

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



Gold Star Post #1365
Minutes of May 9th 2026

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Dear Post 1365 American Legion Members and Friends

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the United States, Gold Star Post is involved in several activities. The Post grounds require some repairs and maintenance in preparation for the annual July 4th parade. The Post raffle continues to make progress. Decorations for July 4th are needed and preparation is necessary for the July 6 County event, which is a special event that welcomes Sailors and Marines visiting NYC and Staten Island in connection with the 250th anniversary of the United States. Plans are developing for this event and information will be provided to the Richmond County Posts as plans are finalized. We have secured food donations from several Staten Island businesses and have made significant progress. We are asking our members to consider offering a small monetary donation to help cover the costs of this event. This is not a fundraiser for the Post. We are seeking donations in an attempt to keep costs to a minimum. The Post elections have been completed at the May meeting and the details are in the meeting minutes. Thank you to our officers for their willingness to serve the post, our members and the Veterans community. We truly appreciate your efforts and commitment to the Post.

Another item of interest: I attended the Honor flight to Washington D.C. on May 9. It was an amazing day. I highly recommend that members consider participating in the next honor flight. It was extremely well planned and coordinated and is an experience that will always be remembered.

Please keep in mind that is **your** Post and we would like to see our members attend our functions and take advantage of the programs and events that we schedule. It is also extremely important for all of us, during the situation in the Middle East to be mindful of our service members who are in harm's way. Keep them in your prayers. And we thank all veterans and active-duty personnel for their service.

Respectfully, Frank Saladis – Commander

The monthly meeting was called to order by Acting Commander Michael Marra at 10:04; the roll call was taken and recorded. A motion by Robert Motisi and Paul Dietrich to accept the minutes as printed in the monthly newsletter was passed. Gold Star Post Auxiliary Unit President Maryann D'Agostino is in attendance. Finance Report: Treasurer Paul Dietrich reported the Post's finances are in good shape and Miss Staten Island's fund raiser resulted in a \$1700 donation. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Membership: Paul Dietrich reports that thanks to Dave Pelletier who personally paid for the 9 delinquent member's dues the Post has achieved 100% membership. Paul Dietrich reports that the 4th of July raffles were sent out and that many have been returned by the Post Office damaged or completely destroyed. Paul also stated that chances are still available. House report: Robert Motisi reports that although the Post does not own it the fence along the right side of the parking area is very unsightly and needs to be fixed. The estimated cost is \$2400. Children & Youth: Frank LaMarsh reported he is a member of the National Children & Youth Committee and there are the many children and youth programs available. Frank also reported on the actions taken by the Committee at the Spring meetings in Indianapolis. Frank Peters introduce Auxiliary President Maryann D'Agostino who reported on the unit's second annual fund raiser being held on November 11th at Jimmy Max restaurant. Sick Call: Jerry Odell Nick Ogrosso are going to have procedures performed. Americanism: Nick Ogrosso reported that Mothers' Day became a holiday in 1914. National Security: Frank Peters reported on the Grass Roots actions and demonstrated how to get the link to the National website; Frank also reported the funding for the DHS has been passed. Frank LaMarsh and Frank Peters reported on the upcoming County, Department and National conventions. Frank Peters reported on the resolution for granting property tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans and that cuts to the VA are clerical in nature and not medical. A motion to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of holding Post elections by Joe Bossert and Paul Dietrich was passed. Adjutant Frank LaMarsh as chairman of the nominating committee that the committee recommends Frank Saladis for Commander, Judge advocate Frank Peters asked if there were any nominations for commander from the floor and seeing none Frank Saladis was elected Commander. The recommendation for Vice Commanders were; Robert Motisi, Vanessa Tavitian, Michael Marra, Bruce Lieberman and Roger Tague, seeing no further nominations, Robert Motisi, Vanessa Tavitian, Michael Marra, Bruce Lieberman and Roger Tague were elected Vice commanders. The nomination committee recommendation for Treasurer was Paul Dietrich. Seeing no further nominations Paul Dietrich was elected Treasurer. The newly elected officers were installed by PDC Frank Peters. Delegates and alternates to the County Committee and County Convention were elected. Good of the Legion: Rolling Thunder will host a fund raiser on July 26th and the little League field, more details to come. The meeting was closed at 11:14.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank LaMarsh, PDC

Membership 2026 – For those of you who have not renewed, your membership expired on 12/31/25 and your member benefits have expired. Please renew as soon as possible. We are currently at 101.7% of goal with 299 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: Bailey, Cardenas, Chattergoon, Cobbs, Conlin, Conroy, Diehl, Gomez, Kraft, Ortiz, Riley, Salvatori, Scott, Sinclair, Stoffo

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.

Donations to Support the Post: Donations: Guy Nacchio, Paul Dietrich, John Kosinski in honor of William Alcock, Merlis, Buttermark, Morris, Macellari, Kruszka, Conte, Matalas, Soberal, Morandi, Marrone, DeBiase, Hoey, Gibson, Venturini, Bordieri, Schimler, Pelletier, Johnson, Broadbent, Halfinger, Tague, Nolan family

July 4th raffle donation – Many of our members have purchased raffle tickets and we sincerely thank all members who have participated. If you have not returned your raffle ticket stubs, please respond as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on July 4 at about 4pm.

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

Final Honors: Michael M. Manna, Korean War Veteran. Purple Heart Recipient

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 – No new reports.

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

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

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

Upcoming NYC Veterans Events can be found at: <https://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/our-veterans-nyc/>

Online Legion Updates and Information <https://www.legion.org/>
Year – Round Veterans Discounts https://news.va.gov/85765/veteran-discounts-available-year-round/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=31DEC2025



Important Military Dates in June

June 6, 2026 – Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, now known as D-Day.

June 14, 2026 – Flag Day – A Day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.

June 14, 2026 – Army Birthday

June 23, 2026 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 27, 2026 – National PTSD Awareness Day – A Day to bring awareness about issues related to PTSD.

Next Post Meeting: Saturday June 13, 10am, Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 818 3435 4014
Passcode: 963247
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834354014?pwd=dVlNeDgwM2FKTG11bJlQUkFydUNXQT09>

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) and Fridays at 4pm. Please have your membership card available. Guests must sign the register.

June 11 – SI Giving Circle Veteran Luncheon 12:00 – 4:00pm Grand Colony Hall, 460 Brielle Ave.
RSVP required- no walk-ins

June 11 - Flag Day Celebration at P.S./I.S. 26 – The Carteret School. 10am

June 13 – Corporal Lawrence Thompson Marine Vietnam Veteran Memorial Service 11:00am – 12:00pm Corporal Thompson Park, 166 Broadway, 1347, Staten Island, NY 10310, at the Park on Broadway and Henderson Ave.

June 14 – Annual Ferry Hawks Veterans Appreciation Day, Opens 12:30. Wear Red White and Blue

June 14 – Flag Day, and SSG Michael Ollis 5K Run. S. Railroad Ave and New Dorp Ln. 9am.

June 27 – July 3 – Boys State

June 15 - 11:30am Veterans Advisory Committee meeting Staten Island District Office, located at 1698 Victory Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, NY 10314 Please. RSVP 718.568.2870

July 4 - 250th Anniversary of the United States – Independence Day

July 6 – Richmond County Welcome Sailors and Soldiers 12 noon at Gold Star Post

August 9 - Join American Legion and the Yankees for a fun-filled day at Yankee Stadium!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Americanlegion755>

September 26 – Annual Gold Star Post Seafood and Pig Roast picnic.

Please donate to the Food Pantry at Staten Island Giving Circle, which supports Veterans. Items may be brought to the Post for convenience.