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September - October 1996

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer months. With your continuing support to your Post Home we have made many improvements over the summer.

We had our back parking area repaved and the front area resealed. Vice Commander Tom Goldy was chairman on this project and did a great job in getting bids and overseeing the project.

We had our hall and game room floors stripped and waxed. We also had new wall to wall carpeting installed in our entrance hall -- this has made the entrance more presentable. Vice Commander Al Walker secured bids on the carpeting. We also had a small office built in the hall loft area, which will allow us to store our records securely and give a work area for our officers. We are still awaiting some electrical work to be done for our additional wall lighting. The Ladies Auxiliary presented the Post with two additional wall lights.

The pool table has been re-covered and new bumpers installed. Vice Commander Doc Daraio made all the arrangements on that project. We are considering improvements to our two bathrooms in the hall area.

Your officers have kept busy over this summer. All these improvements were made possible by your support, your dues, attendance at our socials and Post lounge made it possible.

It also made possible the main purpose of an American Legion Post: Boy's State, Girls' State, Vineland Veterans' visits, children's Christmas parties, and other great functions.

Thank you for all your support. Let's make this year our best year. Pay your dues early, attend Post parties and enjoy your Post home.

We're hoping you are enjoying the new version of the Scoop. Please patronize our advertisers. If you have a business and would like to place an ad in the Scoop, contact the Commander or Vice Commander Al Walker.

The advertisements in this issue are a new concept to bring our costs down so the savings can be used for other projects.

Your Commander, Frank Walker

## LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT

Welcome to another year of service to our Post and our Veterans. We wish for everyone a happy, healthy, and successful year. Our Veterans are coming from the Vineland Home on September 28th; please donate new or preowned video movies for them. You may drop them off at the Post at anytime.

We are now making plans for our "Haunted House Dance" on October 28th with open bar, live music, hot and cold buffet, costume contest and raffle for \$17.50 per person. Starts at 7:30pm, till midnight.

Don't forget our 3rd Annual Turkey Raffle -- tickets will be \$1.00 each. There will be three 20 pound turkeys awarded as prizes.

## **COLOR GUARD**

Volunteers are needed to participate in our Color Guard. If you're interested, see Sgt-at-Arms Chester Malik or call him at 428-0161.

## SICK CALL

Past Commander Jack Huhn and his wife, Erwina, long-time Post 372 member and editor of the Scoop.

POST EVERLASTING Richard Fitzpatrick departed June 2nd, 1996

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

The providence of God was ever in the mind of those who laid the foundations of our Nation. Our Nation's security was not placed in any one individual, in classes of people or mortal plans, but was based on trust in God and in the individual responsibility of a free people to God and to all citizens. The founders of the American Legion knew that God and Country would remain great and permanent. Such is still the concept of those who guide the destinies of our organization.

#### **AMERICANISM**

CITIZENSHIP DAY/CONSTITUTION WEEK Two Joint Resolutions of the Congress have authorized the President to issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of "CITIZENSHIP DAY" 'CONSTITUTION WEEK". The first resolution, approved Feb. 29, 1952, authorized the designation of Sept. 17 of each year as "Citizenship Day" in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The second resolution, approved Aug. 2, 1956, authorized the designation of the week beginning September 17 of each year as "Constitution Week". The President now issues a single proclamation commemorating both dates, September 17 as "Citizenship Day" and from Sept. 17 until Sept. 23 as "Constitution Week"

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## **SCOOP NEWS**

We have expanded our Scoop this year to four pages, in order to keep you well informed about programs and events happening at our Post.

Business card size ads in our Scoop will have a circulation to over 700 Legionnaires. There will be four ads per page, total of twenty four ads. At this time, we are encouraging our members to patronize your business and our suppliers. All for a one time annual fee of \$50.00 for non-members and \$35.00 for members. Return the form below to the Post or give to one of our committee members listed below. There will be five mailings of the Scoop in one year to over 700 people each mailing.

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Frank Walker Al Walker "Doc" Daraio Art Capilli

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#### VINELAND VETS DAY

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#### POST 372 BASEBALL

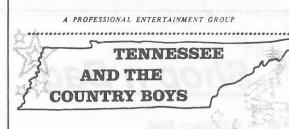
The Post 372 baseball team, coached by Ron Krowiak and Lance Peck, had a successful season finishing 3rd among 15 teams in the Camden Co. American Legion Baseball League. Our team's regular season record was 19-8-1. This included wins against such teams as Brooklawn, Bridgeton, Haddon Heights, Pennsauken, Vineland and Washington Twp. Winning 3 of 5 post-season games in the State Tournament, the team is already looking forward to next year. Coach Krowiak stated, "We had a young team with most of our starters returning in '97 along with all of our pitchers. This is a great bunch of kids who love baseball and are willing to work hard."

