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## Upcoming Events

- **Jazz Cabaret Night .**  
Thursday, March 21  
Oldfield Middle School Cafeteria. 6 pm Dinner Concert at 7 pm
- **MIAP Interment.**  
Saturday, May 11, 11 am  
Long Island National Cemetery
- **Memorial Day Parade.**  
Monday, May 27, 9:00 am.  
Lineup Broadway and West Maple Rd. in Greenlawn.  
Cookout to follow at 2 pm at the K of C.
- **Veterans Appreciation Breakfast.** Harborfields HS. Friday, May 31, 9 am
- **Monthly Meetings:**  
Wednesday, March 13, 8 pm  
Wednesday, April 10, 8 pm  
Wednesday, May 8, 8pm

## Veterans In The Classroom

Our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Veterans of service in the United States Armed Forces have participated in many monumental events or have been eyewitnesses to them, thus putting them in a unique position to help students appreciate the sacrifices and achievements of America's servicemen and women.

Recently, Post1244 members were invited to share their experiences in the uniform of our country with the students of **Oldfield Middle School** in Greenlawn. Our eleven volunteers addressed twelve Social Studies classes of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at the school from February 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

Both the students and our veterans enjoyed the experience. Our veteran speakers served from as far back as WWII and as recently as operation Iraqi Freedom. The students were very interested and had lots of questions about military life, being away from home, combat and peacetime service and many other topics.

The program was initiated last year by Mrs. Sandra Buscemi with the assistance of Social Studies teacher Jeffrey Shade in five social studies classes with just three Legionnaires; all WW II veterans.

This year, teachers Kate Scott and Chris Havranek added their classes to the program.

Social studies teacher Jeffrey Shade said "We were honored to have the veterans visit our classes. The students were very interested in hearing the veteran's personal experiences. They learned a great deal from the stories they shared. Our veterans are "living history". These gentlemen provided our students with insight into the time periods they are



A Thank You Card From Oldfield Middle School Students

studying as well as the great sacrifices our service members make to maintain freedom for all."

The children created beautiful picture boards and patriotic thank you letters and cards for each of our veteran speakers. They will be cherished always.

All of our veterans have expressed a great interest in returning next year. We are all looking forward to speaking with the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Our volunteers this year and their war eras were:

**Chris Argento, Vietnam**  
**Milton Blackman, WW II**  
**John Caldarelli, Korea**  
**Domenick Gargiulo, WW II**  
**Dennis Giunta, Vietnam**  
**Gil Harris, Vietnam**  
**Chuck Holt, Korea**  
**Steve Labate, Iraq**  
**Robert E. Lee, Korea**

**Mike Mayette, Panama / Granada**  
**Allen Schwartz, Vietnam**

We thank the Oldfield Middle School administration, teachers and students for this wonderful opportunity. **Please see the next page for photos of our volunteers.**

**Our Monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm, 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**

**Veterans in The Classroom Volunteers Oldfield Middle School 2013**



**Chris Argento**



**Milton Blackman**



**John Caldarelli**



**Domenick Gargiulo**



**Dennis Giunta**



**Gil Harris**



**Chuck Holt**



**Steve Labate**



**Robert E. Lee**



**Mike Mayette**



**Allen Schwartz**

## Happenings

### Election of Officers

Nominations for all Post officers are now being accepted.

The Following offices are open: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sgt-at Arms and Chaplain. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact Judge Advocate Tom Freeman at (516) 524-0708.

The official slate will be announced at our March meeting and any other nominations will be announced at that time. Elections will be conducted at our April 10th, 2013 meeting.

### Mark Gaweski Legion Toy Drive a Big Success

Thanks to the generosity of our members, our Toy Drive once again answered the prayers of local families. We were able to help to provide toys to the children of 20 Long Island families struggling with unemployment as well as the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

These families who must struggle to make ends meet every day, were able to have gifts for all their children, something that was not assured this year. In her thank you letter to Post 1244, Louise Sandberg, Director of the Mary & Elizabeth Center said " After surviving the hurricane and losing work, school, electricity, all their refrigerated food and hope, the families we serve needed a Merry Christmas, and we thank you and your post for providing us with so much help.

