



The Patriot

Fall 2016 -October

KELLS -GRENNIE POST # 316
PO Box 10096
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10309-0096
718-351-9233

The Patriot is published quarterly. The next edition will be for January -March. Any information you would like published is due no later than January 20, 2017.
Patriot Editor William Baumwoll



Important Phone Numbers

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| VA Benefits | 1-800-827-1000 |
| VA Out Patient Clinic | 1-718-761-2973 |
| SI VA Vet Center | 1-718-816-4499 |
| Social Security | 1-800-772-1213 |
| Medicare-A | 1-800-433-9592 |
| Medicare-B | 1-800-333-7586 |
| NYC Health Line | 1-800-521-9574 |
| Poison Control Center | 1-800-222-1222 |

AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITE LINKS

Post 316 - <http://www.alegion316.org/>
Face book - Amer Legion Edmund Kells Richd Grennie County - <http://www.alegion316.org/richmond-county-american-legion.html>
NY State - <http://www.ny.legion.org/>

To Receive this newsletter by E-mail. Send your E-mail address to:
Post316Newsletter@yahoo.com

Post Officers

Commander.....Joseph Occhipinti
Vice Commanders.....William Baumwoll
.....Allen Palazzo
Treasurer..... Carmine Vacirca
Adjutant.....Lester Modelowitz
Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald
Sgt-at-Arms.....Gasper LaRosa
Judge Advocate.....Robert Mahoney
Historian and Webmaster.....Lester Modelowitz

Committees

Americanism.....Charles Goffredo
Boys State.....William Baumwoll
Children & Youth.....Joseph Occhipinti
Honor Guard.....Emery Chagnon
Houseman..... David Curran/Bill Knapp
Membership.....Allen Palazzo
S.A.L.....David Curran
Service & Welfare..... Joseph Toronto
Fire WardenRichard Burdge

Commander's Message - Fall 2016

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Commander's Message | 1 |
| ARC Place Rename | 1 |
| Installation Dinner | 2 |
| Girls State | 2 |
| Legion Loss | 2 |
| Political Forum | 2 |
| Veteran's Day Activities | 3 |
| Post Expense Process | 4 |
| Membership Notes | 4 |
| Post Happenings | 5 |



Greetings to all post members and your families.

Veterans Day - originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Veterans Day is not to be confused with

Memorial Day— Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead, especially living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m.

Come join us. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and Post events. Share with us your ideas and experiences as veterans.

.....
AS ALWAYS KEEP OUR TROOPS AT HOME AND ABROAD IN OUR PRAYERS AND PRAY THAT WE SUCCEED IN OUR MISSION.

For God and Country, Joseph Occhipinti, Post Commander



ARC Place Renamed in Honor of American Legion Post No. 316

(Lester Modelowitz)

On Saturday September 24, 2016 members attended a special event at the intersection of Arc Place and Amboy Road. For 77 years met at their former headquarters which was located at 2750 Amboy Road. Because of hard time the membership was forced to sell the building. Because of this Lester put in a request to the office of City Councilman Steven Matteo to possibly having the street renamed in memory of Post 316. In mid- August he did receive conformation that it was approved. About 15 members showed up for the event and now the new sign is visible to the public.



Post Meetings

Held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the New Dorp Moravian Church. The Post will provide a ride to anyone who needs transportation to a Post meeting or event. Please call the Post number **718-351-9233** to make arrangements.

Need A Notary? - Contact Post Member Charles Goffredo at **718-440-4330**

Richmond County American Legion Installation Dinner at the Staaten

The Richmond County American Legion held its Officer Installation Dinner on Sunday September 10 at the Staaten. Post members in attendance included Commander Joseph Occhipinti, Judge Advocate Robert Mahoney and Treasurer Carmine Vacirca.



Girls State Candidate Honored

At the September Post meeting our Girls State candidate Greena Jung of Stuyvesant High School and her mom were honored.

The 2016 American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State program was held June 26, 2016- July 2, 2016 at The College of Brockport in Brockport, NY.



A Serious Loss - Edward V. Matusiak

Edward V. Matusiak, 69 a New York City fireman and Navy veteran of Travis died on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, peacefully in his home.