Our team is made up of players ages 16-18 who primarily attend C.H. East & West High Schools. Home games are played at the C.H. West H.S. field behind the Post. The level of play is excellent in this league. Many of the players go on to play ball in college and some have been drafted to professional teams.



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#### SALS

Shortly it will be time for all SAL's to renew their current membership. We hope that all members will be very responsive as soon as they receive their notification of renewal. Also, whereas our current membership is up 20% over last year, it is hoped that we can continue (with your help) to realize the same growth in the coming year. I must also advise that the dues for SAL members who are over the age of 20 have been increased to \$20.

Our membership's lack of support for the Legion functions as will as lack of attendance at regular meetings has not enhanced our image within the Post. Belonging to the SAL's is not simply for the purpose of using the canteen and game room. Please consider that fact if you wish to continue to be a SAL member. Your membership is related to the fact that you are the son of a veteran and have an obligation to support Post 372 in their honor. I would also like to have you consider joining the Honor Guard, whose function is to serve at Post 372 and memorial services to honor our veterans and war dead.

Hope to see you at the next meeting and would like to see you at our family day and/ or our projected fishing trip. Thank you, Gary Cronberger, Commander, SAL's.



#### **WOWS**

The Widows and Widowers Club (WOW's) was established in May 1971 in the Camden Diocese. Although it was started as a Catholic Organization, it is non-sectarian and members from all faiths are welcome.

The club was organized to provide social activities for widows and widowers, and bring them together as a group to include others who have had the same tragic experience of losing a husband or wife, and being left alone to care for a home, and usually children. In limiting membership to widows and widowers we bring together people who have the same common interests.

Annual dues are \$15 and membership applications should be made at a monthly meeting or dance. Certification of widowhood is required in the form of a death certificate. Prospective members who cannot attend the meetings should return completed applications to P.O. Box 82, Oaklyn, NJ 08107

Every Sunday we have a dance at the American Legion Hall, Marlboro and Martin Aves.. Cherry Hill with live music from 8pm tollpm. Admission is \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. Open dances are held every third Sunday with a special buffet. Guests are welcome to come 3 times, then will be required to join. Call 854-0523 or 845-1766 for more information.



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## CALENDAR

#### **SEPTEMBER**

3 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting, 8pm Post Executive Board, 8pm 10 Tues.

SAL Meeting, 8pm 11 Wed.

Camden County Meeting, 8pm 19 Thurs. Gibbsboro Post 371

General Meeting, 8pm 23 Mon.

Vineland Vets, 1-4pm 28 Sat

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#### **OCTOBER**

7 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting, 8pm SAL Meeting, 8pm 9 Wed. Post Executive Board, 8pm 15 Tues.

Camden County Meeting, 8pm 17 Thurs.

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Halloween Party, 8pm 26 Sat.

General Meeting, 8pm 28 Mon.

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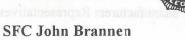
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Using the plan is simple. Just take your Legion membership card to an optical center that participates in the program and present it at the time of purchase. No paperwork or preauthorization needed. The plan is valid at any time and as often as you wish. ECPA is honored at more than 7200 locations across the country including most Pearle Vision Centers, Sears, Montgomery Ward, J.C. Pennys and many private practices. Call 1-800-221-3272 for a list of ECPA locations near you.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of August 1, 1996 we have received 168 paid memberships. Currently we have 33 memberships which are in the process of submission to the department, which will give us a total of 201 through August 15, 1996. Two of the 201 paid have purchased life memberships.

We also have 10 other paid up for life members, which currently gives us an active membership of 211. Some of these paid members are transfers from other Posts,

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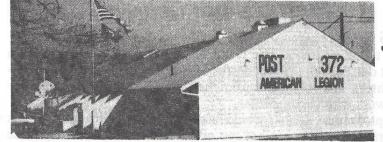
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Spring Is Here!

I hope this spring message finds all of our members in good health, and I hope that everyone is ready for the change of the seasons.

The Post is also going through a change. This will be my last message to the members. I am ready to accept the title of Past Commander. My wife and I have made commitments to each other that involve changes -- we will be leaving the area soon to continue our lives elsewhere.

We both feel a sadness about leaving Post 372, but we know we are leaving the Post in capable hands. We both feel that with our members' help and support we followed the path laid down by Past Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents.

We both thank each and all for their help over the past three years. We will both carry our Post 372 cards with pride. Of all the many people I feel I must thank, I can only think of one very important person at this time. Thank you, Margaret Walker. When I

was tired and overwhelmed by some of the responsibilities of being Commander, you gave me the encouragement to carry on. Thanks and Love to you, Margaret. Thank you all.

