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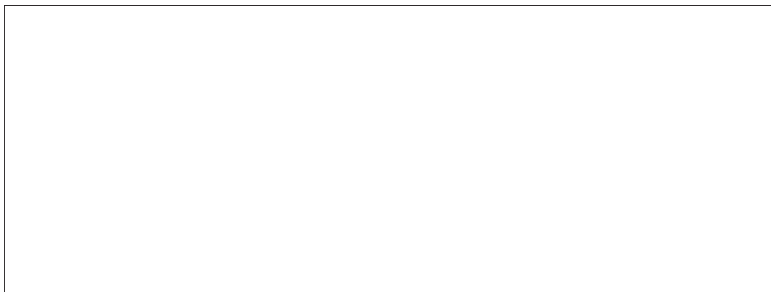
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Commander's Message



What a wonderful world we live in! We had the summer wind come blowing in from across the sea, all summer long and now we begin to see the autumn leaves falling as they drift by our window - the beautiful leaves of red and gold. I will miss the days we had now that winters on its way. Has time driven our season away because that's the way it seems?

By the time you read the Scoop our Annual Family Day picnic will be over. The SAL's put a lot of time and effort into this event to make it a day with good food and great fun for family and friends. I hope you were able to enjoy this day.

Our members participated in many events over the last few months, including Operation Stand Down at the Cherry Hill Armory, 9/11 Memorial Services in Cherry Hill, and NJ Run for the Fallen to name a few. You will find photos and more information about these events

inside the Scoop.

You will also find information about upcoming events we have in the next few months, which include Cpt Greg Dalessio 5K flagging, Thanksgiving for the Troops, Food Collections and more. Please support our events.

Please be sure to join our email list by signing up on our website at www.alch372.com – you may also want to sign up for the Patriot Connections emails, if you aren't on the list already.

Veteran's Day is right around the corner. Do not forget this day. As we get caught up in our daily activities, we must not forget those who have served or who are now serving in military uniform.

Our Legion will be having Veterans Day Services on Wednesday, November 11th at 7pm. Food buffet to follow the Services.

We will also be participating in the first ever Philadelphia Veterans Pa-

rade, which will be held on November 8th. More information can be found inside the Scoop.

As we come to the end of the year I would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and best wishes from our family to yours for a prosperous New Year. My gratitude for all your support for the post this past year, we could not have done it without your support and we look forward to "2016".

Also, please remember membership fees are due once more – please renew asap as they help to fund our post.

For God and Country
Bill Quinn
Commander



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To all you Post 372 Legionnaires and families, here's a quick-starting Monday mental

exercise for your enjoyment...

The Subject today is Lexophiles...

Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location.

Here are some entrees...

... When fish are in schools, they

sometimes take debate.

... A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

... When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

... The batteries were given out free of charge.

... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

... A will is a dead giveaway.

... With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

... A boiled egg is hard to beat.

... When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

... Police were summoned to a day-care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

... Did you hear about the fellow

whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

... A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

... When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

... The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

... He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

... When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

... Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

So remember today's lesson;

Always laugh when you can; It's cheap medicine!

8th Annual Cpt Greg Dalessio 5K Run/Walk

On December 5, 2015, the 8th Annual Cpt Greg Dalessio Memorial 5K Run/Walk will be held in Cherry Hill. Legion members have participated since the conception of the run and will do so again this year.

Legion members flag the 5K route to help runners/walkers navigate through the neighborhood. We also supply bananas and oranges for the runners after the run.

Legion Riders and riders from other organizations participate by forming a motorcycle and flag line at the beginning of the race. And of course, our dear friends of the Deer Park Fire Rehab are always on hand providing hot coffee and snacks, on what usually turns out

to be a pretty brisk morning! If you are interested in being a runner/walker, please visit <http://www.patriotconnections.org/>

We will be flagging the 5K route on Friday, December 4th—if interested in helping to flag the route, be at the Legion at 7:30am.

If interested in being a part of the Flag Line or Motorcycle Line, meet at the CVS Shopping Center Parking Lot at Kings Highway and Chapel Ave at 7:15am on Saturday, December 5th. We will depart at approx. 7:40am to go to the start line of the race and set up our Flag Line. Any questions, please contact Sue at squinn9807@aol.com or 856-495-7270.



