

# The American Legion Mission

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs, educating young people about the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship and fitness. The Operation Comfort Warriors program supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. The Legion also raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarship opportunities.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.



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## Commander's Message



With the arrival of 2015, we think in the past, the present, and the future. Where have we been, where are we today, and where do we hope to be in the year (and years) ahead.

Here are some thoughts:

Always remember that when life hands you lemons, ask for tequila and salt and call me over.

I would rather have one rose and one kind word from a friend while I am here, than a truck load when I am gone.

Always remember the compliments you receive ...forget about rude remarks.

Let us not forget the veterans we

lost in 2014 from our post may God be with them.

Since this is our first issue of the Scoop for 2015, let me take the time to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As 2015 started off we have much going on at the post. I hope everyone has paid their membership dues. I would like to thank all members for their support this past year without your help we could not have made it.

Let me move on and just talk about a few things that will occur at the post this coming year.

- Boys State
- Flagging Locustwood Cemetery
- Memorial Day Services
- American Legion Statewide Parade at Locustwood Cemetery

Check our website for more infor-

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Can you believe way back when our Scoop was only one page and was folded in half, now we have six pages 8"x11" in size. Look how much we have moved forward over the years. This has been accomplished with the help of our legionnaires, auxiliary, Sals and riders. Oh how we have grown.

As I sign off let me say: "Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them but you know that they are there."

Thank you once more for all your help this past year and if you would like to join us for any event or assist us in any way we sure could use the help.

For God and Country,  
Bill Quinn  
Commander



**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING** some of your time to help us with all our Programs and Events. Even if it's just an hour or two once in a awhile!

If interested in learning about volunteer opportunities, email [squinn9807@aol.com](mailto:squinn9807@aol.com) or call 856-495-7270



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Has the military dramatically changed from the 50' 60' 70's—some of our era years of service

involvement? Apparently so, according to this new set of "rules" recently promulgated by an "insider" with a warped knowledge of GI goings-on... See if your former branch has changed its course...

**MARINE CORPS RULES:**

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a '4.'
6. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
7. Flank your adversary. When possible, protect yours.
8. In ten years, nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or

tactics. They will only remember who lived.  
9. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot...

**NAVY SEAL RULES:**

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing in sight.
3. Adjust Speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

**US ARMY RANGERS' RULES:**

1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from 'Higher' to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.

**US ARMY RULES:**

1. Curse bitterly when receiving operational order.
2. Make sure there is extra ammo and extra coffee.

3. Curse bitterly.
4. Curse bitterly.
5. Do not listen to 2nd LTs; it can get you killed.
6. Curse bitterly.

**US AIR FORCE RULES:**

1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on HBO.
4. Ask 'What is a gunfight?'
5. Request more funding from Congress with a 'killer' Power Point presentation.
6. Wine and dine "key" Congressmen, invite DoD and defense industry executives.
7. Hurry to make 13:45 tee-time.
8. Make sure the base is as far as possible from the conflict, but close enough to have tax exemption.
9. Always have ICE CREAM

**US NAVY RULES:**

1. Go to Sea.
  2. Drink Coffee.
  3. Deploy Marines
- GO NAVY!**

**AMERICAN LEGION TV NEWSBOARD**

Be sure to check out our new TV Newsboard in the Canteen. Upcoming Events, Food Specials, Veterans Information and Photos of Events play 24/7 on the TV. If interested in advertising your business on our TV for all to see, call Sue at 856-495-7270 for details



**HALL RENTAL**  
We recently gave our Legion Hall a facelift ! If you are interested in renting the Hall for an upcoming event, visit our website at [www.ALCH372.com](http://www.ALCH372.com) for information, including an online availability calendar—or give Sue a call at 856-495-7270



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# ANNUAL NJ AMERICAN LEGION STATEWIDE PARADE, CEREMONY & SOCIAL

## Sunday, May 31st, 2015

### Time: 1pm - 5pm

The Annual NJ Statewide American Legion Services kick off with the Parade at 1:30pm in 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.

Be sure to come out and meet members/officers from all our NJ American Legions !! Its a great opportunity to mingle, meet, share news and events with our fellow Legions !!!

