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THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post # 1365 Minutes from January 8, 2022

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Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

As we struggle through the winter of 2022 and the pandemic our Post remains dedicated to our members and our veteran family. The cold weather and the Pandemic continue to inhibit our activities but we are doing our best to sustain the Post. For those of you who have not paid your dues, please take a moment and renew. Paul Dietrich has been attempting to contact members who have not paid their 2021 dues and has struggled to contact them through email, letters, and phone calls. Please help the post and renew your membership.

Mark Kelly has been doing various maintenance jobs around the post and recently Mark and Bob Motisi made needed repairs to the heating system. We are considering a St. Patrick's Party and we need to know your interest in attending. Please call the Post if you would be interested in attending a St. Patrick's party at the post. We are still in need of committee chairs for various Post activities including Memorial Day, July 4, and Veteran, day. We would also like to resume our traditional seafood picnic but we need your help. Frank Saladis Connected the PS 26 Parents association and is working with them to organize events that will increase our visibility in the community and hopefully attract younger veterans to join the post.

Our Post meetings continue to have an on line option and we encourage all members to attend and obtain updates about the post, the Legion, and Veterans programs.

Please keep our active duty service members in your prayers and always thank our veterans for their service.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Frank Saladis, VC, for Commander Mark Kelly

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The meeting was called to order by Commander Mark Kelly at 10am. The customary American Legion ceremonies were observed. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Committee reports were completed. Children and youth – PS 26 Parents association was contacted and plans to engage the students in Post and community activities. Boys State is scheduled for June 27 – July 1 and is planned to be an in-person program in 2022. Membership -43 members short of 100%. Legislation – Suicide prevention bill was discussed. Sons of the Legion – 55 members in the roster. Old Business – none discussed. New Business- None discussed. Good of the Legion – 4 Chaplains Brunch Feb. 12, 11am. Feb 12 Post meeting will start at 9am. Mid-Winter Conference will be a zoom meeting. May 14 – Welcome home for State Commander Frank LaMarsh. The meeting concluded with a prayer and closing comments by Commander Mark Kelly. .

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 12, @ 9:00am (*Note time change for this meeting*)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVINEDgwM2FKTG11bIJQUkFydUNXQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014 Passcode: 963247

Online Information about American Legion Activities

American Legion News

https://www.legion.org/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Enter%20Link%20Label&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter

Excelsior Pass for Veterans

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-excelsior-pass-now-available-military-veterans-who-received-covid-19>

Volunteers needed – The Post needs volunteers to chair and organize our yearly events: St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Veterans Day, Christmas and Holiday Party. Contact Mark Kelly if interested.

DD214 forms Please ensure that you have a copy of your DD-214 on file at the Post

Our Military History – If you have a brief story to tell about your service, or would like to provide a brief article about our military history please call the Post, send your story to the Post via email or US Mail, or contact Frank Saladis at saladispmp@msn.com

Retiring of Worn American Flags: A Flag receptacle is in the driveway next to the deck. It is a red white and blue mailbox. Please do not deposit plastic bags, flag holders, or wooden dowels.

Final Honors- If you are aware of the passing of a Post member, please contact the post and provide any available details. The Post will arrange for a final tribute and for the family to receive an American Flag and American Legion Grave Marker.

Volunteers needed for general post maintenance and clean up – Please contact VC Frank Saladis if you are interested in helping with the maintenance of the post – Outdoor yard work and indoor cleaning and organizing. The post is seeking donations of garden mulch and lawn maintenance items: Weed and Feed, Weed B Gone, Weed killer (Spray Bottles) Grass seed.

American Legion membership renewal for 2021-2022 can be easily, and safely, done through your [MyLegion.org](https://www.mylegion.org) account. When your membership becomes eligible for renewal, a “Renew Now” button appears at the top right-hand page of your MyLegion.org account. Click on “Renew Now” and the amount due is displayed in “My Order Balance.” Select “Pay Now” or “Renew Now” to proceed. American Legion members can renew online with a credit card. You can save your credit card on file for auto renewal. Credit cards will be charged by the second week of July annually for the Legion’s membership year, which runs July 1-June 30. To set up auto renewal:

1. Click Membership Details under MEMBERSHIP tab on the left-hand page.
2. Click the box “I want to auto renew my membership and authorize that my credit card be charged prior to the start of membership each year” under your current membership status.
3. Enter your credit card information and hit “Add new card.”
4. Select “Save” to save your future renewal.

Fund Raising – Gold Star Post Super Bowl. Help the Post, buy a box. Call the Post to enter the fund raiser 718 983 7675

Donations: Gold Star Post would like to thank the following for donations : Richard Merlis, Nick Ogrosso, Philip Napolitano, John Kosinski, VFW Post 1574

Sons of the American Legion – A meeting of the SAL will be organized in early 2022. More information will be provided. For membership in the SAL send an email to: goldstarsal1365@gmail.com.

Membership 2022 - Membership 2022- Gold Star is at 88% as of today. Memberships expired on 31 December. You can renew online at NYLEGION.NET, Renew, at a post meeting or by mailing your renewal to the post. The following members have NOT renewed as of this date: Acosta, Azcuy, Bellotti, Berube, Calabrese, Cannistraci. Converse, Cook, Deleon, Denaro, Encarnacion, Gaudioso, Gomez, Guido, Guido, Hadfield, Howe, Jacobsen, Markowitz, Martini, McGrane, Miller, Mireider, Murphy, Neglia, Perillo, Phillips, Roe, Russiello, Sabato, Santa-Ana, Savarese, Scaparrotti, Scazzafavo, Seobarrat, Smith, Spinelli, Stollmeyer, Stump, Torres, Winterrenazke



Important Dates in Military History in the month of February

- 2/1 National Freedom Day
- 2/2 Army Nurse Corp Established (1901)/Groundhog Day
- 2/3 USO Incorporated
- 2/13 Marine Corps Women’s Reserve Established (1943)
- 2/23 Iwo Jima Flag Raising (1945)**
- 2/27 Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day

Feb 15 1942 – WW2: Fall of Singapore. In one of the greatest defeats in British military history, Britain’s supposedly impregnable Singapore fortress surrenders to Japanese forces after a weeklong siege. More than 60,000 British, Australian, and Indian soldiers were taken prisoner, joining 70,000 other Allied soldiers captured during Britain’s disastrous defense of the Malay Peninsula.

Face Masks: Gold Star Post has a small supply of face masks available for veterans. Covid 19 is still a threat. Get vaccinated!

Post Meetings: The post is open for normal monthly meetings held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM. If you cannot get to the meeting physically, you can attend via ZOOM or call in. The zoom and call in numbers will be sent via email.

Gold Star Post Important Dates and Events:

February 12 Post Meeting will begin at 9:am

Super Bowl raffle – Call the Post to obtain a box 718 983 7675
Four Chaplains Brunch- Staaten, 12 February,2022

American Legion Programs -For information about American Legion Programs, visit <https://www.legion.org/programs> <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Join>

Membership Anniversaries – 5 Years: **John Cobbs, Christopher Russo,** Domenico Gaudioso ,John Hallihan, Kirby Hannon, Joseph Hodges, Michael Marra, Thomas Mauchly, Robert Santiago, Daniel Tito, John D. Walker, John D. Walker III, William Welsh, Charles Young

<https://www.legion.org/emergency> Donations for veterans who are victims of natural disasters.

The Post is considering planning a St. Patrick’s Party in March. If you are interested please call the post and let us know. If we receive interest from 20 or more members and guests we will plan to have the party. 718 983 7675