

Gold Star Post 1365
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Frank Saladis, Editor



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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members,

It is very pleasing to see that Gold Star Post continues to schedule new programs and activities for the membership and the community. We had a very successful Trunk and Treat event on October 19th and the Post Auxiliary arranged for another themed dinner event October 29 that was well attended. We continue to see steady participation at the weekly yoga sessions and we have added several new members in the last few months.

Coming up in November we have the annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Staten Island Mall. 10:30am November 11. Please plan to attend this important event. The Auxiliary has arranged for a fundraiser at Jimmy Max on Nov. 12 and there are several events honoring Veterans throughout the month of November. The Post will host a Citizens Preparedness Corps. program Nov 14 at 12 noon. This is a very informative session about being prepared for possible disaster and emergency situations. December 7, the Richmond County American Legion will meet at the Lemon Creek pier to remember and honor the Veterans of the Pearl Harbor attack. We will host our annual Holiday Social at the Post on December 10 at 4pm and the annual Children and Youth Holiday gathering and Tree lighting is scheduled for December 12 at 6pm. A magic show is planned as entertainment.

Keep in mind that Gold Star Post is an all-volunteer organization. We depend on volunteers to manage all Post functions, events, and maintenance. Please support the Post by attending our scheduled events and volunteering some time to assist with Post operations We really need your help and support.

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 October 11th 2025

The monthly meeting was called to order by Commander Frank Saladis at 10:10; the roll call was taken and recorded. Three new members were introduced; Joseph Bossert, Brendan McCloskey and Frank Fenza were introduced. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter via a motion by Paul Dietrich and Paul Cempa. Committee reports: Membership: presently there are over 200 paid members; 68% of the quota surpassing the 65a% November goal with 12 new members for this year. Renewals of up to 3 years can be done online. Finance Report: Treasurer Paul Dietrich reports the finances have increased due to the pig roast and Yoga, all finances are in order. A motion by Bruce Lieberman and Mike Guy to accept the report subject to audit was passed. House report: As of 10/01 the Post was booked 3 times; the pig roast on 10/4, the VFW on 10/07 and Rolling Thunder on 10/10. The Post is open on every Wednesday after Yoga. Post rentals are lagging this year. Anyone interested in volunteering to work a rental should contact the house chairman or committee member, the work requirement is 6 plus hours and includes cleanup before and after the party as well as during the actual party. Robert Motisi and Roger Tague have been doing a considerable amount of work keeping the grounds in order. Looking into repairing the ribbon at the driveway entrance, several contractors have been approached, Note: All items purchased by the Post should be made in the USA. The questions of Post rental advertisements and possible liability if advertising at the little league ball field were discussed by the committee. One suggestion was business cards with Post availability information. Post Auxiliary: the unit is growing and there are 3 new members, on the last Wednesday of each month a themed dinner will be held, the next one is October 29th. A small donation is requested to help support the unit and expenses. The Unit will also be holding a fund raiser at Jimmy Max on November 12th from 12pm to 11 PM, 50% of the profits from the dinners will be donated to the Auxiliary. Sick Call: Harold Bregman will be entering an assisted living home in Staten Island, Ray Ortiz has surgery and is doing rehab, and John Nappi has back surgery and is recovering. Thankfully there were no funeral services to report, Commander Saladis requested that all members make an effort to attend funeral service and reminded members to have a copy of their DD214 on file to aid the families attempting to obtain benefits and asked that member's family contact the Post so services can be performed. Good of the Legion: the post is a 501C19 organization and membership and financial accounting must in line with IRS requirements with proper record keeping. All Post expenses must be recorded using approved expense form. There is a growing need to change the image and reputation of the organization in order to attract younger members and increase the attendance at our functions. Children & Youth: The Halloween Trunk or Treat will require at least 10 cars participating. The event is currently planned for October 19th. Due to the government shutdown service members are not being paid and there is an increased need for food pantry items. Americanism: Nick Ogrosso reported on several historical events. There is an issue with flags being removed from veterans' graves at Resurrection Cemetery by the cemetery and that they can only be left for several days and at specific dates. This is still being discussed. There will be 2 Super bowl pools, if interested see Commander Saladis. Bell Jar: Commander Saladis reports the sale of Bell Jar tickets is slow and that the current game consists of 4,000 tickets, Old Business: a lighted sigh at the head of the driveway is still being considered. New Business: a motion by Commander Saladis to authorize \$550 for Children and Youth activities for the remainder of the year was seconded and carried, A motion by Paul Dietrich to donate \$100 for the purpose of the annual holiday gift giving to veterans in nursing homes on Staten Island was seconded and carried, A motion by Frank LaMarsh to send the Commander to the Department mid-winter conference was seconded and carried. A motion by Paul Dietrich to purchase and donate \$100 worth of turkeys to the food pantry was seconded by Gene Guerra and carried. Paul Cempa asked that anyone interested in a

