

Gold Star Post 1365
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Frank Saladis, Editor



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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members,

As we begin the month of September it is important to remember the events of 9/11. Take time to reflect on that day and to honor those who were lost. September 11 has been designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance for the thousands of lives lost in the attacks that day.

It is important for all members to be aware that Gold Star Post is an all-volunteer organization. We depend on volunteers to attend to all Post functions, events, and maintenance. We also depend on our members to support the Post by attending our scheduled events. Currently we have just a handful of members who volunteer to support the post and manage operations. I am asking all members to find a way to help the Post. We depend on donations, fundraising events, and hall rentals for revenue to keep the Post operating. We can use help with supporting Hall rentals, general Post maintenance, and we need volunteers for our fundraising efforts. Our next major event is the annual – BBQ-Pig Roast, formerly known as the “Sea Food Picnic” which is chaired by Post Adjutant Frank La Marsh, scheduled for September 20. Please plan to attend this event. It is one of our most important fundraising activities. You will have a great time.

Keep in mind that The American Legion is a voice for veterans and we encourage our members to maintain awareness of issues and legislation that affects our veterans. On October 17, at the Moravian Church, veterans have an opportunity to attend the Political Forum where our local elected officials answer questions about issues that directly affect the veteran community. Attendance is strongly suggested. As always, please continue your efforts to encourage veterans you know to join the Legion, and we, the officers of the Post, thank-you for your service.

Respectfully, Frank Saladis – Commander

Gold Star Post #1365 Minutes of August 9th 2025

Prior to the start of the meeting Commander Saladis requested the members observe a moment of silence for departed 60-year member Joseph Modzelewski. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 by Commander Frank Saladis, the roll call was taken and noted. Commander Saladis reported on the Post executive committee meeting including; Paul Dietrich giving a complete financial report and a budget was established. A motion by Mark Kelly to accept the minutes of the July meeting as printed and distributed was seconded and passed. SAL Mike Marra reported the SAL dues are now \$16.50 Commander Saladis added the need for the SAL to become more active. Membership: Three new members were signed up at the Coast Guard service at Fort Wadsworth. House Report: Mark Kelly reported shades were installed over the skylights, there was only one rental for July and the Post needs to be kept clean: pick up after yourself. Boys State: the Post received a letter from a boy who attended Boys State ten years ago and said how it helped him; he would like to meet the members to express his gratitude. Children & Youth: the proposed dates for the carousel are September 6th or the 14th and that a BBQ back at the post would be the most cost-effective way to proceed. Frank Peters reports the Auxiliary meets on the last Monday of each month and they have reviewed the bi-laws that will need to be approved. Frank also reports that the Auxiliary is having a “dine out” fund raiser at Jimmy Max. A portion of the profit from each dinner will go to the Auxiliary. Graves Registration: Joseph Modzelewski and Past Department VC Harry Krone have joined Post Everlasting. Sick Call: Harold Bregman and Nick Ogrosso are recuperating, also SAL member Jared LaMarsh injured his ankle and underwent surgery. Americanism: Frank LaMarsh reported on the anniversary of the atom bombs being dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ultimately ending WWII. Gene Guerra reported on Independence Day next year and suggested ways to help the 4th of July Committee generate interest and ways to make the parade the best ever. One suggestion was a “low boy” that can be used by the post as a float for members who can’t march. Commander Saladis and Gene Guerra will co-chair the Post’s committee for the parade. Commander Saladis reported the newsletter was sent out and to look at the Post activities listed. Notify Frank if you have anything that can be added. Frank LaMarsh reports the annual pig roast will be held on September 20th starting at noon. The cost is \$35 for members and veterans and \$45 for guests. Commander Saladis spoke about the need to adhere to the Post constitution and bi-laws and running the post as it should be. Every Wednesday from noon till 1 PM is the free chair Yoga. Paul Cempa reports the political forum is set for the county meeting on October 17th. All legionnaires and veterans are urged to attend to show the candidates we have a strong voice. Miguel Cortez reminded the members that red light cameras cannot detect speed violations and be sure there is a video showing the speed and if not challenge the ticket before paying. Commander Saladis reminded the members that all guests must sign the registry or present a valid membership card before being allowed into the Post. A discussion on advertising vs sponsoring youth teams was tabled pending additional clarification and legal issues. Post shirts and hats are available and Paul Cempa is looking into possibly getting lighter windbreaker jackets. A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved. The meeting was closed at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaMarsh, Adjutant

American Legion Information
<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.

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

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- .
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

Membership 2026-Renewal notices for the 2026 year are here. Renew early to avoid any interruption in benefits. We are currently at 61.6% of goal with 181 members renewed. If you renew online you may wish to renew for multiple years which protects you from any dues increase during those renewed years. This can ONLY be done online. Congrats to Mr. Atlak and Carucci on their 60 continuous years of service to the American Legion.

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 [Information Center | The American Legion](#)

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

This Month’s Donations to support the Post – Atlak, Difide, Saladis

Final Honors: Joe Modzelewski. 60-year member 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 – Harold Bregman, Joseph Marrone

Veteran Liaison at Borough Hall – bbeale@statenislandusa.com 718-816-2062
The Staten Island Service Member/Veterans and Families (SMVF) newsletter
<https://statenislandpps.org/veterans/>

S.I. Veterans Discount cards from S.I.E.D.C – 718 477-1400 ext. 813
Upcoming veterans Events can be found at: <https://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/our-veterans-nyc/>



Make Sure Your DD214 is on file

Next Post Meeting: Saturday September 13, 10am, Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014
Passcode: 963247
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVlNeDgwM2FKTG11bJlJQUkFydUNXQT09>

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).

September 11 – Patriot Day, 9/11 Remembrance
September 11 – BPOE Candlelight Vigil. Starts at 5pm – Richmond Ave Lodge
September 12 – County Installation – Staaten, 6:30pm
September 13 – Military and Veterans Family Fair Susan Wagner H.S. 11am-2pm
September 18 - SMVF Taskforce meeting – Info: MMatthews@statenislandpps.org
September 20 – Gold Star Post Annual Picnic and Pig Roast – 12 noon – 6pm 17 Cannon Ave
October 17 – Political Forum at Moravian Church, 7pm
October 19 – Post Children and Youth Trunk and Treat 1pm. Volunteers needed
November 12 – Gold Star Auxiliary Fundraiser – Jimmy Max – 12 noon – closing.
November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Staten Island Mall 10:30am
December 7 – Pear Harbor Memorial Service – Information to be provided
December 12 -10 AM, at Holy Rosary, Oratorical contest – Information to be provided

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

The Food Pantry at Staten Island Giving Circle, which supports Veterans needs your help.. Donations have been down recently. Please consider a donation to keep the pantry stocked with essential items for our Veterans in need. Bring items to the Post. All items are delivered to the Giving Circle. Canned food, Cereal, dry foods

National Commander’s Message – Be the One
https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/commander/2025/september/join-me-to-be-the-one?utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_content=BE%20THE%20ONE&utm_term=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Adestra

Important Military Dates in September
Sept. 2 - V-J Day (Victory over Japan)
Sept. 11 -Patriot Day
Sept. 18 -Air Force (USAF) Birthday
Sept. 18 - Air National Guard Birthday
Sept. 19 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 28 - Gold Star Mother’s Day