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Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

(The above is one of the greatest documents ever written by man. If you will read it slowly and digest the contents between each semi-colon you will realize how big in stature each of us would be if we practiced the meaning of each of the purposes).



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Fellow Legionaires:

This summer contrary to the past few summers we have had exceptionally hot weather. I presume this and vacations are the main reasons for the poor attendance at recent meetings. I, as your new commander would welcome your presence and hope you will make more effort to attend and help our post carry out its programs.

In my last message I reminded you of our annual picnic to be held on our post grounds, Sunday, September 3rd. You will be receiving chance books and tickets in the mail for this shortly. I am sure you will all want to attend and bring your friends. The more the merrier. Our picnic committee always works very hard for this event and this year it is in the very capable hands of Andy Procopio. It means a great deal to our post and we need each and everyone's individual support. It's always a fun day with plenty of food and drink for all. Don't forget the date Sept. 3rd.

No doubt most of us heard or read in the newspapers our president John F. Kennedy's address to the nation on

Tuesday, July 25th. I'm sure we all realize that these are trying times for this great country we live in. We all pray to God for peace and as in the past will do all in our power to keep this peace. However if this becomes an impossibility to quote our president, "We are clear about what must be done - and we intend to do it.."These actions will require sacrifice on the part of many citizens. More will be required in the future. They will require, for all of us, courage and perseverance for many years to come."

In the past the 4th of July parade in Travis marked the end of color guard activity but this year Staten Island is celebrating its 300th year and at present the tercentennial celebration is in full swing. The climax of this celebration takes place September 15-23rd. During this time there will be many activities including one of the biggest parades in the history of Staten Island.

Our next meeting nite is Friday, Aug. 11th. Please make every effort to attend.

Yours for the Legion,
Joseph Manix, Commander.

Your Service Officer Speaks!

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VETERANS LOAN PROGRAM- RECENT AMENDMENTS

On July 6, 1961 the President approved PL 87-84. This law extends the veterans loan program and the direct home loan program, and also provides additional funds for the direct loan program.

A World War II veteran's entitlement will expire:

(1) Ten years from the date of discharge or release from the last period of active duty, any part of which occurred during World War II, plus an additional period equal to one year for each 3-months of active duty during World War II.

(2) In no event prior to July 25, 1962

(3) In no event after July 25, 1967.

(4) July 25, 1967, if discharged or released for a service-connected disability from a period of active duty, any part of which occurred during WWII.

(5) July 25, 1967, if entitlement restored after prior use.

A Korean Conflict veteran's entitlement will expire:

(1) Ten years from the date of discharge or release from the last period of active duty, any part of which occurred during the Korean Conflict, plus an additional period equal to one year for each 3-months of active duty during the Korean Conflict.

(2) In no event prior to January 31, 1965.

(3) In no event after January 31, 1975.

(4) January 31, 1975, if discharged or released for a service connected disability from a period of active duty, any part of which occurred during the K-Conflict.

(5) January 31, 1975, if entitlement restored after prior use.

If a loan report or an application for a loan guaranty relating to a loan is received by the Administrator before

the date of expiration, the loan may be granted or guaranteed after the delimiting date.

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Even at home — the life
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- 23—Frank J. Rooney
- 27—James H. McWilliams, Sr.



The Story of the Stars and Stripes

(Continued from the July Issue) . . . (Have you been showing or reading this bit of precious history of OUR FLAG to your kids?)

EARLY AMERICAN FLAGS

BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE FLAG

At the Battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, Oliver Hazard Perry, who was in command of the fleet which he constructed in feverish haste from virgin timber, unfurled from his masthead this eternal challenge to all Americans---the dying words of Captain James Lawrence, "Don't give up the ship!" Under his inspiration the sailors and marines fought in one of the most noteworthy engagements of the war, enabling Perry at its close to send the famous message to General William H. Harrison, "We have met the enemy and they are ours--two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop." In the action the U. S. Marines fought most gallantly under their commanding officer, Lt. John Brooks, Jr., who was killed in action with several members of the Corps. The flag was not fashioned hurriedly as the battle became imminent. Perry ordered it made sometime before the actual engagement took place. He proudly displayed it before his officers and men prior to the battle where it proved to be the inspiring symbol of the victorious Americans.

