



The Greenlawn Bugle

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Town of Huntington Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony

**Sunday May 24
9:00 am (tentative)
Veterans Plaza - Town Hall**

Join your fellow veterans and citizens from throughout Huntington to honor all who gave their lives for our country.

Memorial Day Parade Monday May 25 9:00 am

The annual Greenlawn Memorial Day Parade will step off from Broadway and West Maple Rd at 9 am, followed by a solemn ceremony at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Annual Post Cookout Monday May 25 2:00 pm

Our Legion Family and guests will gather for our annual cookout at the Knights of Columbus on Boulevard Ave. Food and beverages free of charge.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast Friday May 29 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sponsored by the AP Government classes of Harborfields High School Bring your memories and memorabilia. The students want to hear your story. Harborfields H.S. 98 Taylor Ave, Greenlawn.

We Are What We Do

The focus of Greenlawn Post 1244 has always been on what we do. Because it is what we do that defines who we are.

We are an organization of veterans. Some of us are individuals directly related to veterans (our Auxiliary and Sons). But that, alone, doesn't tell our story.

Our background as veterans can best be described as "Service before self." It is in service that we find our identity and our purpose.

In the pages of this newsletter, we are reminded of what we do and, therefore, who we are. We provide services to our fellow veterans, and service members and their families. We provide services to our community at large and services for the children and youth of our community- services to our community, state and nation.

Why us?

Because veterans are usually better equipped to support other veterans.

Because our children and youth need mentors who care deeply about our country. Who better than veterans?

Because veterans have an **innate desire to serve**, to contribute to something greater than themselves, as we did in the military.

A better question might be: "If not us, than who?" In many cases, if not the American Legion, then no one.

As you read this current issue of *The Greenlawn Bugle*, we hope you will better understand who we are. If you are a veteran who is looking for an opportunity to serve once again, we hope you will reach out to us.

The COVID-19 Virus

As this issue of *The Greenlawn Bugle* goes to press, our nation is facing a pandemic like none since the Spanish Flu of 1918.

We encourage all our members and families to pay attention to the recommendations and regulations of our local, state and national authorities.

We encourage you to use extreme caution and adhere to the best practices put forth by the health experts. Namely properly wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and practice "social distancing." Your well-being is our highest priority.

Please contact us at: post1244@verizon.net if we can be of assistance.

Because access to legitimate information is critical to helping us beat back this pandemic, our weekly e mail "Veterans News" will feature information from the Veterans Administration, Local and State health authorities as well as from the CDC and the World Health Organization. If you are not a subscriber, e mail us at post1244@verizon.net. We are certain that in time, if we all pull together, as our country did in WWII, we will defeat this threat.

Please be safe and well.

Post 1244 Monthly Meetings

St. Joseph Council K of C 24 Boulevard Ave. Greenlawn
The 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm

Boys State and Girls State 2020 - Cancelled Due to the Pandemic



We are deeply disappointed that it has become necessary for the American Legion Department of New York to cancel this year's Boys State program due to the ongoing spread of the Covid-19 virus. We are awaiting confirmation that Girls State may also be suspended.

It is simply amazing how quickly everything can change. Since the fall, we have been working with four of the local high schools, coming up with a group of their top students as delegates to attend the 2020 Boy's & Girl's State programs.

The result of these efforts was the selection of twenty five students, who dutifully filled out all the necessary applications and provided their physicals and immunization records in preparation for their June experience. We had just sent in the tuition, along with the student's appli-

cations, when we received notice from the American Legion Department of New York that this year's programs would be cancelled.

While this is very disappointing to all concerned, it was done with an abundance of caution in an effort to help keep the students, their families, and our American Legion volunteers safe and healthy during this outbreak of the coronavirus.

We must take all the necessary steps required to help slow and stop the spread of this disease. Our priority must be to stay healthy!

On the pages that follow, are the students who were chosen as delegates or alternates.

Charlie Armstrong
Boys and Girls State Co-Chairman

Harborfields High School

Boys State



L-R: Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong ; Tim Russo, Principal; Theo Krijnselocker; Trevor Yorio; Christopher Sheehan; Ryan Steel; Andrew Sulinski; and Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea. (Missing from photo is Delegate Aidan Cuthbertson).

