

Gold Star Post 1365
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Staten Island NY 10314
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THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post #1365
Minutes from September 11, 2021

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Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

I hope you are all well and taking steps to protect your health and the health of your families. The Covid situation is lingering on and I am sure everyone is growing very weary of the continued mandates, political rhetoric, and confusion. Please use your best judgement to remain healthy and take the steps you believe are necessary to manage through these very trying times.

A bit of good news. Gold Star Post has a new website thanks to SOL Commander Mike Marra. You can visit the site at <https://goldstarpost1365.org>.

Frank LaMarsh, Long time member of Post 1365 and Former Post Adjutant has been elected as our NY State Department Commander and we are very proud to have a member of our Post in that prestigious position. The Post wishes him luck as he fulfills his role. Due to the Covid situation his reception at the Staaten was postponed. A modified event will be scheduled and the information will be provided to the membership. Ann Article about Frank LaMarsh can be found at <https://nylegion.net/frank-lamarsh-elected-commander-of-ny-state-american-legion/>

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

Minutes: Post Meeting September

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. Guest speaker Ashley Owen of the Problem Gambling Resource Center addressed the membership. It was announced that the Department Commander's visitation and dinner was rescheduled to a later date to be determined due to covid-19 concerns. Service Officer Paul Dietrich reported VA benefit updates (details to be published). The meeting was adjourned and members gathered at the Post 9/11 Memorial for a ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Peters, Adjutant

Next Meeting: October 9, 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- 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.

Political Forum – October 15, 7pm Moravian Cemetery main building.

Fund Raising - Next event 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 for donations during this time of crisis: Philip Napolitano for his continuing donation, John Kosinski, John Cooney, Anthony Pergola, John Grassadonio, Charles Debiase, and 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 55% of the post renewed as of today. 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. We have discovered an error with the return address on the renewal forms from the national headquarters. 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 in the next mailing.



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, two 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.

Richmond County meetings, Nov 18th, Thursday at Gold Star at 7PM (Note NOT Friday meeting) Dec 17th at 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 – 40 years – Frank LaMarsh, 35 years – Pete Casale, Ronald Meise, 30 years – Frank Acerra, Edmond Squire, 25 Years – Carmine Burzumato

Announcements - Paul Cempa became a Great Grandfather. Welcome Christian James. Congratulation to the Cempa family!

Notable October Military History

Oct 01 1880 – John Philip Sousa becomes leader of the United States Marine Band.

Oct 01 1943 – WW2: Naples falls to Allied soldiers.

Oct 01 1947 – F-86 Sabre – The transonic jet fighter aircraft flies for the first time.

Oct 03 1940 – WW2: U.S. Army forms airborne (parachute) troops.

Oct 04 1943 – World War II: U.S. captures Solomon Islands. Casualties and losses: Allies 10,600 KIA, 40+ Ships, & 800 aircraft - JP 80,000 KIA, 50+ ships & 1500 aircraft.

Oct 07 1777 – American Revolution: Americans beat British in 2nd Battle of Saratoga aka. Battle of Bemis Heights. The British surrendered 10 days later. Casualties and losses of both battles: US 330 - GB 8,398

Oct 09 1942 – WW2: The last day of the October Matanikau action on Guadalcanal as United States Marine Corps forces withdraw back across the Matanikau River after destroying most of the Imperial Japanese Army's 4th Infantry Regiment.