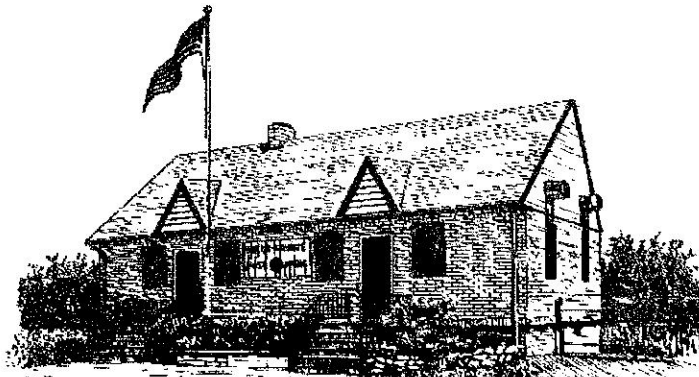


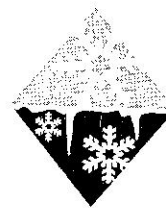
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Membership Report

Our membership goal for 1999 is 372 members. As of the end of December we have 312 renewals, or 83.9% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 1999 renewal notice, please do so now.

The Post welcomes new transfers Vincent M. Serra from Post #145, in Astoria, Queens and Frederick Romano from Post #1367 in Staten Island. *Welcome Aboard!*

The Commander's Message



Happy New Year! to all my fellow legionnaires and their families. I hope that your holiday season was enjoyable and that the new year brings all of you health and happiness.

For those of you who did not attend either the Post or Corporation Holiday parties, you missed two very nice affairs. But don't fret, we'll hold these parties again next year.

The Children's Holiday Party was, once again, a great success. This year we extended an invitation to the *Sons of the American Legion*, which increased the attendance to over 60 children and adults.

With the holidays behind us, we can now concentrate on future happenings at the Post. On Sunday, January 31st, we'll hold our third annual **"Super Bowl"** party. In February, we will play host to the *Richmond County American Legion's* monthly meeting, as well as, our annual **"Honors and Awards"** night.

In closing, I want to thank all the committee members and volunteers who helped make our holiday parties a huge success.

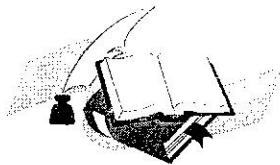
Yours for the Legion,
Thomas Simonetti
Post Commander

Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

December 11 At the last meeting in November, the Post donated a check for \$600.00 to the "Kids for Life" foundation. Tonight, Post Adjutant Eli Aroust read a letter from that foundation, *whose local headquarters are located in Brooklyn*, thanking the Post for its generosity. Due to a scheduling conflict, a representative from this foundation could not appear at this meeting. However, they will appear at our January, 8th meeting to thank the members personally.

After this letter was read, Richard Reichart made a motion that, in the future, all proceeds from the 50/50 drawings be donated *only* to children's charities that are located on Staten Island and the money used on Staten Island. Richie believes that by doing this, the Post would get greater recognition from the local community with regards to our charitable work. The motion was seconded and a discussion followed. One member stated that donations shouldn't be given with "strings attached". He said, "Wherever the need is greatest, is where the money should be given and spent". The motion was passed, but not unanimously.

Edward Ranieri, Adjutant of the *Sons of the American Legion*, addressed the Post membership to thank them for all the support that we have given to their newly active Squadron. Squadron #316 was activated in February, 1998 and the *Sons of the American Legion* now have over fifty members. The *SAL*, in return, has shown their appreciation by marching with the Post Honor Guard in local parades and helping the



Legion in any possible way. Their dedication and enthusiasm is a credit to their organization and a much needed boost to Post activities. We wish them every success in the future.

Our next speaker was Michael Magliocco, Treasurer of the *Vietnam Veterans of America*, Chapter #421 (The *VVA* meets at our Post on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm.) Mike also thanked the Post membership for the hospitality and support that we give to their organization. We thank Mike and the *VVA* for their kind words.

Veterans helping Veterans, Isn't that what it's all about?

When the meeting ended, the festivities began. Over forty (40) Post members and members of the *Sons of the American Legion* stayed for our annual Post Holiday Party. Cold cuts, salads and beverages were served. Afterwards, the party moved downstairs to the lounge for a little late night refreshment. *A good time had by all.*

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Frank J. Gulinello. Congratulations, Frank.

