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COMMANDER’S MESSAGE



As we come to end of summer 2013 we found ourselves with record rains, floods, humid days and reckless forest fires out west and still to come the hurricane season will soon be in full swing. Did I get your attention? Welcome fall and to a very busy time at Post 372. I hope you found time this past summer to enjoy time with family and friends, welcome back. Below are listed some of the projects and happening that occurred over the summer. Hats off to Brooklawn Post 72 for the big win in Legion baseball and to the juniors of Post 372 for their win. Congratulations to both of these teams, good job. The article in the Cherry Hill Life Magazine about Post 372 said it all, thanks to everyone who helped write and took part in this very informative article and to Kim Kokser for all your time and effort.

A new fire alarm system has been installed in the building this system was insurance mandated. Three of our comrades from Post 372 were called to post everlasting they were: Michael Lobascio, Alfred Rocha and Angelo Perakis. Russ Smith and Phil Beck took on the project of power washing the outside of our building, it looks great. New outside picnic tables were purchased and installed by our members. Inside building maintenance was done by the Arcinese family. Outside garden areas were cleaned up and groomed by Carol and her helpers. New beer taps were purchased by Marty and Bert Smith. A family picnic at the post was sponsored by the Sals we had a beautiful day and was enjoyed by all. Many times members join in on projects and never receive the recognition they deserve let me personally take this time to say thank you for all you do to help make our post one of the best.

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Now it’s time to get back to business and with the help of all our members, our ladies auxiliary, our Sals and our riders and with the support of all these good people we can all pull together for the good of the post and we as a Legion family can make it a welcoming place to be enjoyed by all. Keep up the good work.

For God and Country,
Commander Bill Quinn



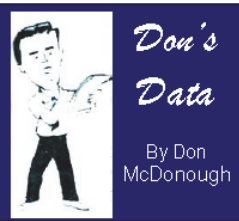
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Ah yes...the Fall season, time for The Eagles, some leaf clearing, a cold beer at the Post Canteen with some pals and more back-to- school reading exercises. Hope you had a great time at our annual Family Day picnic. Let's examine some of the more enlightening topics that were discussed; **But first, Let me tell you about my Doctor.....** He's very good. If you tell him you

want a second opinion, he'll go out and come in again. **He** treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years before he realized she was Chinese. **Another** time he gave a patient six months to live. At the end of the six months, the patient hadn't paid his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months. **While** he was talking to me, his nurse came in and said, "Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he's invisible." The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Another time, a man came running in the office and yelled, "Doctor, doctor!! - my son just swallowed a roll of film!!" The doctor calmly replied, "Let's just wait and see what develops." **One** patient came in and said, "Doctor, I have a serious memory problem." The doctor asked, "When did it start?" The man replied, "When did what start?" **I** remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: "Don't answer it." **When** I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to those places.

You know, doctors can be so frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, then he says, "I wish you had come to me sooner."

Now let's learn some "Redneck" Hospital definitions we picked up at Family Day:
Artery : The study of Paintings.
Barium : What Doctors do when patients die.
Cesarean Section : A neighborhood in Rome.
Colic : A sheep dog.
Dilate : To live long.
Enema : Not a friend.
Genital : Not a Jew.
G.I. Series : Military Ball Game
Impotent : Distinguished, well known.
Labor Pain : Getting hurt at work.
Nitrates : Cheaper than day rates.
Outpatient : A person who has fainted.
Post Operative : Letter Carrier
Seizure : Roman Emperor.
Tablet : Small table.
Urine : Opposite of "You're out".

...Have a great Fall...Hoping to see you again in this same corner around the Christmas holidays...

Legion Kids Holiday Party

December 14, 2013

11am - 1pm

Santa, Food & Fun !