We have the flagging of the graves at Locustwood on Sunday, May 18th, 1997. Please give an hour to flag our departed comrades resting places. We will be leaving from the Post at 10:00 A.M. for Locustwood, and there will be refreshments for all who help following the flagging of graves.

On Monday, May 26, 1997, we will be honoring our Veterans who made the supreme sacrifice. Memorial Day is not all about cookouts, it's about why we have our freedom. Please make an effort to attend one of our services on that day.

THANK YOU ALL.

Commander Frank Walker



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

The Ladies Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 8pm at our Post hall. Wives, sisters and daughters are welcome to join the Auxiliary and work with us to support the Post and many programs including youth, education, Veterans, etc. There will be no meetings in July or August. Our next project is a bus trip to Peddler's Village 28th Annual Strawberry Festival. Enjoy crafts, shops special events and restaurants. The trip is May 3rd from 10am to 6pm and tickets are \$19.00 per person. Anyone who may be interested please call Doris Ihlenfeld at 429-8974. Doris has done an excellent job organizing this trip. Bus seats are almost sold out so call ASAP if you are interested.

Our ladies are busy getting ready for Memorial week and Poppy sales. This year, along with selling our Poppies, we will be making poppy hats for a donation of \$4 each. These poppy hats will carry names and will proudly hang in our Post bar. All donations for poppies are used for our Veterans. Your support of our poppy hats is greatly appreciated.

Our Easter egg hunt was a great success this year, with over 50 children attending. Thanks to all who helped make it such fun. Special thanks to Mr. James Grimes of Clifton Heights, PA for all the Easter candy donated.

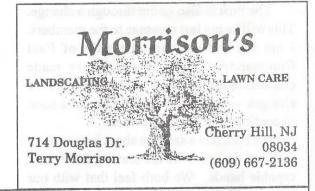
The children really love getting such a wonderful assortment of candy as they depart from the Post with their eggs and many smiles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my officers for all of their help these past two years. I could have never done this without you - Mary Walker, Jackie Brady, Edna Gallagher, Terry Machuewicz, Bobbie Carrier, Dot Wahl, Marion O'Brien and Maria Hoskins.

These past two years have been the most rewarding two years of my life and I shall treasure the memories always. Special thanks to Dot Wahl for making all the information available to me from day one.

Working side by side with all of our Auxiliary has made me a better person.

Thank you Margaret Walker, President



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#### POST 372 BASEBALL

The Post 372 baseball team will play a 30+ game schedule this year against teams from South Jersey and a number from Philadelphia. Coaches Ron Krowiak and Lance Peck look forward to another good year. Last year the team finished third in the tough 16 team Camden County American Legion League, advancing to the State tournament only to be eliminated by the eventual State Champs-Post 435 Edison. Home games will be played next to our Post on the Cherry Hill High School West varsity field. A schedule of the home games will be posted on the wall at the Post.

This year, in addition to the 16-18 year old team, Post 372 will sponsor two Junior American Legion Teams. A "16 and under" team will be coached by Steve Roberto. A "14 and under" team will be coached by Bob Hennefer. Both these teams will participate in Junior American Legion baseball programs that have been in existence for several years. Both teams will play approximately 28 games against teams from all over South Jersey.

Ron Krowiak, who manages the Post 372 program, stated, "We have been approached several times over the past few years to start a Jr. Legion baseball. I did not want to start a program just to put a team on the field. I wanted to make sure that we not only had

the players to compete but also the quality coaching staff that would improve the overall program. With Steve Roberto, Bob Hennefer and the players we worked with this past fall, I see the opportunity not to get bigger but to get better."

## BASEBALL PROGRAM BOOK

If you have a business, work for a businees, or are able to help, Post 372 Baseball Team (ages 16-18) needs your help. The team is selling ad space in their Annual Program Book. Approximately 200 books will be printed and distributed throughout South Jersey to fans, area businesses, Legion officials, parents and other coaches/teams. While the majority of expenses are paid by the parents of the players, a significant portion is covered by the sale of these ads. A business card size is \$25, a half page is \$50, and a full page is \$100. If you can help, call Ron Krowiak at 795-7566.

Also, for only \$3.00 you can have your name listed as a Booster in the Program Book. Any member who wishes to become a booster should ask one of the bartenders or mail a donation to Post 372 Baseball (use Post mailing address). Our goal for 1997 is 100 boosters. Your support is appreciated!

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Post 372 will send 12 student delegates to Rider University this June. This is a week of activities where approximately 750 students form and run their own municipal governments based upon a model of the legislative, executive and various offices found in the actual government of our state. The delegates learn citizenship and the duties of each elected office.

