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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members,

April was Volunteer recognition month and it is important for us to thank the volunteers who find the time to support the Post and keep it operating. Most of the volunteer work is being performed by the Post officers and I am sincerely grateful for their continued dedication to the wellbeing of the post. We do have a few members who provide some support when we have an event and we certainly appreciate their time. A special thanks to thanks to Kevin and Clarice (Wednesday regulars). They are extremely generous and are always happy to support the events we have at the post. Thanks also to “Nurse Donna” for her generosity and enthusiasm for planning fundraisers. A very special thank you to John Noonan, our weekly Wednesday “mixologist”. We will feature and thank volunteers every month to ensure they know we appreciate them. An important event in may is the Post’s annual Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for May 25 at 11am. This is our way of observing the true meaning of Memorial Day. The event is chaired by Frank LaMarsh and we are asking our members to take a moment and join us at the Post for this very important and solemn ceremony. We are planning a collation following the ceremony so please attend. We pay tribute to our fallen comrades and will then offer refreshments and lunch and a chance to network with other members.

An important item to consider is the renewal of your membership. Please plan to renew early when you receive the notice.

At the April meeting, we reviewed Post By-laws. Frank Peters facilitated the review and discussion and the final version is being prepared for approval. It was a very education and worthwhile session. One more item of high importance is the election of Post Officers at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please encourage veterans you know to join the Legion, and thank-you for your service. Don’t forget Mother’s Day. Happy Mother’s day to all moms

Respectfully, Frank Saladis – Commander

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by Commander Frank Saladis, the roll call was taken and noted. A motion by Paul Dietrich to accept the minutes of the March meeting as read was seconded and passed. The post financial report was given by Treasurer Paul Dietrich; finances are in good shape. \$700 has been collected for the National Emergency Fund; all account balances have been verified. The Post budget is still being finalized and is pending final review. Membership: Paul Dietrich reported that the membership now stands at 288 of the 307 goal (93.5%). All potential new members should be greeted and welcomed. Young veterans should made to feel at home and all members should be membership ambassadors. **House report:** Mark Kelly reported house supplies have been purchased to replenish items used. Commander Saladis reported he has contacted several companies regarding estimates for the installation of the new back door. **Resolutions & By-Laws:** Frank Peters distributed copies of the updated bi-laws to the members present. Frank stated the current bi-laws were last officially updated in 1946 and contains automatic updates that were at the National Level. The bi-laws were read. Several corrections were noted and the updated version will be placed on the Post’s website and a hard copy will be provided to anyone wishing one. Commander Saladis thanked Frank for the effort. **Auxiliary:** Frank Peters reported a meeting will be scheduled to formally elect offices for the new year. **Sons of the Legion;** Work needs to be done to encourage the SAL members to become active and help with the Post functions. **Correspondence:** 3 cards were received from the families of departed members. Commander Saladis reminded the members that attendance at the final farewell services is extremely important. **July 4th Parade:** the Post will provide the parade honor guard again this year. **New business:** A motion by Paul Dietrich to send up to 25 members and a guest to the Ferry Hawk Veterans appreciation game on June 16<sup>th</sup> will be covered by the Post. Anyone who signs up and then cancels or does not attend will be required to reimburse the post for the ticket cost. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion by Paul Dietrich to donate \$100 to the 4th of July Parade Committee was seconded and passed. A motion by Mark Kelly to donate \$100 to the Staten Island Giving Circle was seconded and passed. Frank Peters recommended that all spends over \$50 should be vetted by the finance committee prior to approval. Frank LaMarsh gave the Post **Nominating Committee report**, The committee recommends the following officers: Commander: Frank Saladis, Vice Commanders: Bruce Lieberman, Robert Motisi, Michael Marra, Vanessa Tavitian, Paul Cempa, Adjutant: Frank LaMarsh, Treasurer: Paul Dietrich. Frank reminded the membership that this is just a recommendation and that nominations can be made during the election process at the May meeting, also delegates and alternates to the County Convention and County Committee. The meeting was adjourned by commander Saladis at 11:32.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaMarsh, Adjutant

Gold Star Post Website - [www.goldstarpost1365.org](http://www.goldstarpost1365.org)

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

**Special Note from Paul Dietrich-** Members: Recently we have been informed of number of members who have injured themselves through falls. Some of these injuries were severe. This is why 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 from 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 help prevent you and your loved ones from getting hurt. This program is offered at NO cost to you. Please join us ether 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](mailto: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](mailto:militaryservices@northwell.edu) Web: [Northwell.edu/veterans](http://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 95%. 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 any of them, please remind them to renew as soon as possible: Akinniyi, Baronick, Brown James, Civiletti, Coakley, Coakley, Cobbs, Coughlin, Cristadoro, Draper, Grizzuti, Hannan, Koop, Londono, Miranda, Moore, Moran, Pena, Picone Sr, Reilly, Rodriquez Frank, Savino, Scaturro, Shafi, Sinclair, Welsh. If you are on the list, your name will be removed from the mailing roster as of May 2025.

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](http://legion.org/renew) or [legion.org/join](http://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](mailto:goldstarsal1365@gmail.com).

**This Month’s Donations to support the Post** – Canarutto, Hoey, Pizarro, Saladis

**Final Honors: No reports.** 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 Nacchio

Veteran Liaison at Borough Hall – [bbeale@statenislandusa.com](mailto:bbeale@statenislandusa.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 May**
  - **May 8 – VE Day**
  - **May 9 – Miliary Spouse Appreciation Day**
  - **May 12 – May 17 – Armed Forces Week**
  - **May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day**
  - **May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day**
  - **May 17 - Armed Forces Day**
  - **May 22 – Maritime Day**
  - **May 26 – Memorial Day**

**Next Meeting: Saturday May 10, 10am,** Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014 Passcode: 963247 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVINEDgwM2FKTG11bJQUkFydUNXQT09>

**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).

- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo – Post open at 3pm – Music, Food, Fun
- May 10 – Big Apple Honor Flight: Mission #5
- May 17 – Armed Forces Day
- May 17 – Frank Peters inducted into Port Richmond Hall of Fame
- May 20 - Capadanno ice cream social at the Capadanno school
- May 24 – Annual Post Memorial Day ceremony 11am (Set up May 23 9am)
- May 26 – Annual Memorial Day Parade – Forest Ave
- May 29 – Michael J. Petrides School – 8am Veterans Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony
- June 11th - NYC DVS county meeting at 6pm.- Gold Star Post
- 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.
- June 20 – Richmond County Convention
- 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

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

**The Food Pantry at Staten Island Giving Circle, which supports Veterans in need needs help:**  
Please consider a donation to keep 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.