*(All Parade participants are to report to Locustwood Cemetery by 1pm for line up)*

*Locustwood Cemetery, 1500 Rt 70, Cherry Hill / American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ*

## AMERICAN LEGION POST FLAG ITO FLY N HONOR OF:



November—Perrakis, Angelo

December—Rocha, Albert A

January—Shields, James F Jr



## A Very Special VETERANS DAY ...

While every Veterans Day is a special occasion—one marked with honoring ALL our veterans—this past Veterans Day at the Legion was especially heartwarming.

The Legion Hall was packed to capacity with Legion members, fellow veterans, family and friends, and about 60 Warriors Watch Riders standing a flag line as Commander Bill Quinn opened up the days Ceremony.

The Boy Scouts posted the colors, our Chaplain, John Murphy

performed the Invocation, and Senior Vice Commander, Tim Kraft gave a heartfelt speech. Special guests included Mayor Cahn, Lt Col Bancroft, Rev Floyd White, Lt Col Arnstein, and 2 Township Council members, including Gold Star mother, Melinda Kane.

The Service was followed by Rev Floyd White, of the Camden County Veterans Affairs, presenting our Legion member, Ed Macy, with a Military Service Medal. As family and friends looked on, we all breathed a sigh of relief as Ed didn't break out one of his silly hats, or worse!

Steve Reinis and crew were on hand to perform the touching Flag Retirement Ceremony - a new touch this year was having the Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts perform a flag retirement service afterwards outside at the new fire pit.

Our one and only Sal Notte, was on hand to supply the crowd with some scrumptious food!!



## Home for the Brave Visit—Veterans Homeless Shelter



# MESSAGE from the SAL COMMANDER



Happy New Year to All !

The winter season has arrived with blustery cold days and nights and a fresh blanket of white on the ground.

Thank God for the warmth provided us by our second "Family", the American Legion Post 372.

Walking through the doors from out in the cold, a feeling of home encompasses you as all of your friends in the game room and Cantina yell out your name !

More warmth awaits as you make your way towards the hearth, where a crackling fire greets you and beckons you to "toast your buns" for a spell.

We can all be proud that the fire is

a direct result of a tremendously successful November log-splitting day. The Team comprised of no less than 25 SAL's,



General Members, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Nam Knights worked from 9:AM until 3:PM, and split an estimated five cords of wood.

Thanks to all who participated and supported this event.

Special thanks to Donna and Robert Arcinese for donating the rental of a second splitter.

The sad note of the day was the reading of the sign-up sheet and seeing Henry's name right at the top.

We miss you big guy.

On a much happier note, the Veteran's day celebration, including the presentation of Special Ed Macy's Service Medal was tremendous, and our Post Christmas Party was sensational, with plenty of mouth-watering dishes provided by the "Pot Luck" gang.

The December SAL Camden County meeting was held at our post, and our Squadron was well represented by a full accounting of officers.

One of the prominent items discussed was our Squadron taking an active part in the 2014/2015

Commander's Projects and other Veteran's welfare related endeavors.

We will be putting together raffles and fund raising events to support these worthwhile causes.

On to the future.

Spring will bring our usual plethora of Legion events.

Let's get everyone to participate in the Flagging of the graves at Locustwood, our traditional Memorial Day Service activities, Annual American Legion Statewide Services, followed by a social and buffet at the Legion.

The Convention will follow in June and we'll get to proudly display our colors on Atlantic Avenue in Wildwood.

To learn more about all of our upcoming events, fundraisers and projects, please attend our SAL meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Last but certainly not least, it's time to get the 2015 SAL membership dues paid.

Membership cards must be displayed at the Cantina in order to enter as of January 1, 2015 so don't be left out in the cold !

For God and Country  
Rich Derer  
SAL Commander



# Memorial DAY Services

Date: May 25, 2015

Time: 9:30am

Location: American Legion  
1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill

# FLAGGING of the GRAVES

May 17, 2015 - 10am

Meet at Locustwood Cemetery

Join the American Legion Post 372 in flagging the veterans graves at Locustwood Cemetery.



