

Happenings

Army Sgt. Anthony Mangano Honored

In a resolution offered by Councilman Mark Cuthbertson and Councilwoman Glenda Jackson, and adopted on August 3rd, the Town of Huntington agreed to rename Sinclair Drive in Greenlawn in honor of Sgt. Anthony L. Mangano Way." The late Sgt. Mangano, originally from Greenlawn, was killed in action June 21, 2008 in Afghanistan.



Mangano's mother Constance was presented with a street sign bearing her son's name. The Town has renamed Sinclair Drive, the street where she lives in the house she used to share with her son, "Sgt. Anthony L. Mangano Way."



The Vietnam Wall Comes to Huntington

The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall Experience™ a traveling three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will soon be exhibited in Peter Nelson Park, Oakwood Rd, Huntington Station.

The Wall, dedicated to Vietnam veterans, honors all U.S. Veterans. It is 240 feet long and contains the names of the more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Southeast Asia.

The exhibit will be open to visitors from Friday, October 1st through Sunday, October 3rd. The exhibit is free and open to the public 24-hours a day. 40,000 visitors are expected.

Volunteers and donations are needed to support this event. For more information, please contact Councilman Mark Cuthbertson's office at 631-351-3112

News from Our Florida Chapter

While everyone enjoyed the Labor Day BBQ here in Greenlawn, Vice Cmdr. Madden was visiting one of our "far away" members, Joe Soares and his wife Susan, at a Duffy's restaurant in Melbourne, Fl. Here is a photo of the two vets, just after lunch but before dessert, sitting outside in the sunny weather.

It appears that they had a good time, too.



Boys State Comes up a Winner

Nick Amandia, a Harborfields High School Senior and one of two delegates we sponsored to Boys State, was deeply impressed with his experience at the State University of New York at Morrisville, N.Y. where this year's Boys State session was held.

Nick addressed the Post at its regular monthly meeting in August and thanked everyone for a "great experience". He learned about the military and how Government functions and was elected by his peers to serve in a mythical legislature.

His first impression at Boys State was the sight of "a burly, tough looking Marine who told us he had won BEST UNIT

four times and this would be his fifth". Amandia said the Marines put a scare into everyone, but he also gained their admiration.

Nick and the other boys quickly learned how to keep their rooms spic and span after they returned to find their clothing on the floor and mattresses stripped off their beds. Veterans at the meeting got a good laugh, remembering their own basic or boot camps. Politically, a thousand delegates were split into two parties and learned how to set up campaigns, hold elections and serve in office.

Nick was pleased to report that his Drill Sergeant got his fifth Best Unit award.

Post 1244 Bulletin Board—Labor Day Weekend Cook Out

Thank You Knights of Columbus for Your Hospitality!!

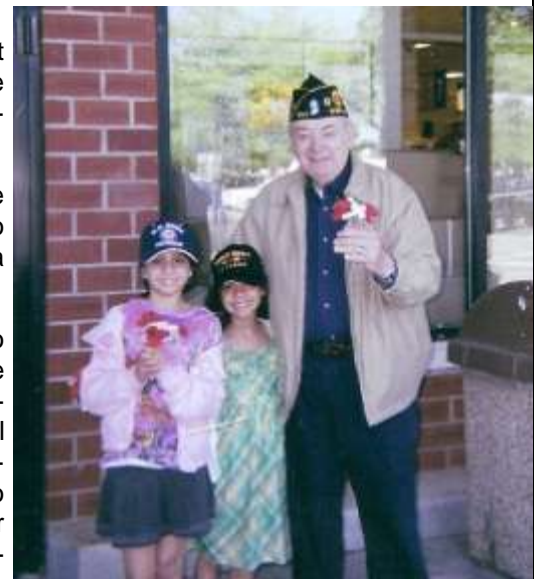


Poppy Drive a Big Success

Volunteers from both the Post 1244 American Legion and Auxiliary Unit manned stations at local stores in May, offering memorial poppies to the public in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

In the battlefields of Belgium during World War I, poppies grew wild amid the ravages of war. The overturned soils of battle enabled the poppy seeds to be exposed to the sunlight, allowing them to grow and forever serve as a reminder of the terrible price of war.

The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. Legion and Auxiliary members endeavor to explain the true meaning of this little flower to all those who receive it. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn and used by Legion and Auxiliary members to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.



Legionnaire Don Forman with granddaughter Kayla Forman and great granddaughter Samara Torres, offering poppies to the public.

We would like to thank all the concerned citizens who donated to the poppy drive conducted this May. Also, many thanks to the local businesses that participated.



The members of American Legion Auxiliary Post 1244 wish to express our deepest sympathy to Auxiliary President Fran Hubbs on the passing of her husband Charlie. He was a much loved and active member of Post 1244 for many years.

Vice Commander's Call to Members



Dennis Madden

It won't be long now before the leaves turn and fall, so our Post's outside activities are winding down for this year, 2010. It's been quite a season for us and we've accomplished much.