lightweight Post jacket to contact him. Jackets must be paid for in advance, Upcoming events: 12/07 Pearl Harbor ceremony at the Pier at the foot of Sharotts Ave, 12/10 Holiday social at the Post 4PM, 12/12 holiday tree lighting and Children and Youth event. The meeting was closed at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaMarsh, Adjutant

Reminder to all members: Our Veteran Yoga project, which offers chair yoga and balance exercises is something for you to consider. It is offered every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 1 and we are experiencing significant growth and interest in the program. Families are invited and welcome. If you prefer, you can participate online using zoom in the comfort of your home. 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.

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- Renew early to avoid any interruption in benefits. We are currently at 75.7% of goal with 222 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. The following have NOT renewed: Adams, Aviles, Bailey, Basa, Bilotti, Briganti, Broadbent, Brown, Camarda, Camenares, Canarutto, Cardenas, Castillo, Chattergoon, Civiletti, Clark, Cobbs, Conlin, Conroy, Coppolino, Cunningham, Cebiasse, Celprete, Diaz, Diehl, Coerbecker, Eskow, Fulco, Gomez, Goodacker, Hodges, Horan, Johnson, Jonas, Kopp, Kraft, Lipp, Logan, Lurito, Macellari, Mahler, Maida, Malec, Maloney, Maretto, Mohlenhoff, Mollett, Muttana, Ortiz, Otten, Palumbo, Pizarro, Porto, Reynolds, Riley, Salvatori, Santapaola, Santiago, Scaramella, Schimler, Scott, Scott, Scotto, Shea, Sinclair, Sorge, Spinelli, Stoffo, Sutera, Tamburi, Turner, Valdez, Wright

We encourage members 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 –Cassar, VanPelt, Morandi

Final Honors: No report 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, John Nappi, Ray Ortiz

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

The Staten Island Service Member/Veterans and Families (SMVF) newsletter
<https://statenilandpps.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/>



Important Military Dates in November
November is:
National Veterans and & Military Family Month
Warrior Care Month
November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
November 11 – Veterans Day and Armistice Remembrance Day
November 7 2000 – 2nd Battle of Fallujah
November 27 – Battle of Chosin Reservoir

Next Post Meeting: Saturday Nov. 8, 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).

November 6 – Salute to Veterans Old Bermuda Inn 10am. Must RSVP 646 685 3998
November 10 – Fr. Capodanno Catholic Academy Veterans Breakfast
November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Staten Island Mall 10:30am
November 12 – Gold Star Auxiliary Fundraiser – Jimmy Max – 12 noon – closing.
November 14 – Citizen Preparedness Corps – 1 hour session Gold Star Post 12 noon
November 29 – Post Fundraiser – Live Music – Date to be confirmed
December 7 – Pear Harbor Memorial Service – Lemon Creek Pier 10am
December 10 – Post Holiday Social and member appreciation 4pm Lite food menu.
December 12 – Post Children and Youth holiday event and tree lighting
December 13 -10 AM, at Holy Rosary, Oratorical contest – Information to be provided

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 etc.

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