# POST PHOTOS....



**SUPERBOWL**  
 Party @ the Legion  
**Feb 1, 2015**  
 \* 5 TV's \*  
 Complimentary  
**FOOD BUFFET**  
Food to be put out during 1st quarter  
**XLIX**  
**KICK-OFF 6:25pm**



# MESSAGE from AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Brrrr, it's cold outside! Why don't you come in to the Canteen at the Post to warm up by the roaring fire your bartenders have blazing and sit down to chat and catch up with friends.

The Auxiliary was busy over the past few months. We delivered two food baskets for Thanksgiving and three for Christmas. Toys for Kids were dropped off at Volunteers of America, Christmas gifts were delivered by several of our Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to Veterans at Home For the Brave in Camden and Personal care items were dropped off at Vet-Haven South and the VA Hospital in Philadelphia.

Also, food and treats were delivered to two animal shelters in Camden County.

The Children's Christmas Breakfast with Santa and Chuck E. Cheese was fun for all. In addition to a great breakfast each child got a gift from Santa and could have their picture taken with Chuck E. Cheese. There were also Christmas themed crafts for all ages. If you have a child or grandchild be-

tween the ages of one and ten bring them to the Post next year for breakfast and a gift from Santa.

We have mailed a package of goodies and personal care items to our very own Post Legionnaire, Cpl. Chris Carr. He is deployed in Qatar. Ladies if you would like to receive reminder emails about our meetings and other Auxiliary events & news, please email Michelle at mderer@comcast.net to be added to the list.

Don't forget to check the Post website, [www.alch372.com](http://www.alch372.com) and sign up to receive weekly emails about Legion events, food specials and late breaking news.

I hope 2014 has been a very good year for you. We are looking forward to a very productive 2015 working with the Community and our Veterans. We'd love to have you join us! May you have a healthy and safe 2015 and remember, one hour of your time could mean a lifetime change for one of our Veterans.

God Bless America and God Bless Our Troops.

Sandy Kraft  
 President

## Not too Late to Pay Your 2015 dues!

There is still time to pay your dues to keep your membership active. You can also update any new information such as change of name or address.

If you have any questions you can email me at [mderer@comcast.net](mailto:mderer@comcast.net).

I encourage anyone who is eligible to join to contact me for membership information. Thank you.

For God and Country

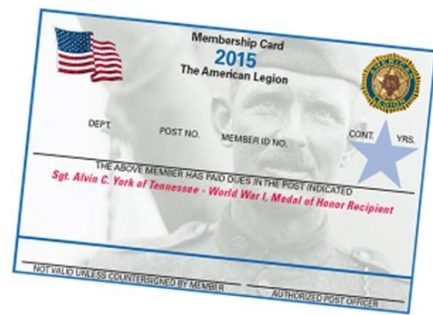
Michelle Derer

Auxiliary Membership Chairperson



# SAL RENEWAL DAY & Complimentary Drink!

All SAL Members can renew their membership for 2015 on February 7, 2015 from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Stop by the Post, renew your membership, enjoy a complimentary refreshment and get your 2015 card on the spot. New members welcome. Our Membership Officer will be standing by to serve you, February 7 from 12 noon to 5 PM.



## February 7, 2015 12pm-5pm



## R.I.P. Henry



## Message From Riders Director



I wish everyone a very Happy New Year for 2015 and pray for the future of the United States of America. Once again I would like to thank all of the officers from Post 372 Riders for their support and doing a job well done. We had a very active year in 2014 and much was completed, we made many people happy with our events, fund raisers and military escorts for our troops. Most of our Riders are still employed making it difficult to attend escorts. Again I thank those who can ride and make this possible. Our next meeting will be January 26, 2015 at the Cherry Hill, American

Legion Post 372 at 7:30 PM. We will be discussing our upcoming events as well as our yearly Cook Off. Winter is passing so we need to start planning our next season events, before you know it will be nice weather again. We had a sorrowful year with the passing of our American Legion Brothers & Sister. We won't forget them and may they rest in peace. Thank you

Mickey Van Brunt  
ALR Director  
God Bless The USA



We give help.  
We give hope.



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