

The Patriot

May/June 2002



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The Commander's Message

This will be my last message to you as Commander. It has been an honor and privilege to have served. I want to thank my officers who served alongside me this past year, for a job **well done**. I have in the past reported to you about how you, the members, can make our Post more viable, by attending meetings and getting involved in Post activities. We have tried daytime meetings, have cooked meals, earlier start times, etc.. Regretably, these efforts have not worked. It takes more than a select handful of people to keep the Post alive and active. There is only one choice, show up and join in Post activities or there will be **NO** Post. These are strong and meaningful words, but now is the time for them to be said. I know you will all agree with me upon reflection.

The events in May that our Post will participate in can be found in this newsletter. I hope we will get a large turnout to support the Post.

I wish our next Commander and his officers a successful and enjoyable term.

Again, thank you and God bless you.

Yours for the Legion,
John Crowley
Post Commander

Membership Report

Our membership goal for the year 2002 is 303 members. As of the end of April we have 288 renewals, or 95.0% of our goal. If you haven't sent in your 2002 renewal notice, please do so now. Time is running out.

The Post welcomes new transfers: Rudolph V. Bisci, Andres DeJoy, Robert A. Jacob, Victor J. Janicki, Matthew Les, Cosmo Lubelli, Frank Manno, Herman Nagora, Philip Neglia, John C. Rappa, Robert Rich, S.F. Scotto, Irving Wolfson and Joseph A. Youngs. *Welcome Aboard!*

TAPS

George LaManna
3/1/02

May He Rest in Peace

Remember the Pentagon and the World Trade Center



Highlights of the *"Minutes of the Meeting"*

March 8 Service and Welfare Chairman Leo Milham reported the following:

On Saturday, May 18, there will be a Armed Forces concert at 25 Hyatt Street in St. George at 4:00pm.

On Monday, May 27, there will be a memorial service at the VVA Memorial at 55 Water Street in Manhattan at 5:00pm, followed by a Street Fair.

The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is offering free membership to any disabled veteran over the age of 70.

Hospital and Visitation Chairman Vincent Zangari reported that member Peter Montalto was in an automobile accident and is recovering at home. Phil Frazzetto is still in a nursing home and Andy Smith is at the Egar Rehabilitation Center. We wish all these members a speedy recovery.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Frank Polizzotto. Congratulations, Frank.

March 22 Judge Advocate Ferdie Salvatore announced that at the first meeting in April, a nominating committee will be formed to recommend a slate of officers for the 2002-2003 term.

Commander John Crowley announced this years Memorial Day weekend events:

On Wednesday, May 22, flags will be distributed on the graves of our deceased members in Moravian Cemetery. All volunteers will meet at the Post at 9:00am.

On Sunday, May 26, the Post will conduct Memorial Day services at the six monuments located in the New Dorp area, beginning at 9:00am, at the Post.

On Monday, May 27, we will hold our annual Memorial Day Mass at 8:30am, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in New Dorp. All members and their families are invited to attend.

This years *Fleet Week* festivities will be held at the USS Sullivans pier in Stapleton, from May 23 to May 28.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Robert Helburn. Congratulations, Bob.

April 12 Judge Advocate Ferdi Salvatore announced that a flag burning ceremony will take place at Pouch Camp on Flag Day, June 14.

In accordance with Post by-laws, a nominating committee was selected to review and recommend a slate of officers for the 2002-2003 term. The nominating committee will consist of: Chairman, Dennis J. Conroy and Post members: Ferdie Salvatore, Einar Thulin, Lester Modelowitz and Vincent Zangari.

A motion was made and accepted to sponsor one high school student to represent our Post at this years Boys State convention to be held in June.

Member Lester Modelowitz reported that a movement is on to name the three new Staten Island ferryboats after Staten Island Medal of Honor winners.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Jerry Quinn. Congratulations, Jerry.

April 26 At tonight's meeting the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for the 2002-2003 term:

Commander, Thomas Simonetti; Vice-Commanders: Lester Modelowitz, Joe Dietrich, Silvano Bastiani, Einar Thulin; Chaplain: John Crowley and Treasurer: Emery Chagnon.

Any member who wishes to run for office may do so. These are only recommendations. The election of officers will be held on May 24th.

A motion was made and accepted that Post meetings start at 8:00pm. This will be on a trial basis for the months of May and June.

Patrick Smith, a student at Monsignor Farrell High School has been chosen to represent our Post at this years Boy's State convention.



The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Joseph Dietrich. Congratulations, Joe.

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.....

Since afternoon meetings was a dismal failure we're going to try something new. Beginning with our *first* meeting in May, Friday the 10th, the evening meetings will now begin at 8:00pm (instead of the usual 8:30pm starting time), on a trial basis.

This start time will be used for all meetings during May and June of this year. A vote will be taken at the second meeting of June (the 21st) to determine whether or not this start time will become permanent.

Memorial Day Weekend Post Events

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| Saturday, May 18 | - Great Kills Memorial Day Parade
11:00am. |
| Wednesday, May 22 | - Placing of the American Flag on the
graves of our departed comrades at
Moravian Cemetery, 9:00am. |
| Sunday, May 26 | - Placing of Wreaths and Memorial
service at six New Dorp Veterans
Monuments, 9:00am. |
| Monday, May 27 | - Memorial Day Mass at Our Lady
Queen of Peace Church, 8:30am.
- Memorial Day Parade on Forest Ave.
at 11:30am. |
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Calendar of Events



May

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| 10th, Friday | - Membership meeting at the Post, 8:00pm. |
| 12th, Friday | - Mother's Day. * |
| 17th, Friday | - County Meeting 7:30pm, to be held at the Joseph Merrill Post. |
| 18th, Saturday | - Armed Forces Day. * |
| 24th, Friday | - Membership meeting at the Post, 8:00pm. |
| 27th, Monday | - Memorial Day. * |

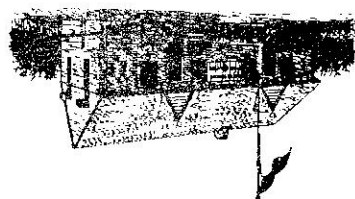
June

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| 6th, Thursday | - D-Day. Allied Invasion of Europe (1944). |
| 14th, Friday | - Membership meeting at the Post, 8:00pm. |
| | - Flag Day. * U.S. Army founded (1775). |
| 16th, Sunday | - Father's Day. |
| 21st, Friday | - County Meeting 7:30pm, location to be determined. |
| 22nd, Saturday | - Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress (1942). |
| | - GI Bill signed into law (1944). |
| 25th, Tuesday | - The Korean War began (1950). |
| 28th, Friday | - Membership meeting at the Post, 8:00pm. |



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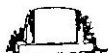
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