

# THE GREENLAWN BUGLE



## Greenlawn Post 1244 June 2022

### Boys State Graduate Accepted into United States Naval Academy



**Owen Connelly, with his parents Kathleen and Matthew Connelly**

American Legion Post 1244 is proud to announce that Walt Whitman High School Senior Owen Connelly has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy. Owen was sponsored by Post 1244 to the 2021 Department of New York Boys State program.

Owen has excelled at both athletic and academic pursuits in his time at Walt Whitman. He was member of the Varsity Lacrosse and Golf Teams as well as holding multiple National Honor Society roles.

Notably, Owen was the first ever Ex-Officio Student Member of the South Huntington Board of Education Board of Education for the South Huntington School District. He participated in Board meetings sitting alongside the trustees and assistant superintendents.

His interest in history, coupled with a rich family history of military service has led to his desire to serve his country as a naval officer.

## Boys and Girls State

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Pictured on page 1 of the “Greenlawn Bugle” is Owen W. Connelly, 2021 Boys State alumni,

Owen is the second Boys/Girls State alum to have their picture in the “Bugle.” Theodora Carnisi of Huntington High School was pictured in the March 2022 issue of the “Bugle” when she was accepted into the U.S. Army Academy at West Point, NY. Based on this recent history, one would think that Boys/Girls State was a military program. Other than the fact that the program is run by a Veterans organization and U.S. Marine volunteers who aid in keeping order among the hundreds of boys attending the New York Boys State program, this couldn’t be further from the truth.

American Legion Boys/Girls State programs are unique summertime educational programs for rising high school seniors focusing on participation and personal

experience in a model state. In the process of selecting candidates for the Boys/Girls State Program, merit and ability are two of the most important factors considered. Selection serves as testimony to a participant’s character and leadership skills and is an experience recognized by U.S. service academies.

At the end of this month Greenlawn Post 1244 will introduce 22 more candidates (18 boys and 4 girls) to citizenship at Boys/Girls State from five local high schools: Harborfields, Walt Whitman, Huntington, Commack, and St. Anthony’s. Let’s all wish them luck. Perhaps there will be another service academy candidate among them or a U.S. President. It has happened before.

*Edward O’Shea*  
Boys and Girls State Co-Chairman

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## Installation of 2022-2023 Officers

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A team of Past Suffolk County Commanders visited our Post on May 11, to install the newly elected officers of Post 1244 for the Legion Year 2022-2023.

It has been our custom to invited the county installation team to conduct this ceremony for at least the past 17 years

Led by Commander Roby Johnson, the team swore in each officer reminding them of their duties and obligations as American Legion officers. All then recited the oath of office and were congratulated by the assembled members.



Commander Donna Boyle being sworn in by Suffolk County  
Commander Roby Johnson

## Officers for the 2022-2023 Legion Year

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**Donna Boyle - Commander**

**Carlo Giordano - 1st Vice Commander**

**Fred Tuccillo - 2nd Vice Commander**

**Steve Scinta - 3rd Vice Commander**

**Ed Hayde - Adjutant**

**Finance Officer - Bob Santo**

**Chaplain - John Carr**

**Sgt. at Arms - Charlie Armstrong**

**Sean Delle - Judge Advocate**

**Michelle Martin - Service Officer**

**Mary Flatley - Historian**

## Operation Enduring Care

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Our efforts, to provide ongoing support to our area veterans in need through “Operation Enduring Care,” have been successful. All requests received were processed, items acquired and answered within 24 hours.

This tremendous effort has helped to establish a reputation of reliability and a fast response. We are seeing an increase in requests for coffee, creamers, condiments, cereal (both hot & cold), instant soups and quickly prepared foods.

We also are in need of donations of new underclothing in all sizes. These, along with hygiene packets, are included in care packages distributed to our veterans in need.

We had a very successful distribution of over 180 care packages at the recent “Stand Down” event in April

2022. Many veterans received the carefully prepared items for comfort, safety and personal hygiene.

The week of 3 June 2022, food was donated through “Operation Hope” for our veterans in need who reside at home or are dependent on food assistance. This was in addition to our work within our scope of assistance. Ongoing donations to the Community Living Centers at the Northport VA have been steady as well as timely. Donations to the United Veterans Beacon House, consisting of new twin bedding (sheets, blankets & pillows), quickly prepared meals and clothing have used a great deal of our resources. Efforts to replace or acquire needed items through donations, are ongoing.

