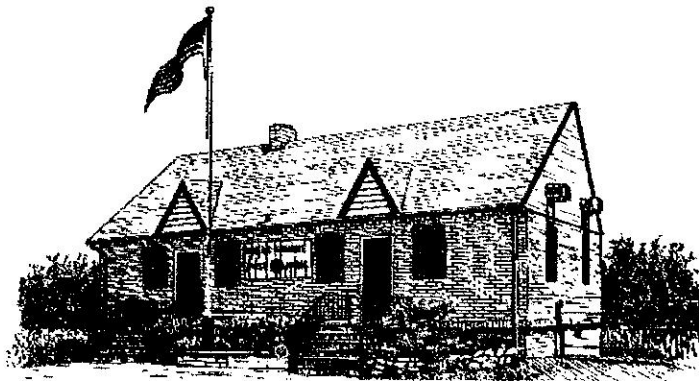




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Harry Rice, August 13th
 John P. Quinn, September 30th
 Joseph Pietrangelo, September 30th
(Past Post Commander 1974-75)
May They Rest in Peace

Jimmy Breslin.....I'm Not

When you received your October issue of the newsletter, you might have noticed that it looked different. Well it is. Last month I was unanimously selected (*no one else wanted the job*) to be the new Post Editor. Even though I was never an English major (or even an American major), I will try my best to publish a newsletter that is informative, accurate and timely. It is my intention (keep you fingers crossed) to publish at least 10 newsletters a year. I hope you enjoy them.

For God and Country
Dennis J. Conroy
 Post Editor

The Commander's Message



The month of November is truly a month of reflection to count our blessings. It is in this month, that we have the right to vote in a free society (Election Day), that we honor our past and present comrades (Veteran's Day), and a time for family gatherings (Thanksgiving Day). This month truly encompasses the three most important things in our lives: Country/Patriotism/Family. As this month progresses, it is my hope that you will exercise your Constitutional right to vote; that, as Legionnaires, you will join us at the Staten Island Mall on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th at 10:30am, to pay tribute to all our fellow veterans, and on Thanksgiving Day, gather with your family and friends and remember just how lucky we are to live in the United States of America.

On Friday Night, October 23rd, we held our *Installation of Officers* ceremony at the Post. On behalf of my staff and the Post members, I want to thank County Commander Frank Peters, for conducting this ceremony. I also want to thank all those who prepared the collation afterwards. I think you'll agree with me that this was one special evening, and the officers of this Post appreciate what you did for us.

Please notice in the Calendar of Events section, that we have selected the December dates for our children and adult Holiday parties. Be sure to circle these important dates on your calendar, as these parties are the highlight of the year. See next month's newsletter for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the members and their families.

Post Commander
Thomas Simonetti

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the mid-summer conference of the American Legion, Department of New York, a motion was passed to increase the Department's share of the yearly membership dues. Beginning January 1, 1999, the State's share will increase by \$4.00 a member. In an effort to save the Post money, we are asking all of our members to pay their 1999 membership dues **no later than December 31st**. After this date, the Post will have to pay the difference to the Department. In the Spring of 1999, the Post will hold a meeting to decide on an increase in membership dues for the year 2000. Look for the announcement in the newsletter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*



October 9th Program Director Elias Arout announced the date and times of several future Post functions. As Program Director, it is Eli's responsibility to coordinate the various Post committees to insure that every Post party/event runs smoothly. We wish Eli success in his new position. (Dates and times for all future Post functions can be found in the **Calendar of Events** section).

Nick Moscariello and Jim Palazzolo reported that Post member Jerry Maresca is in the hospital. We wish Jerry a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him again at Post meetings.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Elias Arout. Congratulations Eli.

October 23rd Boy's State Chairman Frank Triolo introduced this year's Boy's State candidate to the membership. Seventeen year-old James Penbridge, a Senior at Monsignor Farrell High School represented our Post at this year's Boy's State convention in Morrisville, NY. Post Commander Thomas Simonetti presented James with a plaque to show our appreciation. James told the membership that he was honored that we selected him to be our candidate. He told us that he enjoyed his experience at Boy's State and that he has a new understanding and respect for our county and especially our flag. He liked the military aspects of Boy's State and thought very highly of his Marine Corps Drill Instructor, Sgt. Jackson. James has applied to, and hopes to be accepted to, the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. We will him well.

The Post welcomed back Vincent Zangari who was in the hospital several weeks ago. Good to have you back Vin.

