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* HAPPY NEW YEAR *

JANUARY 2024

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday Jan 2nd, Post 139 AL Meeting 7:30 PM
- Monday, Jan 8th, Post SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
- Saturday, Jan 13th, Chef Poppy's Pasta Dinner, 5:00 PM
- Friday, Jan 19th, Lyndhurst Veterans Alliance Meeting, Post 139, 10 AM
- Saturday Jan 20th, Membership & County Meeting, Bayonne, Post 19, 9 AM
- Sunday Jan 21st, Legion Pancake Breakfast 9AM 11:30AM (\$10 p/p)
- Saturday Feb 3rd, Depart of NJ meeting, Lawrenceville, Post 414, 9 AM
- Sunday Feb 4th, Four Chaplains Ceremony at St Stephens, Kearny 10 AM
- Tuesday Feb 6th, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sunday Feb 18th, Legion Pancake Breakfast 9AM 11:30AM (\$10 p/p)

BERGEN COUNTY – DEC Mike C tells us that the next BC meeting will be a Joint meeting held in Bayonne Post 19 and will include Membership training. This meeting os on Sat Jan 20th. Next Dept meeting is on Feb 18th, dress code is Legion Casual. As a reminder we have been notified of a per-capita dues increase for 2025 memberships.

MEMBERSHIP – Chmn Danny L reports that we are well over our goal of 75% renewal and 22 short of 100%. If you have your 2024 card ignore any past due notices. If anyone paid dues online, please tell Danny, so we can update the roster. Anyone that has not paid their dues will be removed from the roster in the next couple months.

VETERANS ALLIANCE – Tom W reminds us that the next alliance meeting is on Friday Jan 19th 10AM at Post 139 to discuss color guard schedule and Four Chaplains' ceremony. Tom thanks the color guard members that participated in the Winter Fest.

<u>AMERICANISM</u> – 2023/2024 Americanism awards are being planned by the committee. Tom W thanks the Women's Club of Lyndhurst and the Settembrino Family for their generous donations.

<u>RENOVATIONS</u> – We are seeking quotes to replace the main door, repair lights in the main entrance way, and make repairs to the front stairs.

<u>AUXILIARY</u> – President Linda thanked all those that helped with the Santa Claus event with township's Special Needs group under the guidance of Commissioner Montillo. The Commissioner also thanked all those that helped organize and make it a great success.

SAL - The next SAL meeting is on Monday, Jan 8th. The SAL will be accepting Scholarship Applications for the Annual Kenny Stevens Scholarship. All high school graduating seniors of Post 139 Members (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) are eligible. Cmdr Mike Voza stated SAL paid membership was at 80% as of December 5th.

FINANCE REPORT - Mngr Linda C states all bills are current, and the Post is in the Black. She has been meeting individually with any committee chair to discuss their budget and current balance.

FAIR-SHARE 50/50 RAFFLE – Jerry Sparta informed us that the Dec 22nd fair-share winners were Vince Cuviello who won first prize of \$362.25; Frank Peeters won second prize of \$103.50 and Stan Kaminski won third prize of \$51.75. The next fair-share drawing is in March.

NEW BUSINESS - The Post donated \$100 to the New Jersey Veterans Network.

CHILD WELFARE – Cmdr Jeremy thanks Chey Ferreira for organizing Story Time with Santa on Dec 15th. The Post also partnered with United Way of Passaic County's Winter Wishes program to help families in need this Christmas. We thank United Way of Passaic and its donors for their contributions to help those who may otherwise have had a less than Merry Christmas.

COLOR GUARD – Tom said the next event is the Four Chaplains Ceremony on Feb 4th.

HOUSE & GRILL - Chmn Jay stated that both bar and hall activity has continued going up and reminded us that all special events must be recorded in the logbook.

GOOD/LEGION - Cmdr Jeremy reminds members that American Legion Leadership College will take place April 26-28 at National Guard Training Center. Those interested in attending must let us know.

SICK CALL – Our thoughts and prayers go out to John Carrino, Michael Cassizzi, Sidney Denny, Pete Jiosi, Pat McDonald, Donald Rawa, John Vilchock, and Charlie 'Chaplin' Ziliani. We wish all a complete and speedy recovery.

DID YOU KNOW – On January 10, 1776, Common Sense, by Thomas Paine, was published. Initially it was published anonymously at the beginning of the American Revolution and became an immediate sensation and contributed the demand for independence and a democratic form of government.

TAPS - The Post offers deepest condolences to the family of Marvin Feldman. May he be granted eternal rest in Post Everlasting

For God and Country

Post Cmdr Jeremy Guenter