Our group is made up of students from Cherry Hill East, Cherry Hill West and Camden Catholic High Schools. The selective process is based on a number of factors that produce the best students that represent our Post. They are sponsored by a number of organizations and individuals.



## IN MEMORIAM

Post Flag Flying in Memory of:

May: James G. Gerrow, P.P.C.

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## **AMERICANISM**

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#### Veteran's Handbook Information

The "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents Handbook" has been updated with the latest data and is now available for \$3.70. The booklet describes benefits such as VA entitlements, medical care, education. compensation, vocational rehabilitation and burial information. To order send a personal check or money order to:

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## SHUFFLEBOARD

Frank Walker pulled in the win of the season by beating Ed Pertuit 21 to 18 stopping his 13 game winning streak. Ed Pertuit finished first winning the player of the year award of the 3rd year out of the last 5.

Shuffleboard is fast becoming a popular past time at the Legion, with the season starting in October and ending 15 weeks later. We have food every week while we are playing and a great banquet at the end of the season where we present the awards for the 1st place winner and the last place winner.

Every Wednesday night at 7pm we start the games and usually finish by 9pm. We have a nice meal which is included in the \$5 weekly fee and that leaves us enough left over to cover the banquet. Ken Donnelly, who won 1st place honors last year, said he was already looking forward to regaining the crown from Ed next year. "We have a great time and I look forward to playing each week," commented Ken. The league is coed and Margaret Walker was the first woman to capture the crown 4 years ago. The winner's name is engraved on a plaque that is proudly displayed on the Legion's "Hall of Fame" wall. Look for the sign-up form to appear in late August. Everyone is encouraged to come out and sign up, from beginners to veteran players.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Many Americans who feel in their hearts the existence of God still reject or neglect public worship of that God. Freedom of religion is not freedom from religion. The American Legion believes that one important aid to fulfilling one's duty of "Service to God and Country" is regular public worship. Therefore, it seeks to encourage all families to give regular public adoration of their God. It feels that in so doing the individual will be lifted into a closer relationship with his God and that the family ties will be strengthened.

## Eye Care Medical Center

At our May 27, 1997 general meeting we will have eye specialists speak about eye care and eve disease. Don't miss this very informative meeting.

## STRING BAND TO ENTERTAIN VINELAND VETERANS

Chaplain Art Capilli has begun making preliminary arrangements for a group from the Broomall String Band to entertain at our Veteran's Home in Vineland on Sunday, July 13, 1997. Final details are being formalized by Post 372, Broomall String Band and Ms. Carol Braider, Services Assistant.

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## CALENDAR

#### MAY

- 5 Mon. Youth Recognition, 7pm Installation of Officers, 8pm
- 13 Tues. Post Executive Board, 8pm
- 18 Sun. Flagging of the Graves at Locustwood, 10am
- 21 Wed. SAL Squadron Meeting, 8pm
- 26 Mon. Memorial Day Services

9:00am - at Post 10:00am - at Locustwood

11:00am - at Twp. Building on Mercer Street

General Meeting, 8pm

## JUNE

- 1 Sun. State Memorial Service at Locustwood, 1pm
- 10 Tues. Post Executive Board, 8pm
  - 13, 14, 15 State Convention at Wildwood
  - 18 Wed. SAL Squadron Meeting, 8pm
  - 23 Mon. General Meeting, 8pm

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## IN MEMORIAM -- ERWINA O. HUHN

Jack and Win Huhn were the quintessential All-American couple--erudite, impeccably dressed and mannered, and emitting an aura of class. That was Win and Jack to a tee, for they were an American Legion couple. The coupling came at their Washington, DC Navy duty station on June 5, 1943. Win was in the very first class of WAVES, indoctrinated at Smith College, commissioned an Ensign in 1942, and assigned to communications.

Win always favored journalism and public relations since her editing days as an undergraduate at the University of Tulsa newspaper, through her Oaklyn Post 84 days as editor of their "Legion Salute", to her "Scoop" days at Cherry Hill Post 372, and her work for 10 years as co-chairman and six years as chairperson of the Department of Public Relations Committee. She also wrote an American Legion column for the *Courier-Post* for 10 years.

Win was separated from active duty in February 1946 but stayed in the reserves until she was discharged in November 1963 as Lieutenant Commander. She started work at the Phila. Stock Clearinghouse in 1950 just to "help out for a few days" at the start of the Korean War. In 1976 she retired as Executive Secretary. In 1962 Win received a gold Life Membership card as "Legionnaire of the Year".