HOW TO DISPLAY THE FLAG

Respect your flag and render it the courtesies to which it is entitled by observing the following rules, which are in accordance with the practices approved by leading flag authorities:

The National Flag should be raised and lowered by hand. It should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, or between such hours as may be designated by proper authority. Do not raise the flag while it is furled. Unfurl, then hoist quickly to the top of the staff. Lower it slowly and with dignity. Place no objects on or over the flag. Various articles are sometimes placed on a speaker's table covered with the flag. This practice should be avoided.

When displayed in the chancel or on a platform in a church, the flag should be placed on a staff at the clergyman's right; other flags at the left. If displayed in the body of the church, the flag should be at the congregations right as they face the clergyman. (Where the words "church", "Clergyman", "congregation" are mentioned, substitute the words "meeting room", "commander or speaker", "membership or audience", for other assemblies.

(To be continued in September issue)

THE COMMUNIST OATH

The following is the oath that everyone who joins the Communist Conspiracy (sometimes called Party) has to take: "I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the head of victorious Socialism. I pledge myself to remain at all times vigilant and a firm defender of the Leninist line of the Party--the only line that insures a triumphant Soviet power in the United States."

That is the oath of allegiance that an American Soviet Communist takes in this country.

Now that you have read the oath that an American Soviet Communist has to take before he or she is allowed to join the Communist Conspiracy do YOU believe that a Communist can be a loyal citizen of the United States?

POST ANNUAL PICNIC

ANOTHER YEAR HAS ROLLED AROUND
AND HERE IT IS AGAIN...

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PARENTS... KIDS...

GAMES FOR ALL AGES AND SEXES WILL BE
PART OF THE PROGRAM...WITH PLENTY
OF EATS AND DRINK.

CONTACT COMMANDER JOE MANIX
FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

REMEMBER THE DATE:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1961

CHIT-CHAT

Is it true PC JOE SMITH won't go to the cleaners anymore? ? ? PC LOU SOMMA has joined the "Brothers Of The Brush" with the full backing of wife Ruthie PC ED CURRY may have a primary to hurdle before the general election in November...memo to EDDIE EVANS: thought you were coming down to see me PC FRANK ROONEY and PC LEO BALBACH play quite a waiting game, right at this writing the latter is waiting on the former...Has anybody seen CHARLIE BECKMAN??? Did you know that BOBBY BRIGANDE has been a member of the "finest" for almost a year??? ERNEST SMITH trying to make up his mind whether he should go to Alaska instead of a cruise this year..Dont forget to read "Your Service Officer's Column" this issue...it concerns recent GI Loan legislation...AND DON'T FORGET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd IS THE POST FAMILY PICNIC...Where are our key-hole reporters, and where are our chairmen with messages and memos??

He is a bore and nothing more —
Just loves to work his chin.
His mouth is wide from side to side,
He puts his feats right in!

DANGER

Avoid Mixing With Driving

Al'co-ol, (n) C²H⁵OH. The intoxicant in whiskey, beer, wine and other fermented and distilled liquors.

That's the precise dictionary definition of alcohol. But for everyone who drives a car, this definition leaves a lot unsaid. As little as two alcoholic drinks is enough to cause a definite impairment of the judgement and reactions of many people.

Since self-control is basic to car-control, it stands to reason that alcohol and gasoline are a dangerous combination. In fact, this combination accounts for about 30% of all fatal traffic accidents today.

Perhaps you have driven after having had a drink or two and made out all right. But remember...you don't have to be intoxicated to become a potential menace to yourself and everyone else on our streets and highways.

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