

**AMERICAN LEGION POST FLAG TO FLY N HONOR OF:**



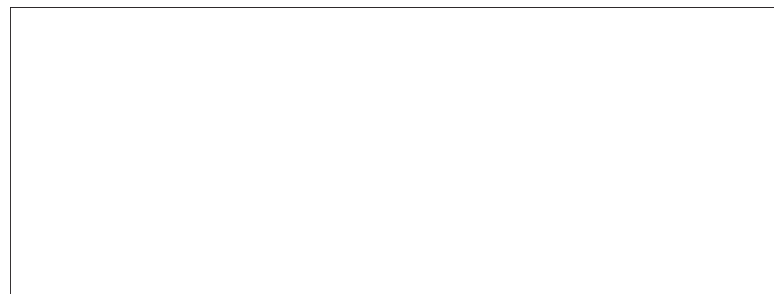
**February— Lobascio, Michael**

**March — Goldy, Thomas**

**April — Macukewicz, Charles**



**www.alch372.com**



**CURRENT RESIDENT or**

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT No. 258  
CHERRY HILL, NJ

Cherry Hill Memorial Post 372  
American Legion  
1532 Martin Ave  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2060



February—April 2016

**Commander's Message**



Well ladies and gentlemen of all ages, another year has slipped away on us. It brought some sunshine into our lives along with a little pain. I'm hoping by 31 December 2016 we will be still telling the stories of our adventures this past year and lift your glasses for 2016. Here's hoping you and yours will have a healthy and happy new year. We lost General Member William J. Conner in December, and Auxiliary member, Nancy Lobascio in January. May they rest in peace. With the start of the New Year let

me remind you of some of the events taking place once more this coming year. Nominations for our E Board Committee will be on our agenda along with Boys and Girls State, flagging of graves at Locustwood and Colestown and our Memorial Day Service. These events only touch a few of the activities that occur during the coming year. The post continues to make many charitable donations to needy causes some of these include ROTC graduates and members of our legion baseball team. The supporting of our troops that are defending our country in these trying times and the veterans in need of

support and aid. Say a pray for all of them past and present. At this time I would like to thank Marty Smith for all his time and work at the post. We wish him good times in his new adventure in Florida. I thank everyone for making 2015 a good year at the post. I couldn't have done it without you. Happy New Year! Check out our website to keep you updated on these events at www.alch372.com. For God and Country  
Bill Quinn  
Commander

**Message from Senior Vice Commander**

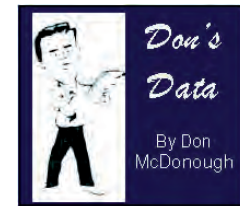


We've had a pretty good year at Post 372 ! As I drive in and look around the snow blanketed property, I am reminded of how great it has looked with the efforts of Ed Dowhy and Phil Beck over the past year. I think Phil could tell you exactly how many prickly balls he raked this Fall. The new roof looks really fantastic and a few of the non-used vents are gone making the roof-line look

even better. Our Canteen supplies most of our operating revenue, and Hall rentals supply the rest. Marty and Sue worked hard this past year bringing those dollars to the Post so Elliot could spend them wisely, under E-board direction. We have lost our Bar Manager and I have been trying to fill his shoes on a temporary basis. Marty has been a tough act to follow but with his move to Florida we need to fill the Bar Manager position. Nominations and elections are

coming up and we are also looking for people to run for Office. Want to know what is involved in any of the positions, ask Bill Quinn or Tim Kraft. Your help is needed to move our Post forward, to an even better 2016! Please come out to our meetings, which are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. For God and Country,  
Tim Kraft  
Sr. Vice Commander





**Got to chatting at the Post** can-teen over the hol-idays about cer-tain word usages in current play..

The old Vet went on to explain that an **aphorism** is a short, pithy statement containing a truth of general import; A **homo-graph** is a word that has the same spelling as another word but has a different sound and a different meaning:.. He then toyed with me and rattled off a sure-to-inspire list of **Puns** geared to please anyone who dabbles in the verbal art of **wordplay**...

For example, he said:

- Never date a tennis play-er....Love means nothing to them.
- I recently got crushed by a pile of books, but I suppose I've only

got my shelf to blame.