Her "Scoop" received the prestigious national "Wally" award among many other recognitions state-wide and nationally. She had also been active in Auxiliary Unit No. 372, in Girls State and Publicity and been active in Boys State from 1953 to the present as a registrar.

She completed American Legion extension courses and American Legion College years ago, was a County delegate since 1946, and attended 45 Department Conventions as well as numerous National Conventions

A 600lb World War II LCI anchor was donated by the Philadelphia Navy Yard and dedicated to Post 372 on Memorial Day in the year of 1994, to all members of the armed services. Win, as public relations officer, was instrumental in acquiring the anchor.

On October 23, 1995 her 50 years as a Legionnaire was recognized by Post 372 but she was too ill to attend the program in her honor.

Win -- Cherry Hill Post 372, the Camden County Committee, and the Department of New Jersey will miss you dearly.

Arthur T. Capilli Chaplain/Historian American Legion Post 372 Cherry Hill, NJ

#### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is with great sadness that I begin this message. Erwina O. Huhn has reported to the Great Commander of us all. Erwina was one of the great foundation blocks of Post 372. Along with Jack she helped bring our Post to where it is now. She was a wonderful Legion and Auxiliary member. Her contributions to State, County and our Post are too many to list here. I am sure when we all report to the great Commander she will be there to guide us. Farewell till then, Win. We love you.

Nominations of officers will be at our March meeting, with elections in April. I thank all my officers and members for all the help and support I have received this past

year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 24th at 8pm. The Commander will call for nominations. Sr. Commander Doc Daraio will head the nominating committee. If you have the interest and time to serve, make your intentions known to him or plan to be nominated from the floor. Nominations will remain open until the April 28th meeting. Elections of officers will be held on that night. There shall be a joint installation with the Auxiliary on Monday, May 5th at 8pm.

The Post thanks Ron and Wayne Lennox for installing our hall lighting that the Ladies Auxiliary gave us as a gift. American Legion College will be in April. If you wish to attend,

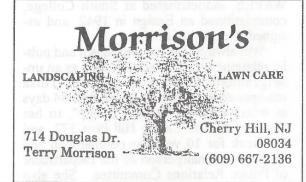
contact the Commander. There is a limited number we can send. We have received a new order of baseball caps with our logo imprinted on them. Any member who wishes to buy one should ask the bartenders. We have both the mesh back and full back for sale.

Make plans to attend the St. Pat's Party. We'll have music by the W.O. W.'s Band, ham and cabbage, open bar and loads of fun. Support our Post, attend our meetings and if possible attend our parties. Hope to see you there and at our Easter Sunrise Services. Have a safe and happy Easter.

Frank Walker

#### VETERAN'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day will soon be here. Flagging of veteran's graves at Locustwood Memorial Park will take place then. We need your support.



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## Ladies Auxiliary Unit

The Ladies Auxiliary meet the first Monday of every month at 8pm in the Post hall. All members are urged to attend. If you have not paid your dues yet you are asked to do so now. Wives, sisters and daughters of members are welcome to join the Auxiliary and work with us to support the Post and many programs including youth education, veterans, etc. The Auxiliary also runs several social events during the year to have fun and support these programs.

Our next project is Easter Sunrise breakfast in our Post Hall. Easter Sunrise Services this year will be held on March 30th at 6:30am at Locustwood Cemetary and breakfast afterwards at the Post. Come join us for a very nice morning. The children's Easter Egg Hunt is to be held at the Post Hall on Sat., March 29th at 11am followed by a lunch and entertainment for the children. Members are encouraged to bring their children for a wonderful time.

We are also giving a food basket to a needy family for Easter. Donations of nonperishable food can be dropped off at the Post any time.

The Auxiliary will sadly miss our good friend and member Win Huhn who passed away on January 20th this year. A 38-year member who gave us so much, loved so many and never stopped caring. Goodbye, Win.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of February 17, 1997 we have received 434 paid memberships. It appears members were a little slow in paying their membership but they are now responding actively. We have had several members purchase life memberships. This past year we have also had many transfers, mostly from Pennsauken.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

In recent years, our Post has been decimated through transfer, illness and death of many devoted members who gave much of their time and energy unselfishly for the smooth and effective operation of Post 372. If there has ever been a more urgent need for members to fill the ranks, it is now. Please, through appointment or by election, volunteer your services so the Post can continue its long and proud tradition. To volunteer your services contact the Commander.

## SICK CALL

Past Post Commander Jack Huhn III

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Herbert J. Crossett - 10/15/96 Leon Perozzi - 12/23/96 Erwina O. Huhn - 1/20/97

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In service to community, the training of youth and the preparation of young Americans to make tomorrow's responsibilities are of vital concern to the American Legion. We must do our part to give youth the sense of responsibility that will provide strength for character and direction.