Girls State



L-R: Mr. Christopher Patronaggio, Assistant Principal, Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong,, Lauren Pisano (Alternate), Jordan Conversano (Delegate), and Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea..

Walt Whitman High School

Boys State



Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong; Corey Blair, Asst. Principal and Head of Counseling; John Rodriguez; Jaden Wedner; Daniel Coppola; Paul Smitelli; Bryce Vorback; Riley Wagner; John Murphy, Principal; and Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea.

Girls State



Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong, Corey Blair (Asst. Principal - Guidance Dept), Danielle DeGaray (Delegate), Anastasia Samba (Alternate), and Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea.

Huntington High School Boys State



Joe Leavy, Chair of Humanities, Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea, John Holly, Andrew McKenzie, Roberto Castillo, Jack Kurathkowski, Matthew Colaveccio, Brenden Cusack, Principal, and Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong. Not pictured - Delegate Aidan Bender.

Commack High School Boys State



Co-Chairman Charlie Armstrong, Leslie Boritz, Principal; Joe Cramer; Ben Tatora; Erik Hinsch; Antonio Figueroa; Andrew Shovelson; Don Graham, Lead Counselor; Nichole Kregler, Director of Counseling; and Co-Chairman Ed O'Shea.

Veterans In The Classroom

A highlight of our February meeting was a visit by a delegation of students and teachers from Oldfields Middle School in Greenlawn.

Our guests were there to thank our post volunteers for the “Veterans In The Classroom” program we conduct each year for their eight grade students.

Ed Hayde, our coordinator of the program, introduced the six students and two teachers. Each of the students briefly spoke to the membership about their experience. They were all very appreciative, enjoyed the veterans who participated and thanked them profusely.

They then presented a plaque to the post and certificates of appreciation and photos to the veterans who visited the school during Veterans Week last November. Five of the veterans were present at the meeting: Donna Boyle, Ed Hayde, Carlo Giordano, Vinnie Crimauco and Alex Janow.



Back Row L-R: st Vice Cmdr. Carlo Giordano, program coordinator Ed Hayde, Alex Janow, Cmdr. Donna Boyle, Vinnie Crimauco, Teachers Sandra Buscemi and Jeff Shade. Unfortunately, we don't have the names of the children a who are in the front row.

A Laughing Matter

Three men are sitting stiffly side by side on a long commercial flight. After they're airborne and the plane has leveled off, the man in the window seat abruptly says, distinctly and confidently, in a low voice: “Admiral, United States Navy, retired. Married, two sons, both surgeons.”

After a few minutes the man in the aisle seat states through a tightlipped smile: “Admiral, United States Navy, retired. Married, two sons, both judges.”

After some thought, the fellow in the center seat decides to introduce himself. With a twinkle in his eye he proclaims:

Master Chief Petty Officer, United States Coast Guard, retired. Never married, two sons, both Admirals.



Missing In America Project

Interment of Joseph E. Gonzales Calverton National Cemetery

On the afternoon of Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 1:30 pm, Veteran Joseph E. Gonzalez was given full military honors for his service in the United States Army. He was born in 1944 and died on July 23, 2019 with no family.

He served from 1965 to 1967.

There were 48 persons on attendance, including Suffolk County American Legion Commander Jim Beecher and Past County Commander Mike Pankowski.

The ceremony opened with the playing of "Taps" by Post 1244 Bugler Bob Slingo, followed by a rifle volley from the Patchogue Post 269 American Legion Rifle Squad.

A U.S. Army Honor Guard detail conducted the Folded



Flag Ceremony. The flag was presented to Smith-Wever Post 651 Commander Steve Antonacci.

Suffolk County Chaplain Tom Bergin gave the invocation and Post 1244 Adjutant Ken Carlson made introductory remarks and thanked all for their attendance. Post 1244 2nd Vice Commander Fred Tuccillo gave a heart-felt eulogy for our departed brother.

Chaplain Bergin provided some additional comments followed by Adjutant Carlson reading the poem: "A Hero's Welcome."

Following a benediction by Chaplain Bergin, all present approached the casket to pay our final respects.

Once again, one of brothers -in-arms was respectfully laid to rest.

