



Welcome to The American Legion

July—September 2013

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As we come to the end of my first year as Commander of Post 372 we find ourselves in one of the most active

times of the year. Included are the flagging of Chapel Avenue, the flagging of the graves at Locustwood Cemetery, and Memorial Day Services at the Municipal Building. I would like to thank all of those that participated in these activities this is part of being a legionnaire.

I would also like to take this time to thank past commander Tom Hoskins for being Post Honor Guard on Memorial Day and a big thank you to Russ Smith for all his time and effort in making Boys State a big success—these events sometimes pass without anyone being aware of how much our people put into these events and the next time you see Martin Catalano

please thank him and his Boy Scout troop for the cleanup work they performed outside on the grounds of the post.

I was told of a story about a Ghost Army and found it to be quite interesting and would like to share a part of it with you. The Ghost Army was a United States Army tactical deception unit during World War II officially known as the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops. The 1,100 man unit was given a unique mission within the Army to impersonate other U.S. Army units to deceive the enemy. From a few weeks after D-Day, when they landed in France, until the end of the war, they put on a traveling road show, using inflatable tanks, sound trucks, phony radio transmissions and playacting. They staged more than 20 battlefield deceptions, often operating very close to the front lines. Their mission was kept secret until 1996, and elements of it remain classified. For more information on this true WW II action referencing the Ghost Army go to Wikiped-

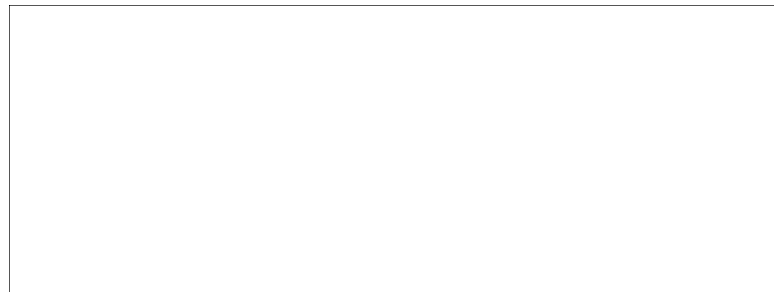
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Once more I have been given the elected honor to serve as Commander for the year 2013-2014 and I will try to serve to the best of my ability and with the help of our Auxiliary, Sal's and Riders we can make it one of our best years. Have a safe summer; enjoy your vacation with family and friends. As a final statement please keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, those who are still living and those who rest in peace and who are now serving our country may God grant them a safe return for their call of duty.

For God and Country,
Commander Bill Quinn



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A few columns back, we got a great response from Scoop readers

who liked and used our popular Household Hints. Here's some more goodies... These are handy to reprint and keep for future reference.

- * **Sunburn** - empty a large jar of Nestea into your bath water.
- * **Minor burn** - Colgate or Crest toothpaste.
- * **Burn your tongue?** Put sugar on it!
- * **Arthritis?** WD-40. Spray and rub in to skin to kill insect sting. spray on wasps nests -- paralyzes wasps!
- * **Bee stings** -- use meat tenderizer.
- * **Chigger bite** -- use Preparation H.
- * **Puffy eyes** -- use Preparation H
- * **Paper cut** - crazy glue or chap stick. (Glue is used instead of sutures at most hospitals lately.)
- * **Stinky feet** -- use Jell-O!! (Put your feet in a pan of Jell-O!)
- * **Athlete's feet** -- use cornstarch.
- * **Fungus on toenails or fingernails** -- use Vick's Vapo-Rub.
- * **Kool-Aid or Tang to clean dishwasher pipes.** (Put in like detergent and run a cycle, also cleans toilets.)
- * **Peanut butter** -- will get scratches out of CD's! Wipe off with a coffee filter paper.
- * **Sticking bicycle chain** -- use Pam no-stick cooking spray.
- * **Pam will also remove paint,** and grease from your hands! (Keep a can in your garage for your hubby.)
- * **Heavy dandruff** -- pour on the vinegar!
- * **To Preserve newspaper clippings** - large bottle of club soda

- and cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 min and let dry, will last for years!
- * **A Slinky** will hold toast and CD's!
- * **To keep goggles and glasses from fogging,** coat with Colgate toothpaste.
- * **Stay-Free Maxi Pads**-clean window, floors, just stick to the palm of your hands and work! Can also be used as a knee pad.

SO...I can see it now... Here's the scenario: We're cleaning our house in the summer.

She has beer in her hair and has coated her face with Elmer's glue, which is drying... I have WD 40 sprayed on my joints and Preparation H under my eyes.. She has green Kool-Aid soaking in the toilet. My glasses are coated with toothpaste I have Pampers upside down several places on the carpet .. and two pans soaking and fizzing in the kitchen sink.. Since it's summer in Cherry Hill, it's HOT, so I have a Maxi-Pad for a sweat band under my hat. In addition, I have a Maxi-Pad on each palm as I wash the windows and floors, with Maxi-Pads for knee cushions. Just imagine that eye-popping picture!