Capt. Gregory T. Dalessio.
Age: 30 years old.
Cherry Hill, New Jersey.
Died: June 23, 2008



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Dr. Steve Alberti

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I'm hoping this finds you all settling into the crisp Fall air and preparing for the cooler weather.

Just a reminder membership Dues are to be paid by the end of the month of December. Please send them in and I will mail your card out promptly . You may email me at mderer@comcast.net for any questions you may have.

For God And Country
Michelle Derer—Membership Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP
Dues



A festive graphic for the American Legion Annual Holiday Party. It features a cartoon illustration of a man in a white shirt and brown pants, holding a blue cup, standing next to a decorated Christmas tree. The tree is adorned with colorful lights and ornaments. Above the illustration, a string of colorful Christmas lights is visible. The text is in various colors and fonts, including green, red, and black. The event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 20th, from 2pm to 5pm. It includes happy hour prices, music, food, and fun. An optional dish to share is also mentioned. The location is the American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ.

American Legion
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Sunday, Dec 20th
2pm - 5pm
Happy Hour Prices
MUSIC * FOOD
and FUN!
Optional: Bring a Dish to share!
American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ

CHECK OUT ALL OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AT;

PATRIOT CONNECTIONS



Veteran, Military, Law Enforcement and Patriot Related Events and News in NJ, PA and surrounding areas...

All Organizations are encouraged to SUBMIT their Upcoming Events on the Community Calendar

www.PATRIOTCONNECTIONS.org

Veterans Day Service

November 11, 2015

Time: 7pm

Join Us in Honoring our Veterans...

Buffet Food After Ceremony

Location: American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ

American Legion Baseball Scholarships



The John R. Huhn III Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to Carter Fichter who played 3 years for our Senior Team – Carter is attending Rutgers at Camden and is a Pitcher on that college team. Jack Huhn was Post 372 Commander for 13 years and helped start the Post 372 Baseball Program in 1989.

The Thomas Goldy Sr. Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to Christian DeLuca who played 2 years on our Senior Team – Christian is attending Philadelphia University of Sciences and will play Outfield for that college team. Tom Goldy was the Post 372 Commander 2000 – 2006 and did a great deal to help support and grow the Post 372 Baseball Program.

The Lance Peck Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Brennan Taylor who played shortstop for us this year. Brennan is attending Widener College and will play on that college team. Lance Peck was a Coach on the Post 372 Team for 22 years and passed away due to a worksite accident in 2014.

The Joseph DiFante American Legion Baseball Scholarship is being awarded to Charles Clarke who has played on our Senior Team for 3 years. Charles is attending Gettysburg College and will play Outfield for that college team. Joe DiFante was a past Camden County American Legion Baseball Chairman who passed away in 2014.

MESSAGE from the SAL COMMANDER



Once again, as the morning and twilight air turns cool and the trees embark on their seasonal explosion of color, we realize that Autumn has arrived in full vigor with all of its' grandiose brilliance. Before we roll into our next cycle though, I want to thank our entire Post 372 Family for all the help and support that made Family Day a raging success. The SAL's, General Members, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders, Nam Knights and a plethora of family and friends worked, played, sang, danced, ate, and yes, some even drank the summer to a fitting close on that beautiful September afternoon. Thanks to all for all of the support, and rest assured that the funds raised will go directly to the aid of our veterans through multiple projects and disbursements to fund raising events. Special thanks to Bobby Sorg for once again provid-

ing us with a wide range of music for all tastes, and to Becky Derer for her sensational acoustic sets that brought the house down inside the Cantina. Now onto the future and our new SAL endeavors! Our annual Log Splitting events will be held on Sat 10/24 and Sat 11/7 (if required). Please plan to come on out and "chip" in to help your fellow SAL's split and stack the wood that will be used to keep us warm and toasty during those cold winter months. We all love the warmth of a crackling fire while we enjoy our beverages at the bar; this event makes that possible. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Cantina. We will start at about 9:AM and continue into the early afternoon. Food and beverages will be provided. Poker Night is scheduled to make its' triumphant return starting Friday, 10/30. This event will be held on the last Friday of each

