



The Patriot

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G.H.I.	1-800-358-5500
H.I.P.	1-800-447-8255
NYC Health Line	1-800-521-9574
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222

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Commander's Message - Spring - Summer 2015

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Greetings fellow legionnaires and your families. With spring upon us and summer at our door I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable vacation season. As some may have heard at our meetings, we are in the process of selling our building where we conduct our meetings (2750 Amboy Road) This has not been an easy decision; however after several board of directors meetings, we have come to the conclusion that if we were to continue to utilize the building with the operating expenses, maintenance expenses, utilities, there would be a steady decline in assets. We are already experiencing this decline. We have been made an offer for the building at fair market value and are in the process of perfecting the offer. Please understand that this will not affect in any way our

American Legion Charter. The Post is looking in the vicinity of New Dorp and surrounding areas for a place to conduct our meetings on a rental or lease basis. There are several months remaining before the building is no longer available. We will reach out to the membership via letter or email when we have a new meeting place. Our membership is strong and we will endeavor to make it stronger. With your help the heart of Kells Grennie will not skip a beat. As a note, the monies from the sale of our building will be put in Post trust funds including accounts that can be utilized as Kells Grennie operating expenses. The trust fund money will enable the Post to support veterans, the community and American Legion causes. A more detailed report can be obtained by the membership after everything is in place. Please come to our next regular membership the third Monday in July where we will be making plans for upcoming events such as our summer BBQ. As always keep our troops at home and abroad in your thoughts and prayers each day.

For God and Country, Joseph Occhipinti, Post Commander



Post Meetings

Held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Kells-Grennie. 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**

The Patriot Newsletter

William Baumwoll editor

The Newsletter is our window to Post activities and items that Post members want to see that relate to veterans. I depend on YOU to contribute material to include in the Newsletter..

The Newsletter is available electronically by e-mail at:

Post316Newsletter@yahoo.com

on the Post's web site at:

<http://www.alegion316.org/>

Please send your e-mail address to **wbsisland@yahoo.com** to be added to the Post's e-mail list.

Members please send a photo of yourselves when you were in the service and a current photo to Lester Modelowitz. (LEM6768@si.rr.com) He wants to feature a spot on our website of members then and now.

POST BUILDING IN SALE

Joe Occhipinti Post Commander

Our efforts to acquire a long term tenant have failed. Consequently, our building is being sold. The costs of running and maintaining the Post exceed our income. It is with sadness that we give up our home. It has been a place steeped in tradition and a prominent part of the New Dorp community. Post member, Charles Goffredo has provided free real estate services to facilitate this process.

We are now looking for a new place to meet. If anyone has any ideas, please refer them to Joe Occhipinti (732-900-4227) or Leo Milham (718-948-8596).



Memorial Day Monuments

On May 24, 2015 the Kells Grennie Post 316 honor guard led by Post Commander Joseph Occhipinti ; Vice Commanders Emery Chagnon, Ferdinand Salvatore, and Carmine Vacirca visited the six veteran memorials in the New Dorp area. Each monument was honored by the placement of a wreath and the conducting of a gun salute.



Memorial Day Activities

Memorial Day mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Memorial Day was attended by our members, honoring our fallen brothers and sisters who passed away in 2014 who were members of our Post. Spider made breakfast after the mass for the members.



A thank you to John Vivolo , Gasper LaRosa. David Curran (Spider) and Son of the Legion member Joseph Goffredo for placing flags at Moravian Cemetery in honor of our fallen brothers and sisters this past Memorial Day.



Brooklyn VA Closes Inpatient Unit

The VA New York Harbor Healthcare System has decided to close one of the inpatient units at its Brooklyn campus effective July 1.

The closure of the 25-bed wing will leave the VA hospital with two inpatient units, totaling 46 beds; a 10-bed intensive care unit, and a mental health unit, said the director of VA New York Harbor Healthcare.

The administration decided to close the wing due to a budget shortfall. The closure is expected to save \$2 million, mostly in staff salaries. 4,160 Staten Island veterans use the VA for medical services.

Veterans who require inpatient care will be admitted to an appropriate bed. If a bed is not available in Brooklyn, the veteran will be admitted to a bed at the Manhattan VA campus via ambulance.



Hall Rentals

Rentals are \$450 for members and \$550 for non-members. The price includes: ice, soda, a bartender and cleanup. We also have **free WIFI** with rentals. The hall has a capacity of 100 people. For Hall rental information and available dates, please contact our Banquet Manager David Curran 718-351-9233. He will be happy to assist you with your event planning.

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.

Boys State Girls State

This year we again are sponsoring candidates for both Boys and Girls State. Parents and candidates were welcomed at our last meeting. The Post collected over \$1000 to make this happen.



Boys' State will be held from June 26 through July 2, 2015 at SUNY Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY. The boys leave early on Friday, June 26, and return on Thursday, July 2 following breakfast.

Morrisville State College is located in the picturesque Cherry Valley area of New York State on Route 20, thirty miles east of Syracuse

Edwin J. Ocaiso is our candidate for Boys State.



Empire Girls State will be held June 27-July 3, 2015 at The College of Brockport. Brockport is a small college town of 8,100 residents located on the historic Erie Canal past Rochester. Colleen A. Connors is our candidate for Girls State .



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 \$10.00 per shirt, a dollar more for XXL sizes.

Elections

Post Officers were reelected for 2015.

Post Member Update

Post member Charles Goffredo IV has completed his army enlistment, and will be officially discharged July He will be in standby reserve for a

period of time and then will be transferred to inactive reserves for the remainder of his eight year obligation. He will be attending CSI in the fall in addition to working .

Daniel Goffredo son of Charles Goffredo IV and grandson of our Vice commander, received a monetary award from the VFW post in his town of North Arlington, NJ which goes toward his college tuition.

It was presented at a recent ceremony honoring high school seniors who have shown a strong sense of

patriotism and volunteer work toward veterans, Daniel will be attending Devry University in the fall.

Birthday

Best wishes Dennis Rosenwald birthday June 26th.

Worn American Flags

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



Calendar of Events For 3Q 2015*

Date	Day	Event
July 4	Saturday	Travis Fourth of July Celebration. Access roads close at 11:15 A.M. Be sure to be in the Showplace parking lot by then.
July 14-18	Tuesday - Saturday	NY State American Legion Convention, Buffalo New York
July 20	Monday	Post Meeting at Kells Grennie at 7:30 P.M.
July 25	Friday	County meeting at 7:30 P.M.
August 14	Friday	County Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
August 17	Monday	Post Meeting at Kells Grennie at 7:30 P.M.
August 28-Sept 3	Friday - Thursday	97th Annual American Legion National Convention 2015, Baltimore, MD
September 14	Monday	Post Meeting at Kells Grennie at 7:30 P.M.
September 18	Friday	County Meeting at 7:30 P.M. location TBD

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

* Due to the timing of this Newsletter I have advanced the coverage period.