

Staten Island Legionnaire

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RICHMOND COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes from Sept. 16, 2016

H & S Cichon Post

The monthly meeting of the Richmond County American Legion was opened by Commander William Magnuski at 19:00 with the customary American Legion ceremonies. The roll calls were taken and those present noted. A motion by Paul Dietrich and PCC Fred Black to accept the August minutes as read was passed. County Vice Commander James Wasmuth introduced Ms. Andrea Maffeo the Outstanding Educator for 2016. Jim also reported a change in the date of the Children and Youth Breakfast ; it is now scheduled for March 26th 2017 9:00 A.M. and due to a price increase the cost will now be \$32 per ticket. Membership; Paul Dietrich reported Richmond County is in 8th place in the Department and there are 8 Posts at goal and 4 below their goal. Oratorical Contest; CVC Dan Venezia reported the contest information packets will be delivered to the schools next week. Commander Magnuski reminds everyone that the Political forum will be held at next month's county meeting (10/14) and guests are welcome to attend. Treasurer Anthony DeNatale reported on the fiscal year 2016-17 budget. **Continued:**

Minutes continued: PCC Mary McLoone reported that the county directory is available on a limited basis. POW/MIA PCC Mary McLoone reported there will be a POW/MIA service at the Manor Road Armory on Sunday Sept 18 at 11 A.M. and that September is Suicide Prevention Month and that veteran suicides are down approximately 10%. If you know someone in need the Crisis Hotline is 1-800-273-8255 then press 1. Time & Place; PCC Dennis McLoone reported the Political Forum will be on Friday October 14th (the scheduled county meeting) at the Moravian Center. Treasurer Anthony DeNatale gave the county installation report, there were 93 guests in attendance. Anthony also reported on the "Salute to Veterans III which will be held at the Old Bermuda Inn, contact Anthony for additional information and for table reservations. Eileen Carucci addressed the committee regarding donations for the purchase of gift sets to the veterans in the Staten Island nursing homes. The gifts will be distributed on December 14th and help is needed. PCC William O'Brien reported on the movement to reissue the Gold Star Mothers stamp. 2nd District VC Joseph Cammarata reminded the committee that the "Oldies" fund raiser is October 8th and the \$10 proceeds that he receives for each ticket he sells will go towards the NEF.

Respectfully Submitted
Frank LaMarsh
County Adjutant

Sen. Blumenthal calls for stamp to honor Gold Star families

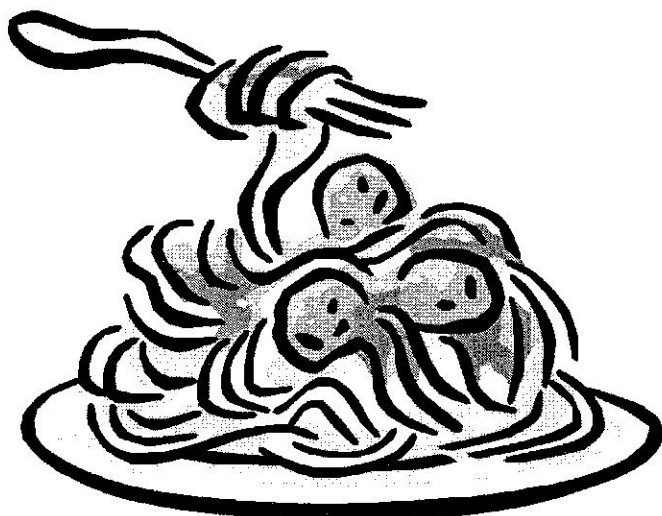
HARTFORD – U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal is pushing the U.S. Postal Service to re-issue a stamp recognizing Gold Star families.

The Connecticut Democrat says he will introduce legislation in September to issue the stamp again if the Postmaster General doesn't re-issue it. Blumenthal says he got the idea from a Greenwich resident who wrote to him about it.

The first stamp honoring Gold Star mothers was issued in 1948. Another Gold Star stamp was issued in 1993 as part of a series of stamps marking the 50th anniversary of World War II.



The Richmond County American Legion Family Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday October 30th 2016

2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Joseph Merrell Jr. Post

477 Cary Ave.

\$20 per person

Contact SAL County Commander Steve Gross (917) 855-0069

Holiday Gift Drive

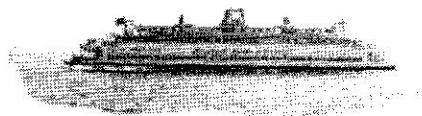
It's that time of year again folks.....The American Legion of Richmond County is mounting our fourth annual holiday drive to bring holiday cheer to our Veterans living in Staten Island nursing homes. For every \$10 donated, we will hand deliver a 3 piece boxed set of toiletries. These men and women have done so much for us! Anyone willing to help with a donation please send a check to 6318 Falston Circle, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. We will be delivering on December 14. If you would like to visit the homes with us, please contact me (DaSist10@AOL.com), if you would like extra gifts for Veterans that are homebound, please let me know.

Thank you!

Eileen Carucci

Richmond County Legionnaire

October, 2016



Commander's Message

I have attended many functions in my many years with the American Legion and all are first class events. Installations are held with the proper significance they deserve. Observance to the ceremonies is given great attention to details and everyone makes sure that their part is done with dignity and honor. I love to stand and sing our Nation's Anthem, led by PDeptVC Harry Krone. All Posts should have their new Officers in place and their regular meetings conducted in an orderly manner. The Richmond County meetings are a place for the sharing of information and conducting official American Legion business. When your Post representatives attend the meetings they should be sharing the happenings of each Post, with the County, and then bring back to the membership a report on what goes on at our meeting. A 'CHAIN OF COMMAND' exists beginning with Post members and Officers. Please use this for all communications, and remember, know the members who are representing you on the Richmond County level. Ask them first about what is taking place.

Our meeting was very informative and we welcomed Mrs Eileen Carucci and her Christmas visits to Veterans in rehab centers on Staten Island. Please help this cause and help those who are in the assisted living centers. If you can donate some time or a cash donation see your Post Commander and ask for Eileen's number. She and PDeptVC Dan Carucci are tireless in this endeavor and could use the assistance. The American Legion Family is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday October 30, from 2pm until 6pm, at Joseph Merrell Post, 477 Cary Ave. The price is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child under 10. Dinner includes beer, wine and soda. This is one of our only fundraisers and it helps to fund our Children and Youth programs. Please check with you Post Commander for reservations or call SAL Commander Steve Gross at 917 855-0069.

In closing, Election Day is approaching. It is our duty to listen very carefully to the candidates in the debates. Make your choice wisely.

With your help,
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
William J. Magnuski
RICHMOND COUNTY COMMANDER