

# THE GREENLAWN BUGLE

  
**AMERICAN  
LEGION**  
Greenlawn Post 1244

Summer 2023

## MEMORIAL DAY 2023



**Post 1244 Commander Trisha Northover, joined by 2nd Vice Commander Fred Tuccillo leads our color guard and post members down Broadway in Greenlawn.**

Memorial Day is a day to honor the men and women who have died in service to our country. The annual Greenlawn Memorial Day parade is our way to show our gratitude for their sacrifice and to celebrate their courage and dedication.

The parade, organized annually by the Greenlawn Fire Department, begins at West Maple Street and Broadway and continues to Greenlawn Memorial Park where a solemn ceremony is conducted in memory of those we have lost.

We are honored that our Post is chosen to lead the parade every year, followed by our American Legion

Riders, scouting units, community organizations, fire fighters and other first responders.

At 2:00 pm we gathered for our annual cookout at the K of C. The knights left a big white tent up to keep us in the shade for the afternoon. Our team of volunteers came together to provide a wonderful afternoon with plenty of burgers, hot dogs and other delights.

We observed the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 pm followed by the rendering of "Taps" in memory of all who gave their lives so that we could enjoy the day in peace and freedom.

## Boys and Girls State 2023

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THEY ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN! The weeklong 2023 Boy's & Girl's State programs begin for the boys on June 25<sup>th</sup> and for the girls on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The "citizens" recently participated in orientation meetings at the Babylon and Brentwood Posts, and the girls had a further orientation via a ZOOM meeting, to help them be prepared for what to expect to enable them to get the most out of the very busy week.

The 21 students, from five local high schools are now preparing for the bus rides which depart Long Island very early – before 6 AM - on the Sunday mornings of June 25<sup>th</sup> or July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They then make the long ride to either SUNY Morrisville or SUNY Brockport. The activities begin immediately upon de-boarding the bus at their respective campuses. They then get their dormitory assignment, meet their new roommates and councilors, and find out which political party – Nationalist or Feder-

alist – and the city they will be a member of. Each of their days begin with Reveille at 6:00 AM, and continues until Taps at 10:30 PM.

By the end of the week, many of the "citizens" will have been elected or appointed to one or more of the many city, county, and state positions. Someone is elected Governor and two are selected to attend either Boy's Nation or Girl's Nation, in Washington, DC.

We look forward to the "citizens," and their parents, joining us at our August meeting. We will then get to hear them tell us about the experience they had and what they learned.

*Charlie Armstrong*  
*Chairman*  
*Boys State / Girls State*

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## Sons of The American Legion



Members and Sons, with the new administration now in place, our Sons Squadron is in line for some "reinvention".

As a Legion Post, we are required to maintain at least a 90% Veteran membership and at most a 10% Sons membership, in order that donations to our post remain tax deductible to our donors.

Our Veteran membership has been falling off the last few years for a multitude of reasons, not the least of which was the Covid pandemic. In that time, we lost over 50 members and were forced to pare our Sons considerably. We are faced with that problem, once again. At the same time, want to have our Sons become a very vital part of our Post.

With that in mind, we will be dropping from our ranks those Sons who are not and have not been an active part of our Sons "minimal" activities in the past. It is impossible for us to maintain our Sons with its

inactive members. So for 2024, which begins on July 1, 2023, we will be paring our membership once again and making room for active memberships.

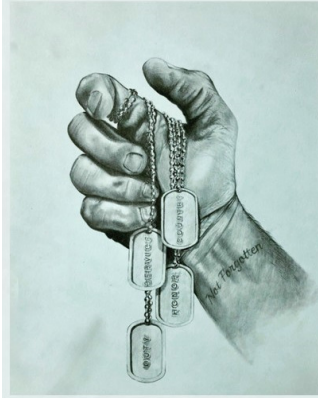
Thank you to all our previous Sons members and to those who have maintained a membership in honor of a father or grandfather. But as inactive members, you can expect to be furloughed in favor of those who will choose to be active.

Our Commander has chosen a new path as well as a new role for the Sons of this American Legion Post. We will also be reinstating our Auxiliary, who will also become a very active part of this Post.