Our mission to assist those in need is sure, steady and purposeful. I thank all of you for your contributions and support.

**Albert A. Statton III, Chairman**

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## Girl Scouts Donate to Operation Enduring Care

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The Girl Scouts of South Huntington Troop 703 are living up to a key mission of the Girl Scouts. They are helping to make the world a better place by donating to help our veterans in need.

The scouts, assisted by co-leaders Danielle Donaldson and Lee Anne Ramirez, collected hundreds of pounds of needed non-perishable meals, hygiene and personal care items as well as snacks for veterans residing at the Homeless Veterans Shelter at the Northport VA Medical Center.



Monetary donations were also collected and will be used to purchase additional items for the veterans.

## Post Service Officer - You Earned It!

Welcome summer! It's a great time of the year to get out of the house and shop for bargains. The Dealhack Military & Veterans Discount Guide is a great place to start. This site updates every 3 months brand name discounts for veterans, reservists and active-duty members of the Military, including verifying each brand individually. <https://dealhack.com/blog/military-discounts-guide>



You can download the Dealhack Military & Veterans Discount Guide in pdf format and save as a file or print it out, whichever works out best for you. The guide is broken down into 26 categories: Retail, Travel, Automotive, Car Rental, Sports, Education, Technology, Firearms, Jewelry, Entertainment, Health & Fitness, Hotels & Resorts, Museums & Parks, Food & Restaurants, Perishables, Photography, Eyewear & Vision, Banking & Insurance, Pet Care, Housing and Home Renovation, Legal, Outdoors, Cigars, Party & Occasions, Storage & Shipping and Military Discount Membership.

It is important for you to note that wherever you go, you should carry your VA ID. Always *ask* retailers if they have a veteran's discount. Many places do not advertise their veteran discounts and frequently the Sales Associate is not even aware that their store has one. However, once you ask about it, they will consult with their store manager and there is a good chance you will get a discount on an item that you plan to purchase.

Have a great summer & happy hunting!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Martin*

**Service Officer**

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## 3rd Annual Suffolk County Drive Thru Resource and Stand Down

On April 30, our Operation Enduring Care and Post 1244 American Legion Riders joined forces with about 18 other charities and agencies. They provided needy veterans and their families an opportunity to receive a variety of resources including: sneakers, socks, t-shirts, underwear, blankets, hats, masks, cleaning supplies, fresh produce, information about local veterans nonprofit programs and much more.



Approximately 180 cars drove through the Dennison Building parking lot in Hauppauge. Our riders welcomed each car and provided a variety of items to the passengers.

Of course, 3rd Vice Commander Steve Scinta made sure that every one left with a membership pitch and an application to join our post!



## First Person

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### Vinnie Crimaudo, USS Norris DD859 (Part III)

I received my draft notice in August 1945 and was instructed to report for a physical at the Brooklyn Medical Center. Upon completion of my physical, I was notified that I passed and that I was to report at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn for Army military service in two weeks. I informed the medical officer that I had 3 months left to graduate high school and requested a deferment to finish up in December, 1945.

In mid-December, I went to the U.S. Navy Recruitment Center and stated that I was drafted for U.S. Army Service and would like to join the Navy. I was notified that draftees had to serve 2 years and Navy had 3 year enlistments. I agreed and joined the Navy. I arrived at Camp Peary, Virginia. at the end of January, 1946 and started my basic training. Interesting point was that Camp Peary was a POW camp and housed thousands of German POW's.

I completed basic training in April, 1946 and was shipped to Treasure Island, California for new orders. In mid-April, two transports were loaded up with hundreds of Navy, Marines, officers and Army personnel with a destination for the Far East. Seven days later, we arrived at Tsingtao, China, where many Navy ships were in the harbor. The Marines and Army were sent inland to local camps. The Navy personnel were replacements for many of the sailors and officers getting ready to be sent home.

At the end of April, the fleet left Tsingtao, China for a month of sea duty. We learned GQ, AA, ASW, shore bombardment, air-sea rescue and refuel. On completion of sea maneuvers, we set up our squadron of DD 858, DD 859, DD 860, and DD 861. We were dispatched to Korea to pick up South Korean Coast Guard personnel



The USS Norris DD 859

for duty in the Yellow Sea.