Santa will be here for a visit with all the boys and girls and will have a gift for them. That is why signing up is necessary with the child's name and age so that they will receive an age appropriate gift from Santa. Hot dogs will be served and the Craft Lady will be there with crafts for the children to do. The age will be up to 12 years old. Sign up can be done in the canteen or by emailing arkguild@aol.com

RSVP no later then December 5th

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HALL RENTAL

The Legion Hall is available for rental for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, parties, etc. For more information, contact Charles at 856-482-6855

SICK CALL

If you know of any Veteran, or a family member of a Veteran who is hospitalized, or is in need of Assistance, please call the Post Chaplain, Chester Malik at 856-427-4223

Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents & Survivors Online Edition

- Includes:**
- Introduction and Acronyms
 - Chapter 1: VA Health Care Benefits
 - Chapter 2: Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities
 - Chapter 3: VA Pensions
 - Chapter 4: Education and Training
 - Chapter 5: Home Loan Guaranty
 - Chapter 6: VA Life Insurance
 - Chapter 7: Burial and Memorial Benefits
 - Chapter 8: Reserve and National Guard
 - Chapter 9: Special Groups of Veterans
 - Chapter 10: Transition Assistance
 - Chapter 11: Dependents and Survivors Health Care
 - Chapter 12: Dependents and Survivors Benefits
 - Chapter 13: Appeals of VA Claims Decisions
 - Chapter 14: Military Medals and Records
 - Chapter 15: Other Federal Benefits
 - VA Facilities



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Eligible DoD Beneficiaries and Veterans have 24/7 online access to patient-centered health care services and resources at their fingertips.

DoD Beneficiaries, access the DoD Patient Portal, TRICARE Online, below left.

Veterans, access the VA Health Administration Patient Portal, MyHealthVet, below, right.



<http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>



Craft & Bake Sale !

November 16, 2013
9am - 3pm

Come join us to do some Christmas Shopping !

We expect to have many craft vendors with a variety of crafts. Pick up some delicious baked goods too !

If you have any questions or know of any talented crafters that would be interested in taking a table call or email June Fitzgerald at junefitz@comcast.net or 856-616-1942

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MESSAGE FROM THE SAL COMMANDER



I hope everyone has had a great and relaxing summer. Many memories were made down the shore with the convention and our first float representing Cherry Hill Post 372 and Hounds for Hero's. Hopefully we can come together as a group again next year and continue to remain contenders. Sadly, in August we had to say goodbye to an awesome general member and a great friend of mine since childhood "Mike with the Mike" Lobascio. Mike lived

his life to the fullest and brought a smile to the faces of all that knew him. He always had a great story (even if you could understand him or not). In all seriousness, Mike will be greatly missed and was loved by all. RIP Mike. Family day was a huge success again as usual. This event is the biggest of the SAL'S organization and supports the post as well as veterans in need. Without the support from members and guests, these types of functions would not succeed; so thank you to all that participated and were in attendance. As we are getting closer to the winter months, I would like to remind

everyone of our annual log splitting event. Log splitting will be held some time in late October/ November (check the canteen for sign up sheet/date/and time). Participation in this event is greatly appreciated and keeps the post warm and cozy through the winter. Hope to see you all there. Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. All are encouraged to attend and listen in, give their opinions, and participate in an honorable organization that supports or veterans and local community. For God and Country, Tim Viguers

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR



The Riders Rodeo was a success. We had a lot of fun and raised money to support our charities. The Rodeo was a joint effort with ALR from Post 84. Pictures of the Rodeo events are on the ALCH372 web site. With so many riders pitching in to work the event, the workload was spread out so everyone was able to enjoy the day.

Thank you to all the Rider organizations, and non-Riders who supported our event. Some lessons learned from the event are 1) We need to schedule the event in the spring or fall to avoid the excessive heat, 2) We need skinnier hotdogs for the hotdog bite. It is clear this event needs to recur on an annual basis in the Spring. We had a trip to Post 294 in Pemberton for their annual pig roast. The weather was marginal. Some of us rode, some drove. Fortunately,

the rain held off and it turned out to be a good day, with plenty of good food and beverages. This event was very similar to our Family Day. On September 27 was the Run for the Fallen. Watch the Post Web Site and Bulletin board for events and news I want to thank all of you for pitching in to help with all the Rider Activities. For God and Country Gary Gotttron

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

POW/MIA Recognition Day

The third Friday of September is nationally recognized as POW/MIA Recognition Day. Some members of the Legion attended the POW/MIA Recognition Day Breakfast held at the Merion in Cinnaminson. For all the New Jersey men still missing from foreign wars, the 400 men and women who attended the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony had a message: We won't forget you. The event was started by former Assemblyman Jack Con-

ners and is now hosted by Assemblyman Herb Conaway, of Delanco. The Rev. William Bleiler, national chaplain for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a priest in the Camden Diocese, gave the opening and closing benedictions. A bagpiper and military honor guard joined in the ceremony, placing caps from the various services on a table left vacant for those still missing. A group of former POWs, including several from World War II, were also honored.



