



# The Patriot

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VA Out Patient Clinic	1-718-761-2973
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Social Security	1-800-772-1213
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Medicare-B	1-800-333-7586
NYC Health Line	1-800-521-9574
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222

## AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITE LINKS

Post 316 - <http://www.alegion316.org/>

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NY State - <https://nylegion.net/>

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## Commander's Message - Summer 2017

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I welcome you all back and hope everyone had a great enjoyable summer. I thank you all for your vote of confidence electing me as Post Commander 2017-2018. My team and I look forward to serve you. We need members to attend monthly meetings but more importantly we need you to participate in some of the events planned for the coming year. I know that some members are still saddened by the sale of our Post Headquarters Building which had served the Post from the 50's until last year. Times have changed driving the cost of maintaining the building to exceed revenue from rentals and dues. As our treasury dwindled we had no choice or face the possible foreclosure and loss of the building for nonpayment of our bills. The sale resulted in restoring our Post to financial soundness. The Post has responsibly set up its treasury accounts and we now have the ability to plan and

achieve post objectives. We have been able to restore programs to benefit the post members and for the Post to become more involved in helping veterans and our community. Our goal is to help veterans, senior citizens and children. We donate \$100 to local charities at each monthly meeting.

The Post has partnered with Northfield Bank supporting the Northfield Foundation and bank staff helped the post place flags at Moravian Cemetery tripling the number of veterans honored. The Post sponsored a youth baseball team in Great Kills comprised of autistic Boys and Girls. Our sponsorship of Boys and Girls State has doubled. We will sponsor an ROTC Team in New Dorp high School.

At our first meeting on September 18th we will hold a first responder recognition meeting where we will recognize 2 members of the NYPD, FDNY and EMS, who have been nominated by their units for bravery above and beyond. The Post has established the Salvatore Davila Award in honor of a past Post commander who served as an NYPD Detective who died from 9/11 exposure.

We have great plans and events in the coming year. Come and enjoy them with us.....

*For God and Country, Faithfully  
Yours*

*Carmine J. Vacirca,  
Post Commander*



### Post Meetings

Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the New Dorp Moravian Church. 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**

### Message from Our Outgoing Post Commander

(Joseph Occhipinti)



To my brothers and sisters of Kells Greenie Post 316. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you at Kells Greenie post 316 for a wonderful and interesting 4 years of service to you as

your commander. It was an interesting tour of duty learning so much along the way as we strengthened our bonds with each other and continued the mission of our beloved American Legion. Hopefully as your commander I've instilled in you all a sense of pride in our post, as much pride and humility I experienced while in command. Let us now rally around our new commander Carmine Vacirca who I know has a ton of fresh ideas that will propel our post into a new era as only commander Vacirca can. I truly feel he is the right man for this time, as our post goes through some good changes. I will be close by asking almighty God to keep our new commander, our post and the American Legion in His holy protection.

Forever in your service and in the service of the American legion, past commander Joe Occhipinti.



## Baseball!!!!

Post members Allen Palazzo, Gus LaRosa, Charles Goffredo, Carmine Vacirca, Leo Milham and John Vivolo of Post 316 attended the opening day game at the Great Kills Little League Challenger Division Sunday May 28, The post contributed \$384 to the League. Located at 245 Greaves Avenue Challengers Children Baseball League.

The Great Kills Little League Challenger Division provides a baseball program for children with special needs boys and girls ages 4 through 18. Games are played on Sunday mornings during the regular baseball season. All their participants receive uniforms, trophies and have team pictures taken. Their entire program is free to all families wishing to participate. Through private donations, league sponsors and GKLL fund raising activities they are able to fund the Challenger Division.



## Children and Youth Breakfast

April has been celebrated as "Children & Youth Month" since 1938. The Richmond County American Legion hosts a child- or youth-themed community event to Children represent the future of our nation.