- I've decided to sell my vacu-um.... Well, it was just gathering dust!
- I used to be a banker, but over-time I lost interest.
- I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. It was Riveting!
- I was thinking about getting a brain transplant, but then... I changed my mind.
- How do prisoners call each oth-er? On their cell phones!
- Have you heard about the magic tractor?.. It turned into a field!
- Why can't a bike stand on its own?.. It's two-tired!
- I've been reading a book about anti-gravity... It's impossible to put down.
- Did you hear about the man who lost his entire left side in an acci-dent?.. Oh, he's all right now.

- I couldn't work out how to fas-ten my seat belt for ages... But then one day, ..it just clicked.
  - I was going to tell my pizza joke but I think it's a bit too cheesy.
  - To the guy who invented zero: Thanks for nothing!
- I staggered from the Post slightly dizzy! After that informative conver-sation... wouldn't you?  
So I countered with some notable and classic quotes of the famed Steven Wright...
- All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand...
  - The early bird may get the worm,.. but the second mouse gets the cheese.
  - I almost had a psychic girl-friend, ..... But she left me be-fore we met.
  - OK, so what's the speed of dark?

## Photos from Veterans Day at the Legion



## Photos from 8th Annual Cpt Dalessio Run/Walk



Contact Charlie Alberti for more information—856-231 0747



[www.alch372.com](http://www.alch372.com)

### "The Scoop"

## Quarterly Newsletter

Editors: Sue Quinn-Morris, Don McDonough, Jim Arcinese.  
Design, Layout & Publishing: Sue Quinn-Morris  
Printing: Main Street Graphics, Maple Shade, NJ  
Advertising: Charles Alberti  
Distribution: Jim Arcinese & Charles Alberti

For questions or to advertise in The Scoop, please contact Charles Alberti.

Joseph Segrest Jr.  
Sales Representative

Office: 856-235-1950 / Cell: 609-313-9372  
Fax: 856-235-1194  
jsegrest@weichert.com

**Weichert Realtors**

Moorestown  
202 West Main Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057

THE STEPHENSON-BROWN FUNERAL HOME  
33 West Maple Avenue  
Merchantville, New Jersey 08109  
(856) 662-0813

Jeffrey S. Brown, Manager NJ Lic.No. 2781  
Member Cherry Hill Post 372  
USMCR

William Schetter, Jr. (856) 429-8545  
Manager  
NJ Lic. No. 3393

**SCHETTER FUNERAL HOME**  
304 W. ROUTE 70  
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002

PROUDLY SERVING the Tri-State Area (NJ, PA and DE)

## TARGET HOME INSPECTIONS LLC

New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Delaware 856-748-7870 • Shore Points 609-924-4444

Tim Viguers, Owner  
NJ Lic. #24G100096100 / Radon Tech #MET12690  
tviguers@targetpropertyinspections.com

420 Kelley Dr., Suite A, West Berlin, NJ 08091  
[www.TargetPropertyInspections.com](http://www.TargetPropertyInspections.com)

"experience the difference that CARE makes"

1937 Haddonfield-Berlin Road  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
Phone (856) 616-0610  
Fax (856) 616-0607  
e-mail: dr\_alberti@hotmail.com  
carecenter@comcast.net  
[www.carecentersj.com](http://www.carecentersj.com)

**CAREcenter of South Jersey**

Chiropractic And Rehabilitative Exercise

**Dr. Steve Alberti**



# SAVE THE DATES !

Please Join our Email List by going to [www.alch372.com](http://www.alch372.com)

## More Info to Follow:

**April 26th, 2016 – Gathering of Heroes.**

**May 21st, 2016 – Flagging of Jeremy Kane 5K Run/Walk**

**May 22nd, 2016 – Jeremy Kane 5K Run/Walk**

**May 22nd, 2016 – Flagging of Locustwood Cemetery**

**May 30th, 2016 – Memorial Day Services.** 9:30am Services at the Legion, followed by Services at 10am at Locustwood Cemetery, then Service at Cooper River and Service/Lunch at Cherry Hill Township on Mercer St at 11am

**June 5, 2016 – Annual NJ American Legion Statewide Services** – The Annual NJ Statewide American Legion Services kick off with the Parade on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 1:30pm at Locustwood Cemetery, followed by a Ceremony, with Guest Speakers including NJ American Legion Officers, S.A.L. Officers, Auxiliary Officers, Gold Star mothers and others. Afterwards there is a Social/Buffer at American Legion Post 372, Cherry Hill. Be sure to come out and meet members/officers from all our NJ American Legions !!

