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L-R 1st Vice Cmdr. Carlo Giordano, Cmdr. Donna Boyle, Chaplain Charlie Tritto and Color Guardsman Ed Hayde

On one of the last, mild days of autumn, hundreds of veterans, scouts, elected officials and citizens gathered at Greenlawn Memorial Park to celebrate Veterans Day with Post 1244.

Our newly elected commander, Donna Boyle, called the assembly to order and Post Chaplain Charlie Tritto presented the invocation.

Commander Boyle then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Harborfields High School Chorus performed the National Anthem and Commander Boyle gave a brief speech about veterans day from the point of view of all veterans. Veterans increasingly find themselves to be an ever smaller minority of the population of the United States.

1st Vice Commander Carlo Giordano delivered a great speech outlining the accomplishments of our Post and the service we continue to render to the community and nation. Our veterans are, indeed, still serving our country every day.

After Post 1244 presented our wreath at the monument

and our Auxiliary did the same, Commander Boyle invited other organizations in the community to present their wreaths. As usual, the most touching of these groups were the Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts, looking very serious at the prospect of this honor and rendering a salute after placing their wreaths at the base of the memorial.

When the final wreath was placed, Victoria Bell, a Harborfields High School student rendered "Taps" the lonely yet comforting sound heard at countless veteran funerals since the Civil War.

After concluding remarks by Commander Boyle, and a benediction by Chaplain Tritto, the Harborfields High School Chorus, joined by many in the crowd, sang God Bless America. Our ceremony was over.



Our volunteer DJ, Andrew Schild, a true professional, played appropriate musical selections. While photos were taken, old friends met and chatted about old times.

Most of us then headed off to Applebees for our annual complimentary lunch served by the most delightful staff at the Commack restaurant.

All in all, another memorable Veterans Day.

Post 1244 Monthly Meetings

St. Joseph Council K of C 24 Boulevard Ave. Greenlawn

The 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm

Boys State and Girls State 2019



Post 1244 is again beginning its work on the 2020 Boy's & Girl's State programs, both of which take place after the school year ends in late June 2020. This is our 12th year with Boy's State and 7th year with Girl's State. We are now working with the principals and guidance departments of four local high schools (Harborfields, Whitman, Huntington, and Com-mack), plus with students that directly approach us from other high schools.

We have begun to receive the lists of potential candidates from the various schools and will shortly begin the interview process so we can make the selections. As usual, this is the toughest time of the year for us – making the selections from what is inevitably a wonderful group of well qualified students.

Each year, more and more people become aware of this unique educational program and its value, which gives us the

opportunity to aim at continued growth. We would like to send as many of these students as possible to each year's program. This encourages us to continue working hard to assure we have the fiscal ability to fund the tuition.

With the very much appreciated help and support from our community, we will be able to maintain and continue growing these programs from our humble beginnings of two students from Harborfields in 2009 to beyond the 22 students from seven high schools we were able to send in 2019.

It is nice to know that in a short period of time these same students may be a part of the leadership of our nation, and we hope they will put what they learned at Boy's & Girl's State to good use.

Charlie Armstrong

Boys and Girls State Co-Chairman

The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

How knowledgeable are Americans about their government and the founding document that guarantees their liberty?

In 2019, the Annenberg Foundation found that only 2 in 5 Americans (39%) were able to name all three branches of government .

Most importantly, more than a third of those surveyed in 2017 (37 percent) cannot name any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Since 1938, the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest has developed knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship

For many years, Greenlawn Post 1244 has sponsored local students in this contest.

Contestants compete in the county, district, zone and Department of NY levels, hoping to make the finals held each year at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

This year, we sponsored three students from St. Pius V School in Melville. Students at St Pius V are required to take a full year course on the United States Constitution.

Each year, they do exceptionally well in the contest.

In this year's contest, Leah Pohalski from St. Pius V placed first in the county contest and will be competing on January 11 at the 10th District contest against students from Nassau, Suffolk and Queens.

Last year, Leah won the County, District and Zone contests, going on to compete in the State finals in Albany.

We wish all of this year's contestants well!



L-R Amanda Kastel, Leah Pohalski and William Bischofberger, all from St. Pius V School. Far right: Riley Meckley of Ward Melville High School.

