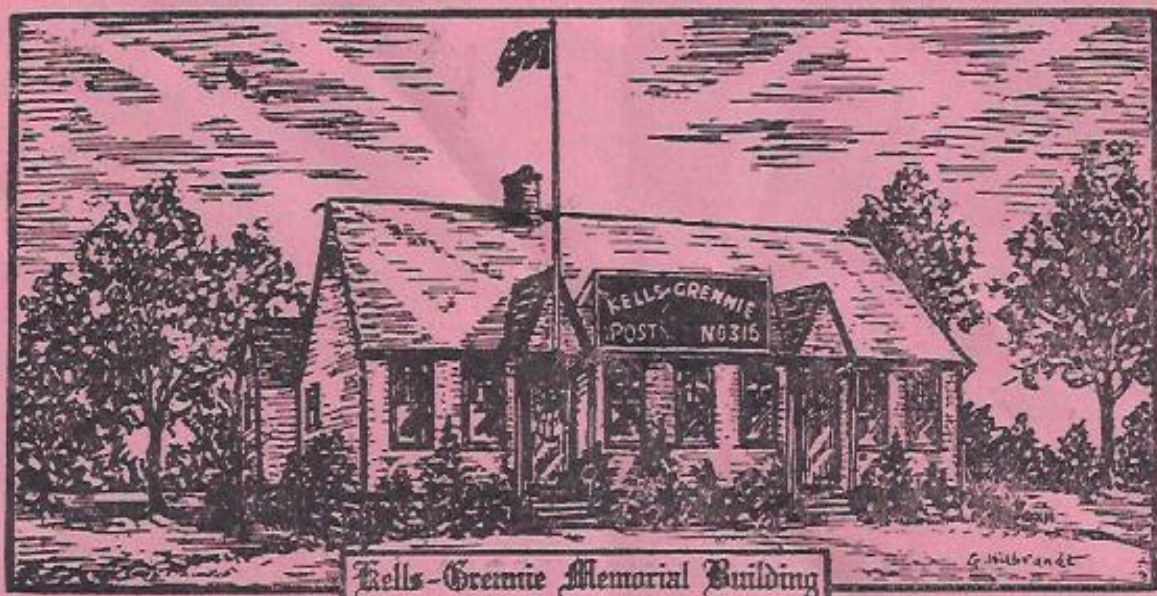




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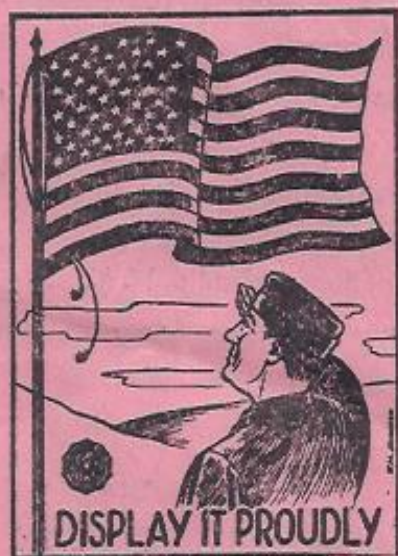


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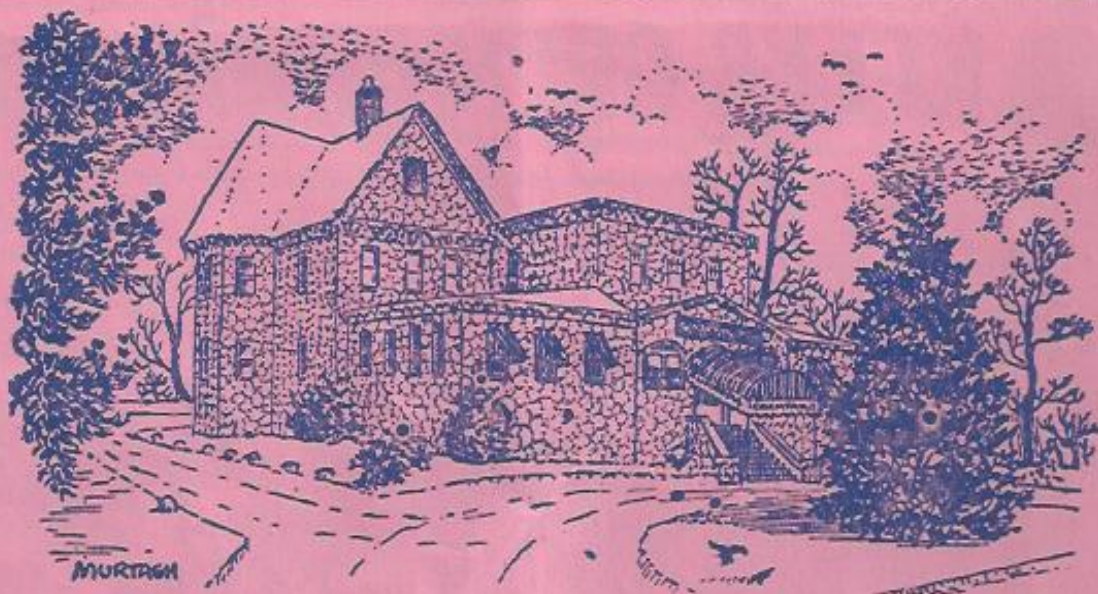