Join us on facebook [www.alch372.com](http://www.alch372.com)

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
 at the LEGION  
**Sunday, Feb 7th, 2016**  
 Kick Off at 6:30pm  
 \* 5 TV's \* Complimentary FOOD BUFFET \*  
 at Game Time  
 (Bring a Dessert/Salad Optional)

## American Legion Scholarship Awards

The 2015 Lance Peck Post 372 American Legion Baseball Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Brennan Taylor, our starting shortstop who is attending Widener University. Lance Peck was a Coach on the Post 372 Baseball team for 22 years. Lance passed away 23 July as a result of a work site accident.



Left to Right: Lance Peck's family, American Legion Post 372 Commander Bill Quinn, Brennan Taylor, Mr. Ed Taylor, Mrs Mary Taylor



Left to Right: Post 372 Coach Roesler, Post 372 Commander Bill Quinn, Brennan Taylor, Camden County American Legion Baseball Chairman: Fran Carr, Post 372 Coach Ron Krowiak



Charlie Clark is the 2015 Joseph DiFante American Legion Baseball Scholarship Winner. Scholarship is named in memory of Joseph DiFante, a past Camden County American Legion Baseball Chairman who passed in July 2014. Charlie is a 3 year starter with Cherry Hill Post 372 Baseball Team and is attending Gettysburg College. Left to Right: Post 372 Commander Bill Quinn, Charlie Clark, Camden County American Legion Baseball Chairman - Fran Carr, Post 372 Baseball Coach - Ron Krowiak



Christian DeLuca is a 3 year starting Center Fielder for the Post 372 Team and lead the team in Home Runs in 2014 & 2015.. Christian is the Winner of the Thomas Goldy Sr. Post 372 American Legion Baseball Scholarship and is attending Philadelphia University of Sciences. Tom was the Post 372 Commander from 2000 thru 2006 and was an active supporter of the Post 372 Baseball Program. Tom passed away in November 2006.



## MESSAGE from the SAL COMMANDER



I hope that everyone had a very Happy Holiday, a Ho-Ho-Ho Merry Christmas, and an extremely fulfilling New Year! The Seasonal festivities were second to none, with both the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties touted as raging successes. The "Pot Luck" gang came through again providing a plethora of mouthwatering delights.

Thanks in part to the donation that our squadron made to the Ladies Auxiliary, and their hard work, dedication and donations, the veterans at "Home For The Brave" were also treated to a Happy Holiday season. Our Sr. Vice Commander, Dave D'Orazio, participated in these activities, and has penned the following to enlighten us about this worthwhile endeavor:

"Along with members of our post I had the opportunity to visit Veterans at the "Home For The Brave" in Camden NJ. This organization provides housing and much more for homeless Veterans from all military branches that are going through rough patches after serving our country. Some are having trouble finding work after their service and some are suffering with different ailments including PTSD. The goal of "Home For The Brave" is to prepare our Vets to live on their own and to prepare them for employment. One of the resident Vets will be taking the test for his CDL Truck Driver's License!

There is no set residency time limit. The average stay is three months to one year. The facility has dormitory style rooms which will ac-

commodate up to 30 Veterans. There are two beds in every room and a TV. Each Vet has a bureau and closet, Wi-Fi is available too. A community room is set up with a large screen HDTV and right next to this area is the kitchen. Various books and magazines are available too. Each Vet has daily duties to perform while residing at "Home For The Brave". The inside and outside of the building is very clean. There is definitely an air of positive energy at the Home For The Brave!

The Camden County Health Connection visits the Vets once a month. Registered nurses will run blood tests and health advisors will consult with the Vets about any health conditions they are facing. Career Advisors are available and teachers volunteer to help anyone that might be struggling with reading or writing.

