

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



**THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post #1365**  
Minutes from July 10<sup>h</sup>, 2021

**Or Current Resident**

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Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

The summer is drawing to a close and I hope you were able to enjoy the season as we continue to deal with the virus. It has been a challenge and I hope you and your family have remained safe from the effects of this pandemic. The post has begun hosting events and we will continue to monitor the COVID Situation. The post grounds and building are being maintained and we would like to see more members visit the post and volunteer to help us with upcoming events, chair Post functions, and help us with general maintenance. Our next meeting is September 11. This is a solemn day and we will conduct a memorial service during our regular meeting procedures. The meeting will be available on line for those who are not vaccinated. Please make an effort to attend our meetings and consider volunteering some time to help the post.

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**  
*Mark Kelly - Commander*

Minutes: Post Meeting August 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Commander Mark Kelly at 1005. The Pledge of Allegiance and customary American Legion ceremonies were observed. Attendance was taken and a quorum being present the following business was transacted: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. Reports of committees: Executive: PDC Frank Peters reported on several items to be discussed under new business. CDR Mark Kelly introduced new member Roger Tague and New York City Council candidate Sal Albanese, Newly elected Department Commander and Gold Star Post member Frank LaMarsh also addresses the members and thank all for their support. Paul Dietrich reports post membership at 30% for 2022. CDR Kelly reported several vacancies in committee and post activities chairmanships. Unfinished Business: The Department Commander Dinner at the Staaten is on September 13. New Business: The post will purchase new tire chains to assist in plowing the parking lot after snowstorms. A constitution and by-law committee will be appointed to review/update existing by-laws. Good of the American Legion: CDR Kelly reported the post has been approached by a local Boy Scout Leader regarding Eagle Scout projects. Gene Guerra talked about a NYC DOT initiative to protect the Travis WWII memorial at the corner of Cannon Ave and Victory Blvd. Respectfully Submitted,

Frank J. Peters, PDC Adjutant

**Next Meeting: September 11,, 2021 10am. Call in # 646 558 8656** Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014  
Passcode: 963247.

**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.

**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 Cictory Blvd. Building 3S or 1-844-684 6333 M-F 9am -7pm

**From the Military Times:** Veterans Affairs officials are urging all veterans and family members to get vaccinated against coronavirus as cases begin to surge again across the country. “[There is] a growing crisis with the increase in hospitalizations from COVID-19, specifically from the Delta variant. More than 97 percent of hospitalized patients with COVID are not vaccinated,” Assistant Under Secretary for Health Carolyn Clancy warned lawmakers during a House Veterans’ Affairs Committee on Wednesday. “Local indoor mask mandates are occurring again primarily because the disease is spreading among those who are not yet vaccinated ... Signs that we’re seeing mirror prior surges, in a warning of what’s ahead.”

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

**Fund Raising** – Mark Kelly ordered 500 small flags for our next canning event. Please consider helping at the next event. Contact Paul or Mark 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](mailto: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.

**Sons of the American Legion – For membership in the SAL,** contact Michael Marra at [goldstarsal1365@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://nyc.gov/vetsurvey). All responses will be anonymous. More information at <https://polco.us/n/res/vote/nyc-department-of-veterans-services/nyc-veteran-and-military>

**Membership 2022** - Renewals for 2022 have started at a slow rate with a little over 35% of the post renewed as of today. In a normal year we would be above 50% at this time. 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. 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.

Article about Frank LaMarsh – NY State Department Commander  
<https://nylegion.net/frank-lamarsh-elected-commander-of-ny-state-american-legion/>



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

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defined the presidency of George W. Bush.

**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. Next Meeting 9/11/2021. This meeting will include a Service at the Post 9/11 memorial. Those members who are not vaccinated can attend virtually.

**American Legion Events** - November 11th, two events, marching in the NYC parade in NY, we need a roster of those who want to go to march with Post member Frank LaMarsh representing the American Legion of NY State. Second roster of members who will go to the S.I. Mall on Veterans Days day for the annual ceremony.

**Richmond County meetings,** Sept 17th at Gold Star, at 7PM, 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>

**Membership Anniversaries** – Will be posted again after the November 2021 Post Meeting

**Volunteers needed for general post maintenance and clean up** – Please contact 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.