The squadron left Jinsen with each ship having the Korean Coast Guard and trailing a LCVP behind each ship. The squadron was stationed approximately 25 miles apart to stop any vessels coming from the China coast heading toward Korea with any contraband or spies. This was a very interesting assignment. Our ship picked up several vessels with contraband and spies. The crews were arrested and the boats were sunk with gunfire.

Our next assignment was Formosa (Taiwan). We were sent for occupation duty. The Nationalists from China were leaving China and heading there to set up a new government. General Mao, the Communist leader, was in the western part of China heading east and was driving the Nationalist forces out of China.

Tsingtao was a nice seaport with lots of destruction during the war. Many a night, when anchored in the harbor, you could hear the shells flying overhead and GQ being called.

The squadron did many ports of call along the China coast, with mail runs and morale build up for the population.

The squadron returned back to Bremerton, Washington for dry dock and gun modifications. I left the Naval Service in December, 1947.

**Vinnie (Brooklyn) Crimaudo**

**USS Norris DD 859 Jan 46-Dec 47 GQ Station,  
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## Councilwoman Joan Cergol

### How did your father influence your career decisions?

First, I want to thank the Greenlawn Bugle for this opportunity to talk about my late father, Nicholas J. DeVito, M.D. (Lt. Col., US Army) who, following his Army service, became a surgeon in private practice in Huntington for thirty years.

As to my father's influence on my career, for sure, dad was, and still is, a driving force who inspires me in so



many aspects of my life and work. I often draw a parallel between my dad's profession as a healer in the medical field, and mine in government. Dad fixed people and I fix people's problems.

Dad never gave up on people and neither do I. It's enormously satisfying to make a difference in someone's life, and when that happens, there's just nothing better, and it inspires me to do more. Dad was a man of determination, persistence, and enormous patience. These same traits are necessary in the work I do. Sprinkle in compassion and understanding and there you have dad's and my "secret sauce" to serving others.

Dad was a serious-minded fellow of regimen and great discipline, instilled in him by his parents, but later rein-

forced during his Army days. He expected the same self-discipline, respect and order in our home and family life.

For example, our sacred family time was during the dinner meal, and especially for late afternoon Sunday supper. My siblings and I dared not shirk our responsibility to "report for duty" at the dinner table! As a young girl I remember balking at this rigid practice when I was invited elsewhere. As I matured, I came to respect that this was dad's way of ensuring precious time with his family.

There were definite rules of engagement at dinnertime. Dad would not tolerate any displays of disinterest or complaints over what mom put on the table. My brother was a picky eater and if he refused to eat what was on his plate, dad would not excuse him from the table until he did so. In our house, you did not just stand up and leave the table, you asked for permission to do so.

Also at dinner time, we were expected to sit up straight and tall, mind our manners, speak in proper English (no use of slang or lazy "yeahs" permitted!) and of course use the correct pronunciation of words. He quizzed us about history, historical figures, current events and our schoolwork and activities. He wanted to know who our friends were. One had to be ready for just about anything at our dinner table!

We lived with other rules in our house that were set down by dad. Much to mom's satisfaction, he insisted we make our beds and make them correctly- with hospital corners and tight enough to toss a quarter on it that would bounce. Sometimes Dad would perform random bed checks to keep us on our toes and it became a fun challenge to get it right as to pass his inspections.

I'm grateful to say that dad did not

impose any career expectations on me although working hard in school and a college education were clear direct orders. A little secret: if dad ever harbored ideas of me following in his footsteps, he should have shared that with me. I was so eager to please him that had dad asked me to climb skyscrapers for a living or follow in his own footsteps and become a doctor, that's what I would be doing now. I believe dad showed his confidence in me by letting me decide on my career path, knowing that I would make the right decision. With all I have managed to pack into my career, I am sorry that dad didn't live long enough to see my election to the Huntington Town Board. He would have been quite proud to see me enter into public service at this level to the town he loved.

### Also please explain your father's military service and his career.

Dad was called to serve his country in 1944 while a student at New York Medical College. However, it was decided that it would be mutually beneficial to dad and the U.S. Army for him to finish medical school and enter as a commissioned officer and doctor. That he did. In 1946, Dad entered the U.S. Army where he alternated between active duty and the Army Reserves for the next 14 years.

