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FEBRUARY 2024

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sat Feb 3rd, Dept of NJ Meeting, Lawrenceville, Post 414, 9 AM
- Sun Feb 4th, Four Chaplains Ceremony at St Stephens Kearny 10 AM
- Mon Feb 5th, SAL 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Tues Feb 6th, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sat Feb 10th, Boy/Girl Scouts Dinner Dance Fundraiser, OLMC 7 10PM
- Sat Feb 17th, Joint County & Membership Meeting, Bayonne Post 19, 9 AM
- Fri Feb 16th, Veterans Alliance meeting, Lyndhurst VFW 10 AM
- Sun Feb 18th, Legion Pancake Breakfast 9AM 11:30AM (\$10 p/p)
- Sun Mar 3rd, BC Dinner Dance, Graycliff in Moonachie, 1 PM
- Mon Mar 4th, SAL 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Tues Mar 5th, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Thur Mar 14th, Corned Beef Dinner 5 8 PM
- Sun Mar 17th, Legion Pancake Breakfast 9AM 11:30AM (\$10 p/p)

<u>BERGEN COUNTY</u> – DEC Mike C tells us that the next County meeting is a joint county and membership meeting at Bayonne Post 19 on Sat Feb 17th. Bergen County is holding its Annual Dinner Dance at the Graycliff in Moonachie on March 3rd. Those interested in going should contact Mike Carroll. Next Dept meeting is on Sat Feb 3rd, dress code is Legion Casual.

MEMBERSHIP – Chmn Danny L reports that 100 are paid for 2024 and 24 are not paid. If you have your 2024 card, ignore any past due notices. During the January 2nd meeting the third reading was conducted on increasing dues from \$35 to \$40. This will be less than national dues, which shall increase from \$35 to \$45.

<u>VETERANS ALLIANCE</u> – Tom W reminds us that the next meeting is on Friday Feb 16th 10AM at VFW. The Alliance Color Guard is participating at the Four Chaplains Ceremony on Feb 4th at St. Stephens in Kearny.

<u>AMERICANISM</u> –2023/2024 Americanism, we are awaiting return of coloring contest submissions which are due February 2nd. Tom W stated the interview process for the civic awards has started.

RENOVATIONS – New door Post side entrance has been ordered.

<u>SAL</u> - At January SAL meeting a motion was made to raise dues to \$20. Two more readings of raising the dues will be conducted. This is in response to National raising our per capita dues. The next SAL meeting is on Monday, Feb 5th at 7:30PM. The SAL is accepting Scholarship Applications for the Annual Kenny Stevens Scholarship. All high school graduating seniors of Post 139 Members (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) are eligible.

FINANCE REPORT – Mngr Linda C states all bills are current, and the Post is still running in the Black.

FAIR-SHARE 50/50 RAFFLE – Jerry S reminds us that the next fair-share drawing is on Friday March 22nd at 9 PM. Please support this vital fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS – Jerry S presented a check from Lyndhurst KoC for \$275 as the Post's portion of the donation to Veterans Alliance from the Knights.

BOYS STATE – Steve H from Post 170 is the new Boys State Chairman.

SCOUTING – Lyndhurst Boy & Girl Scouts will have its annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser on Saturday February 10th at the OLMC 7 - 10PM. The Cub Scouts and Troops sent Christmas Cards to the Paramus Veterans Home in December.

COLOR GUARD – Tom W is working with Hillary A to increase color guard membership and participation. He thanked all color guard participants at the Winter Fest ceremony.

HOUSE & GRILL – Chmn Jay stated that both bar and hall activity is up and reminds us to be sure to record any special events in the logbook.

GOOD/LEGION – United Way of Passaic County and its generous donors sponsored a legion & boy scout family in need for this past Christmas. We thank them for their support as it brightened this family for the holidays. At the January meeting motion was made and approved to pay for Post members participation at Legion College in Sea Girt on April 26th to 28th.

<u>DID YOU KNOW</u> – The Lyndhurst Fire Department was organized in February 1886 and is an all-volunteer fire department. It is staffed by 70 fully trained firefighters.

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

<u>TAPS</u> – The Post offers deepest condolences to Legion family members who have recently lost loved ones. May they be granted eternal rest in Post Everlasting. The Carroll family thanks all those that paid respect to beloved SAL member Kevin Carroll.

For God and Country Post Cmdr

Jeremy Guenter