Interment of Hugh William Woods October 1, 2019 Calverton National Cemetery

Approximately 40 patriots including members from several Posts, Riders, Auxiliary and the PGRNY attended the interment of Hugh William Woods today at Calverton National Cemetery today. Also in attendance were Jim Beecher, Suffolk County Commander, Paul Schottenhamel, District 10 Commander, John Baptisto Fiore, VFW Post 1819 Commander and Queens County Chaplain, Tom Bergin, Suffolk County Chaplain and other ranking dignitaries.

Hugh William Woods was a Texan. He was born in Houston and enlisted in the Navy there in 1954. He served honorably for the next 4 years until his discharge in 1958 at the rank of Signalman 2nd Class. We have no idea how he wound up in New York City, but we know he passed away there in February of this year. He was indigent and unclaimed. As a result, he was buried in a mass grave in Potter's Field on Hart Island. What no one realized at the time, was that he was, in fact, a Korean War Veteran and eligible for interment in a National Cemetery with military honors. Yes,

mistakes happen; but, thank God, someone, realized this tragic error and began to make it right. If not for that follow-up, Veteran Woods would have remained forever in that common grave in Potter's field, forgotten, ironically, by the very nation he served to protect.

While no headlines were printed in his honor, our being there today payed homage to Signalman 2nd Class Hugh William Woods - Korean War Veteran, United States Navy.

Although he was a long way from home, he was not forgotten. Soon, he will be laid to rest in the same sacred earth were many have gone before and many will go again; his modest marble headstone forever providing him with a lasting tribute from a grateful nation. He's had quite a journey but can now, and forever, "Rest In Peace."

Charlie Tritto, Chaplain
American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244

The poem, "Just A Common Soldier" by WWII Veteran Larry Vaincourt, describes the ordinary life and uneventful passing of a fellow veteran.

The last stanza reads:

"If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear our praise,

Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:

"Our country is in mourning, For a veteran died today!"

A Season of Giving

Post 1244 "Adopts" a VA Family

Santa Claus, in the guise of Past Commander Dennis Madden, once again, helped bring cheer from Greenlawn Post 1244 to a deserving veteran and family.

We try to satisfy the family's wish list as much as possible. Dennis' daughter Maggie does the online shopping each year and always manages to make the dreams come true for each member of the family.

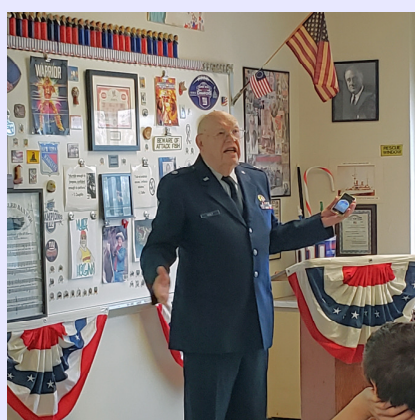
The program, sponsored by the VA each year helps dozens of families make it through the holidays, turning what could be a time of stress into a time of joy!



Veterans In The Classroom - Old Field Middle School 2019



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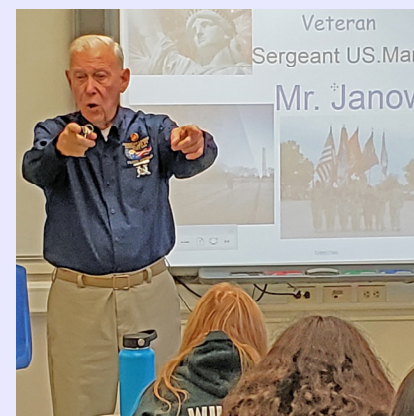
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STEVE LABATE



DONNA BOYLE & ED HAYDE



WALTER RABE

Another wonderful Veterans In The Classroom event at Oldfield Middle School on November 7.

Our volunteer veterans enjoyed talking to the children about their experiences and the children had lots of questions for our veterans.

Many thanks to our veterans and a special thank you to Principal Joanne Giordano and all the teachers and staff.

We couldn't have done any of this without Sandra Buscemi, who has coordinated this very special day since 2013.



VINNY CRIMARDO

A Matter of Honor: Interment of Needham Mayes

Needham Mayes was born on Valentine's Day, 1934 in New Bern, North Carolina. In 1953, he enlisted in the Army and was soon qualified as a parachutist and assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served proudly, but in 1955, was involved in an incident of questionable circumstance, and given a dishonorable discharge. He relocated to New York City the following year.



