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News Letter

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For God and Country





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Commanders Corner

Comrades

It has been some time since we have had a newsletter. The problem being someone with enough computer savy and time to undertake this huge job. We are lucky to have such a Comrade by the name of Jon Ralph. Good Luck Jon.

Many improvements have been made in the past 5 years. Come down and check it out. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8pm.

Hopefully we will be getting the cannons repaired soon which will enhance the Post even more. So I hope to see people here on August 11th for the next meeting.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JOHN MATUSZAK
COMMANDER – POST 269

Auxiliary Corner

AUXILIARY NEWS

As the newly elected President of Patchogue Unit #269, I would like to begin this Auxiliary Year of service to our Veterans, Children and Youth and our community with the following thoughts:

Let us REMEMBER why we joined this organization, RENEW our commitment to the organization and REACH OUT to those in need.

Thank you to Auxiliary members, Beverly Matuszak, Peggy Dolcimascolo and Pat Gallagher for helping Post members at their first Craft and Vendor event on July 12, 2014. Another Craft and Vendor Event is being planned for September 6, 2014. Let's join together to make this another successful event.

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of long time Unit member, Phyllis Clark. She will be missed by our Unit members.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, July 26, 2014 - 10:00 AM — Suffolk County Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting at Patchogue

Friday, August 1, 2014 - 8:00PM —Suffolk County Legion Round Table Meeting to be held at Patchogue

Tuesday, August 5,2014 - 7:30PM —Auxiliary Unit 269 Meeting at Patchogue

Friday, September 5, 2014 - 8:00 PM —Suffolk County Legion Meeting at Patchogue

Help is needed to set up and prepare for these meetings.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Pat Bergin, President

Echoes From The Heart

Recently, I survived a major operation. After three days in intensive care, I was placed in a regular room. By now, most of the anesthesia has left my body and once again I have started to think clearly. My mind tells me, "hey, you made it". After two or three months of rehabilitation, you will be back to normal. But, do I really want to return to the "normal" before I got sick? My mind right now is telling me "no". My mind tells me to do something special with my gift of extended life. I survived for a reason...but right now, I do not know what that might be. When I find out, I will shout out: "Look out world, here I come." Only this time, I will have help from the "Divine".

For God and Country,
Tom Bergin, 2nd Vice Commander

Recent Events

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony was held on May 26th. It was great to see all of the support from the community for the veterans and public service groups. There was a large turnout from the community to watch the parade. We also had a good turnout of our Post members who marched in the parade. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped to put the flags on the veteran's graves in the cemeteries and decorate the Post.

The Installation of Officers ceremony was held at the Post on May 31st. The new officers for both the American Legion and the Auxiliary were sworn in. Following the ceremonies, there was a great supper that we had catered. Congratulations to all of the officers, and thank you to all outgoing officers for your service and time.

The annual 4th of July Independence Day parade was rained out on the 4th. It was rescheduled to Saturday July 12th. Unfortunately, that caused a conflict with the Crafts Fair that was being hosted at the Post on the 12th.

The Post hosted a Crafts Fair on the 12th of July. The event drew a lot of vendors, and it appeared to have a fairly steady flow of people coming to look at the different displays. The people running the Crafts Fair have already started talks about having another fair in September, but there are no firm plans at the moment.

Community Activities

Craig Munn and Pauline King presented awards to students at the Bay Avenue School.

John Matuszak and Harry Hanson presented awards to students at the River Avenue School.

Upcoming Events

There are no scheduled events for the rest of July or August. It's the normal summer time and many people are going on vacations, enjoying the sun, beaches, and cook-outs with family and friends. Please remember to be careful with fireworks and charcoal grills to prevent fires.

General Information

The Home Depot has generously donated some time and material to help make the Post look better. This included power washing the building and putting in some new trees and shrubs around the grounds. They also put in new mulch around the flowers and shrubs. The loose posts on the handicapped ramp were also fixed. Our thanks to The Home Depot for their contribution. The Post really looks good.

We are in the process of improving our communication ability. We now have a current Facebook page where we will be able to put up to date information about events and happenings. We will be posting general information, events, and anything of interest there. The new and improved Facebook is:

<https://www.facebook.com/American.Legion.Post.269> There is a second Facebook page and we are in the process of deciding the best route to combining the two so that we have one unified look in the social media arena. We have pictures of the Post and the various events posted on the Facebook page.

And as you can see, we have again started our newsletter. It will take us a bit to get used to doing them again, but they will get better as time goes on. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or any other thing that you think might help improve it please let us know. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email instead of regular mail, send an email to jralph@optonline.net and we will save the printing and mailing costs. You can also email any of your thoughts or suggestions to us at either alpost269@aol.com or jralph@optonline.net and we can respond to it. You can also contact Jon Ralph at 631-654-5735 or 631-235-7537 with any questions or comments.

Post Membership Meetings

Membership meetings are held at the Post on the second Monday of the month at 8 PM.

The next three monthly meetings are: August 11th, September 8th, and October 13th.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Dugout at the Post

The Dugout is open Fridays from 7-11 PM and Sundays 3-7 PM. Drop in and hang out for a while for some drinks, conversation, and friendship. Don't forget, it really is YOUR POST, so come in and visit with friends.

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WANTS YOU



To Join Us Now

Ask your: **Father, Father-in-Law, Brother-in-Law**
A Friend or Associate

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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Annual Membership Dues is \$40, Signature _____

Fill out the Application and Mail it along with your Dues and a copy of your DD-214
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