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Veterans Day 2017

On the coldest day of the year so far, veterans from throughout the Town of Huntington and beyond, once again gathered at Greenlawn Memorial Park to celebrate Veterans Day. By the time the ceremony began at exactly 11:00 am, about 200 veterans, elected officials, ordinary citizens and children surrounded the plaza.

Participants included GFD, Greenlawn Civic Association Lions Club and many Boys Scout and Girl Scout units. Veterans organizations included Huntington American Legion Post 360, Northport American Legion Post 694, Nathan Hale VFW Post 1469, Elwood-Commack VFW Post 9263 and the Marine Corps League.

This annual event held by our American Legion Post 1244 is the only Veterans Day ceremony in the Town of Huntington which is held on the actual date of Veterans Day, November 11. The day originally was called Armistice Day, commemorating the armistice which ended the fighting in World War I. Our ceremony is held at exactly 11:00 a.m. the time that the armistice took effect on November 11, 1918 when the guns fell silent all over Europe.

Our color guard presented the colors and Commander Dennis Madden called the ceremony to order. Father Francois of St. Francis Assisi gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem by Harborfields Chorus led by Ms. Clare Jackson.

In his remarks, Commander Madden spoke of the growing gap between those in uniform and the civilian

population. So few Americans are now serving in the military that the burden of war is falling on fewer men and women than ever before. He quoted Winston Churchill: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

He was followed by 1st Vice Commander Rich Russano who detailed the contributions of our post to our veterans and their families as well as the children and youth of our community. A reminder to all that our veterans continue to serve their community, state and nation long after their military service has concluded.

Wreaths were presented at the monument by many organizations. Our Post wreath was presented by U.S. Navy veteran Frank Ostroff. Our Auxiliary wreath was placed at the monument by Sandy Bohn and Geri Dettling.

At the conclusion of the presentation of wreaths, Michael Mank, a very talented 8th grade musician from Old Field Middle School played a fine rendition of "Taps."

After Father Francois gave the benediction, Harborfield High School Chorus led the assembled citizens in a heartfelt "God Bless America."

Special thanks to our honorary Chaplain for the day, Father Francois of St. Francis of Assisi Church. His inspirational words reminded us of how much we are blessed as a nation.

Thanks also to our talented friend Andrew Schild of
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Legionnaire Frank Ostroff Presents Our Wreath

New York American Legion Press Association's Best Paper Award 2012-2013-2014-2015-2016-2017
National American Legion Press Association Third Place Award 2017

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Pro Audio who, once again, provided the audio expertise that contributes so much richness to the experience of our ceremony.

It was a pleasure to see our new Congressman Tom Suozzi and Legislator William "Doc" Spencer at the ceremony on such a cold day.

Finally, hats off to Inspector Christopher Hatton of the 2nd Precinct for blocking traffic on Broadway and Pulaski Road during the ceremony to insure the safety of drivers who might have been distracted by the large

crowd that attended our event.

By noon, we had begun to arrive at Applebees' Commack restaurant for the free lunch the restaurant offers to veterans on this special day. We always reserve our own area for the 50 or so Post 1244 members who look forward to the good food, camaraderie and the wonderful welcome extended to our veterans by the management and staff at Applebees.

Needless to say, we are all looking forward to next year's Veterans Day.

Our Future Post Home - The James D. Conte Community Center

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244 moved one step closer to having its own Post Home on November 25th. Elected officials, members of the Conte family, veterans and members of the public assembled to participate in a ground breaking ceremony for a new community center in Huntington Station.

Elected officials included State Senate Majority Leader James Flanagan, State Senator Carl Marcellino, Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Assemblyman and Supervisor Elect Chad Lupinacci, Supervisor Frank Petrone and Councilmen Mark Cuthbertson and Eugene Cook.

Assemblyman James Conte was born and raised in Huntington Station. He fought hard for the Armory to be transferred to the Town of Huntington, envisioning a facility that would benefit the youth and veterans of Huntington.

The Town announced the pending transfer of the building in 2012. The post immediately approached Supervisor Frank Petrone with a proposal for locating our Post home in the building. He supported the idea and saw that we would be included in the plans.

The first stage, the abatement of asbestos and lead, was completed in 2017. Construction is to begin in 2018 and be completed by the end of 2019.