Chaplain Charlie Tritto

The stigma of his discharge lasted many years and found him fighting many demons along the way. But in 1978 his life changed. That year he earned a bachelor's degree in Social Science from Adelphi University and later went on to earn a master's degree. He eventually became a licensed social worker and therapist, and for the rest of his life, gave of himself by working with community-based organizations, helping those that were facing their own demons.

Despite his years of helping others achieve their

dreams, he knew that his discharge prevented him from realizing one of his own; to one day be awarded the honorable discharge he needed to be buried along-side his fellow veterans in a national cemetery.



The remains of Needham Mayes arriving at Calverton National Cemetery

On 27 September 2019, after a long and emotional quest for justice, Needham was awarded the honorable discharge that had eluded him for more than six decades. I'd like to believe it was God's way of putting an exclamation point on the final sentence, of the final chapter, of Needham's journey for vindication. Veteran Mayes passed away on Veterans Day, 2019.

On December 2, 2019 he joined his fellow veterans in the hallowed ground of Calverton National Cemetery; his simple marble headstone providing a lasting tribute from a grateful nation. May he now and forever, "Rest In Peace."

**Charlie Tritto, Chaplain,
American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244**

Flag Raising at Suffolk County Legislature

Post 1244 was represented by Sgt. at Arms Charlie Armstrong and Adjutant Ken Carlson at the Hauppauge Legislative Building on November 21.

For the past several years, our post has been honored to be asked by Suffolk County Legislator Dr. William Spencer to raise the special Suffolk County flag which was signed by veterans at the annual Suffolk County Veterans Appreciation Breakfast in June..

The event, initiated by Dr. Spencer coincides with Veterans Day in honor of all veterans of our armed forces.



Holiday Party 2019



The reviews are in. Our Post 1244 holiday revelers kicked off the Christmas and Hanukkah season with our best holiday party yet.

The venue this year was Cinque Terre Ristorante (pronounced cheenkwa tear 'eh) on Jericho Tpke. in Huntington Station, an elegant restaurant with bright big rooms and great Italian fare.

While the turnout for this party was the biggest ever, the restaurant staff handled every thing beautifully from the appetizers to the dessert.

Everything was “cucina perfetta!”

The musical entertainment provided by our friend Andrew Schild of ProAudio LI, lured many of our Legion Family to the dance floor.

Many thanks are owed to Vinny Crimaudo for finding this gem of a restaurant and negotiating a very reasonable deal. Thanks also go to Past Cmdr. Dennis Madden for his attention to every detail and his many visits with owner Anthony Page which insured that everything went perfectly.

Commander Donna Boyle did a great job as MC and organizing a very entertaining door prize raffle.

Hal Dieterle certainly deserves props for selling all those ads in our Holiday Party Journal, the proceeds of which provided a very nice donation from Post 1244 to Angels for Warriors.

Thanks of course to everyone who pitched in as needed!

It looks like Cinque Terre will be at the top of our list for next year's holiday party.

Flag Respect and Education

If it has to do with the American Flag, our Sgt. at Arms Charlie Armstrong is our “go to” guy.

Charlie, along with Rick Tierney, is the driving force behind our flag collection efforts with all 11 of our Town of Huntington Libraries as drop off points for unserviceable flags. Our flag deposit box is placed in the lobby of each library for one month during the year. South Huntington Public Library hosts our deposit box for two months.

In addition, all Huntington libraries will accept unserviceable flags at their front desks at anytime and will forward them to the South Huntington Library. Most of the flags we collect are taken to Covanta Huntington for a respectful disposition by burning.

Charlie regularly conducts flag education classes for the youngest of our citizens: the boys and girls of our local scout troops.



Members of Brownie Troop 239 at Silas Wood School in Huntington Station with Charlie Armstrong

Operation Enduring Care



Operation Enduring Care came about 9 years ago as Al Statton, retired from 20 years active duty in the U.S. Army and a volunteer with the Greenlawn Fire Department, was being treated for successive cancers at the Northport VA.

He learned that the veterans homeless shelter, then operated by the Salvation Army, needed donations of non-perishable meals, packaged underwear, socks and personal hygiene items. Al decided to focus his positive energy on helping others, while dealing with the clinical depression and pain of successive cancer diagnoses. Trips to drop off items at the shelter, put a positive touch on appointments for follow-ups on surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

Operation Enduring Care has collected over 8,500 individual meals to date, with community support.

