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♦ MEDALS ARRIVE AFTER 63 YEARS ♦

Charles Hubbs is a patient man. He waited since World War II to receive the medals he earned while in the U.S. Army. He had been told that his records were destroyed in the St. Louis, Missouri, Records Division fire, an explanation heard by many veterans over the years

A member of American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244, Hubbs mentioned it to Commander Bob Santo and the wheels were set in motion. Forms were painstakingly filled out and sent to the Department of Defense.

The DoD discovered through research that he was long overdue for his medals, including the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, World War Two Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Sharpshooter for Carbine and Rifle.

The awards were pinned on his chest by Commander Santo and Vice Commander Madden at the July post meeting.

Hubbs was drafted in 1943 when he turned 18 and after Basic Training was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for truck driving training and later re-assigned to Newport, Rhode Island delivering supplies to a Coastal Watch unit.

Subsequently, he built pontoon bridges in Washington State before being ordered deployed. As his new unit sailed into the Pacific the atomic bombs were dropped and the war ended.

Hubbs went to the Philippines and right into the Communist backed Huk Rebellion, and their convoys were attacked by both rebel troops and the natives seeking supplies. The U.S. forces were not allowed weapons, but they traded for them to defend themselves after several troops were killed in the attacks. After he came home and was discharged, Hubbs, a lifelong Long Islander went to work for Republic Aviation.

Now, he can wear more than just his Ruptured Duck, which he did receive at discharge.

By Allen Shaw public information officer/ historian Post 1244, Greenlawn.

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Upcoming Major Events

- Sept. 9/ Post Monthly Meeting
- Oct. 11/ Columbus Day Parade
- Oct. 14/ Post Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 8/ Huntington Town Hall Veterans Day Ceremony
- Nov. 11/ Veterans Day Ceremony
- Nov. 11/ Post Monthly Meeting

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POST 1244 WINS 2009 BEST PAPER AND BEST WEB PAGE AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to Commander Bob Santo and the BUGLE staff for garnishing 2 New York State American Legion Press Association Awards for 2009. Our Greenlawn Bugle won the Best Paper Contest for the second year in a row and our web site won the 2009 Best Web Page Award. Commander Santo is our Web Page Master and Allen Schwartz is the Editor of the BUGLE. Of course as we always say, we have great material to work with - **Our Veteran Members!** **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

Vice Commander Notes: *COME ON DOWN!*

It has come to light in conversations with various members that some stay away from our Post Activities because they are not regular participants.

Let me assure you that our activities are for **ALL** of our members, no matter what your level of presence at regular meetings. In fact, most of our activities are on weekends, specifically to make them available to those that cannot make a weekday or evening event.

Our events and trips are all designed to draw out even the most inactive members. Life happens and we understand, so in the future, please **DO** come out for any event you think you'd enjoy. If you need assistance, that is NOT a problem. We will make whatever special arrangements need be made. We are in fact all about **brothers helping brothers!**

We hope you will heed this invitation next time something comes up you'd enjoy doing. We will always be pleased to have you participate. I can be reached every day at dam9245@optonline.net or by cell phone at 516-523-9391. It is a pleasure serving with you as we continue to serve the country we love.

Vice Commander,

Dennis Madden

"YOU EARNED IT" *by Donna Boyle*

A flag draped coffin inspires respect in almost every culture, but to a Veteran's family it shows all Americans appreciate your loved ones sacrifice.

A United States flag will be provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces.

It is furnished to honor a Veteran's military service to his or her country.

The VA will furnish a burial flag for all Veterans honorability discharged who:

- Served during wartime or after January 31, 1955
- Died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Served as a peacetime veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951

Who Receives the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it.

You or your loved one may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 21-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows the VA to issue one flag for a veteran's funeral. It cannot be replaced it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen. However, some veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

Post Activities Bulletin Board

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Post 1244 Members:
Please say hello to all the new members that have joined us in 2008 and 2009! WOW!
Dennis Madden

POST 1244 HONORS 2nd VICE COMMANDER GIUNTA "A PROUD VETERAN"

Dennis "DRACO" Giunta was awarded the Greenlawn Post 1244 "Legionnaire of The Year Award" at our July 8 meeting.

Vietnam Veteran Giunta was given the honor in recognition of his service to his fellow veterans both as a very active 2nd Vice Commander of the Post, founder of our American Legion Riders unit, active volunteer for Jacob's Light Foundation and Patriot Guard Rider. Dennis can usually be found riding his motorcycle at our parades, civic events, and fund raisers we take part in.

Dennis was the driving force behind our Old Glory Flag Deposit Box, which circulates among our local elementary schools, providing a place for worn and torn United States Flags to be properly disposed of. Due to his work, many hundreds of unserviceable American flags have been collected and disposed of at our annual Flag Day ceremony. Equally important, hundreds of school children and their parents have learned the proper way to pay their respect to our National Symbol.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greenlawn Post 1244
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Post Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus Hall, 24 Boulevard Avenue

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Bob Santo , Commander

Post Notice of Audit Compliance

Our Post has just completed an Audit of the Post's accounts, conducted by our Commander, Bob Santo, and our Judge Advocate, Allen Schwartz. All was found to be in order and the funds of the Post are duly accounted for. ***DM***

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ANOTHER SUMMER IS QUICKLY DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Thanks are due to all our Legionnaires who were able to participate in the Suffolk County Veterans Stand Down, Memorial Day Parade, Memorial Day Cookout, the Wreath Ceremony at Town Hall, Welcome Home for Cpl. Chris Levy, our Flag Day Ceremony at the Greenlawn Fire Department, our Boys State Committee, and of course, those Post 1244 volunteers who labor for our deployed troops every month at the Jacob's Light Foundation.

A special thanks is also due to those who we always count on for support, among them St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus for providing our meeting place, the Greenlawn Fire Department for sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony as well as our Flag Retirement Ceremony, all our sponsors who appear in the last few pages of The Bugle, and of course, Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern for his continued help.

But the biggest thanks are due to each and every one of our members. Without your enthusiasm and spirit we would not have a Greenlawn American Legion Post. So, whether we see you at our monthly meetings, events and outings or if you simply support us by your continued membership in this, the greatest veteran's organization in the world, we thank you for your continued membership in the American Legion, and we thank you for your service to the United States of America!

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A COMRADE HAS PASSED : Legionnaire William J. "Bill" Bishop

Bill was a WWII Marine veteran who served from April 1943 to June 1946, and a cherished member of Greenlawn Post 1244.

He was with the 3rd Marine Air Wing, VMR-352, Radio operator, R5C (C-46), Pacific Theater Hawaii, Ewa; Kwajalein, Peleliu, Philippine Islands, Leyte, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Japan, China, Beijing; Guadalcanal, Fiji, Samoa, Espiritu Santo, Wake Island, Guam, Majuro.

There stands in the harbor of Victoria, B.C. a monument to the fallen heroes of Canada. It reads as follows:

" THEY DIED THE NOBLEST DEATH A MAN MAY DIE, FIGHTING FOR GOD, AND RIGHT AND LIBERTY, AND SUCH A DEATH IS IMMORTALITY."

A noble thought for all our Veterans who have passed!

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