In November, this year, the Town Board approved the

2018 Town budget which included \$3.75 million for the first construction phase of the center. The Town also received a grant of \$1.5 million from the State of New York.



In addition to meeting and office space for our post as well as a veterans canteen, the center will offer an all purpose gymnasium, strength training and cross fit, rock climbing, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, a full-court basketball court, and an elevated indoor / outdoor running / walking track.

A number of proposals for the outdoor space are being considered.



Post Decals Are Now Available

Display your pride as a member of American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244. These long lasting vinyl decals can be displayed on your rear windshield. They are available for \$6 at our monthly meetings or just e mail us at

Post1244@verizon.net to order yours.



Boys and Girls State 2017: One Boy's Experience



American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected programs in the United States for educational government instruction for high school students. I not only read that fact off of the website, but lived through it and believed it. The program taught me the few true core values a Good Samaritan should keep by his side in order to benefit society.

I woke up the first day at 5 a.m. sharp to my ROTC instructor screaming in the hallway. Soon after, I rushed to brush my teeth and put on my khaki pants, belt, boys state shirt, and pin, and ran outside to get into formation with these still unfamiliar faced strangers that looked just as scared as I did. Little did I know these boys would soon become my brothers. One week is all it took for me to form a closer bond with some of the boys in my city than I've ever had with anyone else in my life.

Every early morning we ran side by side and endured extremely delayed pushups where we hold for just enough time at the bottom of the pushup position for at least half the kids to fall, but get right back up. The mental strength I built up during the week was incredible.

I could speak all day about the different assemblies and lectures we were afforded in such a great program. But what I will always remember is pushing as hard as I can on merely 4 and a half hours of sleep, the half a plate of food that we only had about two minutes to attack,

the tremendously full and good looking dish of quality food, and the extreme fatigue, all while next to my brothers.

I will never forget the life lessons I learned at Boys State. I soon understood the why reason the ROTC instructor and Marine would tear apart my room if there was even one little crease on the sheets in my bed. It wasn't because it did not look presentable enough for them and they were getting their revenge. It was an effective form of discipline. It was the first thing everyone thought about when they woke up in the morning. Both my roommate and I, as soon as we would open our eyes, would roll off our beds and began tugging underneath the bed frame on our sheets in order to ensure a perfectly, un-creased, neat looking bed.

What I truly loved about Boys State is that you start off as just one of over a thousand other kids, you're simply the number on your pin. By the end of the week, you have the chance to make a name for yourself and prove to everyone and especially yourself how determined, confident, personable, and useful you really are. Over the course of the unforgivingly tough week, both physically and mentally, I came home a better person, and I can guarantee Boys State had the same effect on any other boy who attended. We entered the program as boys, but we all left as men.

Charles Ruotolo

Walt Whitman High School

Empire Boys State Citizen 2017

American Flag Etiquette

For Sgt. at Arms Charlie Armstrong, flag history and etiquette is a passion of his – he teaches flag etiquette to local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and hands out the American Legion “Our Country's Flag” comic book to each child.

On November 17, Charlie taught flag history, flag etiquette and how to fold the flag to Cub Scout Pack 66.

At the beginning of each month, he and Legionnaire Rick Tierney wheel our “Old Glory” mobile flag deposit box to one of eleven libraries in the Town of Huntington so that residents can dispose of their unserviceable flags. Near Flag Day and Veterans Day, Charlie organizes our Flag Retirement ceremony where those flags are honorably disposed of at Greenlawn Fire Department.



Sgt. at Arms Charlie Armstrong at Birchwood School with Cub Scout Pack 66

First African American Woman Interment by our MIAP Chapter

On a bitterly cold day, dozens of Legionnaires gathered at Calverton National Cemetery for the interment with military honors of Army Veteran Johnnie Mae Henson. Ms. Henson served in the United States Army from 1977 to 1979.

December 14, 2017 was a historic day for us as it was the first time we had conducted a committal service for an African American woman veteran. As a matter of fact she is the first woman veteran we have honored in this way.

As time goes by and the number of women in our armed forces increases, this will no longer be seen as unusual.

We invited the newly elected commander of Hunter Squires Jackson Post 1218, Amityville, Ms. Lenore Brathwaite to attend and receive the burial flag.