December 25 Christmas Day. Membership meeting canceled.

Santa + Children = A Great Time

Over 30 children and their parents attended our annual *Children's Holiday Party* on Sunday, December 20th. Santa Claus (a.k.a. Gene Ramirez) arrived as scheduled, aboard the 40&8 Locomotive and Caboose. Santa then took the children (and some adults) for a train ride around the neighborhood. Later, holiday music filled the hall as the children received gifts from Santa Claus. Cameras were flashing and video cameras were rolling as parents took pictures/movies of their children and/or grandchildren seated on Santa's lap. After eating their hot dogs and other treats, the children participated in games and took part in a toy raffle. One of Santa's helpers, Frank Gissi, did a great job in running the raffle.

The party was a big success, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers from both the Legion and the Sons of the American Legion.

Announcement

**** **Attention Veterans** ****

My name is John Paul Nowak, Commander, Halloran Memorial Chapter #34, *Disabled American Veterans*.

I am willing to assist any Brother or Sister veteran who wishes to file a **Service-Connected** disability claim for injuries sustained during or after active duty service.

You can contact me by telephone, my number is (718) 761-6009.

I wish all my fellow veterans a Happy and Healthy New Year. God bless you all!

Corporation Holiday Party

On Saturday night, December 12th, the Kells-Grennie Building Memorial Fund, Board of Directors, held their annual *Corporation Holiday Party* at the Post. The Hall was decked out in holiday decorations, including a Christmas tree (with Bob Knapp's animated Santa Claus as our tree-topper). Over 60 people attended this gala affair and danced the night away with music provided by Frank, the "DJ". The guests feasted on food such as, stuffed shells, chicken marsala, egg-plant parmigiana, sausage & peppers, etc., etc., etc.. Afterwards coffee and Italian pastries and cookies were served.

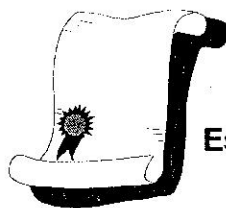
After dinner was served, Edward Ranieri, Adjutant of the *Sons of the American Legion*, had a special surprise. Ed presented Richard Reichart, President of the Board of Directors, with a plaque recognizing Richard's support and help in activating the Squadron. Richard also received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Ed that was given to him from *SAL* member, the Honorable Assemblyman Eric N. Vitaliano.

When the presentation was completed, Richard thanked Ed and the rest of the *Sons of the American Legion* who were in attendance. Richard commented on how grateful the Post is to have this "new blood" as part of our organization. He thanked them for their participation in Legion parades and their support in general. Afterwards, pictures were taken for posterity.

After the ceremony, the dancers, once again, invaded the dance floor and the party continued.

Special thanks goes out to the members of the committee who organized this party: Eli Arout, Frank Triolo and Sal Fulicinelli.

If you missed this party, don't feel disappointed. We'll do it again next year.



Essay Contest Preparations in High Gear

Our second annual Essay Contest for Sixth grade students will be held on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00pm at the Post. Our Essay committee (Elias Arout, Tom Simonetti, Richard Reichart and Bob Knapp) announced that the following schools have accepted our invitation to participate: Egbert Intermediate School, IS 2, St. Christopher's, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Charles. Since only four schools have accepted, they'll probably ask each school for two participants, for a total of 8 candidates.

They also announced that the following business' have donated funds toward the contest: Mike's Place, Moravian Florist, Personal Touch Entertainment, Hall Memorials, Major's Travel, Toto's Restaurant and Pergament Home Centers. With two months to go, they are confident that more neighborhood business' will participate in this worthy project.



Come On (TOUCH)Down!!!