The Richmond County American Legion held its Children & Youth Breakfast Sunday March 26 at the Staaten. Post members in attendance included then Commander Joseph Occhipinti, Judge Advocate Robert Mahoney Treasurer Carmine Vacirca and Vice Commander William Baumwoll. Honored at were:



Girls State - Halle Vitaliano,



Boy Scout Troop 6 - Jesse Caruana, Matthew D'Angelo, Nick Scarpaci, Zacwary Friend, Nicholas DeLissio and P.S. 48 Performers - Sean Hionas, Teresa Hionas, Daniel Podlog, Gabriella Schaefer, Eden Tam.



Special Recognition - \*Reshmid Roy - Clove Lake Nursing Home



Boy Scout Troop #41 - Matthew Chance, Matthew DiBenedetto, Joseph Nadal

Certificates were provided by Daniel Donovan, Michael McMahon, Diane Savino, and Nicole Maliotakis.



## Flags at Moravian with Help

The Flags were placed on veterans graves at Moravian Cemetery on Saturday May 20, 2017.



Volunteers from Northfield Bank, McKee HS, the Heart Society, St. Peter's HS, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Verizon Pioneers.

After the Ceremony a luncheon was held for those who participated in placing flags at the Oakwood Diner.



## Northfield Bank Honors

The Post has partnered with Northfield Bank supporting the Northfield Foundation with a contribution since they support programs for youth and the disadvantaged on Staten Island. The bank's staff helped the post place flags at Moravian Cemetery tripling the number of veterans honored.

On Thursday June 8, 2017 awards were presented to Northfield Bank from the Post for their flag participation. Meanwhile Northfield honored the Post as veterans and for our contribution to the Northfield Foundation.



The Post would particularly like to recognize Laurie Gunta and all her work with our Post.



## County Convention

On Friday June 16 The Richmond county American Legion held its County Convention at Merrill Post. Elections for 2017-2018 officers were held.



William Magnuski	the County Commander
Vice Commander	Daniel Venezia
Vice Commander	Joseph Occhipinti
Vice Commander	James Wassmuth
Vice Commander	David Martin
Vice Commander	Paul Dietrich
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Commanders Aide	Roy P. Woods, Jr.
Adjutant	Frank LaMarsh
Treasurer	Anthony DeNatale
Chaplain	Robert Mahoney
Historian	Robert Muir
Judge Advocate	John M. Dalton, Esq
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Kelly
Parliamentarian	Robert Mahoney



## 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.

## 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 \$11.00 per short sleeve shirt and \$16 per long sleeve shirt, a dollar more for XXL sizes. call 718-702-7578

The Post will pay for one of the shirts.

### Copies of Our Newsletter

We will make available 20 paper copies of our latest Newsletter at our Post meeting.

### Monmouth Park

On August 14 a group of handicappers from the post went to Monmouth Park Raceway. It was a rainy nasty day limiting the number of horses in each race. But our guys found the mudders. At the end of the day winnings were used to enjoy a great dinner at Mr. Shrimp.



### Boys State and Girls State

At the October meeting we will award our Boys State and Girls State candidates and get feedback. Our Boys' State candidates left for SUNY Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY on Sunday, June 25, 2017. We were there to send them off with a gift of quarters to use upstate.



### Membership

The Membership chairman Vice Commander Allen Palazzo reports that thanks to the help of Leo Milham, mailed the second group of membership renewals for 2018. This brings our membership paid to date of 51 which based on our last year's quota of 165 gives us a 30% total membership in the first half of the first month of 2018. This is the best since I have been doing it. I have sent out 57 new membership cards 51 from mail in renewals thanks to Leo and another 6 online renewals totaling 57 done as of 7/24/2017 and I have informed Paul Dietrich from County of that tally. By the end of July 62 or 37 % of last year's quota.

### First Responders Night

At our first meeting on September 18th the Post will hold a First Responder Night to recognize two members of the NYPD, FDNY and EMS, who have been nominated by their units for bravery above and beyond. They will be presented with the Post's "Salvatore Davila Award" which honors a past Post Commander who served as an NYPD Detective who died from 9/11 exposure.

### 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