Remembering the great Rodney Dangerfield:

- * I was so poor growing up ... if I wasn't a boy ... I'd have had nothing to play with.
- * A girl phoned me the other day and said, "Come on over; nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home.
- * During sex, my girlfriend always wants to talk to me. Just the other night she called me from a hotel.

* One day I came home early from work ... I saw a guy jogging naked. I said to the guy, "Hey buddy, why are you doing that?" He said "Because you came home early."

* It's been a rough day. I got up this morning ... put a shirt on and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase, and the handle came off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom.

* I was such an ugly kid...When I played in the sand box, the cat kept covering me up.

* I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio

* I'm so ugly...My father carries around a picture of the kid who came with his wallet.

* I'm so ugly...My mother had morning sickness...AFTER I was born. *****

Plenty of Proven Proverbs from the Post Pub Patrons... Just ask them!

A penny saved is a government oversight...

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends...

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement...

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody...

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame...

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's

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really in trouble...

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"....?

Now Making the "Rounds" at Post #372: "Pun"-ography:

I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop

any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words .

THAT'S ALL FOLKS...!



Join Us for the ANNUAL ERLTON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

July 3rd, 2013 – Starts at 7pm. Location Jefferson and Park Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ *

If interested in going over with Legion members and/or Legion Riders, meet at the Legion at 5:30pm. For questions, contact Fran at 856-906-7095

American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ * For more information about the parade itself, go to <http://www.erlton-sca.org/>

FAMILY DAY

Sept 14th ... 1pm - 6pm

DJ, Food, Fun & Games

Roast Pig, Clams, BBQ Steak Sandwiches,
Burgers, Hotdogs, Salads & Corn on the Cob

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American Legion Post 372, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

MESSAGE FROM THE SAL COMMANDER



I would like to start off by thanking everyone for their active participation with our organization and I am looking forward to another year as your SAL squadron commander. It is an honor to be your commander and we take great pride in representing our post to being the best we can be as well as helping our fellow service members and those in need. If it were not for the kind hearts and willingness of all that contribute to this organization we would not be able to stay as strong as we are today.

Elections were recently held in April for our new squadron officers. I would personally like to welcome our new officers; Mike Lobascio (Sgt at Arms), and Jim Arcinese (Membership/Finance)

aboard. Your new Sons of The American legion Executive Board stands as Follows:

Commander: Tim Viguers
Sr. Vice Commander: Rich Derer
Vice Commander: Mike Lalena
Finance/Membership: Jim Ihlenfeld & Jim Arcinese
Historian: Fran Keashen
Sgt at Arms: Mike Lobascio

The American legion convention was held from June 13-15. This is our annual state wide meeting where fellow legionaries from across the state get together to discuss statewide events, receive awards, and oh yea, even party a little. This year we decided to turn it up a notch and enter a float in the parade. Our "Hounds for Heroes" float was a great success and was well represented. I am truly proud and grateful for all those that helped out to make this the FIRST float ever representing Cherry Hill in

the Wildwood parade. Great job guys!

The 4th of July is soon upon us and so is the annual parade in Erlton. The Parade will be held on July 3rd and starts at Jefferson and Park Dr at 7pm. We have always received a good turn out for this and are encouraging all to attend.

So it's that time of year again....YES Family Day!!! The time of year we have all been waiting for. Great food, beer, DJ, raffle prizes, and most off all a good time with great friends. Family day will be held on September 14th at our post. Ticket prices remain the same. \$20 per person & \$35 a couple in advance. Hope to see you all there.

For God and Country,
Tim Viguers

WWII DOG TAGS added to the Dog Tag Return PROJECT ...

Jack Hutchings, a prominent businessman in Florida, had been traveling on his yacht in the Solomonian Islands. There, the villagers gave him some American WWII dog tags they had found. He brought them home in hopes of getting them returned to the veterans/families.

Upon returning home, he stumbled across a newspaper article in the Orlando-Sentinel about the dog tag return to USMC Vietnam veteran, James Alderman. This prompted him to send the dog tags to the POW/MIA Awareness Committee in hopes they could locate and return them to the veterans or their families.

The first set of dog tags were identified. Unfortunately, the veteran, Gordon Spencer, passed away in 1980, as did his wife. However, one of his two sons, Stanley, was located in upstate NY. Spencer's dog tags were hand delivered by the Nam Knights MC in West Chazy, NY.



Additionally, over the last couple of months, another 5 dog tags from the original dog tag collection from Vietnam have made their way home.

Members of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Nam Knights of America MC returned the dog tag of KIA James Golding to his widow and daughter in Branford, CT in April.



Dog tags were also hand delivered to Vietnam veteran Carl Morton in Tappan, NY.

And in Nashua, NH another dog tag was delivered to the sister of Vietnam veteran, Edward Raiche, who passed away in 1973 in a boating accident while duck hunting.

Other dog tags that made their way home were to the widow of James Buckman in KY, John Langkowski in MO, and Willien Broussard in LA.

Several more dog tag returns are in processing, which will be taking place in NM, KS and MO. have made their way home. been returned.

