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NOVEMBER 2023 IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sat. Nov. 4th, K of C Chicken Dinner @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Benefit Lyndhurst Veterans' Alliance \$18p/p
- Monday Nov. 6th, SAL Meeting 7:30PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 7th, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM / Other Meetings TBA
- Wed. Nov 8th, Twp. Golden Bears Celebration & Fireworks 6PM, L.L. Field
- Sat. Nov. 11th, Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11AM @ War Memorial Monument
- Sat. Nov. 11th, Beefsteak Fundraiser @ Post 139, 5PM, \$50.00 p/p
- Sun. Nov. 12th, Veterans Mass @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8:30AM
- Sun. Nov. 19th, Pancake Breakfast @ Post 139, 9AM-11:30AM (\$10 p/p)
- Fri. Nov.24th, Dee Jay "Karaoke Joe Show" @ Post 139 7PM. Free Admission
- Sat. Dec. 2nd, Bergen County Meeting, Ridgefield, Post 121, 9A
- Sat. Dec. 9th, Dept. of N.J. Meeting, Post 25, 4 J F K Drive, Milltown, 9;00AM

<u>BERGEN COUNTY</u> – DEC Mike Carroll reminds us that there are no county or State Legion meetings but rather early December meetings on 12/2 and 12/9 respectively. We were also notified of a per-capita dues increase for 2025 memberships.

VETERANS ALLIANCE – Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Chicken Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4th (Eat-in starting at 3PM or Take-Out from 4:30-6:00PM). Half of the proceeds will benefit the Veterans Alliance. Cost of Dinner is \$18.00 and includes ½ roasted chicken, potatoes, salad, dessert and a chance at a Basket of "JOY". Reservations must be made online by no later than Nov 1st. linktr.ee/council2396 or by phone to Nick (201) 935-5988 or Tom (201) 446-1543. Lyndhurst Golden Bears celebration and Fireworks Night is on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 6:00PM at the Little League field parking lot. Veterans' Day ceremonies will be held on Saturday, 11:00AM, (10:30AM Assembly) at the War Memorial Monument located at the corner of New York & Delafield Avenues. Our annual Veterans' Day Mass will be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Sunday, Nov. 12th at 8:30AM.

AMERICANISM – Tom Witt to begin the 2023/24 awards campaign later this month.

<u>RENOVATIONS</u> – Mike Carroll reports that all sump pumps worked and the Post had no flooding during the storm "Ophelia". He has contacted someone to cement our front steps.

<u>SAL</u> - Commander Mike Voza reminds us that the next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 6th at 7:30PM. Please use this opportunity to pay 2024 membership dues (\$15.00) if you have not yet done so. Mike thanked all those who volunteered at the Oct. 7th Kenny's Clambake and BBQ, especially event coordinator Tom Schneider.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> – Chairman Danny Laviola reports that we have a little over 50% of our members paid for 2024. A motion was made and carried at the 10/3/23 meeting to raise Post 139 dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00 starting July 1, 2024 for the 2025 membership campaign in compliance with the per-capita increase imposed by the Dept. of New Jersey.

<u>FINANCE REPORT</u> – Finance Manager Linda Carroll reports that all bills are current and that she has placed an order for current and Past Commander pins.

FAIR-SHARE 50/50 RAFFLE – Jerry Sparta tells us that our next quarterly Fair-Share drawing will be on Friday, Dec. 22nd at 9:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS – Shay Ferreira is working on securing a grant to help with renovation expenses. Also planning a "meet & greet" with Mr. & Mrs. Claus during Christmas Season. Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser to be held on Nov. 11th, 5:00PM at Post 139. Beefsteak by Nightingale Caterers, \$50.00 p/p. Money must be in by Nov. 7th.

SCOUTING – Frank De Bellis thanked the Post for their contribution to the Csapo family during Oct. 1st annual car show. Dylan Sullivan of Troop 86 is working on an Eagle Scout project. Pack & Cub Scouts are planning a trip to Rockefeller Center for Christmas.

<u>COLOR GUARD</u> – Hillary Alberts and Tom Witt are working together to co-ordinate Post 139 Color guard for upcoming Alliance events, with plans to fix the rope on the outside of flag pole and order new banners and/or banner tops.

HOUSE & GRILL – Thank you Jay Huggans and Mike Voza for sponsoring "Dee Jay Karaoke Show" night at Post 139 on Friday, Nov. 24th at 7:00PM. Admission is FREE and promises to be a "Fun Night". Chairman Jay would also like to thank all our bartenders for their hard work.

GOOD/LEGION – Past Cmdr. Mike Foglio recognized Harry B., John V. and Jerry S. for carrying the POW/MIA Vigil. Mike also thanked Mike C., Linda C. and Joe M. "God Bless America" tribute at Midnight. Cmdr. Jeremy Guenter thanks all who continue to make our Pancake Breakfast so successful. Next breakfast is Nov. 19th. Jeremy will work with Tom W. & Jerry S. to try and do a "canning" request letter to Mr. Bruno's. Jeremy is also working with "United Way" to help needy "locals" this Holiday season.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> – Letter from Post 53 asking for donations for Gold Star Mother monument. Post 139 motioned to donate \$200.00 in name of past Post mother Madelaine Lopinto. Request for donation to Memorial Day Foundation (tabled).

SICK CALL – Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tony Mattola (SAL), Scotty Lennox, Pat McDonald, Michael Cassizzi, Sidney Denny, Donald Rawa, Pete Jiosi, John Carrino, John Vilchock, Charlie "Chaplain" Ziliani and all Legion family members who were touched in any way by the Covid-19. We wish all a complete and speedy recovery.

TAPS – The Post offers deepest condolences to the Legion family members who have recently lost loved ones. May they be granted eternal rest in Post Everlasting

For God and Country
Post Commander
Jeremy Guenter