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THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post # 1365
Minutes from December 11, 2021

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. Committee reports were completed. Boys State is scheduled for June 27 – July 1 and is planned to be an in-person program in 2022. The post held its annual Children's holiday party at the post on Dec 5 and it was well attended. The meeting concluded with a prayer and closing comments by Commander Mark Kelly. At the conclusion of the meeting a Holiday social with food and beverages was provided for Post members.

Or Current Resident

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Next Meeting: January 8, 2022 -10am 2021 10am.

Time: Saturday, January 8th @ 10:00 am

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

Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014
Passcode: 963247

Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

The officers of Post 1365 wish our members and their families and our friends of the Legion a Happy New Year that is filled with good fortune, good health and some time for fun and enjoyment of life. We continue to deal with the Covid situation and it has certainly affected the post and our usual events. We did manage to have a Holiday party for the children of PS 26 and the community and we had a small turn out of members for our Post holiday social. Hopefully in 2022 we will see Covid through a rear view mirror and once again begin to enjoy the things in life we all like to do. The post has a super bowl fundraiser in progress and we are asking our members to participate and help us raise some much-needed funds. If we see improvement in the Covid situation we will attempt to resume some of our post activities such as the St. Patrick's party and the seafood picnic. We will schedule another fund raiser canning event in the next few months. 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

Gold Star Post has entered the Digital Age with a new website thanks to Vice Commander Mike Marra. You can visit the site at www.goldstarpost1365.org

Online Information about American Legion Activities

Legionnaires help Victims of the Tornados

https://www.legion.org/emergency/254547/darkest-moment-mayfield-post-shines-hope-throughout-community?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=NEF&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter

Legion Raises fund to Help Veterans

https://www.legion.org/donate/254412/another-record-breaking-giving-tuesday-american-legion?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=HOLIDAYS&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter

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 saladismp@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 during this time of rebuilding from our roof expenses: Charles Debiase, Richard Merlis, Alan Halfenger, Frank Saladis, VFW post 1574, Sal Marcello, Paul Dietrich and Peter Napolitano for his continuing donations.

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- Renewals for 2022 have reached 83% as of today. Our goal for January is 80% so we have at last reached a goal. Memberships expire on 31 December so it is recommended that you renew as early as possible to prevent the end of the year rush and to keep our post viable. You can renew online at NYLEGION.NET, Renew, at a post meeting or by mailing your renewal to the post. I have mailed out cards to all those renewals we received, if you sent a check and have NOT received your card pls call Paul Dietrich at 718-698-5269. It looks like national finally corrected the return address on the renewal forms so you may use the renewal form that comes in the mail as long as it gives our address as 17 Cannon Ave, SINY 10314-3629.



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:

Super Bowl raffle – Call the Post to obtain a box 718 983 7675

Four Chaplains Brunch- Staaten, 12 February,2022

County Meeting – January 14 – Cespino – Russo

Gold Star Post Meeting – February 12, 2022

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

Membership Anniversaries John Bruno, Roger Canarutto, Michael Dwyer,Jerome Edmonds , William Fallon, Gene Guerra, Melvin Hadfield Kenneth Klinge John Kosinski Peter Liander Allan Lipp Salvatore Marcello, Edward Mireider, Sean Peterson, Albert Porto, Ann Treadaway Nick Troianiello Vincent Zito

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

On Christmas Day every year, many Americans relax and enjoy time with their families. For many of our troops, though, it can be a day of sacrifice and hardship. Over the history of the U.S., several big military actions have taken place on Dec. 25. Here are few noteworthy events.

Revolutionary War 1776 Late Christmas night, Washington and his troops hopped in boats and waded across the icy Delaware River to test his theory — and he was right. At dawn on Dec. 26, about 2,400 frozen Continentals pushed into Trenton, and they did indeed surprise the enemy, who surrendered within an hour and a half. Viet Nam War - American troops were in the middle of the biggest bombing mission in military history during the Christmas season of 1972. The air campaign, called Operation Linebacker II, has largely been considered the action that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.