We thank everyone who contributed with a new toy or a financial contribution. You have made a difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbors and their children.



### Greenlawn Bowlers Take Honors

Ray Bohn, Bowling Chairman for both our post and Suffolk County American Legion has announced the results of the County Tournament held on February 24. True to form, two of our Post teams captured first and second place in the contest. Congratulations to all our fine bowlers. They continue in the great tradition of the Greenlawn American Legion's bowlers.

Our travel team will be competing in the NY State VFW Tournament in Calamanca, NY April 20-21 and at NY State's American Legion Tournament in Corning, NY April 27 and 28.



### Post 1244 Boys State Program Continues to Grow



We are pleased to say that this year's Boy's State program has expanded Post 1244's coverage area to now include three local high schools. A total of seven boys from the Junior class of these schools will be attending this unique week long summertime educational program at SUNY, in Morrisville. Attending will be five boys from Harborfields, and one each from Commack and Half Hollow Hills West high schools. The outstanding support of the Greenlawn business community has allowed us to increase the number of delegates we are sponsoring from Harborfields from four to five this year.

Now that we have made the initial inroads into these other high schools, we hope to be able to do the same with local support from those areas next year.

Charlie Armstrong

### Harborfields School District Annual Jazz Cabaret Night

Veterans and their families are invited to Harborfields Central School District's Annual Jazz cabaret Night at the Oldfield Middle School on Thursday, March 21. Students from Harborfields High School's Leadership class will serve a special dinner in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm music students will perform in the auditorium.



If you wish to attend, please call Lorri O'Malley at 754-5320 Ext 319 for your complimentary tickets.

### MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT

#### Multiple Interments of Veterans Planned for May 11



American Legion Post 1244's Missing in America Project has partnered with Fresh Pond Crematory of Middle Village, Queens to inter the abandoned, cremated remains of veterans on May 11, 2013. The remains of between 70 and 100 veterans will be given their military honors at Long Island National Cemetery.

At least two of these veterans served during the American Civil War.

The post has been working diligently to support their M.I.A.P. Chairman in identifying and verifying these remains. The Post's M.I.A.P. Team will be heavily involved in this endeavor as will other members of our post. Our reward in this event will be the honor and pleasure to have participated in the rendering of respect to these long neglected veterans. We were involved in the January 2011 burial of 20 abandoned veterans at Calverton National Cemetery and as well as the May 2012 interment of 62 veterans and spouses at Long Island National Cemetery.



Interment of 62 Veterans and Spouses May 2012 at Long Island National Cemetery  
Photo by Carlos Varon

We shall maintain that tradition this May as well. As M.I.A.P. Chairman, I have several pages of lists of many things to be taken care of before the event. We and many others in our community are moving ahead to ensure that this event has a successful and meaningful impact on our American scene. All the groups that will support this happening will be mentioned in the events program with thanks and gratitude. This burial will be the largest of its kind to take place in the United States.

John Caldarelli

#### Annual History Flight Raffle



Our annual **History Flight** Experience Fund Raiser has been launched. Raffle tickets have been distributed to all our American Legion Family members and ticket sales are beginning to come in.

We hope that everyone will participate in this, our only major fund raiser for financing our post's general expenses. The winner will schedule a flight with an experienced, certified flight instructor in a WWII vintage warplane, flying an AT-6 Texan trainer, a

Stearman Biplane or a B25 Mitchell bomber. Relive and honor the service of the American airmen who served us so well in WW II.

The primary objective of the aircraft operators, **History Flight, Inc.**, is to research and help locate the remains of the over 78,000 American servicemen still missing in action from World War II. To date, History Flight, Inc. has helped locate graves of over 200 MIAs from locations in the Pacific Theater. More information on History Flight can be found at [www.historyflight.com](http://www.historyflight.com).

Tickets for the raffle are only \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20. You can help to support our Post and the work we do for as little as \$5.00. Your contribution will help us to continue the programs you read about in each issue of the Greenlawn Bugle.

We encourage our members to sell tickets to friends, family and acquaintances.

Tickets can be obtained by e mailing [Post1244@verizon.net](mailto:Post1244@verizon.net) or calling Commander Santo at 516-458-7881.

The winning ticket will be drawn at our May 8th monthly meeting.

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

**Thank you for your support!**

### American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

Greenlawn Post 1244's sponsored candidates from Pius V School in Melville once again did a great job in this year's American Legion High School Oratorical Contest.

The 2013 Suffolk County Oratorical Contest was conducted on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Babylon Post 94.

Students from Brentwood High School, sponsored by Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 in Brentwood and students from Pius V School, sponsored by Greenlawn Post 1244, competed.

Stephen Vasques of Pius V took the first place prize and Israelle Sylvain, also of Pius V, was the second place winner.

The 10th District (Nassau –Suffolk and Queens) Oratorical Contest was held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Malvern Post 44

The results:

First Place: Israelle Sylvain, St Pius V High School (\$150 prize)

Second Place: Jaclyn Schess, Syosset High School (\$125 prize)

Third Place: Stephen Vasques, St Pius V High School (\$100 prize)

Fourth Place: Michael Bediako, Elmont Memorial High School (\$75 prize)

Unfortunately, our Pius V contestants were eliminated in the Zone Competition. We are very proud of the job they did this year.

### The "Four Chaplains" Ceremony

Several members of our Post were proud to have attended the annual Suffolk County American Legion's "Back To God" ceremony at Temple Beth El in Patchogue last month. This interdenominational service commemorates the heroism of the heroic "Four Chaplains" who lost their lives in the sinking of the **USS Dorchester**.

A convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through "torpedo alley" some 100 miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1 a.m. on February 3, 1943. The submarine U-223 fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the midsection of the Dorchester, a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900 men on board. Ammunition and oil were everywhere in the fast-sinking vessel and upon the freezing sea.

The four Chaplains on board, two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race. Approximately 18 minutes from the explosion, the ship went down. They were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the hull of the ship, each praying in his own way for the care of the men. Almost 700 died,

making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the United States during World War II. The **Coast Guard Cutter Tampa** was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the cutters **Comanche** and **Es-canaba**, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat, stopped to rescue 230 men from the frigid waters that night.



The four Chaplains were **Father John Washington** (Catholic), **Reverend Clark Poling** (Dutch Reformed), **Rabbi Alexander Goode** (Jewish) and **Rev. George Fox** (Methodist). These four Chaplains were later honored by the Congress and President. They were recognized for their selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith. According to the First Sergeant on the ship, "They were always together, they carried their faith together."

They demonstrated throughout the voyage and in their last moments, interfaith compassion in their relationship with the men and with each other. In 1960 Congress created a special Congressional Medal of Valor, never to be repeated again, and gave it to the next of kin of the "Immortal

### 2013 Poppy Drive

Very soon, Poppy season will be upon us and members of your American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary will be found at supermarkets and shopping centers offering the Memorial Poppy to passersby in hopes of a donation. The Poppy is symbolic of those who have given their lives in war. The poppy has been the official flower of the American Legion since 1920. All funds raised are used to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans and their families. Please be generous when you are offered that poppy, Legion and Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in the distribution. Call 516-458-7881 if you wish to join us in this most important effort.



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CORNER



The American Legion Riders, who were invited to participate in the Kings Park Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 2, 2013, through the efforts of ALR's Bob Woessner and Angus Kennedy ('unofficial' Kings Park Mayor),

proudly represented American Legion Post #1244 the only day of the year where "everyone" claims to be Irish.

American Legion Riders who skillfully rode in tight formation were: Serge Dei, President, Bruce Blanco, Ride Captain, Thomas McAuliffe, Treasurer Bob Glanzman, Secretary, Bob Woessner, Sergeant of Arms, Kevin Reilly, Chaplain, John Welsh 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant USMC, Angus Kennedy, and Chris Argento, E-5 USA.