Despite the cold, all of us were glad to have taken part in honoring Ms. Henson. We never know what kinds of circumstances cause our veterans to be without family at the hour of their death. But as we are always fond of saying: "Today, we will be their family,"



Commander Lenore Brathwaite receives the burial flag of Johnnie Mae Henson

Our Mission

The mission of MIAP is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed, cremated remains of American veterans. In addition to handling cremains, New York State Missing In America Project now accepts whole body remains from five New York City morgues under the auspices of the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs. These remains are also interred in a national cemetery with full military honors.

Missing In America Project Targets NYC and Downstate Funeral Homes



The first 200 of over 600 funeral homes and crematoria in the downstate and New York City area have been contacted by our MIAP chapter in a mailing sent out last month. Soon our MIAP volunteers will be reaching out to the owners and managers of these establishments to ask for their help in determining if the cremated remains of any veterans are being held by them. This will begin the

next phase in our mission to see that all veterans are interred in a national cemetery with the full military honors they have earned.

We are certain that in the five boroughs of New York as well as Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Orange County there are many cremains languishing in storerooms, long ago forgotten by families and friends.

Nationally, to date MIAP has identified the cremains

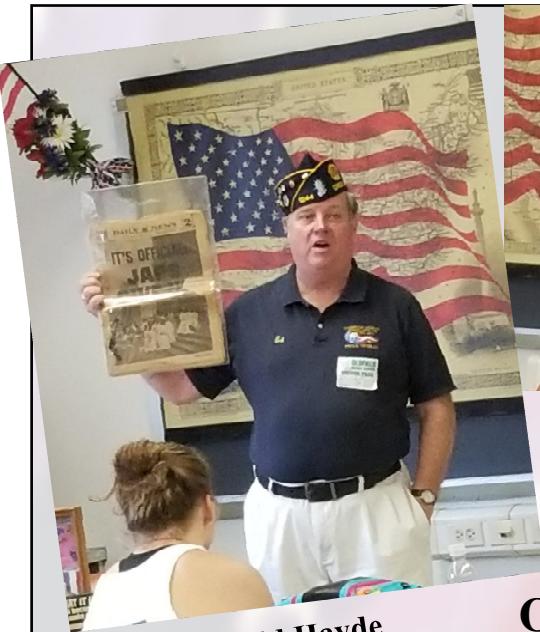
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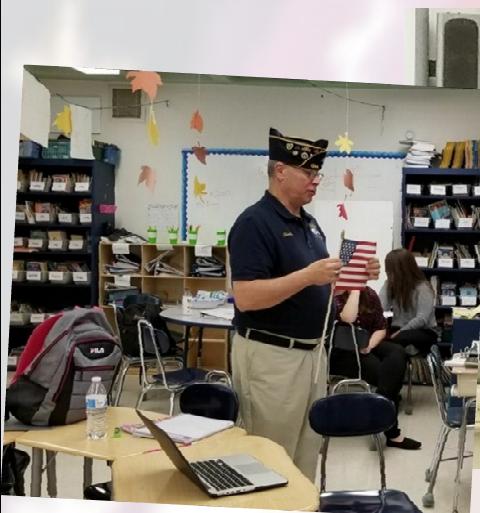


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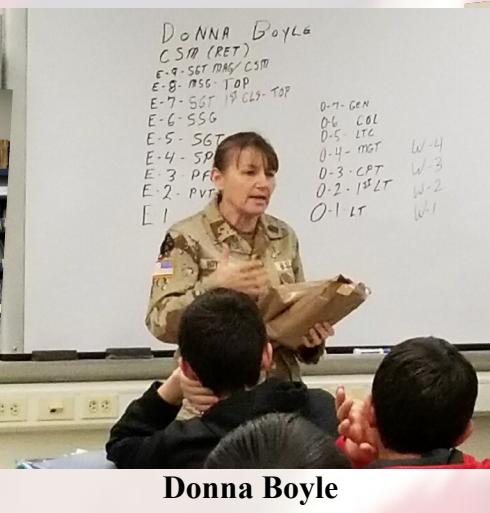


