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Carlos Varon

Photo by Carlos Varon

## Upcoming Events

- **Sundays at 1:00 pm:** July 15, July 29 and August 12: Veterans Exhibit at Suydam House.
- **Wednesday, July 11, 8 pm** Monthly Meeting.
- **Tuesday, July 17 through Saturday July 21 -** Huntington Manor Firemen's Fair Membership Booth
- **Wednesday, August 8, 8 pm** Monthly Meeting
- **Thursday, August 30, 7 pm** Greenlawn Fireman's Fair

Monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm sharp, Knights of Columbus, 24 Boulevard Ave. Greenlawn.

Come early and get to know us! For more information call: 631-673-8704 or Email: Post1244@verizon.net

## Mass Inurnment of 62: May 19, 2012 Long Island National Cemetery

*By John Caldarelli, Post 1244 Missing In America Chairman*

When my alarm went off that Saturday morning, I shot out of bed with uncommon speed and a touch of excitement. A quick glance out the window assured me of an excellent day. My spirits were high as this was the day that I and so many had worked for. This day would bear witness to the largest mass burial of the cremated remains of abandoned Veterans in the Nation. When one undertakes a mission such as this, one is in the dark as to where it will lead. When this endeavor indicated that it was beyond expectations, our attitudes subtly evolved with the revelation that this has never happened before. This was no longer just another mission; this was a new plateau in the history of Missing in America Project.

The fact that we were partnering with the Nassau Suffolk Funeral Directors Association indicated MIAP's willingness and determination to fulfill the mission that it had committed to so many years ago. I arrived at Long Island National Cemetery with time to spare, thinking I was going to be early. The approach to the cemetery was lined with fire trucks and Patriot Guard Riders right up to the entrance to the cemetery. The police were already directing

large groups of Americans who had come to pay homage and give final closure to the abandoned veterans. They were more than willing to be the family to these forgotten souls. The dais was erected with a podium and chairs, and in front of the dais were tables covered in blue material. These tables would receive the urns containing the ashes of our brothers and sisters. Two fire trucks created an arch for the colors of our land over the dais. The dais faced the receiving tables and the audience and beyond that was a long broad meadow. The sun was shining; a slight breeze was playing over the entire scene, butterflies were moving to and fro, indifferent to the humans below, but gracious enough to lend a modicum of elegance to the ambiance. The chatter was subdued and respectful. Simply put a grand day for such a meaningful ceremony.

The funeral ritual began with a dirge performed by the New York City Fire Department pipe and drum band, accompanied by the Pipers of the police departments of NYC and Suffolk County. At least 30 pipers strode by with pride and honor to be playing for these veterans. The music set the theme for the age old ritual of burying your warriors with honor and

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## Post Presents Law and Order Award to East Northport Firefighter



*L-R: Vice Commander Dennis Madden, Mike Wine and Commander Bob Santo*

Post 1244 presented its first Law and Order Award at our March meeting to Mike Wine, a volunteer firefighter with the East Northport Fire Department.

Mike also serves as an Emergency Communications Specialist with the Commack FD. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, after leaving work at 3:30PM, Mike noticed smoke coming from the roof of a home on Nagle Lane, that had been under construction for some time. Initially, he thought it was coming from the chimney, but as he got closer, he noticed it was emanating from beneath the solar panels on the southern exposed roof. Mike stopped immediately, con-

tacted the dispatcher at work to roll the trucks and went to the home to notify anyone inside. He spoke with Christina Seifert, mother of three young girls who owns the home and who was there with two of the three them. Christina contacted her husband, David, to find the location of the "electrical main" and Mike then reentered the house to shut the power and check on the progress of the fire. Upon arrival of the Commack FD, they extended ladders to the roof of the new construction and put water on the fire there. They had called for backup and the East Northport FD arrived with yet another ladder truck to assist.

Mike had given the scene commander the information he needed and remained to lend a hand where he could. The two departments were able to extinguish the fire with minimal damage to the house and no injuries to the family or firefighters. Mike left the scene with an interesting story and the firm belief he had done his best; something he does regularly, but nothing extraordinary.

Mike is a man who volunteers his time unselfishly and asks for nothing in return. His favorite quote is "A hero is just a sandwich"; rather odd for a guy who serves with pride, humility and dignity on a daily basis.

We are proud to honor **Michael James Wine** with our very first Law and Order Award for his selfless service to his community and for always going above and beyond the call of duty.