We see a bright new beginning, post pandemic, with membership increasing and far more Post involvement in our community as that membership grows with our Sons and Auxiliary.

Dennis Madden  
Past Commander  
Sons Advisor

## Operation Enduring Care



During the past three months, “Operation Enduring Care” has been extremely active and supportive. The recent emergency request for 24 immediate care packages was fulfilled within 24 hours. An outstanding example of teamwork by the members of American

Legion Post #1244 and our supporting volunteers.

Incoming requests must be properly vetted. Controversial requests must be fully investigated to avoid inflammation of the situation that originated the

request. At no time will the abuse, compromising or humiliation of the veterans we support be tolerated. We will not support or condone any agenda or activity that does.

It is with great pride and appreciation that I thank those members and volunteers that have continued to step up to contribute their time and energy to answer the requests received. Please take a moment during this time to remember our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their all for us. So we, may live their dream. God Bless America!

**Albert A. Statton III**  
**Chairman**  
**Operation Enduring Care**

## A Final Salute



**Thomas Imerti**  
**May 1, 2023**

**United States Navy**

**James Pentecost**  
**June 2, 2023**

**United States Air Force**



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

## Post Service Officer - You Earned It!

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### Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Therapy

Are we ready for the summer? Do you love horses? Could you use some equine therapy, maybe? Well, if so, Pal-O-Mine could be just what the doctor ordered!

For those of you not familiar with Pal-O-Mine, it is an equestrian facility located in Islandia, NY that offers Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) sessions at the farm. They are open to veterans, active service members, first responders, firefighters and police free of charge, and can be done individually, with families, or in groups. The goal is to build relationships with your equine partners to reduce anxiety and find peace, while having fun! Clinical evidence and generations of human experience show that horses have a special ability to help people work through emotional barriers without shame or stigma.

Want to know what it's all about? Check out their Fall-In Friday sessions that you can register for online at <https://pal-o-mine.org/programs/military-programs/> under "2023 Calendar of Events." Every FALL-IN FRIDAY session will be a unique experience. Activities include practicing horsemanship skills, learning basic horse care, learning to lead a horse, and playing games with the horses!

The 2023 dates include: June 23, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 10 and December 29.

If you are interested in signing up for the EAP sessions, CONTACT:

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Have an awesome summer & stay cool!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Martin*

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## Post 1244 Bowling Team



L-R Son Eric Gineros, Legionnaire Joe Joyce, Son Jonathan Bohn, Legionnaire Ray Bohn at The American Legion Bowling Tournament in Batavia, N.Y.

This year's American Legion bowling tournament was in good ole Batavia, NY. It's the furthest we've traveled in over 10 years.

I was trying so hard to cut down on the driving that I got pulled over for driving 87 in a 65. Luckily, we told the trooper where we were heading and she had mercy on me. This year was also the first time we ever stayed in a casino My dad booked us in a Best Western at first but when we found out there was a casino, we cancelled and put it all on black!

The team bowled pretty well in the team event and made friends with some Posts upstate. Good times all around in Batavia!

**Jonathan Bohn**

## Veterans Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix)



Vet Tix \* provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long

memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. They support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online and verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

**Tickets for Troops Program** is dedicated to giving back to those who gave us so much. Vet Tix teams up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free tickets to currently serving and veterans of all branches of the US military.

The Veteran Tickets Foundation is proud to announce that to date 16,916,043 event tickets have been given out in all 50 States and Washington, DC to Military, Veterans and their families.

**Hero's Wish Program.** Deployed, wounded and families of those killed in action are shouldering the hardest burdens of military service. Their duty has impacted their lives in ways the rest of America can only imagine.

Vet Tix would like to ease their burden of stress by giving a Hero a once in a lifetime experience at an event. Hero's Wish events create a wonderful family experiences help heal their spirit, reduce stress and show support for their service to our country. For those who have suffered, they want to welcome them back and bring enjoyment back into their lives.

The Hero's Wish program can be used by Active Duty Military Personnel (six months prior to, while on leave from or six months after their deployments), severely wounded warriors and the families of men and woman killed in action (KIA).