#### **Oratorical Contest**

Ms. Teresa Manuszak of Cherry Hill West placed 2nd in the County Oratorical Contest at Tatem Shields Post in Collingswood on January 19th. She was sponsored by our Post 372. Ms. Manuszak plans to enter the College of New Jersey to pursue her college degree.

The topic of the contest was the U.S. Constitution and its amendments. Ms. Staffan of Cherry Hill West History Department assisted Ms. Manuszak in her preparation. Our Post is very proud of her achievement.

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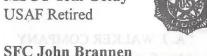
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RxAmerica (Exclusive provider for the American Legion), P.O. Box 961025, Fort Worth, TX 76161-9863, 1-800-905-9818.

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

Shuffleboard tournament is going well. Pool tournament is being formed. Anyone who may be interested see Joe Fells.

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## **Easter Sunrise Service**

The 47th Annual Sunrise Service sponsored by veterans organizations of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties will be held in Locustwood Memorial Park on Easter morning, March 30th, starting at 6:30am. There will be singing accompained by a console organ, scripture readings and the Easter message by a Chaplain. A delicious light breakfast immediately following the service will be served at our Post Home. Inasmuch as Locustwood is in Cherry Hill, there should be a good attendance by our Post members.



Unit 372 will again be giving an Easter basket to a less fortunate family. Members of the Post and Unit are asked to donate noperishable items. Bring them to the St. Pat's party or drop them off at the Post Home. They will be included with a ham, vegetables, etc. to be purchased by the Unit. Cash donations will also be accepted. If there are enough donations there may be more than one basket donated. Also, colored eggs and cupcakes would be appreciated for the children's Easter Egg Hunt.



## Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of members of the Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L.'s is again hosted by the Auxiliary at our Post Home on Saturday, March 29th from 11am to 1pm. Entertainment, games, and refreshments are being planned. Be sure the children come with a basket or container for their eggs.



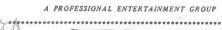
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**CALENDAR** 

#### MARCH

- 3 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting, 8pm Nomination of Officers
- 11 Tues. Post Executive Board, 8pm
- 15 Sat. St. Pat's Party 7:30pm to Midnight
- 19 Wed. SAL Squadron Meeting, 8pm Nomination of Officers
- 20 Thurs. Camden County Meeting, 8pm Cherry Hill Post 372
- 24 Mon. General Meeting, 8pm Nomination of Officers
- 29 Sat. Easter Egg Hunt 11am to 1pm
- 30 Sun. Easter Sunrise Service
  Locustwood 6:30am
  Breakfast at Post 372
  after service

## Gala St. Patrick's Day Party and 78th Observance of the Founding of the American Legion

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#### APRIL

- 6 Mon.
  14 Tues.
  16 Wed.
  SAL Squadron Meeting, 8pm
  Election of Officers
- 17 Thurs. Camden County Meeting, 8pm Chews Landing Post 281
- 25-27 Legion Leadership College National Guard Training Cntr.
  - National Guard Training Cntr Sea Girt, NJ
- 28 Mon. General Meeting, 8pm Election of Officers

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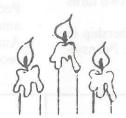
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Frank Walker, Commander

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November - December 1996

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope that this message finds everyone happy and healthy. Fall is here and winter on the way. This is the time we should give some thought to our health. If you have not received your flu shot, please give it some thought. Your Post has completed updating two older rest rooms; they have been tiled, painted and new fixtures installed. Except for minor repairs we will wait until spring and renew our exterior appearance. If you have not been to the Post recently, stop in and see the improvements, renew old friendships and enjoy your Post.

This is the time of the year when our social activities start with our Post Birthday and Veteran's Day Dance upcoming. Our Post will be celebrating its 46th birthday this year. Also on the calendar is the children's Christmas Party and the Post Christmas

The Post thanks member Charles House for his donation of Legion shirts and ties to the Post. Also, Doc Daraio and Jim Gallagher helping on our restroom renovation and Gary Croneberger for lending a hand on the project.

Pay your dues early - the free Legion accident policy is in effect from Sept. to Sept. It is a \$1,000 policy and you are covered if your dues are paid. If you wait until later in the year to pay your dues you will only be covered from the date of payment until the following September. Don't miss out on this

coverage. You may call Trenton Department of American Legion at (609) 695-5418 for more information.