month, and may be adjusted for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks. We will begin dealing at 8:PM and play until 1:AM (or Bartender's discretion). Please come on out and enjoy this "Dealer's Choice" event. Last but not least, it's time to start thinking about our 2016 SAL Membership Drive. We achieved decade high numbers for membership in 2015 and I know that we can top that in 2016. We will be implementing mass messaging and even resurrecting snail mail reminders if we think that will aid our effort. As I have stated before, the SAL Membership is the gift that keeps on giving. The bonding, events, camaraderie and worthwhile veteran's causes and activities that we have experienced and helped develop over the past year continue to make us proud to sponsor this outstanding organization. Please remember that our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please circle this day on your calendar and come out and support your Squadron! We need ALL SAL's to get involved. Meet with your friends, show your support and re-dedicate yourselves to improving our great organization! Lastly, please enjoy a safe, satisfying Thanksgiving, a Joyous, Merry Christmas, a Wonderful Holiday Season, and a Prosperous Healthy and Happy New Year !!! See you all around the Pool Hall ! For God and Country. Richard Michael Derer SAL Commander, Post 372



SAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY

December 5, 2015

12noon - 5:00pm

All SAL Members can renew their membership for 2016 on December 5th, 2015 from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Stop by the Post, renew your membership, and get your 2016 card on the spot. New members welcome.

Philadelphia's First Ever Veterans Parade

Believe it or not, Philadelphia did not have an official Veterans Parade until now. That's right: The city where American democracy got its start did not have a citywide parade to honor its veterans. This year's Parade will focus on veterans though history. The Parade will also commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam and the 25th Anniversary of Desert Shield. American Legion Post 372 members will be participating in this historic parade, which will be held on Sunday, November 8th in Center City. The parade will kick off at approx. 12:00 noon and will be televised on Channel 6.

If any members are interested in joining us in the parade, please contact Sue at squinn9807@aol.com or 856-495-

7270. We will have vehicles for disabled/elderly vets to ride in so that they don't have to march in the parade.

Philadelphia VETERANS PARADE

November 8, 2015 - 12noon

Parade will start at the intersection of S. Broad St and Walnut St. and will march north to City Hall and make a quarter turn and head east on Market St. to Independence Hall.



Veterans Advisory Commission

Remember December 7th—Pearl Harbor Day



At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevoca-

bly into World War II. With diplomatic negotiations with Japan breaking down, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his advisers knew that an imminent Japanese attack was probable, but nothing had been done to increase security at the important naval base at Pearl Harbor. It was Sunday morning, and many military personnel had been given passes to attend religious services off base. At 7:02 a.m., two radar operators spotted large groups of aircraft in flight toward the island from the north, but, with a flight of B-17s expected from the United States at the time, they were told to sound no alarm. Thus, the Japanese air

assault came as a devastating surprise to the naval base. Much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless: Five of eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded, many while valiantly attempting to repulse the attack. For more history about Pearl Harbor Day, visit the History website. Check our website and local newspapers for Pearl Harbor Day Services in our area this December 7th.

In and Around the Legion



MESSAGE from Auxiliary President



Summer is over and Winter will be upon us soon enough. All of the Officers at your Post are looking forward to continuing our support of our Veterans and Community, but we need your help. We have food drives for both Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up and don't forget our four legged friends that can use your help. There will be boxes setup in the Canteen so next time you are stop-

ping in to get warm by the blazing fire our wonderful bartenders keep going (thanks to the SALS hard work cutting the wood supply), drop a can or box or two in the kettle. It can make a big difference to someone that is struggling to put food on their table. Also, if you know of a member of our Post or a Veteran in the Community that could use a hand up over the Holidays let me know. Their name shall remain between you and I if you feel they would be embarrassed. Please come on out to one of our meetings. Support your Post. We

have a 108 members in the Auxiliary and the same 10 percent come to the monthly meetings. Are you in that 10 percent? Better question is, why not? The 10 percent joined the Post to support the Veterans that at one time laid their life on the line so that you and I were safe and free. Ask yourself why you joined the Auxiliary. All Gave Some Some Gave All For God and Country, Sandy Kraft President

A festive poster for a children's Christmas party. It features a large red bow, a cartoon Santa Claus with a white beard and glasses, and several Christmas ornaments. The text is in various colors and fonts, including green, red, and white.