*Ken Carlson, Adjutant
American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244*

Service Officer's Report



The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, was signed into law on June 25, 2019 and the law **took effect on January 1, 2020**. The law states that Veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure. (See me for a listing of conditions – there are 14 of them).

To be eligible for presumption of service connection based on herbicide exposure, the Veteran must have served in the offshore waters of Vietnam not more than 12 nautical miles from land. Congress has established the exact longitude and latitude coordinates in the new law and the VA can check the veterans OMPF (personnel) file to determine whether the veteran's ship was in the proper area to file a claim.

They have also extended this presumption to Brown

Water Navy who served in the inlets near the coast.

In the past the VA would not entertain these claims because of the statutory phrase "served in the Republic of Vietnam" to refer to service on land or on the inland waterway passages in Vietnam.

If a veteran already has a claim in that was previously denied, they should file a new claim and provide any new and relevant information regarding the claim or updated medical information. Claims that are currently in the VA review process or under appeal were placed on hold and are now getting reviewed (as of 1/1/20). Claims that have already been submitted should be submitted on VA form 20-0995, labeled as Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. For more information visit <https://www.va.gov/disability>, or see Michelle for assistance.

Widow DIC benefits will be reviewed as well.

Michelle Martin

American Legion Post 1244 Service Officer

Entitlements Specialist

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families
Services for the UnderServed**

Which One Are You?

Belonging to an American Legion post means many things to many people. Some simply join to support a veteran's organization. These members might never attend even a single Post meeting. Others join for the comradery that the post may provide. These members usually attend our monthly meetings and to enjoy its fellowship, but don't participate in any of the post's many activities outside the meeting room doors. A third group attends post meeting on a regular basis, and also participates and contributes to one or more of its many worthwhile activities affecting fellow veterans and their families. The last group, not only participates heavily in many varied post activities, but also serves its rank and file as members of the Post's Executive Committee. These officers are responsible for the performance of their individual positions as defined by the Legion's charter and ensuring the execution of the Post's mission in support of its four Pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth.

Some of you are still working and raising your family. Many of our activities take place during the day, which understandably prevents you from participating in them, and the evenings are reserved for time with your family and some well-earned rest. To you, I say thank you for your membership.

Others of you are on in years, perhaps unable to drive or not in the best of health. Again, I understand your posi-

tion and thank you also for your membership.

Still others on our roster are unable to participate because they live far from our post. You also are thanked for your membership.

Then there are those members who are available, but simply haven't found an activity that piqued their interest enough to become a contributor. Although you also are thanked for your membership, I encourage you to revisit your options. I urge each of you to approach any of our officers and have an open dialogue with them to discuss not only what programs are open to you, but also what inspires you. Perhaps we can start a new program based on your input. Tell us what prevents you from participating in our programs or events. Perhaps we can turn those roadblocks into stepping stones to fulfillment. You really can make a difference in someone's life.

The "doers" of the post have more work than they can handle at times and can use some help. We need your support to keep our post viable and productive going forward.

There are many local veterans and their family's still in need of our efforts. We cannot let them down. With your help, we will not let them down. Thanks for listening...

Charlie Tritto, Chaplain

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244

The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

How well do you know our Constitution?

A 2017 national survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania reveals how shockingly little Americans know about even the most basic elements of our government and the Constitution that formed it.

More than one in three people (37%) could not name a single right protected by the First Amendment.

Only one in four (26%) can name all three branches of the government. (In 2011, 38% could name all three branches.)

For many years, our Post 1244 has been proud to sponsor local students to take part in the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. The competition exists to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the United States Constitution among high school students.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of

citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to ten minutes long. Three to five minute speeches on an assigned topic are also part of the contest. The assigned topic is revealed to each contestant only five minutes before they are to speak.

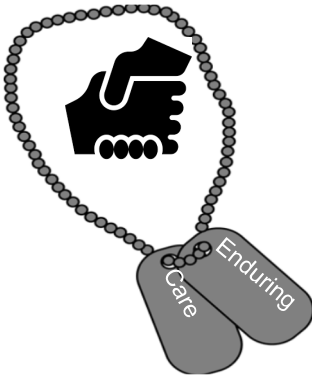
This year, one of our students, **Leah Pohalski** of St. Pius V School won the Suffolk County Contest and went on to place first in the Suffolk, Nassau and Queens contest. In 2019, Leah placed second the New York State finals.

