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Commander's Message



Being the Commander of YOUR post has its rewards. I and other members of the post were invited to participate in a Veterans Day celebration a couple months ago at the DCF School in Cherry Hill. This school is responsible for the day to day education of about 60 Special Needs children with various Behavioral, Emotional and other specific needs, precluding their education in a normal school. The program included a patriotic song sung by their choir, lunch, medal presentation, and an interface session with the students themselves where it involved Q&A and poem reading. I was so moved by one of the student's poems, I had to share an excerpt. "To the nation's superheroes" "Yes! I will inform the youth on the men and women who gave up

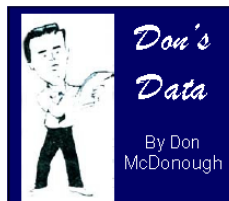
their beating hearts for freedom. For let them be remembered, let them be loved, let them be free... No matter how hard hate hits us, resilience runs in our water, strength pumps in our veins, and love laces us together. I look back, I could not possibly have had the blessing to be able to say any of my heart's words without the soldiers who brought us, a big beautiful Melting pot we call America" "My name is Katerina and I am an American citizen" How eloquent, for a 18 year old "challenged" girl. This was only a highlight of poems and cards we received at this program. I can't remember being so honored at such a patriotic event. On a similar note we hosted the Veterans Day program in our post. We had a video presentation, a SHORT speech, and an outstanding dinner prepared and served by our Auxiliary. In a post having over 500 members, the turnout was poor. The less than 40 attendees enjoyed a great program. We should have had a packed House for Veterans Day. Next year let's do better. Remember, this program was not just for Veterans, It is for ALL Members

of our post to recognize, honor and remember the sacrifices and duties performed by Veterans giving us our freedom that we sometimes take for granted. The Auxiliary's annual Children's Holiday Party was a great success, with our own past SAL Commander playing Santa, and our annual Holiday Party for members was also a huge hit! If you are not on our American Legion main Email List, please sign up on our website at www.alch372.com. You will receive a couple of emails a month with information about our upcoming events and late breaking news. It is an essential way for all of our members to keep abreast of the goings on at our Legion and news that does not make it into our quarterly publication.

For God and Country.
Timothy Kraft—Commander



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For over 10 years, Don McDonough has been contributing to the Scoop Newsletter—most famously for his “Don’s Data” and “Bits & Pieces” column. Unfortunately, Don passed away on November 26th, 2016. In his honor and memory, we have scoured through some of our old Scoop Issues and pulled out some of his favorite Rodney jokes and classic lines from his Bits & Pieces. Enjoy this blast from the Past and see how many things strike a chord and memory for you !

RODNEY DANGERFIELD JOKES



My wife is such a bad cook, if we leave dental floss in the kitchen the roaches hang themselves.
 My wife likes to talk on the phone during sex; she called me from Chicago last night.
 It's tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won't drink from my glass!

My wife isn't very bright. The other day she was at the store and just as she was heading for our car, someone stole it! I said, "Did you see the guy that did it?" She said, "No, but I got the license plate!"

I looked up my family tree and found out I was the sap.

I looked up my family tree and found three dogs using it.

My mother had morning sickness after I was born.

Bits & Pieces of Nostalgia...



A stroll down memory lane in the words of Don McDonough....

2006 Bits & Pieces

Why does Vice Commander **Emie Brosh** always drink from a plastic cup at the Post lounge ?..Ask him!.. Volunteer Post Housekeeping and Maintenance thanks go to members: **Andy Jackson** for plumbing work; **Emie Brosh** and **Tom Heinsinger** for Canon Flags; Auxiliary President **Eileen Morrissey** for her continued great Kitchen Kapers at all Post events; **Rich Hegerty** for carpentry work.. And, finally, a great big expression of THANKS to SAL member **Joe Wacker** who made a major

contribution to the Post of an Emergency Defibrillator!....**Joe Andrzejewski** (aka Gonzo), MAJ (Ret), US Army Special Forces, was inducted as a lifetime member in the “Brotherhood and Lineage” of the US Army Military Free Fall School...take time to remember that February 14th also marks the first years anniversary of the untimely passing of our beloved **Tommy O'Reilly**,,,When Auxiliary member **Carol Doyle** and **Annette Romano** brought their 50-plus bags and shoeboxes of holiday goodies to the Vineland Home over the holidays they were amazed with the new transformation. The Home has completely remodeled and renovated...We want to spotlight the dedicated members who have honored the Post and their fellow men by recently attending funerals while representing Post #372, including **Reynold “Chin” Johnson**, **Ernie Brosh**, **Chester Malik** and **Bill Coneby**.....With the sudden removal of the Post cigarette machine and the pending New Jersey Legis-

lature’s aim to ban all smoking in public places, can the elimination of smoking in the Post Lounge area be far behind ?