To our 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party

Sunday, January 31st at 4.00pm

Time: 4:00pm till MIDNIGHT

Place: Kells-Grennie Post #316

Cost: \$15.00 per person

(includes one box in our Super Bowl Pool)

Open Bar

Macaroni and Potato Salad

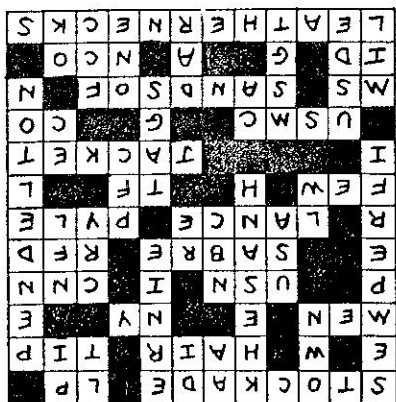
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(There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing)

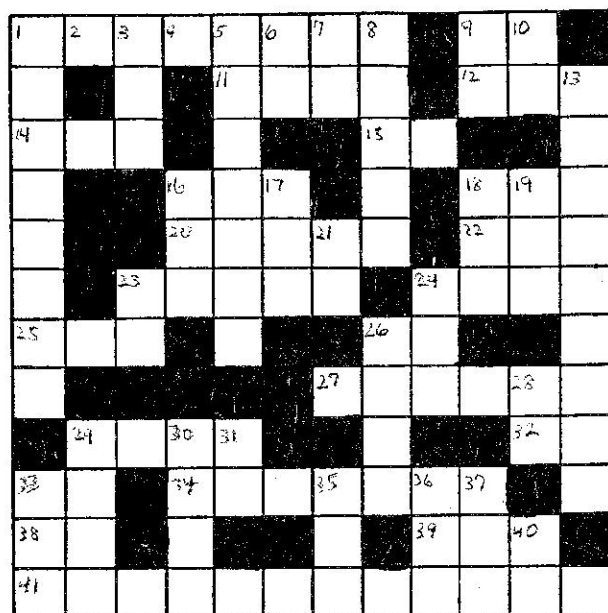


Space is limited to the first forty (40) paid customers. So Hurry, Don't miss out. If interested, contact either: Bob Knapp or Frank Gissi, at the Post.

CrossWord Puzzle

"Gomer's Guys"

(Solution to CrossWord Puzzle on Page 3)



Across

- 1) Marine Weekend Motel?
- 9) Before CD
- 11) 60's Musical
- 12) "Take a _____ From Me"
- 14) Cruise's "A Few Good _____"
- 15) Empire State
- 16) The Marines Boss
- 18) 24 hour news
- 20) _____ Jets
- 22) Postal Address
- 23) _____ Corporal
- 24) Gomer _____
- 25) "The _____, The Proud,...."
- 26) "GI" Pre-weekend Slogan
- 27) "Full Metal _____"
- 29) Theme of this Puzzle
- 32) The Marine in charge
- 33) Feminist title
- 34) Wayne's "_____ Iwo Jima"
- 38) _____ Card
- 39) Term for Sgt's
- 41) Wayne's "The Flying _____"

Down

- 1) USMC Motto
- 3) Possess
- 5) 1968 Siege
- 6) 82nd Airborne's insignia
- 7) Boot Camp Boss
- 8) Gomer's Brother?
- 9) Officer Rank
- 10) Marine "Club Med" (inil)
- 13) Camp _____
- 16) We live here
- 17) "Victory at Sea" Network
- 18) Marine Movie "Battle _____"
- 19) Ravens, Eagles, Seahawks, etc.
- 21) Actor who starred in "Peyton Place"
- 23) Colorado Baseball player (inil)
- 24) Enlisted man's rank
- 26) Dog _____
- 28) Opposite of CE
- 29) Government Agency Gunnery _____
- 30) Gunnery _____
- 31) West Coast state (inil)
- 33) Part of USMA
- 35) Patriotic Organization
- 36) M- _____
- 37) Government Agency
- 40) It's Alright with Me.

Calendar of Events



January

1st, Friday
8th, Friday
15th, Friday
18th, Monday
22nd, Friday
27th, Wednesday
31st, Sunday

- New Year's Day. * *Happy New Year!*
- Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- County Meeting, 7:30pm, at H&S Cichon Post #1578, 100 Innis Street
- Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00pm at the Post.
- Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- *Sons of the American Legion*, Membership meeting, 8:00pm at the Post
- Super Bowl Sunday. *Super Bowl Party*, 4:00pm at the Post.

February

12th, Friday
15th, Monday
19th, Friday
26th, Friday

- Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. Lincoln's Birthday.*
- President's Day. Washington's Birthday.*
- County Meeting, 7:30pm, to be held at the Kells-Grennie Post.
- *Honors and Awards Night* and Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.



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