

Kells-Grennie Post #316



The Patriot

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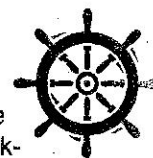
OFFICERS

Commander.....	Gene Ramirez
Vice-Commanders.....	Tom Simonetti
.....	Nick Moscarillo
.....	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
Graves Registration.....	Tom Simonetti
Hall Rentals.....	Gene Ramirez
Historian.....	Lester Modelowitz
Honor Guard Captain.....	Emery Chagnon
Hospital Visitations.....	Vincent Zangari
Houseman.....	Gene Ramirez
Membership.....	Dennis J. Conroy
Post Editor.....	Dennis J. Conroy
Post Parties.....	Rocco Valenti
POW/MIA.....	Lester Modelowitz
Publicity.....	Lester Modelowitz
Service & Welfare.....	Leo Milham

The Commander's Message



As you know, May is one of the busiest months for the Post. In May, we will conduct our Memorial Day Weekend events (see details in this newsletter) and elect our new Post Officers for the term 2001-2002. In June, we will hold elections for our Board of Directors. I urge all members to attend both elections and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Fleet Week will also be held this month from May 23rd to May 30th. All of Fleet Week's activities can be found in this issue of the newsletter. **Remember** - in order to attend the *Sunset Parade* or the *Marine Corps Raid and Air Show*, you must have tickets. To order tickets, call the telephone numbers listed in the Fleet Week flyer in this newsletter.

This issue of the newsletter marks my final message as your Post Commander. My term will expire on the night of May 27th, when a new Commander will be elected by the membership. I wish to thank each and every member who supported me throughout the year. I especially want to thank my officers and committee chairmen who helped coordinate and successfully carry out the programs, activities and parties that marked my year in office.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commander.

TAPS

John Skinner

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May He Rest in Peace

Yours for the Legion,

Gene Ramirez

Post Commander

Membership Report

Our membership goal for year 2001 is 340 members. As of the end of April we have 295 renewals, or 86.8% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2001 renewal notice, please do so now.



Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

March 9 On Sunday, April 1st, the annual Children and Youth Breakfast will be held at the Staaten Restaurant at 8:30am. The cost is \$9.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. See Ferdie Salvatore is interested in attending.

The United Staten Island Veterans Association (USIVA) will sponsor a "Fly the Flag" campaign throughout Staten Island. The Post has donated \$25.00 to help get this campaign off the ground.

On Thursday, February 22nd, a ceremony took place at McKee High School to award High School diplomas to all the World War II veterans who quit school to join the service. We are proud to note that our Honor Guard was chosen to participate in this ceremony. Well done to Honor Guard Captain Emery Chagnon and his men.

In addition, our Honor Guard will also march at this year's Fourth of July Parade in Travis.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Ferdinand Salvatore. Congratulations, Ferdie.

March 23 As part of the USIVA "Fly the Flag" campaign, the Post will be selling flag kits outside of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd & 3rd. Volunteers are welcome.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$35.00 for a Journal Ad for the 4th of July Committee Journal.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$25.00 to the New York State Legion Press Association (NYSLPA) Scholarship Fund.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Andrew Smith. Congratulations, Andy.

April 13 Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore reported that this year's Children and Youth Breakfast was a great success. Over 100 legionnaires and their guests paid tribute to the winners.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Halloran Chapter will hold a POW/MIA Recognition Day at the West Shore Little League, at Walker Street and Morningstar Road, on Saturday, September, 15. The time is to be determined.

Fleet Week will be held this year from May 23rd to May 30th. See newsletter for complete details.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$70.00 to this year's Staten Island Special Olympics. This donation will help sponsor two children for this year's activities.

On Friday, June 15th at 6:00pm, the American Legion of Richmond County will hold its annual Island-wide convention to elect a new County Commander and Officers. This year's Convention will take place at the H&S Cichon Post at 100 Innis St.

Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore reported that this year's American Legion, Department of New York, Mid-Summer Conference will be held in Rochester, NY.

April 27 Hospital and Visitation Chairman Vicent Zangari reported the members Phil Frazzetto and Mike Shane are in the hospital.

