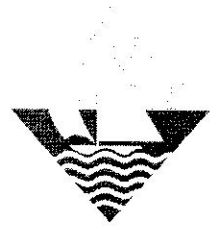


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The Commander's Message



My fellow Legionnaires, this is my first message to you as your new Commander. I look forward to serving all those members who put their trust and stamp of approval on electing me to this very responsible position. I hope I can do as well as our former Commanders who served this Post with distinction and honor. With the help of my Officers and Committee chairmen, I hope to carry out those programs and activities which represent the American Legion and that will make our members proud. At my first meeting as your Commander, I indicated that my first priority was to try recruiting new members. This is and has to be an ongoing process but, with your help, I feel that we can achieve this goal. If you know a veteran who is not a member, a simple invitation to join us at the Post might make the difference. We all should be salesmen, in other words, sell them what the American Legion stands for. Some of us may have forgotten, but it takes a lot of work, commitment and caring to be successful.

I would also like to say at this time, that we need more of our current members to become involved with our Post activities. As a Post with 300 members we can only depend on a handful to turn out and place flags on the graves of our departed comrades, or partake in our Memorial Day activities. The message should be, "What can I do for the Post", rather than, "What can the Post do for me".

I hope with this message that our members will reflect and maybe come out to attend our meetings and become involved.

In closing, I wish to thank Mrs. Rosemarie Cordes for her contribution to the Post in memory of her husband, and our departed comrade, Albin.

Yours for the Legion,
John Crowley
Post Commander

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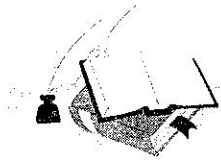
Robert Hernon, Sr.

although not a member of our Post, Mr. Hernon, along with his Son, Robert, owns the printing company that produces our newsletter. We wish to extend our condolences to the Hernon Family.

May He Rest in Peace

Membership Report

Our final membership for the year 2001 is 300 members. This represents a 88.2% renewal rate for the year. Your renewal notices for the year 2002 will be mailed to you shortly. Please return them as soon as possible.




Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

May 11 Vice Commander John Crowley reminded the membership that the Post will be selling American Flags and Flag kits in front of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd. This is part of the United States Island Veterans Associations (USIVA) campaign to get our citizens to fly the American Flag.

Hospital and Visitations Chairman Vincent Zangari announced that member Mike Shane is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. Unfortunately, member Phil Frazzetto is still in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Each June the Post gives out Scholastic medals and certificates to deserving graduates in both our local Grammar and High Schools. To often the schools neglect to inform us of the names of the recipients. To combat this, a motion was made and approved that in the future, only the certificates will be sent to the schools. Once the winners have been chosen, they and their parents will be invited to the Post to receive their medals. This will give us the opportunity to present the medals in person and get to meet these deserving students.

Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore made a motion that all future 50/50 winnings be deposited into the general fund instead of a separate account. The motion was approved.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was William Knapp. In addition, a special drawing for an American Flag kit was won by Joseph Dietrich. Congratulations to both Bill and Joe.


May 25 Boys State Chairman Frank Triolo announced that this years candidate to represent our Post at this years Boys State Convention is Daniel Mulhall, a senior at Monsignor Farrell High School.

Our Honorable Congressman Vito Fossella has donated an American Flag to our Post. We sincerely thank the Congressman for his generosity and support of Veterans organizations.

On Friday, June 15th, the annual Richmond County American Legion Convention will be held at the H&S Cichon Post in Elm Park. One of the purposes of this convention is to elect the new County Officers for the year 2001-2002. The following 12 members were elected as delegates to the convention: Gene Ramirez, Tom Simonetti, John Crowley, Sal Bastiani, Emery Chagnon, Ferdie Salvatore, Dennis J. Conroy, Jerry Quinn, Lester Modelowitz, Nick Moscariello, Frank Triolo and Joe

Dietrich. Twelve alternates were also selected.

The last order of business at tonight's meeting was the installation of the Post Officers for the year 2001-2002. Adjutant Ferdinand Salvatore, Past County Commander and Past Post Commander was the Installation Officer for these proceedings.


 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Gene Ramirez. Congratulations, Gene.

June 8 Newly elected Commander John Crowley announced that the Flag sale held in front of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church last weekend was a great success. They completely sold out every American Flag and Flag kit. A total of \$407.00 was raised for the USIVA flag campaign. Congratulations to the Commander and his staff of volunteers.


Hospital and Visitation Chairman Vincent Zangari announced that Post member Andrew Smith was in the hospital. We wish Andy a speedy recovery and hope to see him at Post meetings soon.

Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore announced that the annual *Summer Event*, sponsored by the Con Thien Post #1945, will be held on Saturday, August 11th, from 8:30am to 2:30pm, at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility. All members are invited to attend.

Board of Directors President Ferdie Salvatore announced that there will be a Board meeting on Monday, June 11th. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate a slate of officers/members for the 2001-2002 term.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Lester Modelowitz. Congratulations, Lester.

June 22 At tonight's meeting, the following members were elected to the Board of Directors for the term 2001-2002: President - Leo Milham, Vice Presidents - Ferdie Salvatore and Jerry Quinn, Treasurer - Paul Zalesak, Secretary - Lester Modelowitz, Board Members - Emory Chagnon, Dennis J. Conroy, John Crowley, Thomas Simonetti, Gene Ramirez, Donald O'Hanlon and William Kuntz.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was John Crowley. Congratulations, John.

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** *****

At the meeting of May 25th, a motion was made to increase the yearly membership dues from \$23.00 to \$25.00 beginning with membership year 2003.

In accordance to the Post By-Laws, a motion of this kind must be made public to all Post members before a vote can be taken.

A vote on this motion will take place at our Post meeting on Friday, August 10th. Your attendance is appreciated.

Richmond County American Legion Elects New Officers for 2001-2002

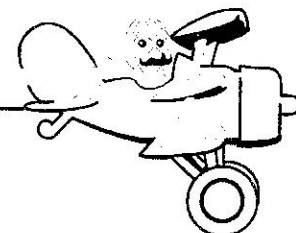
On Friday, June 15th, the Richmond County American Legion held its annual convention at the H&S Cichon Post #1578. At this convention, the following legionnaires were elected as our new County Officers for the year 2001-2002:

Commander - Fred Black, Vice-Commanders - Lester Modelowitz, William Blaine, George Abdou, Treasurer - Lawrence Lee.

Board of Directors Elected for Term 2001-2002

- President.....Leo Milham
- 1st Vice President.....Ferdinand Salvatore
- 2nd Vice President.....Gerald Quinn
- Treasurer.....Paul Zalesak
- Secretary.....Lester Modelowitz
- Members.....Gene Ramirez
-Thomas Simonetti
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Calendar of Events



July

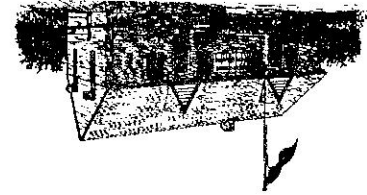
- 2nd, Monday - U.S. Army Air Corps established (1926).
- 4th, Wednesday - **Independence Day ***
- 13th, Friday - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- 27th, Friday - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- National Korean War Armistice Day ** (half-staff until sunset)

August

- 4th, Saturday - U.S. Coast Guard established (1790).
- 7th, Tuesday - Purple Heart Medal established (1782).
- 10th, Friday - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- 14th, Tuesday - Japan surrendered, ending WWII (1945).
- 24th, Friday - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.



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