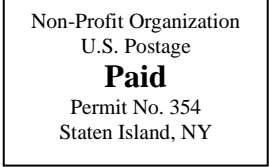


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THE AMERICAN LEGION Gold Star Post # 1365
Minutes from February 12, 2022

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Dear American Legion Members, Member Families, and Friends,

Spring is near and we are all looking forward to warmer weather. The Covid virus situation seems to be winding down and life is returning to some aspects of normality. It remains important to take the appropriate steps to protect the health of yourself and your family. The Ukraine situation is certainly unfortunate and we hope that this incident does not escalate into a greater threat. Our thoughts and prayers go to the people who are enduring the effects of this tragedy. We also send our wishes for the safety and well-being of our active service members in that region. Our post continues to need volunteers for our committees and I encourage you to discuss membership in the Post with family and friends. The Post has great potential and we can do quite a bit for our veterans and the community with an active group of member volunteers.

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. Visit the Post website at www.goldstarpost1365.org

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

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 – Paul Dietrich and Frank Saladis attended a zoom call with PS26 Parents Association to discuss activities of interest for the community and children of PS 26. An egg/treasure hunt is being discussed.. Boys State: for June 27 – July 1 and is planned to be an in-person program in 2022. 4 Boys from Richmond County have applied. No candidate for Gold Star Post at this time Membership -39 members short of 100%. Legislation – No Legislation to report. Sons of the Legion – 55 members in the roster. Discussed the need of the SAL to become more involved in the Post. Old Business – none discussed. New Business- None discussed. Good of the Legion – . May 14 – Welcome home for State Commander Frank LaMarsh. Frank Saladis mentioned the Program – Convention of States and recommended that members become familiar with the goals of this program. The meeting concluded with a prayer and closing comments by Commander Mark Kelly.

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 12, @ 10:am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVineDgwM2FKTG11bJJQUkFydUNXQT09>

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

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://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 – The Gold Star Post Super Bowl fund raiser was great success. Think about participating in the 2023 fundraiser.

Donations: Gold Star Post would like to thank the following for donations : Gold Star Post would like to thank the following for donations : Philip Napolitano, John Kosinski, Roger Tague and John Giovenco

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- Gold Star is at 90% as of today. Memberships expired on 31 December. We are 30 members short of our goal. 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, Calabrese, Converse, Deleon, Denaro, Encarnacion, Gaudio, Gomez, Guido, Guido, Hadfield, Howe, Jacobsen, Markowitz, Martini, McGrane, Miller, Mireider, Murphy, Neglia, Phillips, Roe, Russiello, Sabato, Santa-Ana, Savarese, Scaparrotti, Scazzafavo, Seobarrat, Smith, Spinelli, Stollmeyer, Stump, Torres, Winterrenazke

Upcoming events:

Annual Children and Youth appreciation event. April 2nd, 10:45 AM at the Staaten. Distinguished children and students will be honored. To attend contact Paul Dietrich at paul@the-dietrichs.com. Cost is \$50 per person and there will be NO payment at the door.

American Legion Commanders dinner: April 8th at 7PM at Anton's in Queens. Cost is \$70 per person and if enough members attend, there may be a bus provided for the round trip at an additional cost. To attend, contact Paul Dietrich at paul@the-dietrichs.com to have your name placed on the roster. There will be no payment at the door. Support your Department Commander and fellow Post member Frank LaMarsh with your attendance at these events.



Important Dates in Military History in the month of March

- Navy Reserve Birthday. March 3. ...
- Seabee Birthday. March 5. ...
- K9 Veterans Day. March 13. ...
- Daylight Savings Time Begins. March 13 @ 3:00 am - 11:30 pm EDT. ...
- American Legion Birthday. March 15
- National Medal of Honor Day. March 25
- National Vietnam War Veterans Day

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Department Commander Frank LaMarsh has represented the American Legion Department of New York extremely well during the very trying times of the pandemic and now it's time to say welcome home. We are pleased to announce that on Saturday May 14th 2022 Frank's Committee and Richmond County will host the **Home Coming of Department Commander Frank LaMarsh**.

The Homecoming will be held at the Crystal Room, 67 Olympia Blvd. Staten Island NY, 10305 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The cost for the homecoming will be \$70 per person and will feature a hot buffet cocktail hour with carving stations, a sit down dinner, desert and an open bar as well as entertainment. Please RSVP to: Anthony J. Pergola 124 Cannon Ave Staten Island, NY 10314

Post Meetings: The post is open for normal monthly meetings held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, 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:

March 19 – Viet Nam Veterans Day 1pm Tottenville HS. Sponsored by Senator Lanza

April 2, 2022- Children and Youth Appreciation – Staaten 10:45am

April 9 – Gold Star Post Meeting

April 30th. Dandelion Community Festival at Fort Wadsworth to support military kids. More details will be provided

Memorial Day ceremony – May 29 at the Post – Set up May 28. Volunteers needed

American Legion Programs -For information about American Legion Programs, visit

<https://www.legion.org/programs> <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Join>

https://www.legion.org/landingzone/255093/causes-and-consequences-putin%E2%80%99s-war?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=UKRAINE&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter