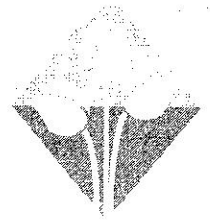


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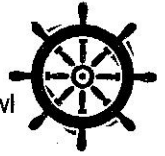
### OFFICERS

Commander.....	Gene Ramirez
Vice-Commanders.....	Tom Simonetti
	Nick Moscarriello
	John Crowley
	Sal Bastiani
Treasurer.....	Emery Chagnon
Adjutant.....	Ferdie Salvatore
Judge Advocate.....	Ferdie Salvatore
Chaplain.....	Pat Miserendino
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Jerry Quinn

### Committees

Americanism.....	John Crowley
Bar & Lounge.....	Donald O'Hanlon
Boys State.....	Frank Triolo
Children & Youth.....	Sal Bastiani
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Post Parties.....	Rocco Valenti
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## The Commander's Message



We had another good turnout for our annual Super Bowl Party that was held on January 28th. It's just a shame that the game itself wasn't very exciting. Let's hope that the turnout for our other upcoming events is just as well attended.

On Saturday, March 24th, the Post will hold it's annual St. Patrick's Day Party in our Hall. This is always one of the best parties of the year. For those interested in attending, please see the advertisement in this issue of the newsletter.

On Sunday, April 1st, the annual Children and Youth Breakfast will be held at the Staaten Restaurant and on Friday, April 20th, the National Commander's Dinner will be held at Anton's Restaurant in Queens. I hope that the Post membership will turnout for both of these worthy events.

Our membership renewals are slowly coming in but it does seem that our goal of 340 members will not be reached. I hope I'm wrong. I hope that you will return your renewal notice in as quickly as possible.

In closing, I regret to report the passing of our Past Post Commander, Andrew J. Procopio. Andy was a member of our American Legion Post for fifty-six (56) years. For many of those years he was our Treasurer and held numerous leadership and chairman positions. Not many people know this, but Andy took care of the War Memorial outside the Chase Manhattan Bank on New Dorp Lane for over 50 years. He planted flowers and cleaned the premises year in and year out. He did this out of respect for our fallen comrades.

Last year the Post membership had the honor of presenting Andy with a plaque for the fifty-fifth anniversary in the American Legion. This year we were honored and privileged to attend his wake and perform our ceremony in front of his family and friends.

Andy, we will miss you. Farewell Comrade.

## TAPS

**Edward Politico**  
12/16/00  
**Andrew J. Procopio**  
1/18/01  
**Rollin Deas**  
2/22/01

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Membership Report

Our membership goal for year 2001 is 340 members. As of the end of February we have 281 renewals, or 82.6% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2001 renewal notice, please do so now.

Yours for the Legion,  
*Gene Ramirez*  
**Post Commander**




## Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

**January 12** Commander Gene Ramirez thanked all the members who volunteered to make last year's *Children's Holiday Party* and *Post Members Holiday Party* a great success.

Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore reminded the membership that our 5th Annual *Super Bowl Party* will be held at the Post on Sunday, January 28th at 4:00pm. In addition, he also restated that the *Four Chaplain's Memorial Breakfast* is to be held at the Staaten Restaurant on Sunday, February 4th at 8:30am.

**January 26** Post Editor, Dennis J. Conroy, announced that the advertising renewal notices for our newsletter, *"The Patriot"* were recently sent out to our current advertisers. To date, only Rudy's Caterers, Robert Herson Printing Co. and Joseph Hall Memorials have renewed their contracts. Let's hope that our other advertisers will renew soon.

Post Member Robert Helburn is currently in the Eger Nursing Home where he is recuperating from injuries he suffered when he slipped on ice. Past Post Commander, Pat Miserendino is home recuperating from an illness. The Post wishes both of them a speedy recovery and hopes to see them at future meetings.


 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Donald O'Hanlon. *What again!* Congratulations, Donald.

**February 9** Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore announced that the Post had 17 members attend the *Four Chaplain's Memorial Breakfast* last Sunday. He also reminded the membership that on Friday, February 16th, our Post will host this month's meeting of the Richmond County American Legion.

The annual *Children and Youth Breakfast* will be held at the Staaten Restaurant on Sunday, April 1 at 8:00am. The cost is \$9.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. All those interested in attending this event should contact Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore.

The *National Commander's Dinner* will be held at Anton's Restaurant on Springfield Blvd. in Queens on Friday, April 20th. The cost is \$45.00 per person. All those interested in attending this event should contact Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore.


