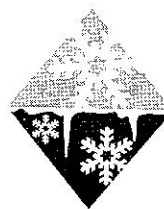


## Kells-Grennie Post #316



# ***The Patriot***

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## The Commander's Message



First of all, I would like to thank Bob Knapp for running a great Super Bowl Party, in our lounge. The food was good and so was the game. It's just to bad the Jets or the Giants weren't playing in it. Oh well, there's always next year.

I would also like to remind all our members that **Valentine's Day** (February 14th) is right around the corner. Don't forget to buy that special someone flowers and candy.

On Friday night, February 19th, we have the honor of hosting the American Legion of Richmond County monthly meeting. I hope as many of our members as possible will attend this meeting to show our support to the County. Just as with our own meetings, a collation will be served afterwards.

Our Honors and Awards night that was scheduled for Friday, February 26th, had to be canceled. A new night will be selected; probably in the spring. When we determine the new date it will be posted in our newsletter.

Yours for the Legion,  
*Thomas Simonetti*  
**Post Commander**

## Membership Report

Our membership goal for 1999 is 372 members. As of the end of January we have 328 renewals, or 88.4% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 1999 renewal notice, please do so now. We have until April 30th to attain our goal.

The Post welcomes new transfers James Andrews from Post #930 in New York City, and Carl L. McCombs from Post #1, and new members John Lopez and Joseph Nasta, Jr.. *Welcome Aboard!*

## Mid-Winter Conference

On Friday, January 29, through Sunday, January 31, The American Legion, Department of New York, will hold it's Mid-Winter Conference at the Desmond Americana Hotel in Albany, NY. Representing our Post will be Commander Thomas Simonetti and Past County Commander Ferdie Salvatore. Highlights from this conference will be published in next month's newsletter.



## Minutes of the *Board of Directors Meeting*

### Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

**January 8** Due to the inclement weather (snow) the membership meeting was canceled.

**January 22** Essay Contest Chairman Eli Aroust announced that four area schools have accepted our invitation to participate in this year's contest. This means that this year's contest will be larger than last year's (eight contestants instead of six). In addition, the Essay Contest picked up two more sponsors, *Gerola Aloisi Scholl (Attorney-at-Law)* and *Rudy's Catering Service*.

Ferdie Salvatore announced that on Sunday, February 14th, at 8:30am, the Richmond County American Legion will hold its annual **Four Chaplain's Interfaith Breakfast** at *Li Greci's Staaten Restaurant* on Forest Avenue. A motion was made and passed that the Post purchase a table (Cost \$150.00) for this event.

During the last few weeks three of our active members have been hospitalized: Teddy Ventura, Robert Helburn, and Michael Ierardi. We wish all of these legionnaires a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them at the Post, in the very near future. *Get well soon!*

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Arthur Durso. Congratulations, Art.

### Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption

Filing for this New York City tax exemption ends on **March 15, 1999**. If you already have an exemption, there is no need to file. However, if you wish to change the status of your exemption in any way, you must do so by March 15th. Changes will become effective for the tax year which begins on July 1, 1999. Further information may be obtained at the Real Property Division of the Finance Department, located at 350 St. Mark's Place, St. George.

### CANCELLATION NOTICE

**Honors and Awards Night** originally scheduled for Friday, February 26th, has been postponed. A new date will be chosen in the spring.

On Friday Night, January 22nd, the first quarterly Board of Directors meeting of 1999, was held at the Post. At the last meeting, held on October 5th, three motions that pertain to building improvements were passed: 1) to obtain estimates for a wrought iron gate; 2) to obtain estimates to repair our sidewalk and; 3) to obtain estimates to repair the chairs in the hall. To date no action has been taken by the Board on any of these passed motions.

Board President Richard Reichart announced that the Lounge may have to be **shut down** due to the lack of volunteer's needed to bartend and clean-up. It seems that the current lounge manager's, Bob Knapp and Frank Gissi, can no longer find the time to volunteer their services on a regular basis. Bob Knapp now works on Monday and Friday nights, while Frank Gissi vacations in Florida, three months a year. A suggestion was made that we find another member (or more) who is willing to take over as Lounge Manager. This suggestion was immediately shot down by the Board President. Richard Reichart said that if volunteer's are found, they would serve as assistant manager's **ONLY**. Bob and Frank would still be the manager's even if they are hardly around. This means that, if no volunteer's are found, the Lounge would only be open when a manager is present. A few board member's protested this type of arrangement. Ferdie Salvatore suggested that the board members meet with Bob Knapp and Frank Gissi to resolve this problem.

*(Editor's note: A few days after this board meeting, a few volunteers came forward. The new arrangement is as follows: Leo Milham will co-manage the lounge with Bob Knapp. The new lounge staff will consist of Jerry Quinn, Dennis Conroy and the "Spider". Any other members who would like to volunteer are welcome.)*

Corporation Treasurer Paul Zalesak suggested that notification of future board meetings to the members of the board be made by telephone instead of by letter. After a brief discussion, the board decided to try this procedure on a *trial basis*. If it works to the members satisfaction, then a change must be made to the Association's By-Laws in Article V, Section 4, which currently reads: *"At least three days written notice of all meetings shall be given each member of the Board"*.