## American Legion Riders Present Scholarship Award

American Legion Riders Chapter 1244 awarded a \$500 scholarship at our June meeting to Samantha Courbanou, a senior at Elwood-John Glen High School. The Post welcomed Samantha, her sister Meghan and their parents Arthur and Kathy Courbanou. Samantha read her award winning essay "How Can People Respectfully Oppose a Conflict and Still Pay Tribute to the Service of the Veterans" to a very appreciative Post.

## Dignity Memorial To Present Benefits Program.

A representative of Dignity Memorial will present a program on Veterans Burial Benefits at our July 11th meeting. Learn about your VA Burial Benefits and the Dignity Memorial Veteran Benefits Program. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided.

## Raffle Winner Announced.

Rich Klein, Post 1244 Legionnaire was the winner of our annual WW II Flight Raffle. His name was drawn at our April 11th meeting. Rich has chosen to fly a North American AT-6 Texan at Brookhaven Airport on July 16th at 1:00 PM ( 1300 hrs).

## Chaplain Allen Shaw appointed to New York State MIAP Office

MIAP Chairman John Caldarelli has announced the appointment of Post 1244 Chaplain Allen Shaw to the position of New York State Chaplain of the Missing In America Project. Allen was the presiding chaplain at the interment of 20 unclaimed veterans remains on January 8th, 2011 at Calverton National Cemetery.





## Kirkup Museum Visit Marked by Donated Uniforms



*L-R: Dennis Madden, Domenick Gargiulo, Tim Kirkup, Christian Lenio, Mike Bonchonsky, Donna Boyle, Joe Pipia, Charlie Kirkup, Peter Kirkup.*

On Saturday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, (St Patrick's Day), a group of Post 1244 regulars car-pooled down to one of our favorite day trip venues: the Kirkup Veterans Tribute Museum. This is a collection of militaria that must be seen to be believed. The result of over fifty years of diligent work by Charlie Kirkup and his sons Tim and Peter, the collection is housed in two of the Kirkup homes in Bay Shore. Many of the items in the collection of uniforms, armaments, medals and other military memorabilia are so rare that the Smithsonian Institute has approached the Kirkups with the intent of acquiring them.

Our Post has been visiting the museum annually since 2006, always finding something we hadn't seen before, and always enjoying Charlie Kirkup's chronicles about each item in the collection. Most impressive is the personal attention we receive and the depth of knowledge the Kirkups display about the artifacts and the men and women who once wore those uniforms and carried those

weapons. They bring to them life to life and we could sense the history all around us.

This visit, however, was of very special significance to us.

In 2010, the widow of our late comrade Art Zamansky contacted the Post for help. She was moving to a new home in North Carolina and had a number of items she would not have room for, but wanted them to be preserved. Among these was an American Legion uniform belonging to Art's Grandfather, Henry Sanders, a highly decorated WW I veteran. This very rare uniform dates back to the 1930's. Commander Santo called Charlie Kirkup and delivered the uniform to the Museum. The museum has now replaced its missing cap and Sam Browne belt and it is displayed on its own custom made mannequin along with a photo of Art's granddad and a certificate attesting to the story of his service.



*American Legion Uniform of Henry Sanders. Note Purple Heart and Silver Star.*

In addition, thanks to a donation by Carolyn Polakos, the museum now has the uniforms and footlocker of her late husband and our comrade Bill Polakos, after whom our Weapons Carrier "CPL BILL" is named. We are now collecting the stories of Bill's military escapades to share with the Kirkups to complete Bill's story for all time.

## George W. Henry Memorial Award Presented to Local Students

Post 1244 has presented the *George W. Henry Memorial Award for Excellence in American Studies* to two local students: **Robert Honor** of Pius V School, in Melville and **James Keegan** of Harborfields High School, Greenlawn.

This award is presented in memory of our late Past Commander George Henry a decorated WW II veteran and proud member of the American Legion for over 50 years.

Each student received an award of \$250. We are glad to be able to aid in their pursuit of higher education and hope they will continue to show an interest in and an appreciation of our form of government.

## Greenlawn Bugle Receives 2012 Best Paper Award

We are proud to announce that the New York American Legion Press Association has awarded *The Greenlawn Bugle* first prize for Best Paper for Posts with 151-300 members. Thanks to all those who have contributed to our success!

## Memorial Day 2012

This day of special significance to all veterans turned out great from start to finish. Our presence at the parade was magnificent ! Over 40 Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, American Legion Riders marched and rode.