He was born in Elm Park and lived most of his life in Travis. He was a fireman from 1972 to 2000 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1970. As a member of the American Legion, Gold Star Post in Travis he marched as the 98th Grand Marshall of the last Travis 4th of July Parade. Also, Ed was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church where he served as an usher for many years.



Other memberships included: the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Club. He was an avid sports fan, cheering for the New York Yankees, Giants, and Rangers.

He is survived by his wife, Julianna (nee Bonczek); loving children, Edward J. Matusiak, Michele Romano, Laura Howley, and Susan Houle; his sister, Lorraine Silvestri, and 11 loving grandchildren.



Post Commander Joe Occhipinti presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Greena Jung.

Post Hosts Political Forum



On October 14 the Post hosted its annual Political Form at Moravian Church. This event was organized by Lester Modelowitz

Veterans Day Activities

Bermuda Inn

November 17, 2016

Join Us for an Informative Breakfast at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn to discuss and learn about the benefits you and your family are entitled to. Carmine has a table reserved for our Post.

This event will take place on Thursday November 17th, 2016 beginning at 10a.m. at The Historic Old Bermuda Inn, 301 Veterans Rd West, Staten Island NY 10309. Call: 718-948 - 7600

SI Mall

The American Legion of Richmond County conducts a ceremony on Veteran's day at the Staten Island Mall at 10:30 A.M.

Ocean View Cemetery

A ceremony honoring veterans is held at Ocean View Cemetery at 11:00 A.M.

Restaurants

La Fontana Restaurant
Free Breakfast to all Veterans and Military Personnel Friday November 11, 2016 starting at 8:30 am
2879 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10306
Hosted by La Fontana Restaurant and Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 NY - with a special remembrance to Danny "The Bartender" DiTonno

Applebee's

On Veteran's Day, service members are eligible to receive a free dine-in meal from a limited menu at participating locations.

Buffalo Wild Wings Free Wings

On Veterans Day, Veterans and active-duty military personnel visiting their local Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant will receive one (1) small order of traditional or boneless wings and a side of fries for free.

Charlie Brown's Steakhouse Eat Free

Veterans and active-duty military eat free from a special menu on Veterans Day. Valid ID required or in uniform or photo in uniform. Each free entree includes a non-alcoholic beverage and the Unlimited Farmer's Market Salad Bar. And, each veteran receives a \$10 coupon for a future visit.

Chili's Free Meal

Veterans and active-duty military receive a free meal on Veterans Day from a special Veterans Day menu. Must show proof of military service.

IHOP

On Veteran's Day, participating IHOP Restaurants around the nation will be honoring the brave men and women who have served, or are serving, in the United States Military by offering them free Red, White and Blue pancakes. At some locations, the Red, White and Blue pancakes will be featured as part of a free combo plate including eggs, bacon and hashed browns.

Panera Bread

1 free You Pick 2 for Veterans and Active Duty members on Veterans Day at participating locations. Bring proof of service.

Red Robin - Free Burger and Fries

All Veterans and Active Duty Military get a free Tavern Double Burger and Bottomless Steak Fries on Veterans Day

Starbucks - Free Coffee

This Veterans Day veterans, active duty military and their spouses get a free tall 12oz brewed coffee at participating stores

TGI Fridays - Free Lunch

Veterans and active duty military service members are invited to have lunch from T.G.I Friday's lunch menu. Offer good only at all participating locations. All veterans and active military personnel must show valid military I.D.

Funerals

The Post has been called upon more often to honor our Post members who have passed away. We believe these veteran's who are our comrades deserve respect and patriotism for what they have done and what they have stood for. Please join us when you can to perform this ceremony for our Post members when they leave us.... We maintain a Wake List to communicate with each other. Feel free to add your name and number to this list to help out.

Post American Legion Expense Process

Operating procedures for members attending American Legion Meetings & Functions.

