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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members,

As we enter spring and begin preparing for the summer months there are several Post activities to be aware of. Our annual July 4th raffle is in progress and we encourage you to help the Post by returning your raffle tickets as soon as possible. This is a major Post fundraiser and we need the support of all members. Our next meeting is April 12. During that meeting the Post by-laws will be reviewed. Please plan to attend in person or online. Post elections are coming up and you have an opportunity to nominate Post officers for the next year. On April 12, after the meeting, the Post will host its annual egg hunt for community children and member families. Please join us for a fun afternoon that includes an egg hunt, games, and refreshments. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Our annual Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled for May 24. Set up for that ceremony is May 23 starting at 9am. Continental breakfast will be available for volunteers. It takes a lot of effort to prepare for the ceremony and we can really use your help. The National Commander's Dinner will be at Antons again this year on April 11. Frank LaMarsh and Frank Peters have been planning this very significant event and Gold Star Post will be represented. The annual Children and Youth brunch will be held at the Staaten April 5. In the past month we have seen an increase in attendance at the Wednesday Yoga program and a nice increase in the Wednesday afternoon Post member social time. Please consider stopping in for a visit on Wednesday afternoons. A Post Fundraiser and entertainment event – The Beatles Story, is planned for June 28. More information will be provided as plans are finalized. We also need volunteers for a general Post property spring clean-up, indoors and outdoors. A date will be scheduled. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to volunteers. Keep in mind that we need younger veterans to join the Legion. We need you to act as ambassadors for the Legion and if you have suggestions about activities that will attract younger veterans, please let us know. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Post activities please contact any Post officer.

Respectfully, Frank Saladis – Commander

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Commander Frank Saladis, the roll call was taken and noted. A motion by Paul Cempa to accept the minutes of the February meeting as read was seconded and passed. The post financial report has been filed and is available to be reviewed. Commander Saladis stated his disappointment with the member attendance at post functions. Commander Saladis reminded the members that the Post is available for rental and that Yoga on Wednesdays is open to members and family, at 12:00. Commander Saladis also stated that all members are urged to encourage membership. All members are asked to get their July 4th raffles in ASAP. The Post has received the results of the survey and the commander has spoken with our attorney asking what the specific issues are and our attorney has not received a response from the other party's attorney yet. For example the fire pit is approximately 2 feet over the property line. Assemblyman Pirozzolo is getting information on the battery storage facility and a town-hall meeting is scheduled for March 27th at the post. Post incorporation: a certificate of elections has been filed. According to National, all posts should be incorporated. Membership: The Post is presently about 90.6% of our quota. On 6/14 there will be a veteran's appreciation night at the Ferry Hawks game. A number of scams are making the rounds and members should be aware that the IRS will not contact you by any means other than mail. House report: Mark Kelly reported the new security system has been installed and can use some help with maintenance etc. Contact Mark if you are interested in helping, Children and Youth: Boys State will be held June 25th till July 3rd. Commander Saladis is still looking into a veteran's function at the Willow Brook carousel as a way to attract new members. Graves registration: unfortunately, the Post doesn't always find out about members passing away for weeks and sometimes months, member Paul D'Agustino recently passed away. Good of the Legion: Cyber security is high on the list of terrorist activities, be aware and be careful. Bell Jar: the current game is almost finished and once completed a new game will be started. New Business: a motion by Mark Kelly and Michael Marra to send 2 boys to Boys State was passed. A motion by Bruce Lieberman and Paul Cempa to send the commander to the Children and Youth brunch as the Post's representative was passed. Commander Saladis appointed Frank LaMarsh to chair the Post nominating committee. The committee members are: Frank LaMarsh, Frank Peters, Anthony Pergola Mark Kelly and Will Alcock. A motion by Roger Tague to suspend the meeting for the purpose of a guest speaker was seconded and passed. A presentation by Dr. Kadirawelpillai Iswara on the importance of colon cancer screening starting at age 40 was given. Another presentation will be held at the Post on March 23rd from 11:00 to 2:00 PM. A motion to resume the meeting was passed. Post jackets are available for \$125; see Paul Cempa. Thanks to Blazing Star VFW Post for the newly installed Wi-Fi system. The meeting was adjourned by commander Saladis at 12:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank LaMarsh,
Adjutant

American Legion Services for Veterans
<https://nylegion.net/programs-services/>

Veteran Benefits Specialist, NYC Department of Veteran Benefits Services: 1 Centre Street, Suite 2208 New York, NY 10007 646-799-2743 jliss@veterans.nyc.gov
<https://www.legion.org/suicideprevention/256277/risk-ny-veterans-get-major-boost-american-legion>

Military Liaison Services 251-73 Jericho Turnpike Bellerose, New York, 11426 516-821-5140 Our mission is to connect Veterans with our care coordination team who will help them access our healthcare services. Email: militaryservices@northwell.edu Web: Northwell.edu/veterans

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) – VA Life Insurance Center - 800-669-8477 8:30am-6:30pm EDT

DD214 forms Please ensure that you have a copy of your DD-214 on file at the Post.