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Fellow Legionnaires:

By the time this message reaches you, our Memorial Day services will have been completed. These services, held each year, are a major function of the American Legion. All too often, we, the living, forget the dead. If it weren't for this one day each year set aside to remember our fallen warriors, I am certain their heroic deeds would soon be forgotten. I know it's a harsh and cruel statement to make, but the fact remains it is still the truth. I hope you were not among the missing at our Memorial Mass.

At this time, I would like to ask for your help once again. Your new Commander will need the same support you gave me the past year. Let's make his job as easy as possible by attending meetings regularly, helping on committees and making sure our dues are paid on time. While on the subject of dues, there is still time to pay your 1960-61 dues. If you have not already done so, send it to Ray Swanson or to me by Convention time to keep your service record intact.

I would like to mention a few words about a man who does a terrific job with our Post's finances, Joe Miller. To say

he was outstanding these past two years would be an understatement. With so many business and personal commitments to attend to, Joe has certainly done a bang-up job for us. The best part of it all, he is always in good humor. I say, "Thank you very much for a job well done."

On Friday, June 9th, we will have our election of officers. Your Nominating Committee has presented a list of those men whom they think will best serve you for the coming year. The time to show your approval or disapproval will be the first meeting in June. Please try to attend this meeting.

Since this is my last message to you as Commander, I want to thank everyone for the honor and privilege bestowed upon me the past year. Also, a big "Thank You" to my Committee Chairmen, fellow officers and every member of the Post. It has been my pleasure to serve you. A finer group of people cannot be found anywhere.

I close with my sincerest thanks to all.

Yours for the Legion,  
ARTHUR VOLSARIO.



## NOTICE! ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The June 9th meeting at Post Headquarters will be our 1961 ANNUAL MEETING NIGHT. The result of that meeting will determine a new cycle of life in the development of our Posts' activities in the American Legion for the 1961/62 officers, who will be elected that night.

The Nominating Committee, chairmaned by PC RAYMOND SWANSON, have deliberated and selected the following slate for your edification — but — remember our By-Laws provides that the slate selected by them shall in no way infringe upon the right of any individual member or group of members to present a different choice or choices for any or all offices to be filled from the floor!

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VICE-COMMANDER .....	ED. CAREY
VICE-COMMANDER .....	AL DE LILLO
TREASURER .....	JOE MILLER
CHAPLAIN .....	ARTHUR VOLSARIO

All other officers are appointed by the newly elected Commander.

## VOTE AS YOU PLEASE — BUT VOTE

## NOTICE !

COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES WILL ALSO BE ELECTED AT THE JUNE 9th MEETING!!!!



We are all proud to be Americans and proud of the Flag under which we live in freedom. We believe that Flag to be the most beautiful and most significant Flag in the world...so, on the Flag's Birthday, JUNE 14th, let's display that Flag everywhere...let's show our colors on FLAG DAY.

Our Flag of Stars and Stripes was adopted by action of the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. In the years that have passed since that day, this Flag has led our people through many trials and its meaning has been constantly en-

## Happy Birthday KELLS - GRENNIE Members



## Having A Birthday in JUNE

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1—Donald J. Martin   | 11—Arnold G. Munroe   |
| 2—Frank A. Savio     | 12—Paul H. Grizzard   |
| 2—Thomas Kaznowski   | 16—Francis Dintino    |
| 3—John J. Stanley    | 16—Andrew I. Procopio |
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| 6—Hugh N. McNair     | 17—Daniel S. Pfeifer  |
| 6—Henry F. Flattery  | 18—Edward V. Curry    |
| 10—William Aninowski | 21—Frank L. Grennie   |
| 10—Anton R. Meglio   | 22—Arthur Volsario    |
| 23—Ole T. Koenvik    |                       |

## MEMO TO FISHERMEN:

The April-May issue of the NYS Conservationist reports that everyone knows of the "part-ridge in the tree" but a-much rarer "bird" is a carp in a thornapple bush. This spring in the State's Conservation Department Game Management area at Visser's Ferry on the Mohawk River, a large carp was found stranded in the bush. High water during the spring break-up surged through the area carrying big fish into tree snags, many five and six feet aloft. It is felt this information will be helpful to FRANK ROONEY, ED VURTURE and JACK CANN, etc., who may have difficulty locating fish or getting them to bite. (TRY TREE FISHING!)

