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January 2025 – Happy New Year

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Jan 6th, SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
- Tues Jan 7th, Post 139 Meeting 7:30 PM
- Wed Jan 8th, Unit 139 Meeting 8:00 PM
- Fri Jan 17th, Veterans Alliance Meeting, at Post 139, 10 AM
- Sat Jan 18th, B/C Meeting 9:00 AM Lodi Post 136
- Sun Jan 19th, Pancake Breakfast 9-11 AM \$10 p/p
- Tues, Jan 21, Post 139 Reorg Meeting 7:30 PM
- Championship Sunday, Jan 26th, 3PM
- Sun Feb 2nd, Inaugural Steak & Eggs Brunch Fundraiser 11-2 PM \$20 Ticket*
- Sun Feb 2nd, Four Chaplains Ceremony at St Stephens Kearny 10 AM
- Fri April 25th, Annual Scholarship Beefsteak Fundraiser, (Mark Your Calendar)*
- * Tickets must be purchased at the Post a week prior to these Fundraisers

PLEASE NOTE Membership Fees for 2025 Campaign are NOW DUE \$40.00 to American Legion, Post 139. \$20.00 To Sons of the American Legion Squadron 139 (\$10.00) for members 18 or younger). Please include your phone # and EMAIL address when sending your dues either by mail or in person. Dues can also be paid online at www.mylegion.org. THANK YOU!

BERGEN COUNTY - Next B/C meeting is on Sat Jan 18th 9:00 AM at Lodi Post 136.

MEMBERSHIP – Chmn Danny L said of the 145 members of which 110 have paid for 2025 or beyond. You can pay for your dues online at **MyLegion.org**. You have the option of paying for a 3-year membership which will be charged at the current rate.

<u>COLOR GUARD</u> – The next Color Guard event will be the Four Chaplains Ceremony at St Stephens in Kearny on Feb 2nd. Cmdr Jeremy would like to thank Color Guard Members Tom W, David S, and Chris B for participating in the Lyndhurst Winterfest. We are looking for new Color Guard members from the Post, as well as Legion members, the Color Guard includes members of the SAL and Auxiliary.

<u>AMERICANISM</u> – Contest materials for Americanism awards are coming in. Awaiting the remainder of contest materials i.e. coloring contest, safety essay and civic awards.

SAL – SAL's first event of 2025 will be the Inaugural Steak & Eggs Brunch at Post 139 on Sun Feb 2nd from 11:00 AM to 2 PM. You must purchase the \$20 ticket at least one week in advance. If you have not paid your SAL dues please send to Joe Mayerchak, the new SAL Membership Chairman at the Post. Dues are now \$20 (for those under 18 it is \$10). The SAL's next meeting will be on Jan 6th at 7:30 PM.

<u>VETERANS ALLIANCE</u> – The next Veterans Alliance meeting will be Friday Jan 17th 10:00 AM at Post 139. Tom W thanks all those that participated in the Winter Festival in Town Hall Park.

<u>FAIR-SHARE 50/50 RAFFLE</u> –Next drawing will be on Mar 21st. The winners from Dec 20th were 1st prize of \$239.75 went to Scott Burkhardt, 2nd prize of \$68.50 went to Jerry Sparta, and 3rd prize of \$34.25 went to Allen Protomastro. Jerry S wants raffle participants to know that we only need the stub with your name and phone number.

SCOUTS –Frank D said Scout season will be busy this winter. Troop/Pack 86 has 9 events between now and the end of March. Including a Valentines Dance Fundraiser on Feb 15th and trip to U.S.S. New Jersey on March 22nd and 23rd. Frank thanks those veterans that helped with Wreaths Across American at the cemeteries in Lyndhurst.

HOUSE & GRILL –The Vice Cmdr Chineider thanks Craig A, Cris A, Harry B, Linda C, Jeremy G, David S, Jim F, Tom W, Pat A, Aiden, Fran and Pat for their hard work at Waffle Brunch on Dec 15th. Special Thanks to Robert C for being Santa Claus at the Brunch and SAL members for helping set up. We had over 60 attend and many too Christmas Pictures with Santa Claus. We will have a Pancake Breakfast on Jan 19th.

<u>CHILD WELFARE</u> –The Legion Family donated gift cards to families in need through four of the town's churches. In addition, through United Way of Passaic the Legion was able to assist two other families in need with Christmas gifts.

GOOD/LEGION – The Legion will be holding a reorganization meeting on Tues Jan 21st at 7:30 PM. All Past Commanders and current officers' participation is requested. Welcome home Mike Carroll, we are glad you made it back home by Christmas. Looking forward to seeing you at the Post in the New Year.

SICK CALL – Our thoughts and prayers go out Past Post Cmdr Mike Carroll, John Carrino, Michael Cassizzi, Sidney Denny, Past Post Cmdr Danny Laviola, Pat McDonald and Past Post Cmdr Jerry Sparta. We wish all a complete and speedy recovery.

<u>**DID YOU KNOW**</u> – That on January 1st 1776 General George Washington hoisted the first United States flag, the Grand Union Flag. Also, in 1776 on January 10th Thomas Paine published his pamphlet *Common Sense*.

TAPS – The Post offers deepest condolences to the family of John Castiglia. May he be granted eternal rest in Post Everlasting.

For God and Country Post Cmdr

Jeremy Guenter