Chaplain Art Capilli and our Ladies Auxiliary did a wonderful job again on our Vineland Vet's Party. The vets arrived 2 hours earlier than we expected but our members jumped in and made them feel at home. It is a very nice highlight in everyone's memory to help our Vineland vets enjoy themselves for a day. I have been to the Vineland facility and the care they receive from the staff is tremendous. The Post gratefully thanks Chaplain Art Capilli, Past Commander Jack Huhn, Jim Gallagher, Al Walker, Bill Conner, Doc Daraio, John Kearney, Arlindo Gil, Marty Wahl, Charles Machuewicz and SAL Commander Gary Croneberger.

A salute to our Ladies Auxiliary for their help on that day: Aux. President Margaret Walker, Marion Terry Machuewicz, Marion O'Brien, Rose Van Kirk, Maria Koskins, Thelma Dougherty, Marge Daraio, Bobbi Carrier, Ginny Gallo, Edna Gallagher, Evelyn Fritsche and Dot Wahl.

If you know a friend who may be eligible to join the American Legion ask them to join our Post. Invite them to a social with you. With your help the American Legion will be able to aid all veterans.

Your Commander & Post Officers wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday with a healthy and productive New Year.



#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Special thanks to all the ladies who came to help with our Vineland Veterans. A great time was had by all. Great eggs, Rose, - the vets enjoyed them and asked for more.

Food donations are needed for our holiday food basket for a needy family. Please bring

dry or canned goods to the Post.

Our Thanksgiving Day Turkey Raffle is now underway. Tickets are available from Auxiliary members. Four 20lb average turkeys will be given away a week before Thanksgiving. Tickets are only \$1.00 each. Buy a ticket and you may be a winner.

Our Childrens Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 21, 1996. Lunch will be served and entertainment for the children is planned. Santa will be making a special appearance.

Thanks to Jane Macukewicz for her donation of decorations to the Post this past summer

At this writing we have not had our Haunted House Dance but I would like to thank everyone for their help. Chairperson Holly Trace did a wonderful job planning decorations, entertainment, food and selling tickets. Terry Macukewicz has put in hundreds of hours working on raffle prizes with help from Auxiliary members. These prizes were donated by Tom Chisholm. Special thanks to Ken & Debbie Donnelly for their very generous donation of a large lighted spider now adorning our bar. It will be raffled off the night of the dance. Ken & Debbie have

also loaned us a lighted skeleton to help our haunted house theme. Cash prizes will be awarded for best costume, funniest and scariest costume. Names will be in the next issue.

Our Auxiliary is planning our own Christmas Party at our December meeting. All members are welcome to attend Dec. 2nd at 8pm. Please bring a \$10.00 gift wrapped with no tag, and a snack. We will have games and enjoy each others company.

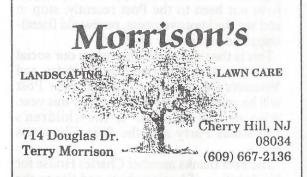
I hope everyone has a safe and a happy holiday.

P.S. We miss you Winny!



#### **COLOR GUARD**

Volunteers are needed to participate in our Color Guard. See Sgt-at-Arms Chet Malik or call him at 428-0161



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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our paid membership for 1997 stands at 290 as of Oct. 17, 1996. This figure represents 63% of our 1996 membership and is well ahead of the goal set by our department for this date.

If you have not paid your 1997 dues, the Post would appreciate your payment ASAP as we are in a position to possibly win an "Early Bird" Award.

Any member who signs up a <u>new</u> member during the month of November will receive a \$10 chit which will be redeemable for purchases made in the Post Canteen.

Charles Macukewicz

#### JERSEYITE ELECTED NAT'L V.C.

Albert M. Robotti, a member of tiny Post 280 in Raritan, Somerset Co., was elected a National Vice Commander at the 78th National Convention, Aug. 31-Sept. 5, held in Salt Lake City. Al served in the Navy during the Korean War, resides in Rocky Hill and is a plumber.

A past Post Commander, he was Department Commander in 1973, has served on many state committees, also served as alternate National Committeeman, and two turns as NEC.

He will be responsible for membership in the New England states including Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

## PENNSY TEAM POUND OUT VICTORY

In unseasonable, near record heat for the Pacific Northwest, Yardley, Pa.'s Post 317 Legion baseball team defeated Gonzales, La. 6-3 on Aug. 27th to win the Amercian Legion World Series in front of over 4000 enthusiastic fans in Roseburg, Oregon.

Statistically, Gonzales enjoyed the edge in awards to individual players both on the field and on the scoreboard but Yardley earned the biggest prize of all - the World Series championship. Gonzales logged the most RBI's, most total bases and won four of the seven top hitting and pitching awards. Yardley's sole individual honor was bestowed on, appropriately enough, its coaching staff.

Buick and American Legion baseball continues their teamwork of recent years with top Buick officials participating at the annual series banquet and on the field. While in Roseburg, Buick officials donated \$183,000 to the American Legion Baseball Scholarship Trust, bringing the total amount of contributions since 1994 to \$3.4 million.