While the homeless shelter, once operated by the Salvation Army, and more recently, by United Veterans Beacon House, remains closed, Operation Enduring Care continues its work at the Northport VA.

Residents in the Community Living Centers (CLC's), at the Northport VA, care for the elderly, infirm, very ill and terminally ill veterans of all war eras since WWII. Many of the older veterans have outlived spouses and family members. Many are seriously ill due to service to our country and may be terminally ill with cancers related to exposure to "Agent Orange" or other carcinogens.

Unlike civilian hospitals, the VA Medical Center does not supply personal health care items. Veterans unable to purchase these items due to failing health or terminal illness must go without unless these items are donated. Shampoo, tooth brushes, shaving cream and deodorant are not supplied to the patients by the VA. It is up to the families, or groups like, us to provide for these basic needs.

For the past four years, Greenlawn Post 1244 has joined with Operation Enduring Care to help raise awareness, raise funds and collect items to meet the needs of our most vulnerable veterans.

On Christmas Day this year, Al and Connie Statton assisted other volunteers in providing a Christmas Dinner to over 100 deserving veterans and family members at the Northport VA. Operation Enduring Care prepared special gift bags for both men and women, containing underwear,

socks, personal hygiene items and fleece blankets and throws. Some toys were also provided for the children in these families.

Most of these items were purchased with funds donated by community members and organizations.



Al Statton with gift bags for Christmas Dinner at the VA

We are currently welcoming donations of :

- Antiperspirant / deodorant
- Shaving Cream (male & female)
- Razors (male & female)
- Alcohol-free mouthwash
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Bars of soap, body wash
- New, packaged underwear both male and female in sizes medium, large and extra large
- New, packaged men's and women's socks medium, large and extra large

Monetary donations in any amount are especially welcome and can be sent:

Payable to:
American Legion Post 1244
Memo line: Operation Enduring Care
PO Box 238
Greenlawn, NY 11740

(American Legion Post 1244 is a non-profit 501(c)19 veterans organization. Contributions may be tax-deductible).

If your employer or community group would be interested in helping us, we would be very grateful.

If you would like to be a volunteer member of our Operation Enduring Care team, we can use your help, from time to time, collecting donated materials, packing and delivering items to the VA.

Drop us an email us at Post1244@verizon.net and we will reach out to you.

Thank you.

Veterans Week Visits

On Thursday, November 7, Fred Tuccillo, Lance Pittman and I visited the 2nd grade class that my daughter, Chrissy, teaches at the Vanderbilt Elementary School in Dix Hills.

I began visiting her class in 2016 as a lone veteran to speak with her young patriots about Veterans Day. In 2017 and 2018 I was joined by Lance. This year, Fred joined the fun. We started our visit with brief introductions followed by all of us saying the Pledge of Allegiance as three young volunteers held our flags.

Chrissy went over each line of the Pledge with the children before our visit. It was clear that they not only recited its words, they truly understood what the words meant. We discussed what Veterans Day means, and flag etiquette. We did a Veterans Day crossword puzzle, had a lively interchange with the kids, and ended by distributing American Flag stickers to each of the students. The students gave us cards that they made especially for their hon-



ored guests!

We are Looking forward to next year.

On Friday, November 8, looks of surprise were followed by smiles and handshakes as Hal Dieterle, Lance Pittman and I traveled the corridors of the Northport VA Medical Center to hand out 3'x5' American flags.

This was the 3rd year of our mission to hand out flags on both Veterans Day and Flag Day to the most ill of all patients in the hospital. We visited the dialysis clinic, women's clinic, radiation therapy area, chemotherapy clinic, in-patient wards and the OEF/OIF/OND support section among others.

A total of 120 flags were distributed, up from the 100 that were doled out on our previous trips. From the looks of things, and the sincere thanks we received from the patients, that number is bound to go up next year!

Charlie Tritto, Chaplain

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244

Toy Drive Benefits Families at Angels For Warriors



Lots of veteran's children awoke to a great Christmas this year due to our annual Post 1244 Toy Drive.

The donated toys, as well as Walmart gift cards, were delivered to Rogerlyn Velez-

Cipriano of Angels For Warriors in time to be given to several deserving veteran's families in need.