FREE

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 5, 2015
10am-12noon - Legion Family Kids Ages 1-10 are welcome to attend
BREAKFAST, CRAFTS & SANTA VISIT

Join us for breakfast, crafts, and a visit with Santa. There is no cost for this affair. Please sign up by 11/27/15. The list will be closed at this time so that we can prepare enough food and surprises for those who attend. Sign up can be done at the Legion or by emailing Kathy at gosixers@comcast.net . Include name, sex and age of child(ren).

RSVP no later then November 27th
American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

MESSAGE from Riders Director



I think up to this date the Riders from Post 372 are having a pretty good year with events and escorts and we have had good turn outs to support our cause.

Recently we attended " Gathering of The Tribes " held at the Burlington Fair Grounds," Operation Stand Down ", serving our Homeless Vets, " The Atlantic City Armed Forces Parade " we had a great time on this ride, we rode the entire boardwalk for this parade and there was over a

hundred units involved. We attended the " Legion Riders Meet & Greet with Post 281". We recently attended a Honor Mission for a fallen brother rider from Gibbsboro NJ Post 371.

Presently we are waiting for details on the first Veterans Day Parade for Philadelphia Penn being held on November 8, 2015 .We have registered for this parade and waiting for the details. At the present time we are about to schedule our yearly " Cook Off ", detail will

be posted at a later date.

Once again I want to thank all of the officers from Post 372 Riders for their support and doing a job well done. As I have quoted in prior letters most of our Riders still employed making it difficult to attend escorts and I thanks those who can attend.

Mickey (TrikeMan) Van Brunt
Legion RidersDirector



Cherry Hill American Legion Baseball has Another Stellar Year

The 2015 Season was another great year for Post 372 American Legion Baseball Program. The Junior Cherry Hill Black Team (17&U) won the State Championship defeating Newtown Post 86 in 15 innings (score 2-0). The Senior Team (19&U) finished third in the Camden County League composed of 12 teams with a record of 19 wins and 7 loses..

The Senior Team has 17 of its 18 players going to college this fall and all will be playing baseball at college. A number of these players will have baseball scholarships as a result of their American Legion Playing experience and exposure. The Senior Team qualified for the State Tournament and was eliminated in the District Tournament in an extra inning game (12 innings) by Hopewell Post 339 (score of 9-8).

There were six Post 372 Teams in

total this past summer – 1 Senior Team (19&U), 3 Junior Teams (17&U) and 2 15& Under Teams. A Total of 102 young men wore the Post 372 Uniform this year. Players were mostly from Cherry Hill with additional players from Haddonfield, Maple Shade, Cinnaminson, and Delran.

The Junior Team finished 5th in the Junior League of 12 teams with a record of 12 wins & 10 loses and qualified for the league playoffs beating Gibbsboro Post 371. They went on to win the South District Tournament beating both Hillsborough and Gloucester Township Post 281 and advanced to the State Finals.

The Coaches and Players are grateful for the continued support of Post 372.



Some Post 372 members attended the 9/11 Memorial Service at Cherry Hill Fire Department. Several years ago they received a piece of the World Trade Center beams and built a beautiful Memorial. If you haven't seen it, stop by and do so!

Stand Down at the Cherry Hill Armory

The Cherry Hill Armory played host to an annual effort to assist homeless veterans and others in need of help.

The Stand Down of South Jersey has been held for almost 20 years now, and the need just never seems to end.

The Committee purchased and distributed 147 winter coats, 154 jeans, 144 hats, 200 hooded sweatshirts, 202 backpacks and 201 Wawa Gift Cards.

The lunch menu for the veterans

included a choice of ribs, sausage, hot dogs,



hamburgers and a number of delicious side salads and fruits to round out their meals.

Several members of our Legion participate in this event every year. South Jersey Stand Down is held the last Friday of the month in September.



Nov. 26th – THANKSGIVING FOR THE TROOPS

Honor Active Duty Military and their families aboard the Battleship New Jersey.

MOTORCYCLE and FLAG LINE on the Pier

Rally Location: American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

Rally Time: 830am

KSU: 845 and proceed to meet up with Warriors Watch and others in Parking Lot 2, which is diagonal from the Susquehanna Bank Center. From there, we will proceed to Pier to form motorcycle flag line