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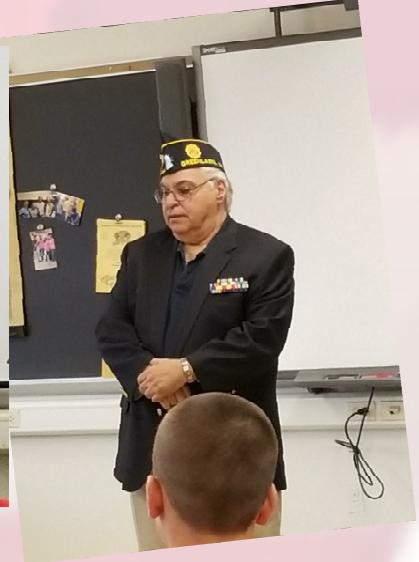
Oldfield Middle School



Charlie Tritto



Donna Boyle



Rich Russano

Once again, Oldfield Middle School invited our veterans to speak to its eighth grade classes, during the week of Veterans Day, about their experiences in the military and as veterans after their military service was over.

The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences while in the uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools.

The Veterans in the Classroom program is intended to involve the members of Post 1244 in the academic curriculum. American history is something we all share, and there is no one better to help tell that story than someone who has had a part in shaping it.

Thanks to Mrs. Sandra Buscemi who has done a great job, once again, coordinating this program with our Post each year. This is the fifth year we have participated.

SailAhead - Healing Wounded Veterans Through Sailing



SailAhead is a nonprofit organization based out of Oyster Bay, N.Y. We have a simple mission -- stop the maddening cycle of suicide among veterans each day. SailAhead provides therapy for PTSD - suffering veterans on the water through sailing.

“Our Mates” are SailAhead’s backbone, inspiration, and *raison d'être*. The Mates are 219 veterans and active duty members who have committed suicide. These Mates are represented by their nametags, which SailAhead carries with them wherever they go and whenever they sail.

2017 was a groundbreaking year because for the first time ever, seven families of the Mates travelled from afar to attend and participate in SailAhead’s largest annual event, the Let’s Take A Veteran Sailing Event at Centerport Yacht Club. They came from Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, Missouri, Florida, and New York. This event celebrated SailAhead’s Mate of the Year, Army SPC Ryan James Day. On August 6th, sailors, veterans, and volunteers from all over the tristate area and the country came for a day of honoring, remembering, healing and sailing. Over 50 sailboats, 100 volunteers, and 150 veterans and family members enjoyed a beautiful day sailing the Long Island Sound. There were even Army Rangers from 2nd Battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment, based in Tacoma, who came all the way from Washington state to support SailAhead, their Mates, and fellow comrades.

Specialist Ryan James Day enlisted in the army right out of High School and was an all-around exceptional kid. Ryan was a Ranger of 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, based in Tacoma, Washington, and by the time he was 21 years old, he had already served two tours in Afghanistan.

Ryan has a peculiar story -- he did not have the typical sort of PTSD one normally expects to learn about. He was a highly trained soldier who could survive in the roughest of conditions. His return home and adaptation to civilian life, however, was one condition no previous training had prepared him for. He had no “off” switch, and didn’t know how to abandon the Ranger mentality. He had a constant need for challenges and adrenaline rushes. On December 15, 2014, at the age of 21 years old, Ryan gambled with his life and lost. SailAhead reached out to the Day family to see how they could use their platform in order to spread Ryan’s story. In April 2017, the Day family held their own SailAhead Fundraising event in their own home near Denver, Colorado!

SailAhead honored Ryan James Day and his family

at their first annual event outside of NY in Washington State. The event was at the Tacoma Yacht Club, located in the same city in which Ryan was based. It was an event to honor him, his friends, and his family. SailAhead understands that a soldier’s sacrifice is not endured solely by the soldier, but by the family as well, which is why SailAhead focuses a lot of their attention and services on the families of soldiers, like their Mates’ families. At the Tacoma YC event, held on July 15th, 2017, Ryan’s father, mother, and two brothers all attended the event. It was their first time back in Tacoma since Ryan’s passing. Though it may have been the other side of the country, the event fostered an atmosphere of such profound healing that tears were shed by friends and family of Ryan James Day.