Membership 2025 Membership cards are available and you can renew at a meeting or by mailing your dues to the post. We are currently at 92.8% with 285 renewed. 2024 Membership expired on 31 December 2024. Renew as soon as possible to reinstate your benefits. The following members have not renewed as of this date, if you know one of them, please remind them to renew their membership: Akinniyi, Baronick, Brown James, Camenares, Cardenas, Cisternino, Civiletti, Coakley, Coakley, Cobbs, Coughlin, Cristadoro, Draper, Grizzuti, Hannan, Koop, Londono, Maretta, Miranda, Moore, Moran, Pena, Picone Sr, Reilly, Rodriquez Frank, Savino, Scaturro, Shafi, Sinclair, Welsh.

We encourage you to recommend Legion membership to Veterans you know. Post 1365 would like to see our membership grow. We especially would like to see young veterans join us. Please help promote the Post as an ambassador for the American Legion. Visit legion.org/renew or legion.org/join : <https://www.legion.org/membership/260621/american-legion-multiyear-membership-here>

Sons of the American Legion – For membership send an email to: goldstarsal1365@gmail.com.

This Month's Donations to support the Post - Atlak, Saliski, Geraldine Muir, Conte, Hodges, Panazzolo, Matalas, Adams, Buttermark, Manna, Macellari, Satloff

Final Honors: Fellow Legionnaire, Paul Stallone. Gold Star Post performed our traditional Ceremony at Mathew Funeral Home. Thomas Jessup, at Casey Funeral Home. Please honor our members by attending the Post ceremony offered to the families of our members who have been called to Post Everlasting

Sick Call – Joe Modzelewski, Harold Bregman, Joseph Marrone, Guy Todaro

Veteran Liaison at Borough Hall – bbeale@statenislndusa.com 718-816-2062

Hotline for Difficulties with the VA -855-948-2311

S.I. Veterans Discount cards from S.I.E.D.C – 718 477-1400 ext. 813 -



- Important Military Dates in April**

 - April 1 – Battle of Okinawa 1945
 - April 5th: Gold Star Spouses Day
 - April 6 – Battle of Shiloh -1862
 - April 12 – Bombardment of Ft. Sumpter and the Start of the Civil War 1861
 - April 14th: Air Force Reserve Birthday
 - April 23rd: Army Reserve Birthday
 - April Month of the Military Child
 - [Military Saves Month](#) – Develop a plan for savings for the future

Next Meeting: Saturday April 12 10am, Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014 Passcode: 963247 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVINEDgwM2FKTG11blJQUkFydUNXQT09>

Important Dates and Events: Veterans Yoga- 12 noon -1pm Every Wednesday
The Post is open every Wednesday from 1pm to 5pm (or later depending on attendance).

- April 5 – 12:30 – Children and Youth Brunch at Staaten, \$65
- April 11 – National Commanders Reception – Anton's, Queens - \$100
- April 12 – Egg hunt at the Post after the Post meeting
- April 12 – Last day for Boys State applications
- April 26 – 1 Dog One Soldier fundraiser at La Fontana 2879 Ambor Rd.
- April 26 – Celebration of Vietnam Veterans at Tottenville HS.1pm – Senator Andrew Lanza Sponsor
- May 3-10-24 – USIVO and Rolling Thunder Chp. 2 Flag Planting Oceanview, Fairview, Silvermont
- May 10 – **Big Apple Honor Flight: Mission #5**
- May 24 – Annual Post Memorial Day ceremony 11am (Set up May 23 9am)
- May 26 – Annual Memorial Day Parade – Forest Ave
- June 14 – Military Appreciation Day at Ferry Hawks Stadium
- June 28 – Post Fundraiser – The Beatles Story – Live Music – Details to follow
- June 28 -July 3 – Boys State at SUNY Morrisville College
- July 4 – Annual Travis Parade and Post fundraiser raffle drawing
- July 14 – Military Appreciation Day at Ferry Hawks Stadium

Online Legion Updates and Information <https://www.legion.org/>

Boys State - <https://boysstateny.org/>

The Food Pantry Ft. Wadsworth needs help:
Please consider a donation to keep pantry stocked with essential items. Thank you for your support! -Erica Newhouse, Executive Director, Craig Newmark NY Tri-State Chapter, Donations can be brought to the Post.

Important item: The Post Defibrillator, courtesy of the Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella, is now active and registered for use