We are proud to sponsor these students. One of our missions is to help develop future citizens who understand the rights and responsibilities of a citizen of the United States of America.

Along with our Boys State and Girls State programs, the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest helps to further that goal.

For more information about the High School Oratorical Contest contact Bob Santo at 516-458-7881 or e mail ***bobsanto2@verizon.net***

Operation Enduring Care



Operation Enduring Care, a project of Post 1244, has been busy providing hygiene and comfort items to our brothers and sisters who are residents at the Northport VA Medical Center.

A few weeks ago, we were the recipients of a donation of 500 brand new sweatshirts from local merchant “EmbroidMe” in Melville. We have distributed 116 of them to residents of the VA Community Living Centers (CLC’s).



Operation Enduring Care founder Al Statton, Post Commander Donna Boyle and Finance Officer Bob Santo with employees of EmbroidMe as we received a donation of 500 new sweatshirts.

We continue to provide residents with personal hygiene items. As you may know, the VA does not provide the residents with such items. Many of our residents have outlived family and friends who would be expected to supply them with such basic needs.

Last month, we distributed almost 700 items for the residents in the four CLC’s including body wash, deodorant, mouth wash, tooth paste, denture paste, denture clean, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes and nail clippers.

Nearly of all the twenty five 32” TV’s that we purchased in 2018, have been connected and we hope the few remaining are installed very soon. These are to replace the clunky, small and very old TV’s that were being used by our brothers and sisters in the hospice unit. We are grateful to the new executive director, Dr. Antonio Sanchez, for making this happen.



In just a few weeks, the homeless shelter in Building 11 at the Northport VA is set to reopen after more than two years. It will, once again, be managed by United Veterans Beacon House. This is great news for the many veterans and family members who need emergency housing and care. Operation Enduring Care stands ready to provide non-perishable food and snacks for the new residents as well as personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, blankets, DVD’s and other items.

We are currently welcoming donations of :

- Antiperspirant / deodorant
- Shaving Cream (male & female)
- Razors (male & female)
- Alcohol-free mouthwash
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Bars of soap, body wash
- New, packaged underwear both male and female in sizes medium, large and extra large
- New, packaged men’s and women’s socks medium, large and extra large

Monetary donations in any amount are especially welcome and can be sent:

Payable to:
American Legion Post 1244
Memo line: Operation Enduring Care
PO Box 238
Greenlawn, NY 11740

Thank You for Your Generosity!

American Legion Riders



The last few months have been extremely active for the American Legion Riders of Post 1244 ---- which is pretty much the case all year round for the group.

The Riders have undertaken the usual litany of missions. The more somber ones included the MIAP missions, various Calverton funeral escorts and the Vietnam Medal Ceremonies sponsored by the Long Island Air Force Association. Another special mission was the Four Chaplains Ceremony at the Stony Brook Veterans Home. Relatively lighter missions included the Turkey/Holiday Runs.

Due to the overwhelming success of the traditional Turkey Run, a new Holiday Run was added to our mission log this past season. This new Holiday mission was directed at WW2 veterans who were presented with a gift basket of coffee, tea, jam and cookies. We made sure to spend a little time with these honorable veterans (we even had a request for a minor home repair which Jim Scheff was kind enough to complete) and were rewarded with wonderful stories and heartfelt gratitude.

Another more laid-back mission was serving as blackjack dealers at The Bristol Assisted Living “Casino Night.” We were a bit apprehensive, expecting the residents to be seasoned gamblers who would be challenging us to deal the cards quicker and more

efficiently. But luckily, this wasn’t the case and we were treated kindly and with great patience.

There was also an appearance by Elvis, from the later years; after he had discovered carbohydrates.

We did have to report one of our members, Bob Moreback as an MIA, however, as he was last seen being escorted to the upstairs elevators by a hunting party of cougars. We will hold his membership active with the hope that he will someday return.

On a serious note, similar to the main Post, we seem to be at a crossroads in maintaining active membership.