After completing basic training at Fort McClellan in Alabama, dad was first stationed as a surgeon at U.S. Army Hospital, Yokohama, Japan (1946-1947, Captain). He next served as a Regimental Surgeon, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army Hospital, Tokyo, Japan (1947-1948, Captain). Following that he served as Chief of Surgery, U.S. Army Hospital in Berlin, Germany (1953-1956 during which time he was promoted to Major and met and married my mother). He then served as a resident surgeon at New York V.A.

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Hospital, Bellevue Medical Center, (1956-1957, Major) and finally, as Chief of Surgery, U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, (1958-1960, Major).

In late 1960, after considering several options, including an offer from the U.S. Army to assume the post of Chief of Surgery at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., Dad (and mom) discovered, fell in love with and moved to Huntington. Dad became a familiar and respected figure in private surgical practice and at Huntington Hospital where he spent more time than at home. He retired in 1991. Sadly, we lost him following a massive stroke in March 2003.

In July of 1963 dad received notification from Headquarters, First United States Army of his promotion from Reserve Commissioned Officer status Major to Lieutenant Colonel. His devotion to the Army and his country was demonstrated during the Persian Gulf War, when at age 70, following his retirement from private surgical practice, he wrote to the Surgeon General offering to volunteer to treat troops wounded in action. His request to serve was graciously denied due to his age, but his desire to serve remained resolute. During his Army service, dad became highly skilled in treating severe burn wounds, and later was instrumental in establishing the first burn unit at Huntington Hospital.

I believe it's important to share here that dad immigrated to the U.S. from Italy in 1920 at the age of four along with his parents. Their beginnings were quite humble and fraught with economic and social hardships, especially during the Great Depression. But nothing deterred my dad. He eventually earned his U.S. citizenship, quickly mastered English as his second language, excelled in school from the start, graduating in

1938 at the top of his Bronx high school as class president. He applied, and was accepted, to many excellent universities, Harvard among them, but decided on Columbia to remain close to his parents and sisters now living in Forest Hills, Queens, and also, to assist with a thriving New York City bar/restaurant business his father had established just off Broadway. Dad graduated from Columbia in 1942. For sure, as immigrants, dad and his father Salvatore truly exemplified the American Dream made possible. **Before becoming a Huntington Town Councilwoman what jobs did you hold in the private sector and in public service.**

I hold a Bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Long Island University in communications with a focus on broadcast journalism and public relations, and worked for eighteen years in both the private and public sectors in various positions. I began my career as an account executive for a Manhattan public relations agency. I was later appointed Director of Public Information for the Glen Cove City School District, and after that, became the Director of Marketing for a prominent Nassau County commercial law firm. From there I decided to establish my own public relations business in 1996, where I represented multiple clients who did business in the Town of Huntington. That was how and why, in 2002, Huntington Town Supervisor Frank Petrone approached me to join his staff. He was interested in me applying my private sector skills to assist in advancing his economic development, affordable housing and many other legislative initiatives on his agenda. I enjoyed this work immensely. After serving as a senior staff member in the Supervisor's Office for eleven years specializing in economic development and housing, I became the Director of the Huntington Community Develop-

ment Agency in 2013 where I remained until I became a Town Councilwoman. I just marked my fourth year as a Councilwoman and my 20<sup>th</sup> year in Huntington Town government.

I've also served as an adjunct professor of public relations at St. Joseph's College and at Long Island University. I have written two books chronicling the history of Huntington's OHEKA Castle and continue to exercise my love of writing by posting stories at my website [www.joancergol.com](http://www.joancergol.com) that reflect upon my family, work, people and other subjects that inspire me.

**What are your duties as a Town Councilwoman?**

As a Town Councilwoman I am one of five members of the Board of the municipal corporation of the Town of Huntington. We each have one vote in enacting legislation and Town Codes, adopting the annual budget, managing town personnel, deciding on land use matters, managing town properties (especially our parks and beaches), performing the day-to-day executive functions of government and more. As Town Board members we simultaneously sit as Trustees for the Town of Huntington Board of Trustees that manages the town's waterfront and underwater lands. I am fortunate to be able to apply my extensive experience and knowledge of Huntington Town government to guide me in my day-to-day decisions.

**What are your present goals as a Town Councilwoman and what would you like to achieve for the Town in the future?**

Town Board members are stewards of not just the Town but of residents' public safety and quality of life. As such, the protection of our drinking water, some 66 miles of waterfront and the environment are

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among my top priorities- along with the ongoing preservation of the town's dwindling supply of open space including the maintenance of our expansive parks system. During the pandemic we saw the use of our parks and beaches spike to unprecedented levels underscoring their meaning and importance to residents of all ages. I have sponsored and supported numerous resolutions that enhance resident quality of life in these areas and others, and will continue to make these areas a priority.