6th Annual Memorial Run for Capt Greg Dalessio

On December 7, 2013, the 6th 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/events/cpt-greg-dalessio-5k-memorial-runwalk/> for details and registration form. If interested in helping with flagging and/or flag line, 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

2014 Membership DUES

General Members—\$30

SALS—\$25

Auxiliary—\$21

Riders—\$12



MESSAGE FROM LADIES PRESIDENT

Wow, this summer has been quite busy for our Legion Family. The Auxiliary has been very busy helping our Legionnaires and Sons around our post home. If you get a chance to visit the post you will see quite a difference in its appearance. Trees have been trimmed, flowers planted, new picnic tables in place and the building itself has been cleaned. It really looks nice for our members as well as our visitors.

This summer our Unit members have also done many things for the community around us. We participated in bringing the Viet Nam Traveling Wall to Moorestown, marched in the Erlton Independence Parade, Samaritan Hospice Car show, the Veterans Haven picnic, POW/MIA events, 911 ceremonies, Memorial bike runs and attended fundraisers for other posts who were damaged by Hurricane Sandy, and of course we came in second in the Wildwood Convention Parade. Our Unit also sent our young women to Georgian Court College for the annual Girls State program in June which is one of the oldest programs of the Auxiliary. It incorporates teaching our form of government, builds self esteem and camaraderie. Many of the girls become lifelong friends after spending a few days together which is an extra bonus of the program. As always we also hope these young women will join us as members to help promote the Organization and the programs we sponsor.

We reached out to everyone regarding membership (dues are

\$21.00 this year) and our monthly meetings. September brought a few new faces to the table but we hoped for more. Our meetings are at 7:30 the first Monday of each month. If possible please stop in to see what we are doing. We welcome new ideas and need your experience to grow. We understand people have families, work or just don't come out at night. If you have any changes such as addresses, names or questions regarding your membership please contact our membership person Annette you can leave a message at the post for her at 856-665-3889. If you have e-mail please include it with your renewal so we can keep you informed of issues between Scoop issues.

This year we are holding a Craft Fair on November 16th in the post hall. All different types of crafts will be available for sale in time for the holidays. Our Auxiliary members have been hard at work preparing crafts for sale as this is may become an annual event. For information to reserve a table or any questions please contact June at 856-616-1942. Stop in and see what's on sale and meet some new people.

As September winds down there are many events we will be participating in. The Annual events such as the POW/MIA Breakfast, Run for the Fallen, Stand Down at the Cherry Hill Armory, many Toy runs/ events in time to help needy children. There will be many Memorial events such as The Marc Ryan run, The Greg Dalessio run, if you can please

stand along the routes and cheer them on, they are running/walking for a good cause. We can't be everywhere or participate in everything but if you check our website alch372.com you may find a cause or event that you want to support.

This year we will be changing how our Children's Christmas party is held. This year you must register your child in advance, no acceptations. The Auxiliary will be buying the gifts for the children for the first time so we need to know your child's name, gender and age in order to purchase an age appropriate gift. Please do not just stop in unannounced with a child as we will not be prepared and we do not want to disappoint them. A sign up sheet will be available in the canteen November 4th, you can also call the post at 856-665-3889 or send me and email at arkguild@aol.com. We will as usual have crafts, goodies and of course Santa. Please sign your child up by December 6, 2013.

Please try to attend some of the events our Legion family is involved in if you can. The post Veterans Day is always a very moving ceremony and then a chance to enjoy the evening with our members. Don't forget to Thank our Veterans and Active military throughout the year. Without them we wouldn't be where we are today. Please remember to vote this November there is question on the ballot which is very important for Veteran organizations regarding our Pull tab monies and how we can use it. A YES vote will allow us more freedom in how we spend money to support our Legion Family. For God and country,
Carol Colucci

Veterans Day Service & Flag Retirement Ceremony

November 10, 2013

Time: 2pm

Join Us in Honoring our Veterans...