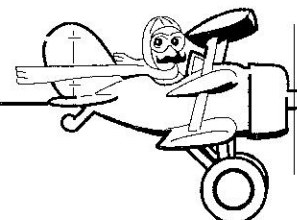
The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held in April.

## ".....the Best Medicine"

The list below contains "ACTUAL" classified advertisements that appeared in newspapers around the country. I hope you enjoy them.

1. Illiterate? Write today for free help.
2. Dog for sale; eats anything and is fond of children.
3. Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals and smacks included.
4. Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.
5. Stock up and save. Limit: One.
6. Semi-annual After-Christmas sale.
7. 3-year old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.
8. Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.
9. Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.
10. Dinner special - Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00
11. For sale: antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.
12. Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home.
13. We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.
14. Used cars: Why go elsewhere and be cheated? Come here first.
15. Great dames for sale.
16. For sale: three canaries of undermined sex.
17. Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it.
18. Wanted: Hair cutter. Excellent growth potential.
19. Man, honest. Will take anything.
20. Our bikinis are exciting. They are simply the tops.
21. Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
22. We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your house for \$1.00.

### Calendar of Events



#### **February**

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|-----------------|--|
| 12th, Friday    | - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post. Lincoln's Birthday.*                 |
| 14th, Sunday    | - <i>Four Chaplains Interfaith Breakfast</i> , 8:30am at Li Greci's Staaten.   |
| 15th, Monday    | - President's Day.* Sinking of the USS Maine (1898).                           |
| 19th, Friday    | - County Meeting, 7:30pm, to be held at the Kells-Grennie Post.                |
| 22nd, Monday    | - Washington's Birthday.   |
| 24th, Wednesday | - <i>Sons of the American Legion</i> , Membership meeting, 8:00pm at the Post. |
| 26th, Friday    | - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.                                      |

#### **March**

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 3rd, Wednesday  | - "Star Spangled Banner" made U.S. National Anthem (1931)                      |
| 12th, Friday    | - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.                                      |
| 13th, Saturday  | - <i>St. Patrick's Day Party</i> , 7:30pm at the Post.                         |
| 19th, Friday    | - County Meeting, 7:30pm, to be held at (to be determined).                    |
| 21st, Sunday    | - <i>Essay Contest for Sixth Grade Students</i> , 1:00pm at the Post.          |
| 26th, Friday    | - Membership meeting, 8:30pm at the Post.                                      |
| 31st, Wednesday | - <i>Sons of the American Legion</i> , Membership meeting, 8:00pm at the Post. |



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**\* \* \* Veterans Insurance Hoax \* \* \***

The following was provided to the Post by the Borough  
President of Staten Island, the Honorable Guy V.  
Molinari.

"A chain letter which falsely encourages veterans to write to the VA in Philadelphia, PA to collect a dividend on GI insurance they had while in the service, has continued to pop up on Staten Island and around the metropolitan area. Typically, the letter says that veterans will not receive the entitlement, unless they "ask the VA" for it by writing a letter to the Philadelphia Insurance office. I am attaching a sample of this misleading chain letter, in hopes that you will not be fooled if it emerges at your post, senior center, union bulletin or community center."

Bill Passed, Entitling Monetary Return to Veterans

If you are a veteran, or if any of your relatives fall under that category, you may be interested in the following information.

A bill was recently passed by Congress entitling veterans to a dividend on the GI Insurance they had while in the service. Both current and former military personnel are entitled to this dividend regardless of whether or not they shall carry the insurance. If you are eligible, you WILL NOT receive the dividend unless YOU ASK for it. The Veterans Administration will review each individual case and determine eligibility. A general schedule of dividends earned is as follows:

2 YEARS OF SERVICE: \$261 , 3 YEARS OF SERVICE: \$391,  
4 YEARS OF SERVICE: \$528.

To apply for the dividend, write to the VETERANS CENTER, P.O. BOX 8079  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19101

REMEMBER: The veterans administration will not automatically send you the dividend.  
You must apply for it.  
Complete Form Below

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P.O. Box 8079  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19101