Our home hamlet of Greenlawn responds to her American Legion Post as “small town, USA” should. The folks are great !! And let’s hear it for the American Legion Riders for one helluva showing and the wearing of our “colors” !! The new vests look wonderful.



We were indeed, a formidable presence at Memorial Park with the Ladies and the Riders all in one very large group. Truly amazing for the “Little Post that could, ... and does!!” As always, we thank the Greenlawn Fire Department for sponsoring and organizing the best Memorial



Day event in the Town of Huntington. Everything was perfect. Thanks go out to everyone for being a part of it.

The BBQ is another success story for the record books. While we did have more folks show than had committed, our “after action reports” from previous BBQ’s had us well enough prepared to meet the demand. The weather cooperated beautifully, despite all the dire threats of rain.

Our thanks go out to the “committee” that made it all possible. Charlie Armstrong, Tom Freeman, Bob Santo, Dennis Giunta, Earle Emmons, Chris Lenio, Bob Glanzman, Donna Boyle, Joe Pipia, Ray Bohn, Tony Braccia, Fran Hubbs, and the Auxiliary for never letting us down with desserts and for all of your help with the cleanup. Special thanks go to our “sponsors” today, Tom Freeman’s supplier of meats, Larry Cornelia of Crescent Packing, and to Tony Braccia and Kevin Bolowsky of Manor Provisions for the American cheese and the potato salad. Great job, everyone! Thanks for the wonderful day.

Dennis Madden

## Women’s Vietnam Support Group and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembered

The group “Huntington Women in Support of Our Men In Vietnam,” was honored at the Town of Huntington Wreath Ceremony on May 27. These women sent care packages to our local troops in Vietnam and, in 1972, dedicated the first living memorial to those killed or missing in action in Vietnam. The memorial consists of a stone monument and 49 Kwanzan cherry trees on the Village Green, one for each Huntington service member lost in that conflict.

A monument to Town of Huntington Veterans who fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom was dedicated during the town’s Memorial day Wreath Ceremony. The monument, made possible by a grant from Suffolk County through Legislator Steve Stern, was unveiled by Congressman Steve Israel, Supervisor Frank Petrone and Sgt. at Arms Fred Amore.



*Plaque in Honor of Huntington Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans*



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## Mass Inurnment Long Island National Cemetery

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respect. Next came the escorts: 100 bikers strong, flags, banners and pennants flying and twisting in the sunshine all under the whim of cool breezes. Then came the hearses, 14 in all. Each hearse carried different numbers of urns. The final tally would be 62 urns in all. The hearses stopped before the receiving tables and the urn bearers accepted their precious charges, the golden urns that contain the remains of our brothers and sisters who would make their final journey, no longer alone. The urn bearers ran the gamut from veterans, Boy Scouts of America, SAL, Auxiliary, Commanders, Legionnaires, and Chaplains. When all 62 urns were displayed on the receiving tables, the golden metal containers sparkled and shimmered in the sun.

I had the fleeting perception that life was still with these veterans. The Island Trees High School Chorus sang the National Anthem. It is at these moments that being an American creates feelings that defy description. We are incapable of forming the necessary words to share our feelings. So we relax and go into the fulcrum and enjoy the moment. The speakers spoke about the necessity to honor our veterans and not let them go on to their final winter without the honor and respect implied so many years ago, when they were young and hope was in the very air they breathed. Each veteran's name, as well as their dependents, was called and a large brass bell was rung; the pealing touching the heart with a smooth caress. The Honor Guard folded the two representative flags and

as they approached the seventh fold, I felt that its symbolism was truly enacted this day, and I stood taller than I have in years. I was rewarded with the Island Trees Chorus singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

The Invocation and Benediction were said by a Army and Naval Officers who stood tall as their voices vibrated strong and clear across the audience and down the meadow, announcing to all that these veterans and their dependents were now with the Almighty. The all girl chorus then placed a red carnation in front of each urn, showing yet another act of love from the living to our brothers and sisters, who were called for reasons that only the almighty understands. The procession of hearse's returned to once again carry the urns to the columbarium that will hold them with reverence until the end of time. Earlier I had given the command to advanced the colors. The time was drawing near when I would be obligated to retire them, but not before the Chorus would sing "Proud to be an American." With the closing of the song I retired the colors.