A motion was made and accepted that the Post make a \$50.00 donation for an advertisement in the Korean War Veterans journal.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Paul Zalesak. Congratulations, Paul.

**February 23** Post Member Leo Milham announced that on Saturday, June 9th, the annual *"Ride for the 84"* (a memorial tribute to the 84 Staten Islanders who were killed in the Vietnam War) will be held. This will be an all-day event starting with a 1,500 motorcycle contingent riding from one Island Vietnam memorial to another across Staten Island. Our Honor Guard will stand guard at the Midland Beach War Memorial at the intersection of Father Capadanno Blvd. and Midland Avenue for the first ceremony. This will be followed by a memorial service to be held at the Manor Road Armory. Later that day, a full celebration will take place in South Beach. There will be entertainment, rides, music, food, etc., and is open to the public. Booths will be set up by various Island Veterans organizations as part of a membership drive. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Post member Frank Gissi is currently in the hospital due to an illness. Past Post Commander Pat Miserendino has completed his medical treatments and will soon return to Post meetings. We are also happy to report that Post member Robert Helburn is out of the nursing home and is back at home.

The Richmond County American Legion's Boys State chairmen will meet at our Post on Monday, April 23rd, to choose the candidates for this year's Boys State Convention.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was William Knapp. Congratulations, Bill.

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## IT was a Super Party

Our Fifth Annual Super Bowl Party was a great success. The winners of our Pool and Prizes were:

<b>Football Pool</b> 1st Quarter	- John Stanley
2nd Quarter	- Sal Bastiani
3rd Quarter	- Terrance Scott
4th Quarter	- Terrance Scott

**50/50 Drawing** - Stan Levy

**Lottery Tickets** - Israel Lopez

Congratulations to all our winners.

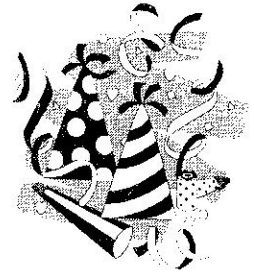
## Attention World War II Veterans

Under a new state program that was passed by the New York State Legislature last June, named "Operation Rescue", all WWII veterans who quit high school to join the service can now receive their High School diploma. This is not a G.E.D diploma but an actual diploma. At the present time there are 200,000 World War II veterans who never received their diplomas due to the war.

There is no course work needed to qualify, all that is needed is either a Defense Department discharge form (DD214), Honorable Discharge Certificate or Special Discharge from the Coast Guard for Merchant Marines to be presented to your former High School. If either one of these documents is not available, you can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at (212) 807-7229.

When contacting your former High School make sure you give them your full name, date of birth and the years that you attended.

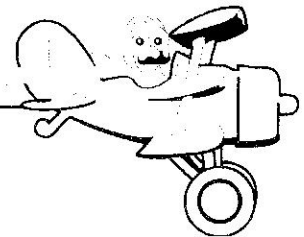
That's all you have to do to receive your diploma.



### It's Party Time

On Saturday night, March 24th, the Post will hold it's annual St. Patrick's Day Party. The cost is only \$35.00, per person. This includes a Hot buffet, open bar, an assortment of Italian pastries and entertainment by *Carmine*. For reservations/information, call Rocco Valenti at 987-0845.

## Calendar of Events



<u>March</u>	3rd, Saturday	- "Star Spangled Banner" made U.S. National Anthem (1931)
	9th, Friday	- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
	16th, Friday	- County Meeting, 7:30pm at Huttner-Pasqualini Post #1367
	17th, Saturday	- <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
	23rd, Friday	- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
	24th, Saturday	- <i>St. Patrick's Day Party</i> at the Post. 7:00pm.
<u>April</u>	1st, Sunday	- <i>Children and Youth Breakfast</i> at the Staaten. 8:00am.
	8th, Sunday	- <i>Palm Sunday and First Day of Passover.</i>
	11th, Wednesday	- Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991).
	13th, Friday	- Membership Meeting at the Post. 8:30pm.
	15th, Sunday	- <i>Easter Sunday</i> *
	20th, Friday	- <i>National Commander's Dinner</i> , at Anton's Restaurant.
	27th, Friday	- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.

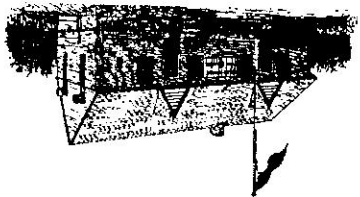


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