Buffet Food After Ceremony

Location: American Legion Post 372,
1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
NOVEMBER 11



POST FLAG TO FLY IN HONOR OF.

October- Hillman, John D.

November- Miller, Gerald E.

December- Dettinger, Robert C

American Legion’s Patch Display



good look at them when you visit our Legion. Most of the patches that adorn this large display, were worn during combat. Mike was also a civil war re-enactor and is a life-long historian. The Pacific War Historical Society, has published several of his papers.

Retired Staff Sergeant Michael Falkenstein, a 37 year member of American Legion Post 372, donated a large display of patches to our Legion in 1996.

The impressive display is located in the entrance of our American Legion. Be sure to have a

Unfortunately Mike does not live in NJ any longer — he currently resides in Delaware. If you would like to know more about the patches, or his articles, you can contact him at redleg112@verizon.net



Honoring Three Cherry Hill Heroes

The New Jersey Run for the Fallen is a organization of runners whose mission is clear and simple: To run one mile for every New Jersey service member killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. Each mile of sweat and pain and each flag saluted, is to pay homage to

one service member’s life and their family. The last Friday, Saturday and Sunday of September, they run across New Jersey to raise awareness for the lives of those who fought and died, to rejuvenate their memories and keep their spirits alive, to support or-

ganizations that aid the families of those killed, and to aid in the healing process for the native New Jersey residents whose lives have been affected by the war. Each KIA has a Run Marker where family and friends may gather while the runners come by and pay homage to their life and sacrifice.

As done every year, some members of the Cherry Hill American Legion meet at the Legion and take a ride to the shore, where the hero markers are for Lt Col John Spahr, Cpt Greg Dalessio, and Lcpl Jeremy Kane.

Legion members paid respects to our local hometown Heroes in appreciation for their sacrifice and in support of their families.

They shall never be forgotten. To find out more about New Jersey Run for the Fallen, visit their website at- www.njrunforthe fallen.org/



Lt Col. John C. Spahr. Age: 42 years old. Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Died: May 2, 2005



LCpl. Jeremy Kane. Age: 22 years old. Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Died: January 23, 2010.



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

Creative Ways to Leave Your Own Legacy

Most of us, if given the chance, would like to leave some kind of lasting legacy to show that our lives have made a difference in society. One way to achieve this goal is to contribute to the important work of The American Legion and benefit the lives of our veterans or their families for generations to come. Through tax-favored ways of giving, many of us can participate in the wonderful experience that comes from being able to make a lasting difference. Giving can be very satisfying and rewarding, especially when donors combine it with their financial and estate planning to help our veterans, active duty personnel, and their families. This process (often called planned giving) allows us to continue supporting the charitable works of the Legion for many generations. Many donors are able to do more for veterans and their families due to the greater tax and financial benefits available.

Through a planned gift, you may be able to save taxes, increase your retirement income, or provide for a loved one such as a spouse, child, grandchild, or an elderly parent. But you also have the opportunity to make a larger gift than might otherwise be possible, to help shape the future of the Legion, and to leave a lasting legacy.

The American Legion has a brochure in which we highlight some of the opportunities available to you in planned giving — to give you food for thought. What specific plan is best for you depends on your personal circumstances. Your tax and financial advisors should always be consulted in the decision-making process. We are willing and able to work with both you and your advisors to help ensure the intended result of your planned gift.

If you are interested in this, you can find the brochure on our website at alch372.com or contact one of our Officers to get a copy.

Some of the ways of leave your legacy are;

- GIFTS OF CASH
- GIFTS OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES
- GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE
- GIFTS OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY
- GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE
- GIFTS OF CLOSELY HELD STOCK
- LIFE INCOME PLANS - GIFTS WITH A RETAINED INCOME
- THE CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST
- CHARTIABLE BEQUESTS

The purpose of the brochure has been to introduce options to consider when planning a gift. Because of the tax benefits deliberately provided by Congress, you can give different kinds of assets, give them in different ways, and strategically plan so that you can

do more for The American Legion while doing more for yourself. As a result, you, and so many others, can experience the joy of giving and leaving a legacy that will be remembered for generations to come

Making a Difference

Creative Ways to Leave Your Own Legacy



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