As the crowds started to turn for home, I sat down and pondered the day's ceremony and what, if anything, it instilled in any of us. Would we be more patriotic, sad, grateful, more aware, feeling that we had done our duty, at peace? What feelings did it invoke in us, if any? Listening to comments these past days has shown me that the ceremony has touched more people in so many ways that were unforeseen at the onset. I am now aware that we should not analyze love of Country, just love it, and the rest will take care of itself.

## MIAP Chairman John Caldarelli Awarded Dual Honors

Awarded the Post 1244 Legionnaire of The Year Award on May 9th for his dedicated work on behalf of Missing In America Project, Post 1244 MIAP Chairman John Caldarelli could not have anticipated that he would also receive the Suffolk County Legionnaire Award at our June 13 monthly meeting. Among John's accomplishments:

- 2009 - Submitted legislation with Assemblyman Andrew Raia which became the basis for a law advancing the MIAP program in New York State.
- 2010 - January 8. Presided over the interment of 20 veterans remains at Calverton. Mobilized media, police, fire and veterans organizations to support this historic event.
- 2010-2011. Working with NYC Mayors Office of Veterans Affairs, he presided over the services of 11 abandoned veterans at Calverton National Cemetery.
- 2012. Enlisted the cooperation of the Nassau-Suffolk Funeral Directors Association in identifying, verifying and interring the cremains of 62 veterans or veterans family members in a ceremony May 19th at Long Island National Cemetery.

John is now a board member of the National MIAP organization, MIAP New York State Representative and

Suffolk County MIAP Chairman.



*L-R: John Caldarelli, accepts award from Cmdr. Santo*

*The citation as read by Commander Santo concluded: John has brought honor to his Post, Our Suffolk County Organization, the Department of New York, and to the American Legion National Organization and its mem-*

## American Legion Auxiliary News



A very mild winter has come and gone, so now we look forward to the pleasant days of summer and even a little rest and relaxation.

Once again I can report that our Annual Dance/Fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our dedicated members who so graciously gave of their time and donated all the refreshments for this affair. We again thank Commander Bob Santo, Vice Commander Dennis Madden and Post 1244 for their support to our affair. We could not do it without their help. The monies we raised help us to continue with our Veteran Programs.

We sadly lost a dedicated member Gen Costello on May 22, 2012. We mourn her loss and will miss her.

We are pleased to announce that we took in a new member Karen Argay who has already proven to be a great asset to our membership. We will continue to push for increasing our membership since this is how we will continue to grow and be able to be an outstanding Auxiliary. If you know anyone interested, please contact Fran Hubbs 631-423-1176.

I am pleased to announce that 3 of our members Elaine Schaeffer, Sandy Bohn and Madelaine Santo marched with Post 1244 in the Greenlawn Memorial Day Parade. I was once again privileged to place a wreath at the Greenlawn Memorial Monument. For me as President of our Auxiliary this is a very special Honor. After the Pa-

rade we all attended the Annual Picnic which turned out to be a great afternoon filled with good food, deserts made by the ladies and of course great company. The members of the Post as always gave of their time and energies to make the Picnic an afternoon to remember.

This year's Poppy program went well with many of our members out there giving out Poppies. Because of their dedication we raised funds that will be used strictly for the needs of our Veterans, servicemen and women.

In June our Auxiliary with the help of Post 1469 Ladies Auxiliary was pleased to have made donations of gift cards to the Women's Wellness Center at the Northport VA Hospital. Each time we go there, we are very warmly received and learn more about their needs this enables us to better serve our lady Veterans. Also a donation was made to Jacob's Light Foundation.

Teri Fay Vice President is still selling the Flag of Honor and the Flags of Heroes. If anyone is interested please contact Teri at 631-423-1176.

I take this opportunity on behalf of my Officers and members to wish everyone a safe, healthy and pleasant summer. Let us remember to pray that the men and women in the Armed Forces be out of harms way and be returned very soon to their families,

Fran Hubbs, President

## Post 1244 Legionnaire Experiences Honor Flight



Veteran Gaspar Gibilaro was the latest of our honored WW II veterans to enjoy the Honor Flight Long Island experience. On June 9th, Gaspar took off from Islip-MacArthur Airport along with dozens of his fellow WW II comrades to experience the memorial erected in their honor in Washington, D.C. Several Post 1244 American Legion Riders were on hand to see him off. Each veteran is accompanied by a volunteers who pays their own way.

**Honor Flight**, a non profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices, flies our nation's heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. It is the intention of **Honor Flight Long Island** to honor as many of these selfless "ordinary people who saved the world" as we can by providing them a FREE trip to visit their memorial. Remember: There is no cost to the veteran.