1. American Legion Breakfasts and Dinners - The member must also be in good standing and must attend at least four meetings in a calendar year. The member must pay the **full price** of the ticket and at the meeting before the event. He or she will be reimbursed for half **the ticket price** at the meeting following the event.
2. Conventions - Members who would like to attend American Legion Conventions and Conferences will be reimbursed for half of the cost of the hotel in a shared room and will be able to receive \$50 towards gas and tolls. They must attend at least six meetings in a calendar year. These funds will also be given to the members at the meeting following the event.
3. Any motions for donations that are brought up on the floor during a meeting that amount to more than \$100 will only be voted on by the board of directors unless a fund raiser is held to pay for a specific event.
4. The Post Commander will receive a \$30.00 allowance each month for expenses.
5. Members of the Post can make a motion during new business for the Post to make a minimal donation to needed organizations with a maximum of \$100 except for Religious and Political Groups.
6. The Post will send flowers in the event of the passing away of a member, their spouse or their children.

Membership Notes (Allen Palazzo)

Our current membership number is 87 paid members out of 162 (54%). You can help for 2017 by telling your friends and fellow veterans about our new location and encourage them to come to meetings. This year the membership dues are \$45.00. If anyone has any questions regarding your status or membership see me at the meetings in our new meeting hall or call 718-987-7982. If you have not gotten your 2017 membership card and get a renewal notice from the department that you are delinquent please note that the cut off for the last mailing was October 1. If your payment was not received in time for us to get it to department you may get a renewal. If that happens please call Allen Palazzo and so he can validate the membership. Call 917-667-0457

Try and bring a friend to our next meeting.....

| |
|---|
| <p>Corporation Board</p> <p>President:..... Joe Occhipinti</p> <p>1st Vice President:.....Ferdinand Salvatore</p> <p>2nd Vice President:.....Lester Modelowitz</p> <p>Corporation Treasurer:.. Leo Milham</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <p>Carmine Vacirca</p> <p>William Baumwoll</p> <p>Charles Goffredo</p> <p>Joseph Toronto</p> <p>Allen Palazzo</p> <p>John Vivolo</p> <p>Elias Arout</p> |
|---|

Post Happenings

Golf Shirts

If you are interested in obtaining White Golf Shirts with the Kells Grennie American Legion Screen Printed Logo, Carmine Vacirca has them available at a cost of \$11.00 per short sleeve shirt and \$16 per long sleeve shirt, a dollar more for XXL sizes. call 718-702-7578

The Post will pay for one of the shirts.

Christmas Party

What shall we do for a Christmas party this year? Bring in food etc. have a dinner at a restaurant? During the week or on a weekend?

Bring your thoughts to our next meeting Monday November 21

Copies of Our Newsletter

We will make available 20 paper copies of our latest Newsletter at our Post meeting.

Donations

The Post donated \$100 to the Richmond County's 4th Annual holiday cheer to veterans in Staten Island Nursing Homes. A fund raiser, a \$20 spaghetti dinner at Merrell Post is being held 2-6 P.M. Sunday October 30th.

If you wish to help distribute these gifts on December 14 Wednesday, send an e-mail to DaSist10@aol.com.

The Post donated \$250 to Go Fund Me on behalf of member Dennis Rosenwald's Nephew to combat his struggle with Huntington's Disease.

A Message to Our Ladies

Glad to say Jeannie Goffredo back home after having stroke and doing well. Carol Modelowitz has been struggling with pain and taking tests to find out what is wrong. We hope you find a good solution.

AC Bus Trip

Carmine Vacirca is coordinating a fun filled bus trip to Balley's in Atlantic City. It's being run by the Staten Island Yacht Club.

The Trip is \$50. per person on Wednesday November 9th. It includes: a rebate of \$30 gambling dollars, a continental breakfast, sandwiches, wine, beer, soda and water on the bus and dinner at the yacht club upon return.

THE BUS LEAVES 10 AM * SHARP
* FROM: THE STATEN ISLAND
YACHT CLUB 147 MANSION AVE

YACHT CLUB TEL: 718-356-4120

Worn American Flags

Drop them off at the post so they can be properly disposed of.



Honor Guard

Contact Emery Chagnon at 718-987-2609 if you wish to join the Honor Guard and become an elite member of Post 316. There are several vacancies at this time with many benefits to the members. If a Legion member passes on, please notify the Post and/or the Commander and provide the information for the wake so we can properly honor that member.

Legacy

Post Members and their immediate family can name Post 316 as beneficiary on a will. With a gift through your will or living trust you retain full use of your gift property during your life