2007 Bits & Pieces

The newly constructed and impressive outdoor smoking area has been enhanced with new garden-type fencing keeping the smokers isolated from the heavy traffic and residential neighbors surrounding the Post. **Commander Charles Macukewicz** has successfully achieved the delicate diplomatic task in calming some, if not all, nearby neighbors by installing a sophisticated soundproof system in the Post Hall, a frequent target of the loud noises complaints.....And now with an authentic hero in our midst, the buzz at the post is very much upbeat... We're talking about member **John Martorano's** life saving exploits during the summer that have been reported in all forms of news media...The shock of the sudden demise of popular SAL Adjutant, **Rich**

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SAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY

All SAL Members can renew their membership for 2017 on February 11th, 2017 from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Stop by the Post, renew your membership, and get your 2017 card on the spot. New members welcome.



February 11, 2017
12pm-5pm

Sunday, Feb 5th

SUPER BOWL PARTY
at the LEGION
FOOD FUN FRIENDS

Kick Off at 6:30pm

*** Complimentary FOOD BUFFET ***



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Bits & Pieces of Nostalgia...(cont'd)

Sabo last month is still sending tremors throughout the membership. Everyone loved Rich. His sunny disposition and humor will be sorely missed...It's another late summer outing on the high seas set for September 29th aboard the Royal Flush when Post Adjutant **Tom Heinsinger** hosts his annual fishing trip while keeping the cost at a modest \$60 bucks for all the extra hoopla...A band of daytime regulars who pride themselves on pranks of all nature, has a field day with Trustee **Charlie Alberti's** new Ford Focus. After proudly showing off his new maroon model car during the afternoon, he returned later that evening to find it had been wrapped in bright yellow "crime scene" tape by the unknown....

2008 Bits & Pieces:

Our "Master Carpenter", **Robert Arcinese**, was instrumental in opening up the canteen area and brought the tools of his trade into the Post once again. This time he reinforced the balcony wall in the hall so a new high definition 32 inch flat screen TV could be installed. The TV was donated by **Executive Officer Tim Kraft**, who also did the hookup of cables, etc. **Rich Hegarty**, Sgt of Arms **Ernie Linden** and Executive Officer **Bill Quinn** also assisted in this project....we sure are missing our Sal Chaplain, **Tom Wright**, these days—he's recently moved down to Wildwood for a job opportunity—we miss you Tom, be sure to visit us

soon!....our beloved **Charlie Danks** is back—naughty as ever!...it is suggested that you do not give Charlie your phone number—just ask **Mary Leonardo!**...speaking of people making an appearance again—we're happy to report there's been **Jimmy Shields** sightings as well— nice to see you Jimmy!....with the winter months approaching though, you may want to stay clear of Jimmy if he's looking to warm his hands!....kudos to the wonderful job **Cindy** is doing in the kitchen—her food is stellar—a big hit with all....not only has Don Iddenden been having car problems, he was sabotaged by the toilet paper bandit recently too...A ravenous group of Eagles fans cheered not only the team's victory over the Cowboys, but to also applaud Dave's Chili. Among the hungry tasters were Canteen regulars **Pat Buchanan, Tom Wright, Ed White, "Chin" Johnson, Connie Krueger, Charlie Macukewicz, Brian Fitzgerald, Andy Johnson, Carol Doyle** and her beau, **Ron Colucci**

2009 Bits & Pieces

Once again **Doris Ihenfeld** out-did herself with the coordination of our Annual Yard, Bake and Hoagie Sale...great job as usual Doris!.....and how about us hosting the Vietnam Traveling Wall in April ?!...we can't thank **Sue Quinn-Morris** enough for bringing The Wall That Heals here and putting our Post on the proverbial map!....her persistence proved successful in getting the approval and raising the money needed— as Event Coordinator it was a huge undertaking for her -