I am also a huge proponent of accessible and inclusive government. Early in my elective service I sponsored the resolution that allowed live streaming and real-time broadcasting of Town meetings. Shortly thereafter, to address the needs of the hearing impaired, I sponsored the resolution bringing closed captioning to our town. I am proud of my reputation as an accessible and responsive elected official.

I am also eager to use my position as a policy maker to address and solve

resident and business problems. One of my favorite aspects of the job is working to streamline and ease the burdens created by government bureaucracy. I either look for laws that were enacted years ago that have little to no relevance today, or for voids in our code that need to be filled to respond to current conditions, resident concerns and business demands.

Perhaps one of the greatest examples of adopting policy to align with emerging, if not emergency, conditions involved the many code amendments we enacted to make our laws more flexible during the height of the pandemic. From providing outdoor dining options to streamlining town approvals, I was energized to sponsor and support code changes that greatly helped businesses overcome social distancing and gathering capacity restrictions. Our small business is the lifeblood of our local economy and we need to use every tool in the toolbox to support them, not to mention be creative and enterprising.

There is so much more I could share

about my work and my enthusiasm for it than you have room here to print, but I want to conclude with my desire to see the James D. Conte Community Center completed this or early next year. This multimillion-dollar capital project is personal to me as it dates back to my days in the Supervisor's Office where I wrote and won the one million dollar plus New York State grant that is helping to fund it. I was among those present when Supervisor Frank Petrone promised Bob Santo a permanent space in the Conte Center for Greenlawn Post 1244, and, you can bet that I will make every effort to make sure the Town delivers on that promise!

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## Walt Whitman Birthplace Tour

America's pioneering poet, Walt Whitman, was born in 1819 on his family's Suffolk County farm in a house built by his father that still stands in West Hills.

On a bright April afternoon, nine Post 1244 Legion members and spouses toured that house to see what it must have been like living an early 19th century life on Long Island.

Set just off of Rt. 110 in West Hills the farm house looks out of place in what is now a thriving, bustling suburban community. Our tour guide was well versed in the lifestyle Whitman experienced.

We would like to arrange more such events for our members and families. If you have any suggestions, please let us know at:

[post1244@verizon.net](mailto:post1244@verizon.net)



## Memorial Day 2022



**Greenlawn Memorial Park May 30, 2022**

## Post 1244 Officers Attend 2022 Legion Family College

First Vice Commander Carlo Giordano and Third Vice Commander Steve Scinta attended American Legion Family College of New York June 3-5. The program is a three-day immersion into the Legion's programs and structure, and issues facing the largest veterans' organization in the country.

As a **Legion Family College**, it is open to members of the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders.

Held at Morrisville State College (SUNY Morrisville) each June, Legion College fosters leadership skills of Legion Family members as they work in teams to solve problems they may face in their home post, unit, squadron or chapter. The curriculum covers an array of topics, such as leadership and communication; Americanism, children and youth; MyLegion.org; legislation; constitution and bylaws; duties of local officers; media relations; membership. The importance of required Legion reports, post financial practices and public perception of legion family members were also emphasized.

Meeting Legionnaires, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary from across the state was a rewarding experience for our two members and they recommend that other post

members attend as well. Members interested in participating next year should contact Commander Donna Boyle.



**L-R Carlo Giordano, Bill McKenna (Commander of Northport Post 694) and Steve Scinta.**

## American Legion Riders

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The Alarm goes off like any other morning except it's Saturday and sleeping in would be nice but there's a mission today.

Meeting time is 7am with KSU (kickstands up) at 7:15. Grab coffee to go and a quick stop to top off with gas and I'm off to the Park and Ride in Melville.

A quick hello to the five there and we're off to Marine park on the Cross Island Parkway. There, we meet up with Rolling Thunder Riders, Leathernecks and a few others.

Next stop rest area on I-95 in Milford Connecticut. Short break. Top off the gas and a few more Rolling Thunder Riders tag along. Next stop North Providence Rhode Island Lowes. Another 25 Rolling Thunder Riders we pick up and we're off to the reason we came: The home of Tuskegee Airman Victor Butler who turned 100 years old today. His family was overwhelmed that so many would come and from so far away but, as we explain, days like this come once in a lifetime.

