

## Bulletin for 4 May 2020

**MEETING CANCELED: Due to the Corona Virus and CDC guidelines, the May 4th meeting is being canceled. Please stay safe and well.**

### ***Historian's Moment***

On 20 October 1936, Dan H. Ferguson, one of the most active members of American Legion Post 29, was laid to rest at Odd Fellows Cemetery. He was a veteran of the World War, serving in France with the 39th Division Machine Gun Company. He also served as a member of the National Guard on the Mexican Border in the Mexican troubles of 1916. At his funeral, service, full military honors were accorded him by the veteran firing squad and his other comrades of Post 29.

Note: This is the first mention I could find of the Post 29 Firing Squad participating at a veteran's funeral.

### ***Bulletin News from The Past***

#### January 2008

Our speaker was General Robert H. Foglesong, President of Mississippi State University accompanied by his wife Mary and also Miss MSU, Corie Stanford. There were 100 members in attendance. Willie Sheppard was named Legionnaire of the Year for 2007.

#### 4 May 2009

Legionnaire Henry Waterer has been selected as a National Security Forum Fellow for 2009 by Secretary of the Air Force, Michael C. Donley. The Air War College (AWC) hosts the National Security Forum (NSF) each year. It is an opportunity for AWC students, who will be our future military leaders, to interact with a broad cross section of civilian leaders from business, universities, industry, media, law, clergy and state and local governments. Congratulations Henry.

#### Membership

As of 7 December 2009, the post had 81 World War II members.

As of 1 February 2010 the post had 221 members.

### ***Department of Mississippi Website***

The Department of Mississippi has established a website to provide information on all matters involving the Mississippi American Legion and the programs and forms you may need to be involved and keep updated on happenings in Mississippi. Take a few minutes and visit their website at: <HTTPS://MSAMLEGION.ORG>



### **TAPS**

Richard Avant, Honor Guard Commander reported no military funeral services were held in the last month.



### ***This Day in History --May 4<sup>th</sup>***

- 1776 Rhode Island declares independence from Britain
- 1863 The Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia ends with a Union defeat.
- 1896 A grease fire ignites a half ton of dynamite at Cripple Creek, CO
- 1942 Food first rationed in the wartime United States
- 1956 US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Enewetak

**Memorial Day May 25, 2020. A day to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.**

### ***Think***

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons. General Douglas McArthur

### ***Fact***

The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do, the hard part is doing it. General Norman Schwarzkopf

**For God and Country**

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