For more information contact Honor Flight Long Island c/o Southampton Town Hall (631)702-2423 or e mail: vbennett@southamptontownny.gov.

## "You Earned It"

by Donna Boyle, Post Service Officer

### Veterans Earned Federal Benefits

#### Introduction

Veterans of the United States armed forces are eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These benefits are legislated in Title 38 of the United States Code. Sit down with a VA representative today to find out what you earned.



#### General Eligibility

Eligibility for most VA benefits is based upon discharge from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions. Active service means full-time service, other than active duty for training, as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps. Generally, men and women veterans with similar service are entitled to the same VA benefits.

Dishonorable and bad conduct discharges issued by general courts-martial may bar VA benefits. Veterans in prison and parolees must contact a VA regional office to determine eligibility.



Just to assist you in VA speak I provide the following most common Acronyms

CHAMPVA – Civilian Health and Medical Program of VA  
 CLC – Community Living Center  
 COE – Certificate of Eligibility  
 CRDP – Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments  
 CRSC – Combat-Related Special Compensation  
 CZTE – Combat Zone Tax Exclusion  
 DIC – Dependency and Indemnity Compensation  
 DoD -- Department of Defense  
 FHA – Federal Housing Administration  
 IRR – Individual Ready Reserve  
 MGIB – Montgomery GI Bill  
 MIA – Missing in Action  
 NPRC – National Personnel Records Center

OIF – Operation Iraqi Freedom  
 OPM – Office of Personnel Management  
 POW -- Prisoner of War  
 PTSD – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder  
 SAH – Specially Adapted Housing  
 SSI – Supplemental Security Income  
 SGLI – Service members' Group Life Insurance  
 VEOA – Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act  
 VGLI – Veterans' Group Life Insurance  
 VHA – Veterans Health Administration  
 VR&E – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment  
 VSI – Voluntary Separation Incentive  
 WAAC – Women's Army Auxiliary Corps  
 WASPs – Women Air Force Service Pilots

### Post Retires over 500 Flags on June 16

In a ceremony evoking the deep respect with which we hold our national symbol, the Post once again retired a sizeable number of unserviceable flags at the Greenlawn Fire Department.

The 560+ flags, of all sizes, were collected since last Veterans Day by Sgt. at Arms Charlie Armstrong and 2nd Vice Commander Dennis Giunta via our traveling Old Glory Flag Box, visiting numerous schools and public libraries throughout the town.

It has become a tradition at this ceremony for Vice Commander Madden to read the powerful story of Mike Christian, Vietnam POW. As a prisoner, Mike created a makeshift American flag out of bits and pieces of cloth and thread. One night the flag was discovered and he was severely beaten and tortured for this. Yet he immediately resumed making a new flag, knowing how much it meant to his comrades. If you have never taken part in this cere-

mony, we urge you to consider joining us at our next Flag retirement at the Huntington Manor Fire Department on Saturday, November 10th. We are planning a sunset ceremony. Details to follow.



*Vice Commander Madden respectfully commits another flag to the flames assisted by L-R: Legion Rider Victor Ramondetta, 2nd Vice Commander Dennis Giunta, Firefighter Walter Rabe and Legion Rider Serge Dei*



## American Legion Riders Greenlawn Post 1244



**ALR Greenlawn Post 1244 Members on Armed Forces Day between Missions: L-R Bob Glanzman; Bob Woessner; Kevin Reilly; Serge Dei; Victor Ramondetta; Dennis Giunta; Anthony Greco; Chris Argento. Note: Tom McAuliffe & Art Dolan not in photo.**

### Why We Ride.

With a memory which loves to linger, we ride to honor veterans because of the bravery and courage they have shown. We ride to honor veterans because they fight for the freedoms that American's unconsciously enjoy without appreciation, and assure American's can live in a protected democracy.

In a perfect world, wars are just, and soldiers unquestionably follow orders to wars fought to defend the American way of life for the purpose of freedom and equality for all, and wars designed to nurture a democratic style of government of oppressed populations.

Americans enjoy freedoms that have been secured by the brave and noble sacrifices of soldiers which said "Yes" when it was popular time to say, "No". When you look at wars, it is easy to answer the question of "why we ride". We ride to honor veterans, those who each day risk their lives and make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the American way of life and to do their duty to their country.