We take photos and deliver the thousands of birthday cards we brought with us. Just when we're about to leave, another unexpected guest, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, arrives to deliver a commemorative jersey, "Butler" with 100 as the



number. Even a millionaire can spare a few hours for an event like this.

Now it's a stop for lunch a ferry ride across the sound and last leg of the trip. As we go our separate ways, we will always have this memory and camaraderie to share. Well worth the 14 hour day.

*Steve Scinta*

**Legion Riders Chapter 1244**

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## Sons of The American Legion



Hello all.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. As Sons we need to try to get out there and do a little bit more.

We have done a few things this year, mostly helping Al Statton with a few projects.

- 1) We helped collect clothing and food supplies to be delivered for Ukraine.
- 2) Operation Enduring Care. (We helped put together and give care packages to our great veterans.

We also donated to the Suffolk County American Legion walkathon. Our kitty is getting very low and I can use a few Sons with some fundraising ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Remember to shake the hand of every great veteran you run into throughout your travels and thank them for the freedoms we have.

*Angus Kennedy*

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## Membership



Let's talk about "re-upping."

If you remember joining the service, you remember being asked to re-up as you reached the end of your tour, did you end up as a "Lifer"? I remember no one admitted to wanting to be a "Lifer," so I am not asking you to become a "Lifer", but I am asking you to re-up your American Legion Post 1244 membership. The renewal period starts July 1st.

Please

- Go online to "mylegion.org" with your member ID, and a credit card and re-up for another year.

OR

- Stop by 24 Boulevard Avenue, Greenlawn the 2nd Wednesday of any month (July would be great) with your \$50.00 dues in check, money order or cash and we will do the paperwork for you. Since our meetings start

at 8:00pm if you stop in earlier you can join us for a light meal before the meeting.

OR

- Mail a check or money order for \$50.00 to American Legion Post 1244, PO Box 238,

Greenlawn, NY, 11740. Again, we will do the paperwork for you.

Thanks in advance for RE-upping. Every member contributes something SPECIAL to our Post

and community. We need you to continue contributing.

*Donna Boyle*

Post Commander

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## Color Guard Volunteers Needed

Greenlawn Post 1244 is often called upon to provide the colors at Town of Huntington events as well as other events and ceremonies.

We are glad to support the community in this way and project our values as a patriotic veterans organization.

We are looking for a few Legionnaires, or Sons to augment our regular group when needed. It would be a great help to the post!

Please give Charlie Armstrong a call at 917-333-2234 if you would be interested.



Pictured L-R: Steve Scinta, Ed Hayde and Hal Dieterle



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## The Commander's Corner



I hope everyone had a great spring. In an attempt to return to normal we hosted a picnic after the Memorial Day parade this year. A lighter turnout than in past years but everyone who came had a nice time.

On June 11th the Town of Huntington hosted a 50th Anniversary gala at the Marriott Hotel in honor of the young men from Huntington who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam Conflict. (According to my understanding the residents of the Town of Huntington were responsible for the dedication of the 1st Living Memorial dedicated to returning Vietnam Servicemen in the United States.) There was a large turnout and fittingly the Vietnam Veterans who attended were all honored as special

guests.

Here at the post we are continuing our support of local veterans from all conflicts. As usual, May was Poppy month. Our "POPPY" teams were successful in raising some funds to permit the post to help local veterans. We also have a raffle drawing at the November meeting.

Please purchase as many raffle tickets as your budget permits. The funds raised at these 2 activities permit the post to assist local veterans.

If you have an idea that you think would help a veteran or their family please bring it up.

Every successful thing in the world started as an idea.

*Donna Boyle*  
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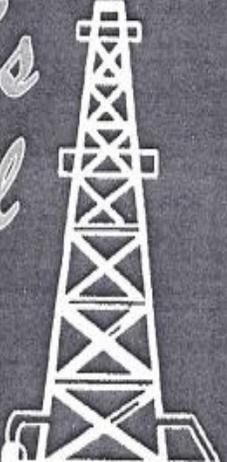


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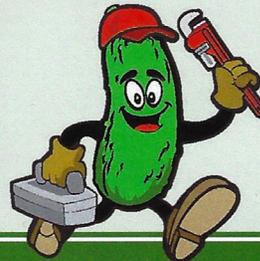
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