SailAhead also maintained their usual activities, like sailing trips in Oyster Bay and sailing aboard the 129-year-old Oyster Sloop, *Priscilla*, out of Oakdale, NY. Nearly every month, SailAhead worked with the Long Island Maritime Museum to take at least 12 veterans from the Northport VA sailing aboard the *Priscilla*. SailAhead participated in races from NYC all the way to Martha’s Vineyard, MA. Yacht Clubs, Marinas and independent sailors on both sides of Long Island Sound are becoming even more familiar with SailAhead, their Mates, and their mission, because of the great lengths gone to by the race team.

SailAhead intends to continue all endeavors from last year, as well as add more. Each event from years prior will be replicated and improved. Because of the Tacoma event and its reach to the family members of their Mates, SailAhead officially became a national organization in 2017! It is exciting to consider what they will accomplish in 2018, and how many other lives they will heal and touch as they grow.

SailAhead sincerely thanks your Post, American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244, for always supporting their cause to provide a platform for healing to veterans and family members of veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and for sticking with them since the beginning. It is not easy to trust an organization started by two teenagers, but thankfully, Post 1244 has trusted SailAhead despite that, allowing them to become a strong and effective vehicle for healing and saving lives. SailAhead’s influence spans the nation, and their healing is profound in the hearts they touch. Thanks to the relentless support of American Greenlawn Post 1244, SailAhead will continue to, grow and heal.

Sean Duclay

American Legion Riders

Our American Legion Riders chapter continues to impress us with the depth of its commitment and the breadth of the missions it has undertaken each year. Since words do not do justice to the activities of our Riders chapter, we are posting some photos of just some of the over 250 missions they carried out in 2017.



Craft Fair Fundraiser



Annual Turkey Run



Donation to United Veterans Beacon House



Department Commander's Visitation



Four Chaplains Ceremony



Walt Whitman High School Homecoming Parade

American Legion Auxiliary



The Greenlawn Auxiliary has had a tremendous year. We've welcomed new members, fundraised and have been able to make donations to organizations that work for the benefit of our veterans.

The efforts of our membership chairwoman, Patricia Dolan, and all of our members for their prompt attention to renewing their membership, have given the Greenlawn Auxiliary Unit the honor of being the first unit in Suffolk County to reach over 100% membership for 2018. Thank you ladies for your support and diligence and thank you Patricia Dolan, for your fastidious work.

In addition to our membership goals, the Greenlawn Auxiliary Unit has had a successful year of fundraising

and donations. We are happy to report our donations for 2017 total \$1,840. The efforts of our women have allowed us to donate twice to the Northport Women's Wellness Center, Veterans Place, the American Legion Riders Post 1244 and American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State. We are very proud that one the girls we sponsored went on to Girl's Nation. She was one of only two in New York State to have done so.

We are wishing all a joyful holiday season and look forward to another year of mutual partnership for the benefit of our community and veterans.

Shannon King
Unit 1244 President
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The Sons of The American Legion



Under the direction of Squadron Commander Tony Braccia, our Sons Squadron conducted two successful fundraisers this fall. The money raised will be used to provide comfort items and recreation / entertainment events for our veterans at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook.

Sons volunteers offered American Flag pins to shoppers at two local supermarkets in exchange for donations

Founded in 1932, The Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise The Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

For information on membership in our Sons Squadron call Commander Dennis Madden at 516-523-9391



American Legion Scholarships

Parents and Grandparents. You may be surprised to learn that the American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and American Legion Riders) offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including relatives of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs. For a summary of each scholarship and links to details and applications please see this link:

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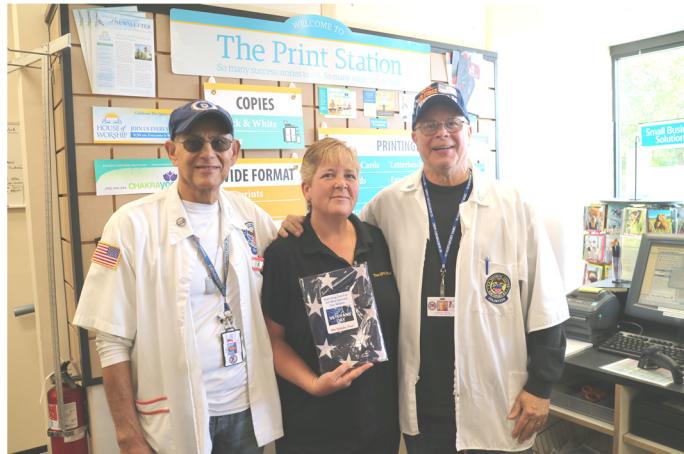
Flags of Comfort

What started as a one-time effort to bring some cheer to the patients at the Northport VA Medical Center, may very well have become a budding tradition.