We used to consider ourselves as the “Young Bucks” of the Post with the majority of the Riders being comprised of Sons. However, we are starting to feel our age and are seeking some young blood to join our ranks. Recently, we have signed up a few members but it is usually a 50/50 chance, at best, that they will stick it out.

We must work at disseminating our general mission purpose to the public with the goal of cultivating new membership to reinforce our ranks. I see the amazing accomplishments of the Riders and dearly hope that we can continue to serve and aid America’s veterans.

Chuck Bishop, Treasurer
Legion Riders Chapter 1244

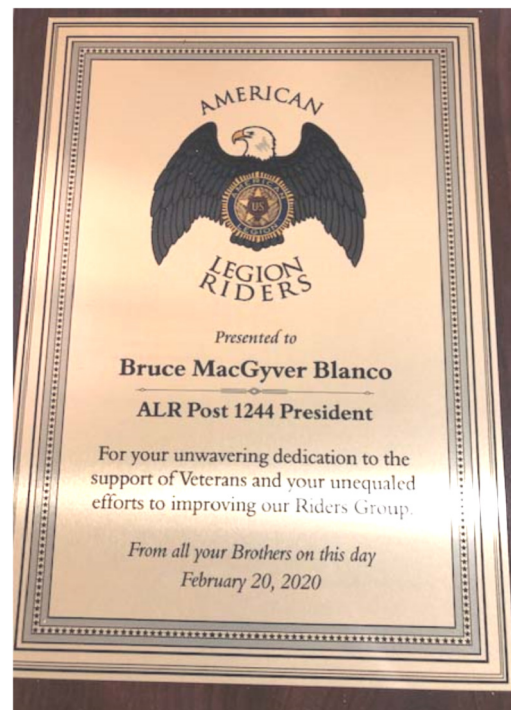
ALR President Bruce Blanco Honored

During his five year tenure as president, Bruce Blanco has made our American Legion Riders Chapter one of the most active in New York State.

Not only has Bruce shown himself to be an effective leader of our ALR chapter, he has been effective as Suffolk County Legion Riders Director as well as Department of New York Vice Director for District 9 and 10 consisting of Nassau, Queens, Suffolk, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties.

On February 20, Bruce received a much-deserved recognition form our Post 1244 ALR Chapter in the form of the plaque at right.

The nickname “MacGyver” refers to Bruce’s similarity to the fictional hero. Bruce is an expert at making complicated machines out of ordinary things!



SailAhead



SAILAHEAD

SailAhead has been partnered with Greenlawn Post 1244 since 2015 and we've taken hundreds of veterans sailing thanks to our partnership! This summer will be the sixth yearly event at the Centerport Yacht Club and together we plan to take over 100 veterans plus guests on a single day of sailing! Fun fact: with this yearly event alone, SailAhead and the Post have taken nearly 500 veterans to the water! It will feature support from the local Fire Department, Suffolk County Police Department (by helicopter!!), Cadets from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, various Yacht Clubs, and hundreds of individuals doing their part in making a difference.



We are at the front lines of a battle to combat the horrible reality among our troops – the veteran suicide epidemic in America. This will be but one of six events SailAhead is organizing this summer.

If you missed it, on September 22nd last year, SailAhead and the Babylon Yacht Club partnered for the second year to take wounded veterans out sailing in an attempt to heal. Invited to the event was the SAR Flag organization, dedicated to spreading Veteran Suicide Awareness

and Remembrance.

A special guest came up to Sean, a SailAhead co-founder, happily brandishing his SailAhead shirt from last year to declare that he was looking forward to coming back out since the second he returned to land! For him, this event gave him a new lease of life, and it made him feel human, and respected again.

This event served to become the physical demonstration of what we can achieve if we build bridges between communities. Civilians to military, yacht clubs to veterans, and sailors to sailors to-be! It is a magical moment of connection and always one saturated with the most profound kind of pain, if only so that it can start to heal.