Credit for this photo goes to photographer Senator Chuck Schumer who willingly accepted, without a moment's hesitation, the meek and humble request from our very own quietly-spoken and introverted (not) Serge Dei which kinda went like, "Hey Senator, please take a shot of the men for us ---- thanks"! Bam! As you can see from the photo the ALR's are truly a 'Band of Brothers' willing to gather at the ready, to represent for the good of all, at every, and/or any occasion, be it solemn or entertainment. We ride with 'strength and honor' making our presence known through tranquil obscurity.

"Here memories love to linger and in loving lingers long...." Unknown

### **St. Patrick's Day History and Facts: Who Was the Man Behind St. Patrick's Day?**

For starters, the real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family with a townhouse, a country villa, and plenty of slaves. What's more, Patrick professed no interest in Christianity as a young boy. At 16, Patrick's world turned: He was kidnapped and sent overseas to tend sheep as a slave in the chilly, mountainous countryside of Ireland for seven years. Life was very terrible, and as a result he experienced a religious conversion and became a very devout Christian.

According to folklore, a voice came to Patrick in his dreams, telling him to escape. He found passage on a pirate ship back to Britain, where he was reunited with his family. The voice then told him to go back to Ireland. He was ordained in France as a priest, and went back to Ireland as a Bishop where spent the rest of his life successfully converting the Irish to Christianity. Patrick's work in Ireland was tough—he was constantly beaten by thugs, harassed by the Irish royalty, and admonished by his British superiors. After he died on March 17, 461, Patrick was largely forgotten. But slowly, mythology grew around



Photo by Sen. Chuck Schumer

American Legion Riders Participants in The Kings Park parade

Patrick, and centuries later he was honored as the patron saint of Ireland.

### **Made in America?**

Until the 1970s, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland was a minor religious holiday. A priest would acknowledge the feast day, and families would celebrate with a big meal, but that was about it. "St. Patrick's Day was basically invented in America by Irish-Americans and is terrific for business and tourism.

Irish-American history expert Timothy Meagher said Irish charitable organizations originally celebrated St. Patrick's Day with banquets in places such as Boston, Massachusetts; Savannah, Georgia; and Charleston, South Carolina. Eighteenth-century Irish soldiers fighting with the British in the U.S. Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick's Day parades. Some soldiers, for example, marched through New York City in 1762 to reconnect with their Irish roots.

Other parades followed in the years and decades after, including well-known celebrations in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago, primarily in flourishing Irish immigrant communities. "It becomes a way to honor the saint but also to confirm ethnic identity and to create bonds of solidarity," said Meagher, of Catholic University in Washington, D.C...

### **Pint of Guinness on St. Patrick's Day**

On any given day 5.5 million pints of Guinness, the famous Irish stout brand, are consumed around the world. But on St. Patrick's Day, that number more than doubles to 13 million pints. Irish immigrants came to the United States and brought their customs and traditions, and one of the most memorable being Guinness. This tradition continues today, is very much alive, and a respected tradition in Kings Park!!

Written by: Chris Argento, RD, CEC  
RVN 66-67 US Army 39<sup>th</sup> Combat Engrs

## American Legion Auxiliary



Quite a blizzard and the cold weather have been relentless, but Spring is coming not soon enough.

With Easter just weeks away, we will be giving monetary donations to the Northport VA Women's Wellness Center, United Veterans Beacon House and the Warriors Family Assistance Program. Our members never cease to amaze me with their willingness to give so much time and support to our programs.

We are in need of new members to keep our auxiliary thriving. I once again appeal to the members of the Post to ask their wives or significant others about joining our Auxiliary. I would be happy to speak to anyone who might be interested; in fact they could come to one of our meetings to see what we are all about. The Auxiliary meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month.

I might add congratulations to Vice Commander Dennis

Madden who now has all of his daughters and granddaughters members of our Auxiliary.

Our Annual Fundraiser this year will be a 50/50 Raffle instead of our Dance. The first prize will be the 50/50 raffle with additional drawings for four Gift baskets. The chances are 2 for \$5.00 or five for \$10.00. The drawing will take place at the Post's Memorial Day Picnic on Monday May 27, 2013. Winner need not be present. Please see Commander Bob Santo for Raffle tickets. I thank you in advance for your support.