To sign up for Tickets for Troops or Hero's Wish go to <https://www.vettix.org/>

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## Waterfront Festival Provides Opportunity to Distribute Poppies

This year's 8th annual Huntington Waterfront Festival at Mill Dam Park provided an opportunity for our post to raise needed funds to support veterans charities in the area.

Newly elected commander Trisha Northover and Newly elected Sgt. at Arms Chad Ryals set up shop at the very well-attended event. They were soon joined by Legionnaire Bob Browne and Past Commander Bob Santo.

Besides collecting donations for veterans causes, we were able to meet potential members and introduce ourselves to members of the community, many of whom had little or no knowledge of how we continue to serve our country.

Many thanks to Legionnaire Alex Janow for making our participation possible.



L-R Bob Santo, Sgt at Arms Chad Ryals, Kevin Ryals, Bob Browne and Commander Trisha Northover



## Spotlight on The Community

### Q & A With Congressman Nick LaLota



U.S. Representative Nick LaLota (NY-01) was first sworn into office in January 2023.

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#### Q. What made you decide to choose the Navy over the other branches of the Armed Forces?

My grandfather served in the Coast Guard, my stepfather served in the Navy and my mother worked for Grumman and routinely brought home Navy posters and airplane models, so I suppose it was both in my DNA and psyche.

#### Q. What positions did you hold in the Navy?

- I left the Navy as a Lieutenant after serving on three deployments to over twenty countries
- I served as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) on two different ships
- I served as an Assistant Operations Officer on the USS Curts, a Perry-class guided missile frigate
- I also served as a Tactical Action Officer on the USS Carl Vinson, a nuclear-powered Nimitz-class Aircraft carrier
- I was also awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal for service in support of the Global War on Terrorism

#### Q. Prior to your becoming a Congressman what were your other jobs?

- Chief of Staff to the Suffolk County Legislature
- Chief of Staff to New York State Senator
- Appointed to the Amityville Board of Trustees and re-elected twice
- Suffolk County Election Commissioner



#### Q. What are your goals for the First District as a Congressman?

- Restore SALT deduction
- Lower costs for working families
- Achieve energy independence
- Support Veterans
- Secure the border
- Fight for small businesses
- Defend our constitutional freedoms
- Be a voice for the people of Long Island

*Mary Flatley*

WHEN: August, 13th 2023

# VETERAN'S SAILING DAY

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## How

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- BBQ
- Live music

## Why

In the US, at least 22 veterans die by suicide every day. SailAhead's mission is to reduce that number, and to commemorate the lives lost in this terrible epidemic.



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### Website

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**Date: August 13, 2023**  
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## American Legion Riders



Our American Legion Riders are not just a bunch of pretty faces.

Last week, a group of our Riders joined in and rode in the L.I. Abate Veterans Ride, which started in Riverhead and ended in the Hamptons.

This was a beautiful day with some great people. George Barbaro was presented with a Vietnam Flag from L.I. Abate officers and everyone who knows George knows he is a man of few words.



No matter where the Riders go, we make the American Legion presence known. Today, John joined us with his truck, and wherever this truck goes, it gets a lot of attention. For the starting ceremony, the Honor



Guard wanted to set up in front of the truck, they had the rifles so we wouldn't say no...

It looks like this is the beginning of a great summer. Remember - if you know any motorcycle riders, speak to them and have them join the American Legion Riders.

We need some young fresh riders. Us old guys are getting tired.

*Bruce Blanco, Director  
American Legion Riders  
Greenlawn Chapter 1244*

## And The Winner of Best Photo Is...



Post 1244 Legion Riders Director Bruce Blanco and Grandson Gino

Photo by Donna Blanco



## This and That



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### July 5 – August 1

Huntington Public Library - Huntington Station Branch  
1335 New York Avenue, Huntington Station

### August 1 – September 1

Huntington Public Library - Main  
338 Main Street, Huntington

### September 1 – October 2

Harborfields Public Library  
31 Broadway, Greenlawn

### October 2 – November 1

Elwood Public Library  
1929 Jericho Turnpike, Elwood

### November 1 – December 1

Commack Public Library  
18 Hauppauge Road, Commack

### December 1 – January 2

Cold Spring Harbor Library  
95 Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor

- Any flags dropped off at the libraries when the Flag Drop Box is not present will be sent to the South Huntington Public Library for Collection.
- The Northport American Legion Post 694 also has a drop box year round at 7 Woodside Avenue, Northport.