Thanks to our many generous Post 1244 members for their donations to this annual effort, we have been providing toys and assistance to families through Angels For Warriors for several years.

A few days after our Toy Drive visit, Dennis Madden, Bob Santo and Hal. Dieterle were proud to present Rogerlyn with a check which represented the proceeds of our 2019 Holiday Party and our very successful Holiday Journal.

Angels for Warriors is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) veteran resource center. providing information and guidance about



L-R: Dennis Madden, Rogerlyn Velez-Cipriani, Bob Santo

the essential resources available to America's returning warriors and their families. For more information, or to donate see: www.angelsforwarriors.org.

American Legion Riders

Turkey Run 2019



The American Legion Riders of Post 1244 hit the town early on Nov. 23.

Early Saturday morning, our vehicles were filled with baskets of cheer.

The streets began to rumble in a good way, with a dozen motorcycles and three support vehicles. Starting our morning with the weather at 38 degrees, we threw on our leathers and helmets, and away we went! We rode from house to house, visiting 15 of our local veterans.



Sometimes these veterans think they have been forgotten or they just have not heard from their family or friends in a while. We have a lot of very special heroes in our community.

For the American Legion Riders this was a special day to let them know how truly appreciated and loved they are. Just as many of these veterans were happy to see us, we love stopping and spending some time with old friends we haven't seen in a while, as well. We rode throughout Huntington, Greenlawn, East Northport, Commack, Kings



Park, and Smithtown. We gave out beautiful Thanksgiving Day meals, filled with turkeys, pies and all the trimmings.

Throughout our lives everyone runs into some hard times, with a simple gesture of this Thanksgiving meal we are just letting them know we are here and thinking of them.

Editors note: The Sunday before Christmas, the Riders could again be found distributing gift baskets of jams, cookies and other treats to another dozen or so veterans.

The mission continues.

Bruce Blanco

**Director, American Legion Riders
Chapter 1244, Greenlawn New York**

American Legion Riders Elected Officers for 2020

Following are the elected officers for American Legion Riders Greenlawn Chapter 1244. They will be installed at our Post 1244 Monthly Meeting on January 8.

President: Bruce Blanco
Vice President: Tom McAuliffe
Sgt. at Arms: Brian Gerken
Treasurer: Chuck Bishop
Chaplain: Mike Williams
Road Captains: Bill Bartasek and Vic Ramondetta

A Moment With Chaplain Charlie



As 2019 comes to a close, perhaps it is time to reflect on the year that was. This, my second year as our Post's Chaplain has been extremely fulfilling. I've been in contact with many of you during your time of need, or just to say "Hi."

I visited your homes and hospital beds, sent you texts and emails, called you on the telephone and even sent get well and sympathy cards via that old reliable snail mail. As rewarding as those things were, the cherry on my sundae, was the role I played in honoring our fallen veterans.

This work is not for everyone; but those that undertake it derive a unique satisfaction in knowing that their efforts truly make a difference. Whether ensuring that an unclaimed veteran is buried with the dignity and honor he or she deserves, or easing a family's pain just a bit by standing with them in honor of their lost loved one, I always leave the ceremony with a sense of closure and an uplifting sense of pride in purpose. Those that share my passion know exactly what I mean.

I joined our post several years ago specifically because of the work it was doing with the Missing in America Pro-

ject - standing as family in support of unclaimed veterans.

To expand our reach, we recently joined forces with the Nassau and Queens County American Legions. Though still a fledgling alliance, with the support of Calverton National Cemetery and the NYC Department of Veteran Services, we stand as one to honor our unclaimed fallen, and now also to honor claimed veterans when invited by family members or the NYC DVS..

I say again: this work is not for everyone. Some would rather find other ways to give of themselves. I totally understand and respect that perspective. But for this chaplain, and those that share his passion, "To Everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven." Honoring our fallen just happens to be our Season, our Time and our Purpose.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Chaplain these past 2 years. I look forward to continuing my Service to God and Country for as long as I'm able and as long as you'll have me.



I hope you all had a great Holiday Season!

Charlie Tritto, Chaplain

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244

Post Everlasting

Final Salute



Gasper Gibilaro **U. S. Army Air Forces**

October 17, 2019

**Their sense of duty continues to preserve our past,
safeguard our present and sustain our future.**

Construction of Conte Center to Begin This Spring

A New Home for Greenlawn Post 1244

Huntington Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci paid a visit to Post 1244 at our monthly meeting on October 9 to announce that the groundbreaking for the James D. Conte Community Center will take place in March 2020. Completion is planned for the spring of 2021.