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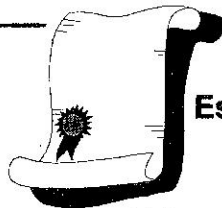
Membership Report

Our membership goal for 1999 is 372 members. As of the end of October we have 274 renewals, or 73.6% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 1999 renewal notice, please do so now.

Minutes of the *Board of Directors Meeting*

At the quarterly Board of Directors meeting held at the Post on Monday, October 5th, the following issues were discussed and/or voted on:

- 1) A *Corporation Holiday Party*, for corporation and Post Officers, will be held at the Post on Saturday night, December 12th. Officers of the Sons of the American Legion will be invited to attend. The vote: 9 yea, 1 nay.
- 2) The annual Children's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 20th at the Post. Children of the Sons of the American Legion will be invited to attend. The vote: 10 yea, 0 nay.
- 3) The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their Children's Holiday Party at the Post on Sunday, December 6th. A motion was made to charge this organization a "nominal" fee for the use of the hall. The vote: 5 yea, 5 nay. Due to the tie, the Board President cast the deciding vote. The VVA will get the hall at no charge.
- 4) A motion was made to obtain estimates for the possible purchase and installation of a wrought iron gate for the stairs leading down to the rest rooms, as a safety measure. The vote was 11 yea, 0 nay.
- 5) A motion was made to obtain estimates for repairing the sidewalk in front of the building. The vote was 11 yea, 0 nay.
- 6) A motion was made to obtain estimates to repair the chairs in the hall. the vote was 11 yea, 0 nay. Upon receipt of these estimates, the board will decide what action to take, at the next board meeting.



Essay Contest Preparations Get Under Way

At the meeting of Friday, October 9th, a new essay committee was formed to make the necessary preparations for our Second Annual Sixth Grade Essay Contest, to be held at the Post in March, 1999. The committee consists of Post members: Dennis J. Conroy, Elias Arout, Commander Thomas Simonetti, Robert Knapp and Richard Reichart.

Last year six students from three local schools participated in this event. This year we hope that all six area schools (St. Charles, St. Margaret Mary, IS2 Egbert, New Dorp Christian Academy, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Christopher's) will be willing to participate. The committee hopes to raise \$600.00 to cover the cost of the prizes and related expenses. They did it last year and with a little effort, they can do it again.



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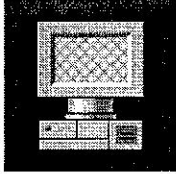
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News You Can Use

Here are a few more web sites that might be of interest to you:



American Legion, National Headquarters..... <http://www.legion.org/>
American Legion, Department of New York..... <http://www.ny.legion.org/>
Department of Veterans Affairs..... <http://www.va.gov/>

The Facts About Enrollment for VA Health Care

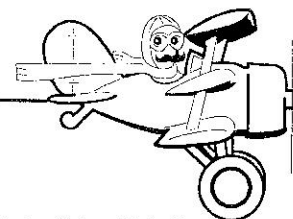
Veterans and their families have raised questions about new eligibility and enrollment for VA health care. Specifically, misinformation has led some veterans to wonder whether they will lose their eligibility for VA health-care services if they are not enrolled at VA by October 1, 1998. The answer is **NO**, they will not lose their eligibility, but in most cases, they ***do need to apply for enrollment*** by contacting their nearest VA medical center.

Key Points of Eligibility Reform

- A veteran may apply to enroll at any VA healthcare facility or veterans benefit office at any time, in any year. There is no time limit regarding application for enrollment.
- Veterans must be enrolled to receive care from a VA healthcare facility.
- Enrollment is on an annual basis, and enrollments are reviewed every year.
- Renewal is automatic, unless the veteran chooses not to enroll or if VA resources limit the number of veterans to whom VA can provide care.
- Enrollment levels are based on seven priority groups established by Congress.
- Comprehensive care includes all needed outpatient and inpatient services.
- Domiciliary care, nursing home, limited dental care and community nursing home care are not part of the uniform benefits package, though some enrolled veterans may be eligible for these programs under other VA authorities care.
- There is a new emphasis on preventive medicine and primary care.
- Medications are covered by the program, as long as they have been prescribed by a physician employed by or under contract to VA. Some veterans will be required to make a co-payment for medication.
- Veterans are encouraged to retain any existing healthcare coverage they may already have.
- Veterans may choose their preferred facility for receiving primary care.
- An enrolled veteran can receive a uniform level of care anywhere in the VA system--- over 1,100 facilities in all.

