

Gold Star Post 1365
17 Cannon Ave
Staten Island NY 10314
Frank Saladis, Editor



THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post #1365
Minutes from October 9,2021

Or Current Resident

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Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

The post has been undergoing some much needed repairs and maintenance. New lights have been installed in the Post hall, and repair of the Post roof is in progress. The Post has hosted a few private parties and is generating some revenue. The challenge we face is the need for Post members to step up and volunteer to chair our traditional events. We need our members to get involved and help the Post provide services to veterans and to organize events that will engage the members.

The Annual Veterans Day service at the Mall is scheduled to begin at 10:30am. The Gold Star Post will offer coffee, refreshments and light collation after the conclusion of the Mall ceremony. Please plan to participate at 17 Cannon Ave. The approximate time is 11:30am Veterans Day.

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

The Post is open for small functions and we invite members to stop by for a visit. Please call before you visit to ensure there will be someone to greet you. As always, please thank our active duty service men and woman when you see them in uniform and we certainly thank all our members for their service.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Frank Saladis for Mark Kelly -Commander

The meeting was called to order by Commander Mark Kelly at 1005. The customary American Legion ceremonies were observed. A quorum being present the following business was transacted: August meeting minutes were approved as published., committee reports were presented. VC Frank Saladis reported about Boys State 2021 and an issue about poor quality of Certificates provided to participants of the program. The 2022 Boys State will be held **June 26th – July 1st, 2022** at SUNY Morrisville State College in Morrisville, New York. Boys State for 2022 is scheduled for June – July. The traditional Christmas and Holiday Children’s Movie and Party may not occur this year due to the continued Covid situation. Alternate plans are being developed. The roof over the women’s room requires repair and the Post is seeking a contractor to perform the work. A trunk and Treat Halloween event has been suggested. A date will be determined and a request for volunteers will be sent via email. Membership and Post finances will be reported at the next meeting. A Post fundraising event is scheduled for November. There was no Post correspondence to report. The meeting concluded with the traditional closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Saladis for Frank Peters, Adjutant

Next Meeting: November 13, 2021 10am. Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014 Passcode: 963247
NYC # 1 646 558 8656 US

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- The Post mourns the loss of Sal Gambardella and Frank Ferraro. 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.

FEMA COVID Funeral Assistance Staten Island Outreach – FEMA may be able to assist you if you incurred funeral costs after losing someone to COVID FEMA Funeral Assistance 2800 Victory Blvd. Building 3S or 1-844-684 6333 M-F 9am -7pm

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.

To add or edit credit card information, click “Manage My Saved Credit Cards.”

American Legion members with dues paid can print their current membership card found under the membership tab. For dual members, both American Legion and Sons of The American membership cards can be printed.

Fund Raising - Next event: Canning Sunday Nov.7th. 9am -3pm Contact Paul Dietrich for information.

Member Engagement – Please send us ideas and suggestions for programs and events that will increase member engagement and attract new members to join the post. goldstarpost1365@gmail.com or call the post at 718 983 7675.

Donations: Gold Star Post would like to thank the following people for donations during this time difficult time. Donations help keep the Post functioning. **James Morandi, Richard Merlis**

Sons of the American Legion – For membership in the SAL, contact Michael Marra at goldstarsal1365@gmail.com.

The NYC Department of Veteran Services is conducting a survey with the intent to provide better services to NYC veterans. To participate go to nyc.gov/vetsurvey or <https://polco.us/n/res/vote/nyc-department-of-veterans-services/nyc-veteran-and-military>

Membership 2022 - Renewals for 2022 have reached 61% as of this mailing.. That is close to target for this year. 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 your convenience, 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. An error on the return address, caused by National Headquarters caused a delivery problem for many renewals. We have recovered a large number of renewals from this address and processed them but if you plan to mail your renewal, please cross out the incorrect address and add 17 Cannon Ave, SINY 10314-3629. We asked National to correct this address error ASAP..



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.

American Legion Events - November 11th, three events: 1- March in the NYC parade. We need a roster of those plan to march with Frank LaMarsh representing the American Legion of NY State. 2. -Staten Island Mall, Veterans Days day annual ceremony 3. Gold Star Post Ceremony..

Richmond County meetings, Nov 18th, Thursday at Gold Star at 7PM, Dec 17th Gold Star at 7PM

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

Membership Anniversaries – 20 Years: Thomas Caracappa, Sal Fedele, Keven Gaudreau Ronald Yamarone, Robert Zucal

Announcements – Please donate canned foods to assist the needy on Thanksgiving. Donations can be brought the Post. Contact Tony Pergola for information.
Tuesday November 10 – Drive By Breakfast at Father Capodanno Blvd. 10am RSVP 718 447- 1195
11/11/2021 Vets day at mall. NYC parade, Frank Lamarsh to lead Tony Pergola Chair
11/13/2021 10am -Post meeting/honors and awards-Organizer- Paul Dietrich
7 December 21 Pearl Harbor day at ferry- Details to follow

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.
In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.