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2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGAN ON JULY 1ST. PLEASE BE AN "EARLY BIRD" PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ASAP

AUGUST 2023

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Tuesday, Aug. 1st, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM / Other Meetings TBA**
- *Monday Aug. 7th, SAL Meeting 7:30PM**
- *Saturday, Aug. 12th, Dept. of NJ Meeting, 8PM, Post 414, Lawrenceville**
- *Friday August 25th, Annual SAL Golf Tourney, Farmstead CC**

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS – Outgoing Commander Mike Foglio thanked the Delegation for their loyal support during his 5 plus years as Commander during his final meeting as "PILOT" (July 11th) of Post 139. Senior Past Commander Mike Carroll congratulated Cmdr. Foglio on a job well-done and on behalf of the members, thanked him for stepping up at a time he was needed most, through some difficult days (COVID 19) etc., while welcoming him into the "Past Commanders Fraternity". Congratulations to Commander Elect Jeremy Guenter, who will be formally sworn-in during an installation this fall.

BERGEN COUNTY – DEC Mike Carroll stated that 2024 Legion and SAL Membership cards are now in and available at the Post. The next Dept. of NJ meeting is on Saturday, August 12th at Post 414 Lawrenceville, NJ. as the monthly meetings will no longer be held in Trenton.

VETERANS ALLIANCE – Tom Witt announced that the "Banners for Heroes" campaign is suspended until early 2024 and that sponsors may retrieve original photos on Saturday, August 5th, 10AM – 2PM at the Senior Building on Cleveland Ave. Tom thanked Jerry Sparta, our DPW & Parks Departments, Paul and Jeff at Riverside Graphics for their outstanding work.

AMERICANISM – Tom Witt thanked all helped with the June 30th Awards Ceremony including Linda Carroll and her Auxiliary, Mike Voza and his SAL members and again congratulated Legion Award winners Richie Mitchell, Jeremy Guenter and Son of the Year Brian Haggerty.

RENOVATIONS – Mike Carroll informs us that we had someone from the lift repair service to assess the cost to fix our lift. We are looking into a grant to fund the cost of electrical and masonry work needed to our Post.

SAL - Commander Mike Voza reminds us that Monday August 7th is the next SAL meeting. The Brian St. Leger Memorial Golf Classic is slated for Friday, August 25th, at Farmstead CC, Lafayette, NJ. We are still accepting golfers (\$125.00 p/p) and hole sponsorships (\$100.00). Cost includes lunch at the "turn" and Barbeque dinner at the end of the tournament.

MEMBERSHIP – Chairman Danny Laviola reminds us that the 2024 Membership campaign is underway and cards are at Post 139. Membership is the “Life’s Blood” of any organization and the American Legion depends on your dues payment in order to continue to help our disadvantaged Veterans and sponsor outstanding programs, (Boys State, Scholarships, Americanism, Baseball – etc.) Please renew your membership ASAP, so we can continue to support these goals.

FINANCE REPORT – Linda Carroll states that aside from a residual electrician’s bill from recent renovations, all other bills are current and we are in the black.

FAIR-SHARE 50/50 RAFFLE – Jerry Sparta thanked all participants from the June Fair-Share and asked Finance Mgr. Linda Carroll to fund our Scholarship program with the Post’s half of the proceeds. Our next Fair-Share raffle will be on Sept. 22nd.

BASEBALL – Mike Carroll congratulated GM Mike Voza, Head Coach Andrew Fitzgerald and Asst. Coaches Tony Gedrimas and Terry Chiappa for Post 139’s 100% participation during our scheduled games. We want to thank all who took part in the annual Baseball Fundraiser.

SCOUTING – Frank De Bellis states that there will be no Cub Scout resident this year. The Venture Crew has planned their trip to West Virginia from August 14th to 18th. The 2nd annual Town Car Show on Oct. 1st will be to benefit the Csepo Family who tragically lost their father and son in an auto accident.

CORRESPONDENCE – Two donation request letters were tabled pending further information.

GOOD/LEGION – Cmdr. Jeremy Guenter reported on the June 24th Breakfast Total tickets sold was 36. Total 50/50 share = \$70.00. Gross proceeds = \$491.00, Net to Breakfast Fund = \$375.04. Thank you to all who helped and/or participated. Danny Laviola states that we need to keep track of man-power hours. Mike Voza suggest that we coordinate Legion Family Volunteer service hours.

SICK CALL – Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tony Mattola (SAL), Scotty Lennox, Pat McDonald, Michael Cassizzi, Sidney Denny, Donald Rawa, Pete Jiosi, Paul Horvath, John Vilchok 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.

John M. Perault



**For God and Country
Post Commander**

Jeremy Guenter