5/26 0800- coffee & donuts served at Post, then to 6 different cemeteries— for Service with rifles/taps. Return to Legion, March down Main St to the Monument with lunch afterwards and drinks until 1600 for participating members.

Gainesville/S.S.: Monday 5/26 0830 Honors at Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery on East St. 0900 at Maple Grove Cemetery ,0920 at Elmwood Cemetery Rt 19A , 1000 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Silver Springs and at 1045 Pioneer Cemetery Main St.

Perry: Monday May 26 0815 VFW and Legion firing/Taps starting at Glenwood cemetery, will visit 6 cemeteries just before start of parade 1000 to Vets Club memorial Service and will finish at the VFW Club 1130

Pike: Sunday May 25 1300 at Elmwood Cemetery Service Roll call—Firing/Taps
3PM Chicken BBQ at the Post #1670 in Lamont \$15.00 until sold out, followed by Raffle Drawing

Warsaw: Saturday 5/17 Armed Forces Day 1400 Liberty Way on 20A changing of the colors

Monday 5/19 1800 placing Flags at Warsaw Cemetery

Friday 5/23 Firing/Taps: Times Subject to change

0900— The Cloisters 0930 -East side Nursing Facility 1015 Crestview Terrace

1045- SNF (Warsaw Hospital) 1115- Connect 55+

Monday 5/26 1000— Firing and Taps with ceremony at the Monument, marching to Warsaw Cemetery for

Firing/Taps Immediately following: Ceremony with firing/Taps at the Vet's Club 1200 , lunch afterwards

Wyoming: Monday 5/26 1100—Parade from Post 1849 to Wyoming Village Cemetery with Services