Our final outdoor event will be our Veteran's Day ceremony at the Greenlawn Memorial Park. The date is Thursday, Nov. 11th (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) and we will assemble in the Dunkin Donuts parking lot at 10:45AM. Each year, this event is better attended than the previous year and several "civilians" have also come to join us in this ceremony to honor ALL Veterans.

Afterward, I'm hoping you will join us for lunch at a restaurant to be announced. We gather with other groups celebrating the day, and it is a fitting tribute to have young and old Veterans together. If you know another Vet who is not a member, bring them along, too. If you wore this country's uniform, you belong with us on that day. Please, make it your business to come and be with us for this very solemn event. I promise that you won't be sorry you dedicated the time.

Welcome New Members of the Post 1244 Family!

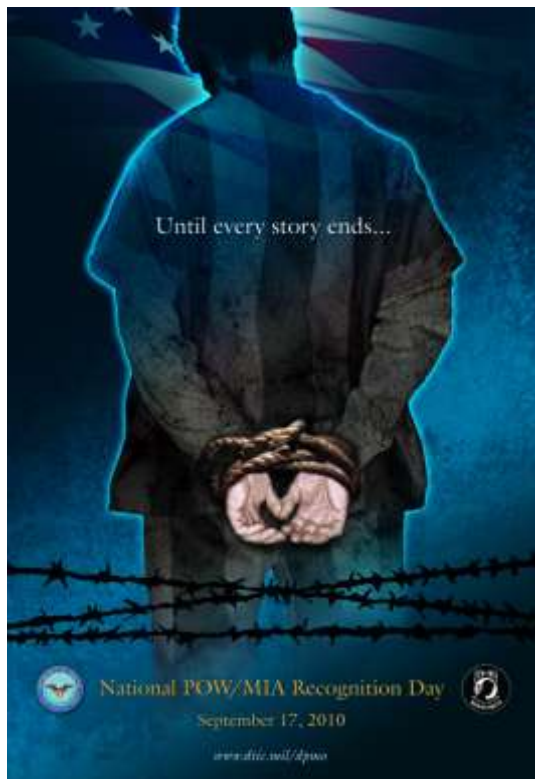
Since our last edition of *The Greenlawn Bugle*, we have added 8 new members

Brian Bilyk, Bob Glanzman, James Lynch, Bill Lynch, Candace Mills, Tom McAuliff, Bob Smith and Alfred Vanek.

MIA / POW Recognition Day

Each year, the third Friday in September is set aside to honor the commitment and the sacrifices made by this nation's Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action, as well as their families. This year, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed on Friday, September 17.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is one of the six days specified by federal law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations.



The design for the MIA/POW flag was never copyrighted. It became a flag that belongs to everyone, a design that hauntingly reminds us of those we dare not ever forget. Behind the black and white silhouette is a face we can't see...the face of a husband, a father, or a son who has paid with their freedom, for our freedom. Beneath the image are the words...

"You Are Not Forgotten"

MIA / POW Current Statistics:

WWII: 74,074
 Korea: 8,025
 Vietnam: 1,713
 Cold War: 125
 Persian Gulf: 2
 Iraq: 1
 Afghanistan: 1



Commander's Corner



Bob Santo

The other day I returned home from a long walk with the shredded and soiled remains of several American flags. I found these along the roadside, perhaps blown by the wind from the roof of a passing car, or from the sales lot of a used car dealer.

I am always saddened to see how casually this living symbol of our nation is treated by some of our fellow citizens. To many, it is just a prop to encourage us to patronize their store or gas station, to others, just a piece of cloth to be discarded at will.

The flag of the United States of America is the emblem of our country's ideals, principles, values, and traditions. It is the sense of America's history and its vast contribution to human betterment, including the service many Americans gave to the country's armed forces and the bloody cost of protecting and preserving that contribution. It represents the total experience of America and the American people from the founding of our nation to the present.

As Legionnaires, we encourage respect for the flag and all that it represents. If we have lost respect for our flag then we have forgotten those who sacrificed so much under that flag to give us the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Our Post recently took part in a local parade. Though the crowds cheered as we marched by, not one person stood and placed their hand over their heart as the flag went by. Several elected officials chatted on the reviewing stand. As the color guards passed in review, only one of them rendered a hand over heart salute to our flag.

I am writing this column on the day after the ninth anniversary of 9/11. I remember the comfort that the image of our flag provided to so many of us during those awful days following the attacks in 2001. Our flag served to unify us when we needed it most. Let's remember how important our traditions and symbols are. They unite us as a people. Pass them on to our children and our grandchildren.



A tattered flag on a business sign on Rt. 110 in Melville

Taps Has Sounded

Charles E. Hubbs, WW II

August 24, 2010

Served in The Pacific. Huk Rebellion, The Philippines.

American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal,

Good Conduct Medal and Sharpshooter Badge

Arthur Y. Zamansky, Vietnam

June 21, 2010

National Defense Service Medal

Gerald T. Lane, Korea

August 26, 2009

We only recently learned of the death of our comrade, Legionnaire Gerald Lane.

We wish that we had come to know him in person. We will always be grateful for his service.



*Best Wishes
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