Our own Charlie Tritto, and “honorary” Greenlawn Legionnaire, Lance Pittman, both volunteer at the center. Recently, they gave a bit more than their time to their fellow veterans. According to Charlie, “In May, Lance asked me what more we could do for our Veterans than simply volunteer our time. He’s that kind of guy.”

After mulling several possibilities, and with Flag Day fast approaching, their plan was finalized. They decided to present 3’x 5’ American Flags to the most critical patients at the facility. “We got the idea from Lance’s son, who presents Flags to the loyal customers of his Nursery/Landscaping business in Michigan.” After getting the required approvals from the Hospital, they launched their plan. Lance was in charge of acquiring the flags, and Charlie for creating the artwork, and obtaining the labels that were to be placed on the cellophane packaging in which the flags would arrive. “The flags arrived within a week and the staff at our local UPS store, had the labels printed in one day.”

On June 16, 2017, Lance and Charlie, with the help of our own Charlie Messina, who also volunteers at the Hospital, distributed 100 flags. “We concentrated on



L-R Lance Pittman, Kathy Ford from UPS Store and Charlie Tritto

those patients we felt needed them the most; those who seemed to be going through the roughest of times,” said Charlie T.

“We visited the dialysis clinic, radiation therapy area, chemotherapy clinic, in-patient wards and the OEF/OIF/OND support section.” The response from the troops was phenomenal. “After seeing the expressions on their faces,” said Charlie T. “and, at times, the tears in their eyes, we realized this must not be a one-time thing. So, on November 6, 2017, in honor of Veterans Day, we distributed another hundred flags. If all goes as planned, another hundred will be distributed in honor of Memorial Day, 2018.”

Fallen Patriots Luncheon



Legionnaires, we are in the midst of planning our first annual Fallen Patriots Luncheon. Since this will be our first event of its kind, we will be honoring our Post 1244 brothers and sisters that passed away since 2004.

Subsequent ceremonies will honor those that left us during each previous calendar year. It is anticipated that the event will be held in the spring, appropriately, around Memorial Day.

The event means a lot to us all, as it honors our own, so please try to keep your calendars clear for this special event. Be on the lookout for future updates as plans take shape.

Charlie Tritto



Final Salute

Clarence H. Beavers United States Army
December 4, 2017



John F. Boll United States Navy
November 24, 2017



Domenick Gargiulo United States Army Air Corps

October 22, 2017



Peter Marmorato United States Navy
September 26, 2017



Joseph Soares United States Army
October 27, 2017



Their sense of duty continues to preserve our past, safeguard our present, and sustain our future.

Vice Commander's Call to Members



I recently had the opportunity to speak at our Veteran's Day ceremony. My focus was to let those in attendance know of the many major achievements of Our Post 1244.

This past year we sponsored 17 High School juniors to Boys and Girls State. Over the past few years we have raised more than \$25,000 and sent

more than 60 students to these programs..

There are thousands of unclaimed cremains in funeral homes and crematoriums throughout America. In support of the Missing In America Project, our Post Chairman John Caldarelli is in charge of six northeast states. We identify if any cremated remains are veterans. If so, we inter them at Long Island or Calverton National Cemetery. In the past five years we have buried over 260 Veterans, including unclaimed remains from the City of New

York. We are their family!

Our Post 1244 American Legion Riders are our motorcyclists who participate in community activities, parades, escorts, and flag lines. This past year they accomplished over 250 missions.

We partner with the folks from the Sail Ahead program to raise awareness of PTSD and veteran's suicide. To date they have had more than 1200 veteran sailings on the waters surrounding Long Island.

We sponsor students in the High School Oratorical Contest, Tri-Village Little League, and participate in the local Vets in the Classroom as well as the many endeavors at the VA Hospital. We also publish our award winning quarterly The Greenlawn Bugle and an informative weekly e-newsletter to all members.

While we continuously strive to recruit new members, sons and auxiliary, our focus is always "Vets helping Vets" and participating in community affairs.