The election of new Post Officers for the year 2001-2002 will take place at the Post meeting of May 25th. This year's Nominating Committee consists of: Chairman Dennis J. Conroy, Bob Helburn, Leo Milham, Jerry Quinn and Donald O'Hanlon. The Nominating Committee has selected the following members for the upcoming election: For Commander - John Crowley; Vice-Commanders - Tom Simonetti, Nick Moscardiello, Joseph Dietrich and Sal Bastiani; Treasurer - Emery Chagnon. Any member in good standing who wishes to run for any office can announce his candidacy on or before the election.

At this same meeting, a Nominating Committee will be chosen to select members to run for the Board of Directors, 2001-2002. This election will be held at the meeting of June 22nd.



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

Memorial Day Weekend Post Events

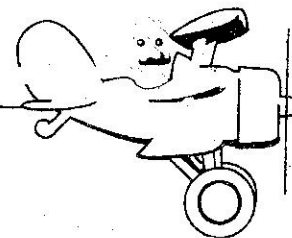
Wednesday, May 23rd - Placing of the American Flag on the graves of our departed comrades at Moravian Cemetery, 10:00am.

Sunday, May 27th - Placing of Wreaths and Memorial service at six New Dorp Veterans Monuments, 9:00am.

Monday, May 28th - Memorial Day Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 8:30am.
- Memorial Day Parade on Forest Ave. at 11:30am.



Calendar of Events



May

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| 8th, Tuesday | - V-E Day: German Unconditional Surrender Signed (1945) |
| 11th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| 13th, Sunday | - Mother's Day * |
| 18th, Friday | - County Meeting, 7:30pm at Gold Star Post. |
| 19th, Saturday | - Armed Forces Day * |
| 25th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| 28th, Monday | - Memorial Day (Observed) * (half-staff until noon) |
| 30th, Wednesday | - Memorial Day |

June

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| 6th, Wednesday | - D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe (1944) |
| 8th, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| 14th, Thursday | - Flag Day * , U. S. Army founded (1775). |
| 15th, Friday | - County Meeting, 7:30pm at H&S Cichon Post. County Election of Officers. |
| 17th, Sunday | - Father's Day |
| 22nd, Friday | - Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. |
| 25th, Monday | - The Korean War began (1950) |



* Fly the Flag

Staten Island Fleet Week Inc.

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Dear Friends of Staten Island Fleet Week, Inc.:

With Fleet Week 2001, just around the corner we are again reaching out to our friends to inform them of the happenings during that week. Fleet Week 01 will be held from May 23rd-May 30, 2001. There will be many exciting events and we would like you to be a participant. This year, "SPECIAL EVENTS" will be by ticket only, and there will be NO tickets given out as groups. ANY individual who would like to be part of this event can now obtain tickets by calling the numbers listed below, and we will inform you of date and time to pick up these tickets.

We hope you will pass this valuable information on to your friends, as well as the members in your organization. *Tickets can be picked up April 29 or May 12- 11:30 PM.*

Wednesday----May 23, 2001---9am--Parade of ships-- Homeport pier--ticketed event
call 273-9528

Thursday-----May 24, 2001--1-4pm ALL ships will be open to the public.

Friday-----May 25, 2001-- 11am--5pm.--Round Robin Softball game-- Come and cheer your team on. ALL ships from Staten Island as well as the Coast Guard will be playing softball at the fields at Fort Wadsworth.

Saturday-----May 26, 2001----6pm--SUNSET PARADE-- to be held aboard the ship.
TICKETED EVENT ONLY-- Call Cathy O'Donnell--718-351-8523

Sunday-----May 27, 2001----Memorial Day services to be held at USS The Sullivans pier, NOON--- ALL invited

Monday-----May 28th, 2001--Marine Corp Raid & Air Show-- 4pm-- Ticketed Event
Call-- Vito Giobbie--718-698-3443

ALL ships will be open for tours from 1-4pm daily. If you feel you would like to set up a group tour, please call the above number and leave your name--group name and phone number.

Any person / persons or organizations that would like to participate in our Adopt-A-Sailor program please call Julie Owen at--718-948-5560

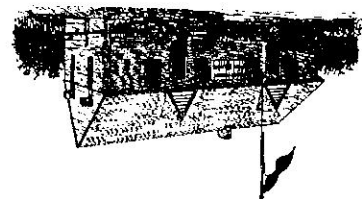
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Sincerely



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Executive Director

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