## "OLD GLORY"

hanced by the devotion and sacrifices of the American people. Today it waves as the foremost Flag of the world, the symbol of freedom for all mankind.

Countless millions throughout the world would give everything they possess for the privilege of standing under the stars and stripes and being able to salute it as their own. We also enjoy this privilege should recognize it as our most precious possession, and on FLAG DAY should display the Flag in demonstration of our loyalty to Old Glory and to everything for which it stands.



## Your Service Officer Speaks!

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### NOTICE TO USGLI AND NSLI POLICY-HOLDERS

- If you permit your policy to lapse before its anniversary date this year, it will mean that you have been overpaid in your 1961 dividend.

Dividends are calculated to the anniversary date of the policy, although payments of dividends for 1961 are being paid in advance because of Executive Order. Policies lapsing after the dividend payment but before the anniversary date will be overpaid, and the VA will recover through liens against the policy, benefit payments or the matter will be referred to the General Accounting Office for recovery.

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### NEW YORK STATE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE

**CROSS:** This is a silver medal issued by the State of New York to veterans who were residents of New York State at time of entry into the Armed Forces and who received a citation in connection with being awarded one of the following decorations: Medal of Honor; Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Silver Star; Distinguished Flying Cross; Soldier Medal; Marine Medal; Navy Cross; Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal; Purple Heart. If you are eligible contact me.

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**NSLI DIVIDENDS:** A special GI insurance dividend amounting to \$230-million is expected to be paid some 5-million GI policyholders. Veterans who still have their GI insurance may expect to receive this special dividend during July and August. The dividend will average about \$46 and is being paid to help the National economy.

## NEW RULES ON WEARING LEGION CAP

The new cap etiquette laid down by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, as approved by resolution, requires all Legionnaires to remove their Legion caps while eating. It is not proper to wear your Legion cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.

## CHIT-CHAT

Your editor was recently given a surprise Testimonial Luncheon at the Riviera Chateau to which K-G members P.C.'s JOE MILLER and RAY SWANSON; FRANK GRENIE, JOHN BACCI, JOE BIELING, FRED CAMPO attended. While PDVC FRANK ROONEY couldn't attend he telephoned yours truly from Park Forest, Ill., while the luncheon was in progress... C. ERNEST SMITH back from his annual visit to Europe....

### POST MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PCC Harold Speckin surprised your editor recently..he came up to the funeral of his brother-in-law and stopped in to see me..he looks fine and wishes to be remembered to all... **URGENT NOTE:** The following members are delinquent in the payment of their dues, according to our records. If your name appears in error, please notify Ray Swanson; otherwise, please send him your \$6.00 -

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# The Story of the Stars and Stripes

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

## EARLY AMERICAN FLAGS

### The First Stars and Stripes

The Stars and Stripes, whose birthday we observe on June 14, was created on that date in 1777, when the Continental Congress resolved: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, that the thirteen states, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." The first Army flag had the stars arranged in a circle, presumably based on the idea that no colony should take precedence. The First Navy Stars and Stripes, flown by the man-a-war Guerriere when she sailed from Boston on July 25, 1818 for Cowes, England, had the stars arranged in staggered formation in alternate lines and rows of threes and twos on the field of blue. However, on September 9, 1818 the Board of Navy Commissioners received a directive from President Monroe that "the Flag of the United States shall conform to the pattern, herewith transmitted, viz: twenty stars in a blue union, and thirteen stripes, red and white alternately, according to the Act of Congress passed on the fourth of April last; of which you will please to give due notice to the Naval Commanders, and the necessary directions for making the Flags.

### Fifteen Stars and Stripes

Following an Act of Congress on Jan. 13, 1794, this was the flag of our Country from 1795 until 1818. The addition of the two stars and two stripes came with the admission of Vermont, March 4, 1791, and Kentucky, June 1, 1792, into the Union. This type of flag figured in many stirring episodes. It inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star-Spangled Banner"; it was the first flag to be hoisted over a fortress of the Old World, when Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon, of the Marine Corps, and Midshipman Mann of the Navy raised it above the Tripolitan stronghold in Derne, Tripoli on April 27, 1805; it was our ensign in the Battle of Lake Erie; and was flown by General Jackson at New Orleans. Fearing that too many stripes would spoil the true design of the flag, Congress passed a law on April 4, 1818 returning the flag to its original design of thirteen stripes and providing for a new star to be added to the blue field as additional States came into the Union. Thus, for nearly a quarter of a century, this flag with its fifteen stars and stripes was the banner of our growing nation.

(To be continued in July issue)

Sentry: "Halt; who'se there?"

Voice: "American."

Sentry: "Advance and recite the second verse of The Star-Spangled Banner."

Voice: "I don't know it."

Sentry: "Proceed American."

Then there was the Texan who pulled up in his small sports car. When asked if it was air-conditioned, he said: "No, but I have several and I always keep a couple of cold ones in the refrigerator."

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