Just before Christmas and right after the new year I had the opportunity to visit the "Home For The Brave" with members from our post. The Sons of American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary made donations which provided Christmas gifts for each of the Veterans. Some of our members spent time with the veterans on Christmas Day. Just after the new year we visited the veterans and provide lunch and snacks for the vets. Our Ladies Auxiliary members have been visiting the facility since it opened over two years ago. It is evident with every visit how appreciative the Veterans are of the generosity of our post.

All Veterans who have participat-

ed in the programs at the "Home For The Brave" are on their way to leading independent and successful lives. As an example one Vet is currently working at a local diner and supporting himself. It is a credit to this organization that the veterans who have transitioned through the programs have not returned to the facility.

It was a moving experience to visit and talk with the veterans and feel the warmth of their gratitude and desire to get back on their feet to live independent lives. I would like to make a habit of visiting our veterans and I hope more and more Post 372 members will visit the "Home For The Brave" too. The men and women who have selflessly served our country deserve facilities like this one."

Thanks Dave for sharing this experience with us and hopefully motivating us to participate in these activities in the future. We will also be discussing the "2015/2016 Commander's Projects" over the next several meetings and will decide, as a squadron, where best to designate additional funding for Veteran's needs.

It's never too early to start thinking about our Spring-time events, including the last Friday of the month Poker Nights, and a St Patty's Day ham and cabbage party, which should be a gas (literally!). To learn more about our upcoming events, please attend our SAL Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and please get those 2016 Membership dues paid!

For God and Country.  
Richard Michael Derer

## MESSAGE from Auxiliary President



Wow! What a great way to end 2015. We helped a female Veteran with 3 children make their Christmas a little brighter. A full Christmas dinner (with extra food items for additional meals), personal care items for the whole family, coats and clothing for the children and of course, a couple of toys for each. We also supplied Christmas dinners to two of our Post Family who needed a little hand-up this year.

Auxiliary, Legionnaires and a member of SAL delivered gift bags to the 30 Veterans at Home For The

Brave. A supply of pet food went to a local shelter and toys were given to VOA for distribution among the community children. On Christmas Day, Carol and Ron Colucci delivered fresh fruit to Home For The Brave on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Be proud. It is through the generous food and toy donations from Post 372 Family that we are able to assist so many.

But the year wasn't over yet! We held the Children's Christmas Party with 21 children in attendance. First there was breakfast, then the children made cards for Veterans, and did some crafts for Christmas. Did you hear the bells? Santa ar-

rived! Gifts for the children and then a medley of Christmas songs with Santa. A great time was had by not only the children but the parents too. This year, if you don't have a child to bring, stop back in the Hall and take a look. As one 5 year old said to his grandmother... "This is the best day of my life".

We have a busy Spring ahead of us with elections and installations.

Come to meetings and find out what we are doing. Support Post 372 so the Post can support our Veterans.

For God and Country,  
Sandy Kraft  
President

**MEMBERSHIP**  
*Dues*

As I write this, we have begun the New Year! Here's hoping all are doing well. Please continue to send your dues into the Post. 2016 Auxiliary dues are \$21.00 and are due now. Contact me, Michelle Derer, Membership Chairperson if you have any questions at;

**mderer@comcast.net**

## Message From Legion Riders Director



So here we go into winter. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

We waited for Philadelphia to have their first Veteran's Day Parade and it finally came. We had a great turn out with our Legion Riders along with others Riders from various groups and we look forward to doing it again next year.

We also had a great turn out for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner

held at the Battle Ship NJ. This year the weather was a lot warmer compared to last year.

Some of our Riders have made a few trips to Home Of The Brave to visit our homeless Vets in Camden NJ, also bringing them small gifts. I thank Carol & Ron for all their time which they dedicate to the Homeless Vets, God Bless You.

I think we will be saying good bye to Marty Smith who is leaving us to retire to Florida. We wish you well Marty.

I would like to thank Sue for all her work with the Patriot Connection.

Without this information we would be

lost thank you Sue!

At our next meeting 1/25/16 we will be discussing our Cook Off. I hope we will be able to have one for this year, we will decide at our meeting.

Once again I want to thank all of our officers and members from ALR Post 372 for their support and doing a job "well done". As quoted in prior letters most of our riders are still employed making it difficult to attend escorts and I give a big "Whoa" for those that can attend.

God Bless America  
Post 372 Legion Rider Director,  
Mickey ( TrikeMan)