We look forward to our 2013 Poppy Program and have several members all set to get out there in front of churches and stores to hand out Poppies. This year we will hand out flags as well. All of the poppy monies collected are only given to the Veterans, their families and servicemen and women.

On behalf of myself, officers and members, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and a Joyful Passover.

Fran Hubbs, President



## American Legion Post 1244 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.

## A Memorial Day Invitation

This year, on the most meaningful of all holidays for veterans, we would like to invite all veterans of all wars, to join our ranks as we commemorate Memorial Day in the annual Greenlawn Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

We especially want to extend a special **Welcome Home** to all those who have served our country since the first Gulf War through the era of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. This year, it will be 23 years since these hostilities began.

We welcome you, whether or not you are a member of our Post to march with us, wear your uniform, if it still fits, bring your wives and especially your children, and remember those with whom you served, especially those who never came home.

We will step off at 9:00 am from the corner of West Maple Road and Broadway. If you know someone who might welcome this invitation. Please pass it along.

*Bob Santo, Commander*





**HELP FOR THE ONES YOU LEAVE BEHIND**

No one wants to think about their own mortality but you must in order to care for your family. This article is to assist those you must leave behind.

The anxiety and fear of the unknown is an unpleasant experience. Add to that the exhaustion that dealing with your funeral has caused and that many families are simply overwhelmed. Completing the numerous claims forms for VA survivors' benefits is difficult but important.

Without the veteran's form DD 214 or Discharge Certificate, a funeral director cannot get a place of burial for the veteran in a National Cemetery such as Calverton, render military honors or have or the Nation's Flag to be presented to the next of kin at the time of burial.

To help them and ensure they have all the necessary details for filing a claim, please compile these documents:

- **Your DD214 or Discharge Certificate**
- Your VA claim number
- Your Social Security number
- Government life insurance policy
- A copy of your marriage certificates
- A copy of any divorce decrees
- A copy of each child's birth certificate
- A copy of any adoption order
- Your birth certificate to determine parents' benefits



**That way they will only have to obtain your death certificate**

Your family should know where to go for help. I suggest obtaining a copy of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" (An informative pamphlet) in addition any VA service representatives can answer questions about benefits eligibility and application procedures. Contact the nearest VA benefits office at 1-800-827-1000 for help.

*Reprinted from the Greenlawn Bugle March 2011*



**Open House March 15th**

Could you use some training in today's technology? Do you use your computer for fun or work? Puzzled by social media, the internet, digital photography?

Please join us at a Free Open House, Friday, March 15, 2013 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at:

SeniorNet, Family Service League Building 790 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY, 631-427-3700 Ext. 268. No obligation.

***Low cost*** computer and tech gadget classes from beginner to intermediate ***and beyond!*** All manuals and materials included. Stop by and check it out. You will not be disappointed!



## Vice Commander's Call to Members

Once again, I struggle for words to add some flavor to this newsletter. However, since it is early March, the fairer weather

cannot be far off and the Post will, once again, come alive outdoors. We will begin the year with the requisite parades and showing of our colors, we will have the opportunity to propose candidates for our Officers' positions and elect the Officers of our Post and we will plan and execute our annual Memorial Day BBQ.

We have established ourselves as an ACTIVE POST within the County and the District. Everyone knows the Greenlawn Post for our Membership prowess, our Legion Riders, our Ladies Auxiliary and our Sons. We have given much to our Legion and our veterans in our rather brief tenure as an active organization and it is because of you, our members, that we thrive. We are older, however, than when we began and now it is time to turn over the reins to a younger group to carry on our traditions and grow the Post from here.