This particular event is held in honor of USMC LCpl Michael Blanco whose dad is Bruce Blanco, a member of Post 1244, and who is a Legion Rider. LCpl Michael Blanco is one of SailAhead's Mates, now making up over 219 nametags that represent (at least) 10 days' worth of veteran suicides in the United States. As one of SailAhead's Mates, Michael is honored and remembered at every event, but on that particular windy September day in the Great South Bay, it was about him and the Blanco family. The sail came to a close when each of the ten sailboats ceremonially threw roses into the Great South Bay, in honor of the fallen warriors who lost a fight not abroad... but in our very own country. It was an emotional event that poked at raw wounds, but was an essential part in the healing process for all veterans who've lost friends, or family members.

SailAhead is looking to maintain all of its past events, but also to expand the healing. With ambitions to growing events geographically and also to seek out other sailing-based models of healing. If you would like to learn more about SailAhead and its activities, please email:

info@sailahead.org.

Kilian and Sean Duclay
Co-Founders SailAhead
Contact email: Info@SailAhead.org



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A Moment With Chaplain Charlie



I noticed it while shaving; the lump on the left side of my neck. I didn't think much of it at the time. There were more pressing issues to deal with. My routine appointment with my PCP was the following week. I'd show it to him then.

He did his usual doctor prodding and pinching and said that it might be a lymph node but I needed an ultrasound done to be sure. The test took longer than I anticipated. The technician said they would forward the result to my doctor right away... not a good sign .

The phone rang at 08:47 the following morning. The nurse from my doctor's office said the doctor would like to speak with me...also not a good sign. He said the radiologist acknowledged the mass, but it was inconclusive and recommended a PET Scan for an accurate diagnosis. Several specialist visits and biopsies followed the scan. I had cancer... again.

That horrific, hopeless, confused feeling came over me; the same one I had in 2012 when I was told my kidneys were dying because of an enlarged prostate, and again the

following year when I lost half my left kidney to kidney cancer. All I could think about, was what would happen to my family when I ran out of tomorrows.

The tests confirmed Stage 3 head and neck cancer. 7 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy followed. I proudly earned the privilege of banging the gong after my last radiation treatment, and sounding the cow bell after my last chemo session. I also brought home the molded plastic mask that kept my head immobilized during each of my radiations. It serves as a reminder of the fragility of my life.

My next PET scan has to wait until April to determine if the treatments worked. It takes that long for my body to reset from their effects. I don't know if my cancer journey is over. Only God knows that. What I do know is that four things gave me the strength to fight this demon: my faith, my medical team, my family and my friends. You know who you are. To each, I offer my sincere thanks. Whatever my outcome, your prayers, concern and kindness will never be forgotten. To those of you fighting your own demons, whatever they might be, always remember: "This too shall pass." May God Bless you all.

Charlie Tritto, Chaplain

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244

The American Legion Auxiliary



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1244 is a unique part of our post. Our members range from as young as 4 to 70 years of age and older. We are the daughters, wives and even granddaughters of Veterans from as far back as World War II.

Our mission is to always support our veterans, especially our women veterans and help make their lives better. We take pride in fundraising and our goal is always to include

as many members in our events as possible! We welcome new members and, of course, we cherish our founding members.

We hope to resume meetings this coming April!

Nicole Abbate

**Co-President
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1244
631-745-9336**

Sons of The American Legion



Calling All Sons! It looks like we are going to have an early spring this year. (Hurray!). Saying that, I would like to get started on a few fundraisers early this year.

I am asking every Squadron 1244 member to please contact me so that I have all your correct contact information.

I have tried to reach out to some of you and have found no response due to incorrect phone numbers or emails.

I am looking forward to hearing from each of you and to even maybe get some ideas on how we can make this a great summer.

Angus Kennedy

**Commander, Sons of The American
Legion
angus.kennedy@cbre.com**

Vice Commander's Call to Members



I can't stop thinking and talking about the students and faculty from Oldfield Middle School who came to our February meeting. They honored our post and our volunteer veterans who participated in this year's "Veterans in The Classroom" project.

It was truly a rewarding experience. When you think about it, there are so many other activities we do with young people such as Boys & Girls State, our Applebees Pancake Breakfasts where high school students volunteer to work at our fundraiser and

interact with our veterans, our Flag Education and Respect program for scout troops and Eagle Scout courts of honors, the High School Oratorical Contest as well as the Military Breakfast for students of Walt Whitman High School who will be going into the military after graduation.

