

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



Or Current Resident

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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members,

It takes quite a bit of effort to maintain the Post. This includes managing Post activities, ensuring that the grounds look great, repairs and maintenance of the Post building, maintaining supplies to keep us operating, paying bills, managing the Bell Jar, coordinating meetings and events at the Post, monthly accounting, and keeping track of veteran’s events. We are fortunate to have a team of officers that are committed to the Post and spend a great deal of time talking care of the “business of the Post”. Please take time to thank the officers for their dedication and willingness to spend the time in support of the Post and its membership.

Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony was a great success. We had a significant turnout again this year despite the cold weather. Frank LaMarsh, as chair of the program, delivered a strong speech about the significance of Memorial Day and we had several elected officials in attendance. At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by Paul Dietrich. Our next major event is the annual July 4th Parade. The Post will be open, raffle tickets will be available, and we invite our members and Veterans who march in the parade to stop by the Post and relax after the parade.

There are a few other important items. June 11, at the Post, the NYC Veterans Advisory Board meeting starts at 6pm. June 14, Flag Day, is a busy day. We have our regular membership meeting and the Ferry Hawks Military Appreciation event. Game starts at 6:30pm.

Remember, this is your Post, take advantage of your membership, and our programs. Join us on Wednesday afternoons for the Veterans Yoga and an opportunity to visit with other members. Food and snacks are available.

As always, please continue your efforts to encourage veterans you know to join the Legion, and thank-you for your service.

Respectfully, Frank Saladis – Commander

Gold Star Post #1365 - Minutes of Minutes of May 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by County Commander Mark Kelly, the roll call was taken and noted. A motion by Sebastian Ventura to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded and passed. Commander Kelly reported that 16 boys were signed up to attend Boys State and at the last minute a 17th boy applied and Watkins Kellett has offered to sponsor him. Gold Star Post is sponsoring two boys this year. Sick call: Joe skinner is feeling better and was in attendance. Membership: Paul Dietrich reported that the membership now stands at 290 and that membership impacts our voting strength at the county convention and county meetings. Finance report: Paul Dietrich reports that \$745 has been donated to the National Emergency Fund and the donations will be presented at the Department Convention. Paul also reported that mailing expenses are on the increase. House report: Mark Kelly reported that the new back door has been installed and new molding ad chair rails have been installed the cost for the door installation was \$1500. A motion by Frank Peters to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of a presentation by the Visiting Nurse Service was passed. The VNS speakers discussed veteran health issues and care, They also reported that VNS has partnered with the VA for in home care. A motion to resume by Frank Peters was passed. New business: Frank Peters reported that all the changes to the Post Constitution and bi-laws have been incorporated and moved that they be approved as printed the motions was seconded by Gene Guerra and unanimously approved. Mark Kelly reported that the Post was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the JOTC at the military ball. Roger Tague reported on the damage to the blocks around the flag pole caused by people parking all over the place and that lights and cameras need to be added to ensure security, roger moved that the matter be forwarded to the executive committee for action and approval, the motion was seconded by Joe Skinner and Sebastian Ventura. The meeting was turned over to Judge Advocate Frank Peters for the purpose of electing post offices and nominations were opened. The election results are as follows; Commander – Frank Saladis, Vice Commanders – Bruce Lieberman, Robert Motisi, Michael Marra, Vanessa Tavitian, Paul Cempa, Adjutant- Frank LaMarsh, Treasurer - Paul Dietrich. Delegates and alternates to the County Committee and Convention were elected and the list submitted to the county Adjutant. Joe Nasella donated \$85 to the post. The meeting was closed at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaMarsh, Adjutant

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

Reminder to all members: Our Veteran Yoga project, which offers chair yoga and balance exercises in a relaxing calming environment, is something for you to consider. It is offered every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 1 PM. Families are also invited and welcome. If you prefer, you can participate online using zoom in the comfort of your home. You can do some, or all of the balance exercises and the stretching and limbering exercises. The goal is to provide you with an option to help improve your health, reduce stress, and enjoy the company of other veterans. This program is offered at NO cost to you. Please join us either in person or online. It can make a difference in your quality of life.

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 We are currently at 94.8% with 291 renewed. Renewal notices for the 2026 year will be arriving in the near future. Renew early to avoid any interruption in benefits. 2024 Membership expired on 31 December 2024. Renew as soon as possible to reinstate your benefits. 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 – Shust, Morandi, Dietrich, Saladis

Final Honors: Roland Benedetti Wake June 9, 7:30pm Hanley Funeral Home. Please honor our members by attending the Post ceremony offered to the families at the Wakes of our members who have been called to Post Everlasting

Sick Call – Joe Modzelewski, Harold Bregman, Joseph Marrone. Guy Nacchio

Veteran Liaison at Borough Hall – bbeale@statenislандusa.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 June

- **June 6:** [D-Day](#): Anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy,
- **June 14:** [Flag Day](#) and [Army Birthday](#)
- **June 23:** [Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday](#)
- **June 25:** Anniversary of the Start of the Korean War
- **June 27:** [National PTSD Awareness Day](#)
- **June 30:** Post 9/11 GI Bill Signed into Law

Next Meeting: Saturday June 14, 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).

June 11th - NYC DVS County meeting at 6pm.- Gold Star Post
June 12 - Staten Island SMVF Taskforce meeting 3pm, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite 700
June 13 - PS 26 Flag Day Celebration 9am. Students honoring the Flag. RSVP requested.
June 14 – Flag Day and Military Appreciation Day at Ferry Hawks Stadium Game time 6:30pm
June 14 – 9:00am Tottenville Community Flag Day Parade – Amboy Rd. and Bethel
June 19 – Staten Island Giving Circle Meeting 7pm (917) 733-7937; e-mail: myacovello@gmail.com
June 20 – Richmond County Convention at Gold Star Post 6pm
June 20 – PS 26 Graduation 9:30am Gold Star Post invited to attend
June 28 – Post Fundraiser – The Beatles Story – Live Music – Tickets \$30. RSVP Required
June 28 -July 3 – Boys State at SUNY Morrisville College
July 3 – Town Hall with Secretary of Veterans Affairs Douglas A. Collins. For info: 718-568-2870
July 4 – Annual Travis Parade and Post fundraiser raffle drawing

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

The Food Pantry at Staten Island Giving Circle, which supports Veterans in need, is in need of your help. Please consider a donation to keep the pantry stocked with essential items.

Fourth of July Raffle tickets have been mailed to members and are available at the Post. Please help the Post by purchasing ticket books and ask friends and family to help support the Post. You may return the tickets to the post either by mail or in person. The Raffle will take place at the post after the 4th of July parade.

We need volunteers to assist during the 4th of July activities and to manage the parking lot.