endless hours and sleepless nights...her brother and newly elected SAL Adjutant, **Rob Quinn**, gave our parking lot lines a fresh coat before the Wall visit, painted our Legion signs outside, and painted an American Flag on the out-side of the chimney....the Post was —spiffed up! in preparation of the Wall—special thanks **Ed White, Bill Quinn, Ernie Brosh, Phil Beck** and others that worked many hours....Many thanks to the numerous Chairpeople, including **Charlie Adams, Maggie Thomas, Jim Arcinese, Sean Cook, Carol Doyle, Gus Branco, Dave Larsen** and others.. **Phil Atkinson** and **Ron Colucci** presented our Post wreath at Opening Ceremony and boy did they look sharp!... Did you know that our own **Ray Rubel** was a Lieutenant Colonel and is also retired Air Force? ...**Ron and Carol's** annual pig roast which is held at the end of June each year, was a huge success.....July 3rd was **MaryEllen's** 1/2 birthday— mark your calendars!...thank you to **Dave Larsen** and **Phil Beck** on getting the kitchen in tip top shape .. Thanks to **Tom Parkhill** for fixing the stove...please be sure to visit our website and register on the Bulletin Board to receive late breaking news and update...**Bill Connors** continues his recovery from a stroke...he was recently seen in a golf cart on a personalized tour of Vietnam Wall

...stay tuned for more nostalgia Bits & Pieces in subsequent Scoop Issues !



Visit Our Canteen !

Friendly people in a great place ! Fireplace, 5 Large TV's, Pool Table, Shuffleboard Table, Pull Tab Machines and more! While we are a Membership Only facility, you may bring a guest with you— we're sure they will want to join after visiting !

Friday - Saturday; 12noon til 2am
Sunday - Thursday; 12noon til at least 10pm



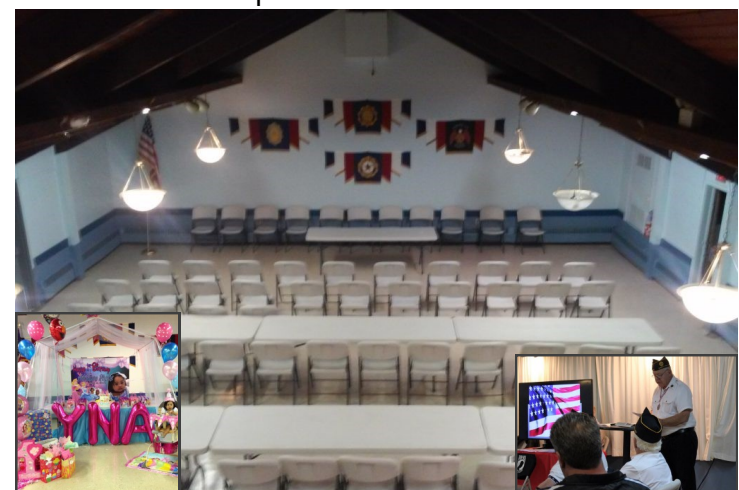
Kitchen Hours & Menu

Our cook is in on Wednesday and Thursdays from 12noon - 3pm, Fridays 12noon - 9pm and Saturdays 12noon-4pm. Friday nights and Saturdays are dependant on Hall Rentals. Call the Legion at 856-665-3889 to check ahead of time. To view the Kitchen Menu, visit the Canteen or view it online at www.alch372.com. To receive notificiation of Friday night Dinner specials sign up on our email list.



MEETING SCHEDULES

General Member Mtg - 4th Tues of the month- 7:30pm
Auxiliary Mtg - 1st Monday of the month - 7pm
SAL's Mtg - 3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:30pm
Legion Riders - 4th Monday of the month - 7pm
Call the Legion at 856-665-3889 to confirm meeting date as they are sometimes changed due to holidays or other conflicts. The General Members, Auxiliary and SAL's do not have meetings in June, July or August.



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2nd Annual Philadelphia Veterans Parade

New General member, Russell Gunning, a WWII veteran, and general member and Nam Knight George "50h" Hubel, were honored for their service at the Philadelphia Veterans Day. Their bios were read and they received a Certificate of Appreciation for their service. Thank you Russell and George !

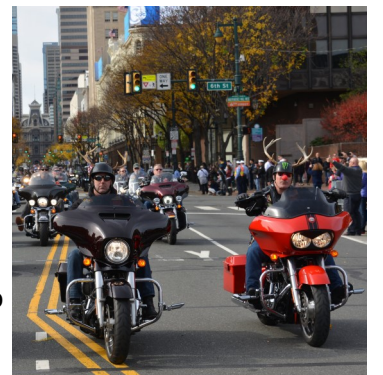


Russell is the son of Rick Gunning, also a new member, and Police Sgt of Moorestown PD.

They both also participated in the parade—Russell on the Pierces Firetruck with his son Rick and grandchildren—and 50h with the motorcycles. The parade's vanguard featured about 300 rumbling motorcycles from all over the Delaware Valley, including our own American Legion Riders and the Nam Knights. (Santa and his reindeers included!)