Information provided by the  
Northport-East Northport Public Library

All Libraries in the Town of Huntington Will Accept Flags

## Book Drive for Northport VA Medical Center



We are looking for donations of appropriate books to fill the bookshelves in the waiting rooms at the Northport VA Medical Center.

Hardback books or paperbacks in good condition are preferred. No magazines.

We can also use puzzles/board games and DVD's.

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Members please bring your books to our next monthly meeting, or call Sean to arrange a pickup if you cannot attend.



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## Legion College 2023

Newly elected Commander Trisha Northover and Sgt. at Arms Chad Ryals attended Legion Family College June 2-3-4 as preparation for their new duties.

The American Legion Family College of New York is a weekend 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.

At right: Trisha Northover and Chad Ryals are presented their diplomas by NY Dept. Commander David R. Riley, Sr., NY Auxiliary President Nancy J. Babis and Sons Detachment Commander Timothy S. Van Patten II.



## Making A Difference

Sparked by an idea to improve the quality of life at the CLCs at the Northport VA, Post 1244 members Sean Delle and Donna Boyle spent some free time working on the DVD shelves in Building 92. CLC is the VA's term for nursing homes, it stands for "Community Living Center."

The project, completed in 6 hours, consisted of emptying, cleaning, organizing and alphabetizing the DVD collection. The major time consumer was the typing and categorizing of the DVD collection. Building 92 staff were provided with an up-to-date list of DVDs to help those veterans who might struggle to sort through the enormous collection. These lists also highlight some movies to holidays, which hopefully will result in organized movie nights in the center.

The DVD player was tested, and all operations are in working order for the Veterans who live and enjoy entertainment within the facility.

The collection has 913 DVDs! Excess DVDs that I



**Completed DVD Library Building 92 Northport VAMC**

collected are being delivered to the Beacon House Veterans Residence - the short term living accommodation for homeless veterans and a couple of other places on the campus. Thanks for your support for the Northport VA.

Sean Delle, Post Judge Advocate

## Vice Commander's Message on Membership

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

It is my privilege to announce that as of July 1st 2023 we will start collecting membership dues for Fiscal year 2024.

So please make every effort to send in a check for \$50.00 or pay on-line with a credit card. (See instructions below.)

As soon as I receive your check or see that you have paid on-line I will mail you your Membership card.

*Carlo Giordano*

1st Vice Commander

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## RENEW ON LEGION.ORG

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Members can go to [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) and click "Renew Now" to safely and conveniently pay their dues. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set the account for automatic annual renewal, as well as select the option to receive email renewal notices instead of notices through the mail.

If the membership is current, he or she may still choose to sign up for automatic annual renewal and/or to receive renewal notices by email only.

Automatic renewal can also be set up by calling the toll-free American Legion customer service line at (800) 433-3318.

**Welcome New Members of Post 1244**

**Matteo Guiliano Jr.**

**Donald Kovacs**

## The Commander's Corner



Good Day to Post 1244,  
My name is Trisha Northover and I am the newly elected Commander of Post 1244. It is my honor and privilege to hold this office. I am a 10 year member of the American Legion and proud Army Veteran whose

service includes both stateside and overseas assignments.

I am Mom to a 16 year old son and a caregiver to an aging parent. I have worked in both health care and social services.

I state all of these things not only to introduce myself but to illustrate my range of experiences that will help

me be the best commander I can be. I truly understand the importance of family and how caring for the Veteran includes those in his/ hers family.

I am here to serve all the members of our post and the Veteran community at large.

I look forward to speaking with each Legion member individually throughout my term. Thank you for your time and Stay Strong.

Your Commander,

*Trisha Northover*

For God and Country.

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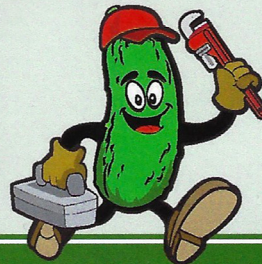
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