Many Americans are unable or unwilling to take an oath which they pledge to put their life at risk on a daily basis, walking/living among their enemies, braving enemy gunfire, dodging IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices), and otherwise taking risks of life and limb in order to defend the United States. They choose not to give up their families or lives in order enter into foreign lands to fight wars- just because their country asks. Veterans do exactly this so they don't have to! That's why we ride!

We ride, with their spirit beside us, with courage and

conviction to remind those who have forgotten Veterans, moreover, to honor and keep the sacrifices and memories of our Veterans alive.



Greenlawn Post 1244 ALR's are proud and honored to report American Legion Riders, sixteen (16) strong and counting, through the leadership and inspiration of Dennis Giunta, Director and Serge Dei, Assistant Director/Ride Captain, we were privileged to have been in attendance to honor and support Veterans past, present, Veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and Blue and Gold Star Families at the following venues:

May 15: Wake Services Leo Martin, Post 1244 Member

May 19:

6:00AM-12:30PM. Internment Ceremony Detail: From Nolan & Taylor Funeral Home, Through a 'wall of flags', ALR escorted six (6) of sixty-three (63) Veteran Cremains from the Spanish American War to present, and were finally laid to rest with dignity at Pinelawn Cemetery;

1:00PM-2:00PM Armed Forces Day Ceremonies- Armed Forces Plaza, Dennison Bldg. Hauppauge;

3:00-4:30PM VA Northport Hospital- "Sunshine Visit" Bldg. 200 Ward 21;

5:00PM "Special Ride" to ALR Rider Art Dolan's home to celebrate the engagement of his Son to ALR Rider Kevin Reilly's Daughter.

May 27: 9:00AM Memorial Day Ceremony and Iraq Plaque Ceremony- Huntington Town Hall

May 28: Memorial Day Parade and Greenlawn Memorial Park Ceremony; Post BBQ

June 13: 8:00 PM. American Legion Post Meeting: ALR First Annual Patriotism Scholarship Award- \$500 to be awarded to Ms.Samantha Courbanou who will read her winning essay at the meeting.

Chris Argento  
ALR, PGR NYS Region 9  
39<sup>th</sup> Combat Engr. 66-67 RSVN





## Commander's Corner



I want to thank the members for their vote of confidence in re-electing all the incumbent Post officers. For the 2012-2013 Legion Year.

As you surely have noticed, we have become a very busy Post, (note the two extra pages in this edition of the Bugle) and one whose membership keeps growing year by year. None of what we have been able to accomplish could have been done without the dedicated efforts of your officers and many of your fellow members. Whether they are Legionnaires, Sons, American Legion Riders or members of our Auxiliary Unit, they all have a part to play in our development as a premier American Legion Post.

If you have not been actively involved, maybe you have found that this is the time in your life for you to step forward and become involved. If so, I am sure you will find your active involvement in the American Legion as personally rewarding as I have.

Start by attending our next meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the K of C in Greenlawn, located just across the street from the Greenlawn Fire Department. You will find that we welcome every veteran who steps through the door as a long-lost comrade from days gone by. Oh, and by all means, bring along a fellow veteran, we will welcome them too! Hope to see a few new faces at our next meeting on July 11th.

*Bob Santo*

## Help us Stay In Touch

If you have E Mail service and are not receiving E Mails from us on a regular basis, we invite you to let us add you to our E Mail broadcast system. We will let you know of Post news of interest, activities and events you may wish to take part in. Our promise: no chain letters, political messages or jokes. Only **"The News You Can Use."** Just send us an e mail to: [Post1244@verizon.net](mailto:Post1244@verizon.net) (and we'll do the rest! )



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## American Legion Pride

We have had a great reaction to our Greenlawn Post 1244 Auto Decals (exterior) that you can attach to your car. We recommend that you place it on the lower left part of your rear windshield. They are 4" X 5" and are very durable. Show your pride in our American Legion Post! Decals can be ordered by sending a check for \$6.00 each to American Legion Post 1244 c/o PO Box 238, Greenlawn NY 11740.



## Taps Has Sounded

Leo E. "Lee" Martin U.S. Army Air Corps WW II

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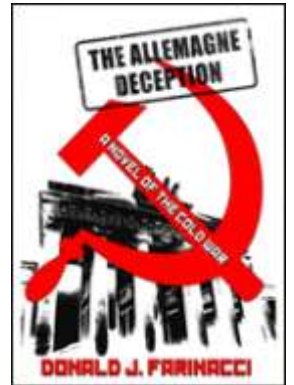
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