The building, formerly the Huntington Station Armory of the New York National Guard, will have 393 sq. ft of dedicated office space for our post as well as access to meeting rooms for our meetings and other events.

History

The State of New York transferred the 3.6 acre site and building to the Town in April, 2013. The former armory is named for Assemblyman James Conte, who was instrumental in securing the transfer of the decommissioned building, which was used by the New York National Guard from 1960 until it closed in 2011.

Conte represented Huntington Station for 24 years. Lupinacci, who worked in Conte's Assembly office as a college student, and considered him a mentor, was elected to his seat upon his death.

In May 2012, upon learning of the Town's plan to take over the Armory, as commander, I wrote to Supervisor Frank Petrone requesting a meeting to discuss the building and to request space for our post as part of the community center. At that first meeting in June 2012, Petrone showed great interest in our proposal. The following months found us receiving the endorsement of the Huntington Veterans Advisory Board and letters of support from State, County and Town elected officials.

In March 2013, we submitted a detailed, needs-based proposal to the Town Board, showing how and why our Post should have this space and how this would serve the needs of Huntington's 11,000 veterans and their families. Many more meetings and discussions would take place over the next six years.

Our Past and Our Vision For the Future

In 2005, Post 1244 entered a phase of revitalization with the entry of a new leadership team. Meeting monthly at St. Joseph Council, Knights of Columbus, we concen-

trated on being a dedicated veteran service organization, very much involved in community affairs and recruiting veterans of all ages and war eras. Starting with just 83 paid members, and only about 7 active members, we have grown to over 220 veteran members, with a typical meeting attendance of 40-50.

We have been fortunate in attracting many talented veterans who are willing to apply their talents to building the post and its programs into what they are today.

In time, we found that we were hampered by not having a physical presence in the community. Many veteran's posts fail to be available to veterans who need advice and information. Limited hours of operation and "Members

Only" signs do nothing to welcome potential members and veterans who need our assistance. We plan to provide access to information and assistance for these veterans, as well as being a welcoming presence in the community.

Gulf War and Post 911 veterans, may have different expectations than previous generations of what a veteran service organization should provide. They are the first all-volunteer generation of veterans. Many are looking for an organization with a more family and community-oriented focus.

These veterans are our future. If our post is to survive after us, we have to find ways to serve them and their families in ways that match their needs and interests.

We can and should be a natural fit for them.

We now have an opportunity to build a new future for our post upon the foundations of our past. Rather than threatening our existing programs, this move will only serve to enhance them.

We welcome our member's input over the coming year to help us shape that future.



Bob Santo
Past Post Commander
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The Commander's Corner



I hope everyone's Thanksgiving celebration was filled with family and/or friends. The weather is in a constant state of change as it turns from fall to winter. This season is often a time of extreme stress as we strive to create the "perfect" holiday for our families.

Please stop often to take a deep breath and pause to remember some of your past holidays. If they are like mine, the memories that make me smile and laugh to myself are those when things went wrong. One year Dad let me and my brothers pick out the tree. We loaded it on top of the car, tied it down, pulled out the driveway and the tree slid off the roof onto the hood. Dad stopped, reloaded the tree and tied it down himself. As adults, cutting down the tree still involves telling each other about that year. I don't have a single memory of an event where everything went perfect, do you?

The New Year is only a few days away so how about trying something different for a resolution this year?

Make a resolution to smile while you wait in checkout lines, say hello to a stranger standing beside you, visit an older neighbor or relative. These simple actions by you could make a difference in that person's life. This post has a variety of different things you could do with us if you want to give back to our community. We have events where we teach flag etiquette to the young members of our community.

We also provide supplies and assistance to homeless veterans. We render honors to veterans and their families at times of sorrow. We march in parades, provide color guards, and host other events involving and supporting our families and friends.

Attending or supporting just 4 post events, only one event every 3 months, would make a great News Years resolution.

Giving your time to others provides you with an opportunity to appreciate all the small but important gestures that make life worthwhile.

Donna Boyle

Welcome To Our Newest Post 1244 Member

Larry Beck - Sons of The American Legion



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