Richard Russano

Welcome To Our Newest American Legion Members!

The American Legion:

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| Edward Hughes | Mary McCue | |

Sons of The American Legion:

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| Arthur Gagne |
| John Rudge |



Operation Paperback

Under the direction of Legionnaire Donna Boyle, our Post has been partnering with **Operation Paperback**, sending hundreds of books to active duty military around the world since April, 2012.

Operation Paperback is a non-profit organization that collects gently used paperback books nationwide and sends them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Since 1999, they have shipped over 1.9 million books to locations around the globe.

We will accept paperbacks, as long as they are in good condition, at any of our meeting nights. If you are unable to bring them to one of our meetings, please let us know and we will make arrangements to pick them up or receive them from you at another time. **Many thanks to Donna and Joe for all their efforts!** Contact Donna at 39DPIP@Gmail.com for more information

Paperback Books for the troops may now be dropped off at:
Apple Bank
167 Walt Whitman Rd. Huntington Station, NY 11746

The Commander's Corner



My, oh my, where has 2017 gone ? It seems only a few brief months ago we were celebrating New Year's Eve 2016 and here we are once again. This has been a most productive and exciting year for Post 1244. We finally have light at the end of a very long tunnel and work is underway on our "new" Post home. It can't be much longer now, right?

Through the year, we did some remarkable things. Among them was the reworking of our Greenlawn Memorial Park and the replacement of our very majestic eagle. Thanks to several people for their efforts on that topic, not the least of whom was member Pete Marmarato of Art Stone, who passed away just this fall, suddenly.

We managed to send 17 high school juniors to Boys State and Girls State this summer and one girl went on to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. as a result. This is a wonderful life experience for them all and it is thanks to the difficult fundraising work of both Charlie Armstrong and Ed O'Shea that makes this possible. Also helping was our Sons Vice Commander Brian Madden who solicited donations from the parents of our Boys and Girls State alumni. Thank you all for that gift to our next generation.

Our MIAP contingent has managed another great year at helping our indigent, deceased brothers and sisters achieve one final dignity: a proper military burial. Under the direction of John Caldarelli, our MIAP Chairman and Director for MIAP in the 6 northeastern states, a decent, long awaited and surely deserved burial is afforded each one of them. Many of our members attend those interments and take on the role of loved ones as they are laid to rest. Of course, this is all done while being escorted by our own American Legion Riders, each

and every time no matter the weather.

We have seen so many events come and go that they are too numerous to mention. However, several do deserve mention. All year long, the Huntington Opportunity Resource Center has had a table from Post 1244 manned by a few of our regular volunteers; Bob Santo, Ed O'Shea, Alex Samuels and Ken Carlson. They also attended the Huntington Awareness Day event and others. Our Old Glory Flag Box has been running up the mileage, too, visiting libraries around town under the guidance of Charlie Armstrong and Rick Tierney.

Our Sons squadron has been involved in two fund-raisers and managed to put more than a few dollars in the bank that will go toward and event of their choice this coming spring. Our Riders have accomplished over 250 missions this year, remember, ... they're everywhere! They also managed the award of a rather sizeable grant to add to their own coffers. That, too, will be spent on veterans this coming spring. Not to forget, our Auxiliary, growing like the Post, has also accomplished a couple of worthwhile events and are making great strides and banking some bucks as well.

It certainly has been a very fulfilling year for Post 1244. The community knows that we support their every effort as they do ours. The Knights of Columbus, our "home" benefactors have been most gracious, as always, and continue to support us with a roof over our heads, A/C and heat when needed. They also provide us a place for our annual Memorial Day BBQ and make our life in general ever so grand. Please mention a thank you to them at every opportunity.

Thank you, troops, for everyone being a part of this Post and doing what you can do for the betterment of veterans everywhere. This is Greenlawn Post 1244 and I am damn proud to be associated with you all.

Dennis Madden



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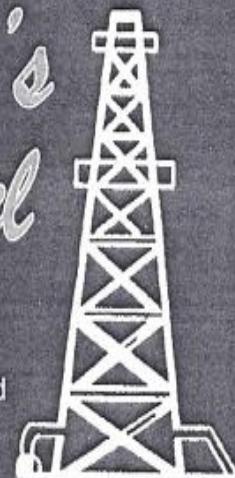
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