Our Motto is " Vets Helping Vets - hey - its what we do" and that is what we will continue to do. But we should also say veterans helping to shape the future of our young people. I know if we continue on that path the rewards are endless.

Carlo Giordano
**1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman**

Welcome To Our Newest Post 1244 Members

**Frank Kavanaugh
George Kuebrich
John E. Pryputyniewicz
Charles Restivo
Edward Sandkuhl
Walter Thomas**

2020 Raffle Fundraiser

Our annual fundraising raffle will be launched this month with a kick-off at our March 11 meeting where tickets will be available. This year's prizes will be:

- First Prize: Samsung 50" LED UHD 4K Flat Screen TV with HDR'**
Second Prize: Samsung Galaxy Tab E - 9.6" -16GB
Third Prize: Bose® - Soundlink® Portable Bluetooth® Speaker II Soft Black.
Fourth Prize: Dinner for two at Red Restaurant in Huntington Village.
Fifth Prize: Northport Engeman Theater - Two tickets to any show (except Saturday)

RaffleTickets are \$5.00 or 6 tickets for \$20.00

Please help support our programs for veterans, families and children

Drawing will be on September 9, 2020 at our monthly meeting.

Winners Need Not Be Present

IMPORTANT: We will not be mailing raffle tickets. Tickets will be available at each monthly meeting or by request. Call Bob Santo at 516-458-7881 or e mail bobsanto2@verizon.net and we will get tickets to you.

The Commander's Corner



How are you doing meeting your New Year's goals? Have you been able to do that one nice thing for someone everyday? I am still trying but will admit I missed the goal post a few times.

I want to thank everyone who stepped forward to help the post at our last meeting. Special thanks to Hal Dieterle for agreeing to be our Judge Advocate. This is a critical position to fill since we have our elections coming up. Speaking of elections - if you want a leadership position in the post or want to suggest a fellow member please let me know. I have spoken to most of the current leadership and they agreed to serve again but no one wants to stay in the same position forever.

I also want to thank Ray Bohn for stepping up once again to run our bowling team. The team will be competing in the New York State American Legion Family Tournament in Malone, NY this spring.

It is getting close to "POPPY" time, once again. I want to thank everyone who agreed to continue being a poppy team leader. Ken Hinsch has agreed to be the 2020 Poppy Czar so watch for contact from him on where and when the team leaders will receive their poppies. As a fail safe, team leaders, please plan on attending the April meeting.

I also want to extend a special Thank You to Cathy Mattes and Alex Janow for agreeing to be "Party Planner Extraordinaires" Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Picnic, and just send me a quick email at 39dpip@gmail.com or call 631-271-2643 and leave a message to let us know the size of your party.

There are more members to thank but I am out of room and as you can read we have a lot of things going on and if you have a couple of hours you want or need to fill just let me know. We would love to have any help you are able to provide.

*Donna Boyle
Post Commander*

Commander Boyle Elected to Veterans Advisory Board

Commander Donna Boyle has been chosen as Special Representative for Women Veterans on the Huntington Veterans Advisory Board. She will take office upon a resolution to be voted on by the Town Board.

The Veterans Advisory Board is an entity of the Office of Veterans Affairs which is a Division of the Department of Human Services.

The Board serves as a liaison to the Huntington Town Board and the Veteran community.



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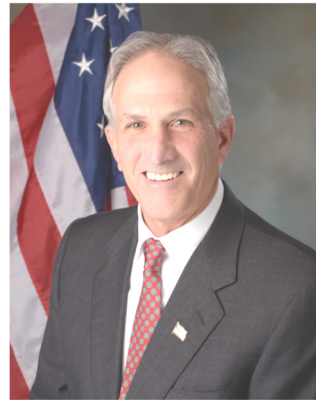


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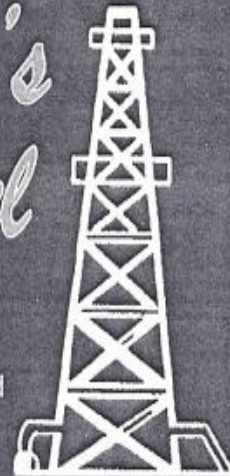
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