

Kells-Grennie Post #316



The Patriot

November/December 2000

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Commander.....	Gene Ramirez
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.....	John Crowley
.....	Sal Bastiani
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Chaplain.....	Pat Miserendino
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Children & Youth.....	Sal Bastiani
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The Commander's Message

On Friday Night, October 27th, the Post held its annual Installation of Officers ceremony and Party in our Hall. A good number of our members turned out for this ceremony and for this, my Officers and I are grateful. I want to thank County Commander, Lawrence Lee, for officiating at this swearing in ceremony of all the Officers, including myself. I especially want to thank member Leo Milham for arranging the Party and ordering the food. The food, by the way, was delicious.

Well, the holidays are almost upon us and all arrangements have been made for this years Children's Holiday and Post Holiday parties. The Post Holiday Party will be held on Friday evening, December 8th, at 8:30pm.. All Post members are invited to attend. The Children's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at 1:00pm (*see this newsletter for more information*).

In January, we will hold our annual *Honors and Awards* night (*date to be determined*), as well as our annual Super Bowl party (*see January-February newsletter for more information*).

On behalf of my Officers and myself, we want to wish all of our members and their families, a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukah and a Merry Christmas.

Yours for the Legion,
Gene Ramirez
Post Commander

TAPS

Douglas Slyman

9/2/00

May He Rest in Peace


Membership Report

Our membership goal for year 2001 is 340 members. As of the end of October we have 225 renewals, or 66.2% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2001 renewal notice, please do so now. We have until May 30th of next year to attain our goal.

Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

September 8. Due to the illness of our Post Commander, Gene Ramirez, the Installing of Post Officers has been rescheduled for Friday, October 27th.

A motion was made and accepted that the Post donate the sum of \$50.00 to the War-Dog Memorial.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Patrick Miserendino. Congratulations, Pat.


September 22 Acting Commander, John Crowley, announced that ground breaking ceremonies for the new World War II memorial will take place on Veterans Day in Washington, DC.

Hospital/Visitations Chairman Vincent Zangari reported that Post Commander, Gene Ramirez, is at home recovering from his foot operation and should resume command of the Post next week.

Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore reported that the Installation of County Officers was officiated by the Department of New York Commander, held at the Crystal Room in South Beach. Over 110 legionnaires was in attendance to witness this ceremony.

A motion was made and accepted that the Post donate the sum of \$25.00 to the United Staten Island Veterans Asso. for this years journal ad.


Honor Guard Captain Emery Chagnon reported that the Honor Guard and Post members will participate in this year's Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 15th, on New Dorp Lane.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Tom Simonetti. Congratulations, Tom.


October 13 Adjutant Ferdie Salvatore announced that this years Political Forum will be held at the next County Meeting on Friday, October 20th, at 8:00pm at the Joseph Merrell Post. This forum gives legionnaires an opportunity to ask our Staten Island political candidates their views on a number of issues that concerns them. All legionnaires are encouraged to attend.

The Richmond County American Legion will hold their annual Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Staten Island Mall at 10:30am. Another Veteran's Day ceremony will take place at the "Overlook" at Fort Wadsworth from 11:00am until 4:00pm, with a wreath laying ceremony at 3:00pm.

A motion was made and accepted that the Post donate the sum of \$50.00 to the Con Thien Memorial Post #1945, for their annual Children's Christmas Party.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Donald O'Hanlon. Congratulations, Donald.

October 27 Tonight's meeting was shortened so that the Installation of Post Officers ceremony could be conducted. County Commander, Lawrence Lee, presided over the swearing in ceremony. After the ceremony, the party started.

 The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Julius Riso. Congratulations, Julius.



Minutes of the *Board of Directors Meeting*

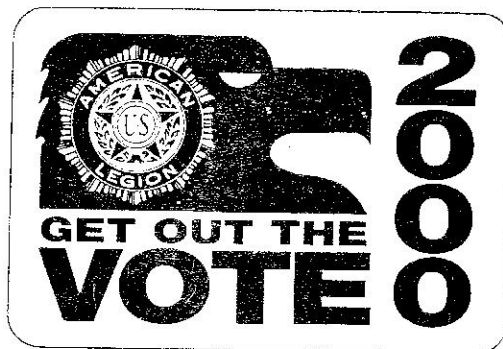
On Monday night, October 23rd, the third-quarter meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 8:00pm, in our lounge. The first order of business was the election of Lester Modelowitz as our newest Board member. Lester will hold the office of Board Secretary, replacing former Secretary, Elias Arout, who resigned from the Board.

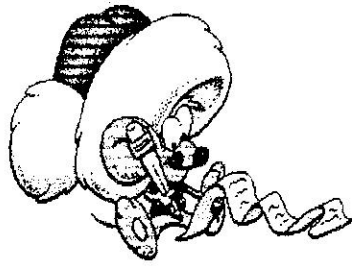
In other news, Board Treasurer Paul Zalesak announced that the carpet in our Hall has been cleaned, again. He also distributed his third-quarter financial report for review by the Board members. His report was accepted unanimously.

Changes to the Hall Rental contract will be made in the very near future. Each renter will have to contact the Post within two weeks of their party to confirm the number of guests that will attend. Hopefully, this will eliminate the need to either set-up or tear-down additional tables before the start of a party.

The Board also approved a motion to purchase additional American and POW/MIA flags for use outside the building.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 15th, at 8:00pm, in our lounge.





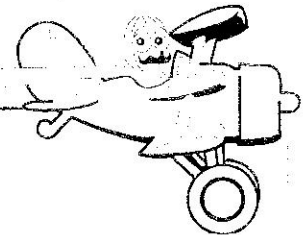
VVA #421 Joins Kells-Grennie for this years Children's Holiday Party

On Sunday, December 10th at 1:00pm, the Post will hold its annual *Children's Holiday Party*. This year the Vietnam Veterans of America, Tori Chapter #421 will participate with us to make this year's party the best ever. As always **Santa Claus** (a.k.a. Mel Hanson) will arrive at the Post on the **40&8 Locomotive and Caboose**, and will take the children on rides through the neighborhood. At the Post, there will be face painters, games, raffles, music, gifts, candy, food and soda for all. Of course, admission is **FREE**.

Important - If you want your child/grandchild to receive a gift from Santa himself, you must bring a wrapped gift, with your child's name on it, to the Post. We will put the gift in Santa's bag. So come on down and watch your kids have a ball. Just call the Post, give us your name and how many children you're bringing and we'll do the rest. There's no better children's holiday party than ours.



Calendar of Events



November

7th, Tuesday
10th, Friday

- Election Day

- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- U. S. Marine Corps Established (1775).

11th, Saturday
17th, Friday

- **Veterans Day**, Signing of the WW1 Armistice (1918). *

23rd, Thursday
24th, Friday

- County Meeting, 7:30pm, at Cespino-Russo Post in South Beach.
- **Thanksgiving Day** *
- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.

December

7th, Thursday
8th, Friday
10th, Sunday
15th, Friday
22nd, Friday

- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day *(half-staff until sunset)
- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. Post Holiday Party.
- *Children's Holiday Party*, 1:00pm, at the Post.
- County Meeting, 7:30pm, at Joseph Merrell Post in West Brighton.
- Membership Meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.
- First day of **Chanukah**

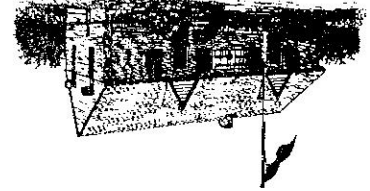
25th, Monday
31st, Sunday

- **Christmas Day** *
- Official end of WWII (1946)



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