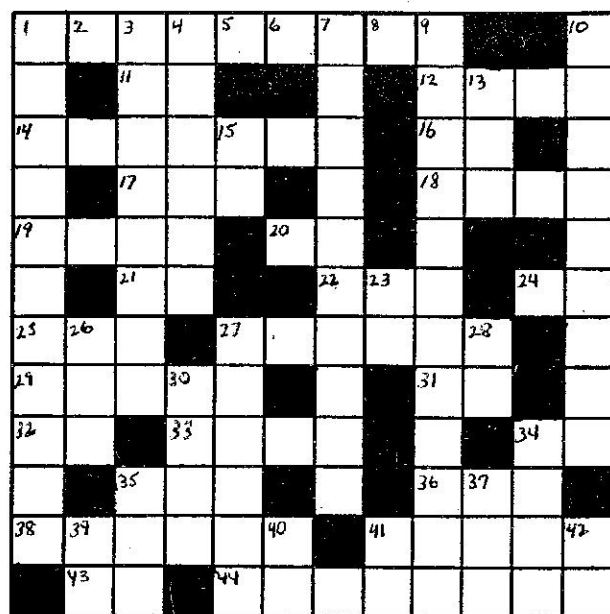
In accordance with the bill recently passed by Congress, I am applying for the "SGLI" insurance dividend based on my prior military service. The specifics of my service are as follows:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF DISCHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SGLI # (If Known): \_\_\_\_\_  
BRANCH OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CrossWord Puzzle "Mixed Bag"

(Solution to CrossWord puzzle on page 6)

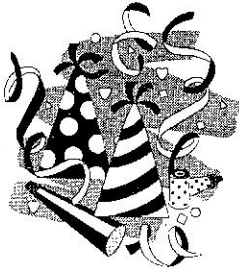


### Across

- 1) U. S. Naval Academy
- 11) Peacekeeping Organization
- 12) Sonar response
- 14) Army elite or NHL team
- 16) DiMaggio's territory
- 17) Red or Black
- 18) Bull in Spain
- 19) Baseball's \_\_\_\_\_ Hershiser
- 20) Switch position
- 21) "Biloxi Blues" writer (inits)
- 22) Mop 'N \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Potato duty
- 25) TV network
- 27) Catered "heat"?
- 29) Choose
- 31) Famous Alien
- 32) 40 hours + (inil)
- 33) Push to action
- 34) It started in Williamsport, PA (inil)
- 35) Hoover's outfit
- 36) Pontiac muscle car
- 38) McQueen's "The Great \_\_\_\_\_"
- 41) Spit \_\_\_\_\_
- 43) IBM \_\_\_\_\_
- 44) Black Sox scandal movie,  
"\_\_\_\_\_ Out"

### Down

- 1) The "First" plane?
- 3) Off Broadway "Sister Act"?
- 4) The Blue \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Submarine Class
- 9) Cpt. Klinger's goal?
- 10) Sgt. Bilko's domain
- 13) Corporate "money man"
- 15) "Green Acres" star (inits)
- 23) Ethel Mertz's best friend (inits)
- 26) Famous sandwich
- 27) Chevron in the Army
- 28) See 32 across
- 30) \_\_\_\_\_ Gooding, Jr.
- 34) "The \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger"
- 35) Government Agency
- 37) Comedian Conway
- 39) Navy Cops?
- 40) ..... "i" before "e" except after "c"  
or sounded like "a" as in n--ghbor...
- 41) "I Want to Live" actress (inits)
- 42) Printer's measure



## Super Bowl Party

Our third annual Super Bowl Party was a rousing success. Over twenty-five people were on hand to see the Denver Broncos take on the Atlanta Falcons. Bob Knapp and Mike Staltare did a great job running the party. There was plenty of food (Lasagna, Baked Ziti, Keilbasa and Sauerkraut, Chili, Hot Dogs, Salad, an Italian Hero, etc.), and an Open Bar.

They raffled off two St. Valentine white teddy bears that were won by Richie Martin and Gene DiGiacomo. The 50/50 drawing was won by John Bellotti.

The "main event", the Super Bowl pool winners, were as follows:

1st Quarter:	Alan Anderson
2nd Quarter:	John Wetmore
3rd Quarter:	John Wetmore
4th Quarter:	Richard Reichart

It was truly a great party and everyone enjoyed themselves.

BIRTHDAY      ANNIVERSARY      ENGAGEMENT      RETIREMENT  
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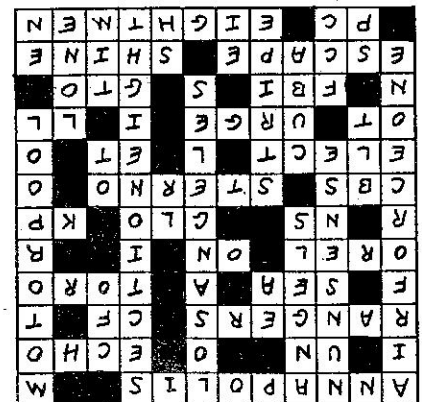
#### **Included in the price:**

Soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Ginger Ale, 7-up, Tonic Water, Club Soda, Red Birch Beer and Water), Soda Cups, Ice Cubes, Coffee, Sanka, Tea, Decaffeinated Tea, Milk, Sugar, Sugar Substitutes, Stirrers, Coffee Cups, a Bartender and Clean-up Person.

Come on down any Monday or Friday night after 8:00pm and see it for yourself. Just ask for Gene. He'll be happy to show you around. You'll be glad you did.

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