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Calendar of Events



- November**
- 3rd, Tuesday - Election Day. *Don't forget to Vote.*
 - 11th, Wednesday - Veterans Day. Ceremonies to be held at the Staten Island Mall at 10:30am.
 - 13th, Friday - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
 - 20th, Friday - County Meeting, 7:30pm at Cespino-Russo Post #1544
200 McLean Avenue.
 - 25th, Wednesday - *Sons of the American Legion*, Membership meeting, 8:00pm at the Post.
 - 26th, Thursday - **Happy Thanksgiving!**
 - 27th, Friday - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- December**
- 7th, Monday - Pearl Harbor Day.
 - 11th, Friday - Membership meeting (Post Holiday Party), 8:30pm at the Post.
 - 12th, Saturday - Corporation Holiday Party, 8:00pm at the Post.
 - 20th, Sunday - Children's Holiday Party, 1:00pm at the Post.
 - 25th, Friday - Christmas Day. *Merry Christmas!* Membership meeting canceled.
 - 30th, Wednesday - *Sons of the American Legion*, Membership meeting, 8:00pm at the Post.

Remember When?

A computer was something on TV
 from a science fiction show of note
 a window was something you hated to clean
 And ram was the cousin of a goat.....

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
 and gig was a job for the nights
 now they all mean different things
 and that really mega bytes

An application was for employment
 a program was a TV show
 a cursor used profanity
 a keyboard was a piano

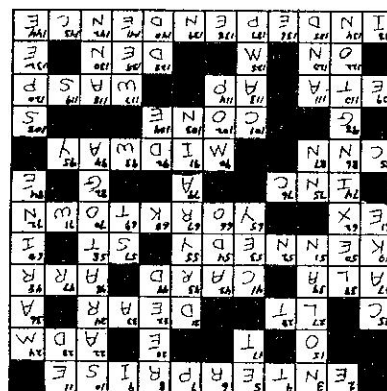
Memory was something that you lost with age
 a CD was a bank account
 and if you had a 3" floppy
 you hoped nobody found out

Compress was something you did to garbage
 not something you did to a file
 and if you unzipped anything in public
 you'd be in jail for awhile

Log on was adding wood to the fire
 hard drive was a long trip on the road
 a mouse pad was where a mouse lived
 and a backup happened to your commode

Cut you did with a pocket knife
 paste you did with glue
 a web was a spider's home
 and a virus was the flu

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
 and the memory in my head
 I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
 but when it happens they wish they were dead



CrossWord Puzzle

"CARRY ON SAILOR"



	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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Across

- 2) Carrier or Starship
- 22) Navy Officer
- 27) Former Giant Lineman (inits)
- 31) Word of affection
- 37) _____ carte
- 41) ID _____
- 46) Airport info
- 49) Ike's successor
- 57) "Nightmare on Elm _____"
- 61) Former spouse
- 65) Cornwallis' surrender
- 74) Corporation initials
- 85) Cable Station
- 90) Halfway there
- 101) Ice Cream _____
- 109) Airport info
- 113) News service bureau
- 117) Son of a Bee?
- 122) Switch position
- 128) Family room
- 133) Declaration of _____

Down

- 3) "Guadalcanal Diary" star Lloyd _____
- 5) Spielberg's alien
- 8) "From Here to Eternity" star Donna _____
- 10) The Fighting Cock
- 11) Marine McMahan
- 24) The few, the proud
- 25) "Let them eat _____"
- 31) Opposite of "wet snow"?
- 38) _____ and Concord
- 41) Dodger Ron _____
- 42) Shakespeare's "Much _____ about Nothing"
- 57) _____ Peter
- 75) "Rich Man, Poor Man" star (inits)
- 90) KP equipment
- 92) "DD" date?
- 101) Boot _____
- 108) German battleship Graf _____
- 111)" _____ the Rocket's Red Glare"...
- 117) Temple's " _____ Willie Winkie"
- 118) _____-Margaret
- 128) _____-214

(Solution to Puzzle on page 5)



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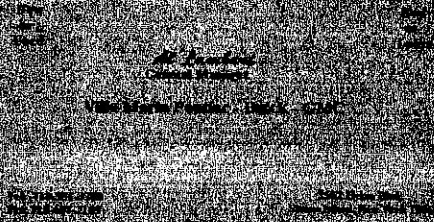
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