



The Patriot

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Commander's Message - Christmas 2015

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Greetings to all post members and your families.

This is a time of change for our Post. We exhausted our capacity to maintain our Post building forcing us to sell and hold our meetings in a new venue. This event ends many years of tradition and opens a new chapter for the members of our Post. There will be new opportunities to help veterans and our community. We will strive to become more active in Legion events and participate in their programs.

The Kells Grennie American Legion Post 316 encourages all our members to continue to make your families a part of our team and a part of the American Legion Family. In this season of thankfulness and giving we pray that all is

well with you and your families.

We are facing increased dangers from groups that terrorize innocent people. Therefore, let us band together as Americans and cover each other's back. Our right to live as free individuals is not negotiable. "If you see something, say something."

Dress warmly, walk carefully and stay well throughout the season. Let us stick together, come to meetings, participate in events and share our mutual respect for one another. PEACE.....

I will close in wishing you all a **Merry Christmas**, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year. **AS ALWAYS KEEP OUR TROOPS AT HOME AND ABROAD IN OUR PRAYERS. PRAY THAT OUR Nation remains sound**

For God and Country, Joseph Occhipinti, Post Commander



The Cradle of Aviation Museum

On , July 21 2015 Leo Milham, John Vivolo, Charlie Goffredo and Carmine Vacirca visited this museum.

The Cradle of Aviation Museum is an aviation and spaceflight museum located in East Garden City, Long Island to commemorate Long Island's part in the history of aviation. It is located on land once part of Mitchell Air Force Base which, together with nearby Roosevelt Field and other airfields on the Hempstead Plains, was the site of many historic flights. In fact, so many seminal flights occurred in the area, that by the mid-1920s the cluster of airfields was already dubbed the "Cradle of Aviation", the origin of the museum's name. The museum opened in 1980 and became a state-of-the-art facility in 2002.

Mission

The Museum's mission is to educate and inspire future generations. Its vision is to become the leading center of aerospace and technology education.



Post Meetings

Held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at (a meeting place to be determined). 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**

County Installation Dinner at the Staaten

The Richmond County American Legion held its Installation dinner on Sunday September 13 at the Staaten. Post Commander Joseph Occhipinti, Judge Advocate Robert Mahoney, Treasurer Carmine Vacirca Membership Chairman Allen Palazzo and Post member Ferdinand Salvatore attended this function. The installation dinner honored and presented the newly-elected department of New York Commander, James V. Yamas from Amsterdam, New York. His staff and their wives were shown a good time by our new Richmond County Commander William Magnuski and his officers.

Mrs. Janet Mahony is the new department of New York Auxiliary President, replacing Mrs. Dianne Gerber of Staten island. Mr. Joseph I. Santacorce is the new-elected S.A.L. detachment commander. Mr. Frank Peters and the outgoing department of New York officers as well as a host of dignitaries from Staten island and districts 2 and 10 were from Brooklyn and Queens.

The department of NY commander administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Richmond county officers which included our own commander, Joseph Occhipinti as vice commander (2nd term) .



PS 32 Patriotism Project

On November 16, 2015, Post members made a presentation to the P.S. 32 5th grade Assembly. The theme was Patriotism and what it means. P.S. 32 is in Great Kills and is where Carmine's wife Joanne worked. We were invited by a teacher, Ms. DePasquale. Representing Kells Grennie were our Post members Leo Milham, Carmine V, Lester Modelowicz, Bill Baumwoll and Allen Palazzo. Areas covered included the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance, the history and purpose of the American Legion, the meaning of Veteran, Boys and Girls State.



Membership

Check with Allen Palazzo **BEFORE SENDING** in another payment for 2015 if they think they have already paid. Members have been sending duplicate payments which Allen has had to send back.

As of the beginning of December all your membership payments have been processed and your membership should be up to date. You should also have your membership cards for 2016. If you have not gotten your membership card please call Allen Palazzo, Membership chairman. He can be

reached at 917-664-0457. Don't wait to renew your membership if you haven't already for 2016. post.

Nursing Home Visits

Our post will be visiting nursing homes on the island December 18 to give presents to our older and disabled vets.

We will assemble and meet at Gold Post - Travis on the December 18th at 10:00 AM. Allen Palazzo will be there from our post. Questions call 917-664-0457.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post Meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday to All.



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.

Farewell to the Post

(Lester Modelowitz)

Dear Fellow Legionnaires

I have been a member of the Kells-Grennie American Legion Post No. 314 for twenty four years.

I served as a vice commander in the mid 90's and then as the commander for a few years. A few years back I was designated as the Post Historian, but i never really did much about it. Last year our Post began to have problems with the upkeep of the building. At a meeting in 2014 we came to a decision to sell the building in order to keep the post going after 71 years. I created a website for the post and slowly started adding information. I began to take the job as historian more seriously I began searching through old records and with some help from Department of New York pieces started to fall into place. All the information that I found I started adding that to our website.

In the last three months we began taking down all the photos that were hanging on the walls. All of them were scanned and placed in different orders on the website. I also found minutes and newsletters from meetings during the 1990's. In the 1990's. In the late 1970's there was a fire in the attic and quite a bit of saved material was lost. Whatever I did find I also scanned and all of that is on the website too.

I also made a slideshow of the History of our Post and it is almost complete and is available on the website. It is available on the History page of our website. The first twenty years Post 316 met at the Village Hall in Stapleton and then moved to the Oakwood/ New Dorp area. Take the time and try and visualize how far this post has come



in 97 year. Our website is address is <http://www.alegion316.org/>.

New Meeting Place

The end of this year brings a sad end to the Amboy Road Post building which has been owned and operated by the Post since 1939The End of an Era

Kells

Grennie



We do not have a specific date as to the transfer of the building. We will still be meeting every month but the details have not been worked out.

Post Happenings

Shout Out to Charlie G

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 \$10.00 per shirt, a dollar more for XXL sizes. call 718-702-7578

Congrats Grandpa

On 12/3/2015. @ 8:46 pm Janine Raimondo (Carmine Vacirca's daughter) gave birth to a baby girl 6 lbs. 4oz. length 20 .2 inches. Her name Charlotte Marie Raimondo , father -.Jake Raimondo, NYC Bus driver & Son of the Legion.member of detachment 316.



Happy Birthday Ferdinand Salvatore



In September our Post member, Charlie Goffredo had a stroke in SI Hospitals parking lot while his wife was there for carpal tunnel surgery. He was hospitalized for over a week and has been home and going to rehab. He attended the November Post meeting as he

Kells-Grennie Christmas Party

On Saturday December 12, 2015 Kells-Grennie Post 316 held its annual Christmas Party. Food from La Bella was served with holiday beverages doughnuts, cake and cookies. Fun was had by all.



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

