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BACK TO THE PAST



Gerry Berger, right, American Legion Post 94 commander, and Gene Bogatko, honor guard commander, show items from a time capsule during its opening at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West Thursday. The capsule was sealed by past commander Lloyd Kilmer on Feb. 15, 1988, to memorialize the flags posted on R.H. Johnson Boulevard. **See story, more photos on A6.** [Nick Cote/Daily News-Sun]

American Legion time travels in Sun City West

By Denelle Dunn
DAILY NEWS-SUN

American Legion Post 94 took Sun City West back to 1988 Thursday.

Members of the post opened a time capsule that was dedicated and sealed on Feb. 15, 1988 by then American Legion Post 94 commander Lloyd Kilmer. The purpose of the time capsule was to memorialize the Boulevard of Flags on R.H. Johnson Boulevard.

The Boulevard of Flags began in the 1980s when Kilmer worked with Sun City West residents, the American Legion, APS and Sen. John McCain among others to put American flags along the roadway on national holidays. The flags are raised and lowered by members of Post 94.

"It's very pleasing to me to think that the Boulevard of Flags continues to inspire citizens of Sun City West and the whole community," said Kilmer, 93, who was a bomber pilot and prisoner of war.

Items in the capsule includ-

ed programs of the ceremony in '88, a magazine from that day, a videotape and bumper stickers that support the Boulevard of Flags. The items were replaced with a DVD of the videotape along with newspaper clippings, a compilation of photos of past post commanders and a photo of the Boulevard of Flags.

The time capsule will be opened in May 2024.

Commander Gerry Berger said the ceremony and recognition of those past and present members of American Legion Post 94 is significant for the community.

"We want to provide citizens the importance of the Boulevard of Flags, and we look forward to sharing our story. This message is of patriotism and Americanism."

Past State Commander George Cushing from Sun City read a compilation of civic responsibilities to our national banner from various sources. "America has set an example for greatness. The flag will be a symbol of hope."



Pappy Egan, a member of American Legion Post 94, raises the flag during a ceremony to celebrate the opening of a time capsule Thursday at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West. The capsule was sealed by past commander Lloyd Kilmer on Feb. 15, 1988, to memorialize the flags posted on R.H. Johnson Boulevard. [Nick Cote/Daily News-Sun]

SUN CITY WEST

American Legion Post 94 members Pappy Egan, right, Leo Flynn, center and John Kirk raise the flag during a ceremony to celebrate the opening of a time capsule Thursday at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West. [Nick Cote/Daily News-Sun]



David Verble

From: Edson Allen [edsonallen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 6:45 PM
To: David Verble
Subject: Fw: Special Event: American Legion Post 94

David, I just received this notice from our church secretary. This will be a significant community event, and I'd appreciate it if you would collect any newspaper articles and photos that appear. We should have this in our historical files at the museum.

Thanks for watching for news of this event. ED

On Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:55 PM, Mary Jo Patton <mj4shumc@gmail.com> wrote:

**MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI
AMERICAN LEGION POST 94**

American Legion Post 94 will conduct a military ceremony on May 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Sun City West Sports Pavillion located at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center corner of Meeker Blvd. & R. H. Johnson Blvd.

The Post will open a time capsule that was dedicated and sealed on February 15, 1988 by the then American Legion Commander Lloyd Kilmer.

The purpose of the time capsule was to memorialize the Boulevard Of Flags on R.H. Johnson Blvd.

The military portion of the ceremony will be conducted by Honor Guard Commander Gene Bogatko. The Colors will be raised by the Post Color Guard Commander Pappy Egan and the rifle squad Commander Leo Flynn will fire a rifle salute.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

American Legion Post 94 2014 Commander

GERRY BERGER

Past Arizona State Commander

GEORGE CUSHING

Past Commander American Legion Post 94

LLOYD KILMER

Upon completion of the ceremony the original and new items will be placed in the time capsule by Commander Gerry Berger and the capsule will be sealed by Sun City West Recreation Center personnel.

**THE TIME CAPSULE WILL BE OPENED AGAIN IN MAY 2024.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS HISTORIC CEREMONY.**

****FOR GOD AND COUNTRY****