Hundreds of dog tags made it back to the United States in 1993 with Ray Milligan, a Vietnam

USMC veteran and retired police chief. Milligan was in Vietnam with a group called Operation Smile. He was there as logistics support coordinator for the project's medical program. In the small shops lining the street outside his hotel, he saw that vendors were selling what appeared to be old, rusty American dog tags as souvenirs. He bought 350 of them and in 2010 he gave them to the POW/MIA Awareness

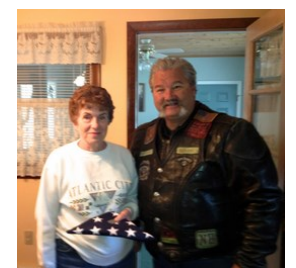


Committee of New Jersey to locate and return the dog tags to the veterans.

A member of the POW/MIA Awareness Committee, Sue Quinn-Morris, is also a member of our American Legion in Cherry Hill.

There are still many dog tags to return. There is a full list of dog tags on the website. Have a look and see if you may know one of the veterans!

For more information about this project, go to <http://www.powmiaawareness.org> or contact Sue at squinn9807@aol.com



American Legion Post 372 Wins 2nd Place



The Cherry Hill American Legion members partnered with Hound for Heroes to build a float for the 93rd Annual Legion Convention Parade this year.

The Parade was held on June 15th in Wildwood. We are happy to report that we came in 2nd Place !

In appreciation of all the efforts in making this happen, the Legion had a party on June 21st, featuring a nice buffet and happy hour prices.

A great time was had by all ! Plans for next year are underway!



POST FLAG TO FLY IN HONOR OF..



July- Narciso, Frank
August- Smargisso, Nicholas
September- Henderson, Sam G.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR



Riding season is in full swing. Please ride safely. Jim is working on having lawyer, Jerry Friedman, back in to talk to us about his services in the event we need him.

An email will be sent out once he is scheduled. We have had a few good rides already. Father Paul's "Blessing of the Bikes" was a success and is always a nice event. A group of the Riders participated in the escort of the traveling Vi-

etnam Wall. Tickets are available at the Legion for the upcoming Riders Rodeo. Please come out—it will be a great time! Our next meeting is July 22nd. Gary Gottron ALR Director

2014 Membership DUES

General Members—\$30

SALS—\$25

Auxiliary—\$21

Riders—\$12



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MESSAGE FROM LADIES PRESIDENT



As we close out another year of service, we as a Unit, a part of the Legion Family, have a lot to be proud of. This year we have had more participation in the activities, we are responsible for. We have worked hand in hand with our Legion Family in flagging Locustwood, Chapel Ave and various activities in our community. Participating in Veteran ceremonies, household item and food drives. Veterans Haven, and the new Home for the Brave in Camden. We have helped our community as in previous years but this year we stepped up to do much more. Colestown Cemetery was flagged for the first time in at least the 10 years I have been a member of the Unit by Auxiliary members Donna, Mary and myself. This is where many of our towns founding families are laid to rest, as well as Veterans from the Civil War through the present. Our post has also partnered with a local Boy Scout troop. The troop spent an evening with our Veterans learning about our organization and what we do. The Boy Scouts also spent an evening sprucing up our post grounds under the guidance of Sandy our incoming Vice President and her husband Tim, Senior

Vice Commander. Later in the fall the Boy Scouts will be learning about the Colestown Cemetery with the help of some Auxiliary members. Hopefully in the future we can partner with other groups to explain to them why it is important to get involved with such activities. This year our Legion Family has partnered with a wonderful organization "Hounds for Hero's" a Greyhound Adoption group located in Pennsauken. Veterans are helped with the monetary end of adopting a new friend. Greyhounds who have been retired from the racing life are a perfect match for a Veteran who would like a pet. They are calm by nature, low maintenance and the unconditional love any dog gives is special, but for someone suffering from Post Traumatic Stress they could be a great help in dealing with the issues of the disorder. Our Legion Family will also be entering a float in the Wildwood Parade for the first time. We are working together on this project with Bill, a new member, from Hounds for Hero's. Our plan is to kick things up by having members in uniform with dogs on a float being towed by a truck (donated by Cioffi's Towing,

Thanks Fred!) which will have members of all aspects of our family waving. Other members will be walking along side handing out candy and information about the dogs. This is a true Family effort which is what we have needed in order to make it happen. Look in this issue to see our results. Who knows our first time out if we win anything, but either way it has been fun working together. In closing, I will be President 1 more time, but this year we will also have a co-chair each month to learn what is now needed as a President and the Unit as a whole. Many things have changed in the Auxiliary in the last 5-10 years. The dynamics of our organization have had to keep up with the world around us. We are now the American Legion Family and must work as such to survive in our current capacity. We need to encourage people to join in each part of the family and hopefully they will start to participate in the organization activities. Sometime in August Auxiliary members will receive a postcard regarding our September meeting on 9/9/13. Please try to come out and meet our members. You will also be able to pay your dues \$21.00 at that time if you choose. I hope to see a lot of new faces at the meeting. For God and country, Carol Colucci President

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