They were followed by some 150 veterans groups, and aspiring veterans — new army recruits, concentrating on getting and staying in step.

There was also a Festival after the parade with over 40 Veterans Outreach Tables and food/drinks, prior to the Veterans Honor Ceremony.



Thank You Cherry Hill PBA !

The Cherry Hill PBA hosted a Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the Legion a few months ago. A huge thank you goes out to them for such a nice affair. In addition to many of our own Legion member veterans, veterans from other local organizations, Veterans Haven and a very special guest, Coast Guard veteran and Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett were present.

Jesse was viciously ambushed and shot numerous times while in his police cruiser last January and is still on the mend, with more surgeries to go.

Also present was Mike Spada, a veteran and PA State Troopers from Har-

risburg, PA. The Holiday Inn of Cherry Hill was gracious in providing rooms for both Jesse and Mike for the evening. Again, we thank the Cherry Hill PBA for a wonderful evening and great show of support for our veterans.



Dog Tags Reunited with Veterans and Families

Auxiliary member, Sue Quinn-Morris, who heads up the Dog Tag Project reported that some dog tags have been returned with the help of the Nam Knights in several different states, including Oklahoma, Kentucky, Florida, Arizona and Kansas.

The collection of dog tags were given to Sue several years ago by retired Chief of Police (Deptford, NJ) Ray Milligan. Milligan was a volunteer with a group called Operation Smile, a medical mission that travels the globe and performs corrective surgery for chil-

dren with cleft palates or cleft lips, mostly in Third World countries. Milligan, a former Force Recon Marine who'd served in Vietnam, had gone to Vietnam as logistics support coordinator for the medical program and obtained the dog tags there.

Sue's mission is to return the dog tags to the veterans they belong to or their families. For more information about the Dog Tag Project and a list of the dog tags she has, visit www.PatriotConnections.org.



Shawnee, OK – While serving our country some 50 years ago, US Army Veteran Steven Jefferson lost his dog tag in Vietnam. Sadly, he died in April 2016 due to complications of Agent Orange. John “JC” Christ, an officer with the Nam Knights of America MC Delaware Valley

NJ Chapter, rode cross country with his wife Dawn, to present Jefferson's widow with his dog tag, along with officers and Riders of the VFW Post 1317. A Ceremony was held at the VFW

Post in Shawnee, OK



Shepherdsville ,KY - Lance Corporal Raymond, a qualified Sharpshooter, lost his dog tag in Vietnam. Spalding, after returning home from Vietnam, married his long time sweetheart, Teresa, worked for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years, and was a member of United Auto Workers 862. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2005.

Bob “Wolfie” Henderson, the President of the Nam Knights of America MC Kentucky Chapter, along with the American Legion Riders Post 157, presented Spalding's widow with her husband's dog tag in a ceremony at the American Legion.



Wichata, KS— Rob Dickson Jr was presented with his fathers dog tag—his father, Army Staff Sgt.



Robert “Big Lee” Dickson, passed away in 1999.. He had served 2 tours in Vietnam during his 11



years in the Army. Jody Dukelow, a recipient of her deceased brothers dog tag a few years ago, met with Dickson to give him his father dog tag. Since receiving her brothers dog tag, Jody keeps in touch with Sue and is aiding in dog tag returns in Kansas.



Chandler, AZ—The dog tag belonging to Navy Seabee Gale Pinkston lost in Vietnam in 1968 was returned to him by Eli Krakower and Tom of the Nam Knights of America MC, Atsah Chapter. They held the return at the American Legion Post 91 in Chandler, AZ.



Florida—Gregg Hodge received something he probably never thought he would get – his deceased brothers dog tag. His brother, Junior, passed away in 2014. Nam Knight Brit Henderson delivered Juniors dog tag to Gregg and his wife, Debbi, in Florida.



MESSAGE from the SAL COMMANDER



Autumn began with a subtle change in the light, with skies a deeper blue and nights that were clear and chilled. Then we watched the autumn leaves fall, the air was a bit colder and Winter was upon us. But before we move on to the next cycle, let's take a moment to review our recent events. A big thank you to the SALs, General Members, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Nam Knights for another successful Family Day! Everyone worked together to host the event and enjoyed the day with family and friends. The Legion's new grill was fired up all day long. Our SAL's chefs Joe, Brian and Josh did a great job grilling the steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken for us all to enjoy. Special thanks to our DJ Bob Sorg for playing music all afternoon and to Bob DiConcini for his acoustic sets in the Canteen Saturday night. The last few months of the year were full of events and endeavors for the SALs. We were represented at the Cherry Hill Police Benevolent Associate's Appreciation event for Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett. Officer Hartnett was ambushed and shot several times while he was on duty in his police