I can use your help in finding some of the latest, **greatest generation** veterans to take the reins over the next few years. Do you know of or are you related to anyone serving now or recently discharged? We'd really like to meet them and talk with them about how we can help them and they can help us. I know that each of us see veterans every day, but are too embarrassed to ask about membership. But I need your help, troops, to break the ice and get them talking. If we never ask, we'll never know. We may well be letting our next Commander or our next Service Officer walk away, unfulfilled. Won't you please help us build the NEXT generation of leaders for this GREAT POST of ours? What a shame it would be to have come this far only to die on the vine after we leave, ... and leave we will !! Contact me to see how YOU can be part of the heritage that will always be Post 1244. Thanks. [DAM9245@optonline.net](mailto:DAM9245@optonline.net) or 516-523-9391.



Dennis Madden

## Welcome New Member! John Meagher

### Member News

Post 1244 Legionnaire and Cold War Historian Donald Farinacci has published his new historical novel, "1961, Sliding Toward Armageddon." As President John F. Kennedy trades threats and political jabs with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, U.S. intelligence agents play a lethal game of cat and mouse with the KGB. At stake are the future of West Berlin, and—quite possibly—the continued existence of the human race. The world's nuclear superpowers are rushing toward what may be their final confrontation. The countdown to Armageddon is on... "

Don's other books are "Truman and MacArthur, Adversaries for A Common Cause" (Merriam Press, 2010); "Last Full Measure of Devotion, A Tribute to America's Heroes of the Vietnam War" (Authorhouse, 2007); and "The Allemagne Deception, A Novel of the Cold War."

## The Legend of The Leprechaun

According to legend, if you catch a leprechaun, you can force him to tell you where he hides his treasure. But there's a "catch": if you look away from him for even a second — and he will try to trick you into doing so — he'll disappear, taking his treasure with him!



May the leprechauns be near you  
to spread luck along your way.  
And may all the Irish angels  
smile upon you St. Patrick's Day.

Submitted by  
Chris Argento,  
American Legion Riders



## Commander's Corner

### It's Your Responsibility

This month's "You Earned It" feature (p. 8) is a re-run from our March, 2011 issue. I decided it needed to be reprinted, after I was reminded that many veterans pass away suddenly, leaving their family with no records of their military service. In the midst of all the sorrow, anxiety and confusion surrounding their unexpected death, they left their family in a very difficult situation. No burial flag, no National Cemetery, no Military Honors.

Unfortunately, this happens far too often. Just ask your local funeral director.

We all received a copy of a DD 214 when we were discharged from active duty, and were advised that this is an important record and told to "Safeguard it!"

The time to order replacement documents is before you need them, because waiting until you have a need can unnecessarily complicate what could be a time of grief or financial crisis.

We are all going to cross that finish line, one day. Will you have time to get your affairs in order? Only God knows. Please locate your DD 214 and your other important papers, along with a statement of your wishes regarding your final arrangements. Your local funeral director can help you with this. If you are unable to locate your DD 214, You can obtain a copy online by filing a request with the "eVetRecs" system of the National Archives. See the website:

[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

If you are not computer savvy, the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency (631) 853-VETS) can assist you. The time to act is now.

## Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all!

### Help us Stay In Touch with You

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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### Taps Has Sounded

**Joseph "Butch" Catapano**  
**United States Army. February 19, 2013**



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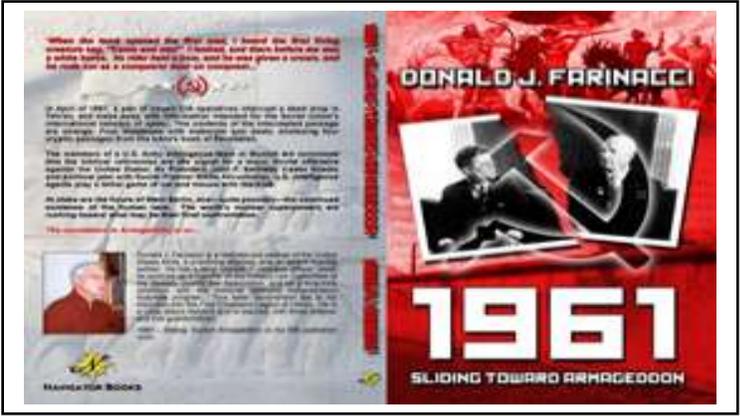


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