car. He was able to fire back at the assailant, slowing him down until he was apprehended. We can't thank Officer Hartnett enough for his courage and bravery. He is an inspiration for all, and a true representation of what it means to protect and serve. Jesse is not fully recovered but well on his way. The SALs gave Officer Hartnett a donation to help with his recovery expenses. Our Senior Vice Commander Rich Derer's daughter was married here at Post 372 in early October. The weather didn't cooperate that day for the wedding, but Rich made adjustments right up to the ceremony and it all worked out. It was a great day! Congrats to Rich and Michelle and to their newly married daughter Michelle and son-in-law Matt! The SALs Annual Log Splitting was held on November 5. Thanks to everyone that came out to help with the splitting and stacking of the wood. We love to keep the fireplace going during the winter to keep us warm, while enjoying a beverage and the company of our friends. We had two exciting Poker nights at our Post on the last Friday of September, October and November. They will continue through April. Please join us and enjoy the

fun of the “Dealer's Choice” poker nights. This time of year we need to begin thinking about our 2017 SAL Membership Drive. We've reached high membership numbers over the past couple of years and we want to continue the progress. The SALs are making use of mass emailing to reach out to our members. As SALs we continue to come together for Veteran's causes and events. We are proud to be a part of the Post 372 Legion family! Remember our SAL meetings are the third Wednesday of each month. There may be adjustments for the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas. All SAL members are encouraged to come out and show your support for our SAL family. It's an opportunity to meet with your friends and continue the great tradition of supporting our Veterans and their families. With each year we grow stronger in our dedication to improve this great organization. Lastly, I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays with their families and friends. My best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Thank you for your support! For God and Country, Dave D'Orazio SAL Commander Post 372





Veterans Appreciation

Below are photos of some of our American Legion veterans being honored at the DCF School in Cherry Hill and at our Legion Services held in November.



BOYS & GIRLS STATE

Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors.

Participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

The boys and girls are nominated by their high school during their junior year, and they are then interviewed by Legion officers.

Boys State will be held at Riders University in June and Girls State will be held at Georgian University, also in June. If you are interested in learning more about these programs or wish to help our Legion with setting up or conducting the interviews, please visit our website at www.alch372.com for more information.



Are you up for the challenge?

MESSAGE from Auxiliary President



By the time you read this Scoop your Auxiliary will have been quite busy. The Auxiliary prepared the food and served our Veterans after the program held at our Post on November 11, 2016. A thank you to all the Ladies who made it happen. The Auxiliary provided desserts for the Legionaries County Meeting, hosted the Auxiliary County meeting and held our annual Childrens Christmas Party. We have also collected food for the Veterans and families in the community that need a hand up over the holidays. Not forgetting our 4-legged friends, food and toy donations are made to a local Shelter and there are donations for Toys for Kids. And, we will be taking "gifts" after the holidays to our Veterans at Home For The Brave. The Auxiliary would like to thank all the members at Post 372 that help make these programs pos-

sible with their generous donations. The months of November and December always have a lot going on and I hope many of you were able to come out and join in the celebrations and festivities. Make sure you are signed-up to receive our Legion emails that will remind you what is happening at the Post. If you don't currently receive it, send your e-mail addy to squinn9807@aol.com A reminder, membership fees are due now. Please send or bring them in at your earliest convenience. Your dues have

remained at \$ 21.00 this year and \$ 7.00 for Juniors. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! For God and Country, Sandy Kraft Auxiliary President



MESSAGE from Riders Director



Happy New Year ! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Years. I can't believe the Holidays have come and passed once again!

Over the last few months, we participated in the 2nd Annual Philadelphia Veterans Day Parade and I report all went well and we had a great turn out. I want to thank everyone who participated in this event to

make it great. We were on our Holiday meeting schedule so we did not have a meeting in December. We will meet at the same place and time on January 23rd of 2017. We have a few new members; we welcome Heather Williams , Frank Anchrea , Paul Hendry , Robert Muise and Harold (Mick) Ward. I know we all felt bad that there was no Thanksgiving Dinner for the Troops this year.

American Legion Post 372 held their Annual Kid's Christmas Party on 12/10/16 and the member Holi-

day Party on 12/17/16. I'd like to thank all members for all their support on all our events this year. A special thank you to all of our officers for your dedication and hard work " Thank You " The last thing I want to say is God Bless our newly-elected President " Donald Trump " and I will stand alongside of him. God Bless everyone. For God and Country, Mickey (TrikeMan) Van Brunt American Legion Riders Director