Our Post 372 baseball program, capably handled by coaches Ron Krowiak and Lance Peck, had a successful season finishing 3rd among 15 teams in the Camden County American Legion Baseball League with a record of 19-8-1.

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## AMERICANISM ELECTION DAY - November 5th:

Provisions were made for holding a general election by Act of Congress, 1845. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November was set as the date for the choice of the presidential electors. Election Day is a legal holiday in a majority of States and Territories.

## **VETERANS DAY, November 11**

Hostilities in World War I, which began in late July, 1914, were suspended at 11:00 in the morning of Monday, November 11, 1918, after the signing of the Armistice by the contending powers. News of the signing was received with great joy throughout the world. The anniversary of November 11 is observed as a great patriotic holiday.

#### SICK CALL

Past Vice Commander Ed Van Keuren and Erwina Huhn, long-time Post 372 member and editor of the Scoop.

#### POST EVERLASTING

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#### ARMY POSTS NEW ADDRESS FOR FILES

ST. LOUIS - About 720,000 US Army retirees have a new address to write to in seeking their personal records from the Federal Government.

Before April 1, Army retirees forwarded their requests for records to the Army Reserve Personnel Center in Granite City, IL, a job now handled by staff at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis. The move follows an agreement late last year between the US Army Reserve and the National Archives and Records Administration. Management of Army retirees' records is now in line with those of the other service branches, since the NPRC keeps all records pertaining to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard retirees.

Staff at the masive St. Louis facility request all retirees seeking their records to put their request in writing and send it to: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. As the National Archives' largest section, the personnel records center is the largest repository of military personnel and related records. Some of these include enlistment/induction records, commendations, awards and medals, and disciplinary actions.

The center fell victim to a devastating fire on July 12, 1973 that destroyed 18 million Army and Army Air Corps records covering the period 1912 to 1960, personnel records center officials say. Most of the lost records were World War I vintage, though extensive loss of Air Force files also were reported for the period 1947 to 1963, particularly for individuals whose surnames ended in the letters 'H" to 'Z".

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## VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE (VBOB)

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Samuel Erlick, Trustee

House Passes Healthcare Eligibility Reform for Managing Veterans' Care

Late in July the House of Representatives unanimously passed major legislation which will streamline health care for veterans. The Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act updates and simplifies rules governing Veterans Administration medical care. It also expands veterans' eligibility to receive treatment on an outpatient basis. The Reform Act (H.R. 3118), in addition to updating the rules governing Veterans Administration medical care, improves the access to ambulatory care. The bi-partisan bill was first introduced in March by sponsoring Representative Stump (R-AZ) and co-sponsors Montgomery (D-Miss.), Hutchinson (R-Ark,) and Edwards (D-TX). The Reform Act will also expand vets access to VA healthcare, particularly for those with service-incurred disabilities and low income patients (income lesss than \$21,000 for a single vet).

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## CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER

4 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting, 8pm

9 Sat. Post Birthday & Vets Day Dance 7:30pm to Midnight

10 Sun. County Veterans Day Service Cooper River Mem. Dr. 11am

11 Mon. Veterans Day - Fly Your Flag

12 Tues. Post Executive Board, 8pm

20 Wed. SAL Meeting, 8pm

21 Thurs. Camden County Meeting, 8pm Haddonfield Post 31

25 Mon. General Meeting, 8pm Wear Your Legion Hat

### **DECEMBER**

2 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting, 8pm

10 Tues. Post Executive Board, 8pm

12 Thurs. Camden County Meeting, 8pm
Atco Post 311

18 Wed. SAL Meeting, 8pm

21 Sat. Childrens Christmas Party
11am-1pm
Adult Christmas Party
7:30pm - Midnight

No General Membership Meeting in December

25 Wed. Merry Christmas

## GALA BIRTHDAY PARTY & VETERANS DAY DANCE

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## Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 21, 1996 11:00am to 1:00pm

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As we begin a new year I hope that everone had a safe and healthy Holiday. The Post has purchased tire bumpers for the rear and side of the building to protect the siding. We have also purchased and installed new ceiling tiles for our game room, the installation was done by Jim Gallagher Doc Daraio, Gary Croneberger, and your Commander. We have a new 25 inch color televison in our lounge, it was presented to our Post by The Sons Of The American Legion. It was was a very welcome addition and is greatly appreciated.

The Post had an indoor Flea Mart and we apoligize for not mentioning in our last issue of the scoop. We had moderate success due to the fact. Any future Flea Markets which we are planning will be advertized.

Our Senior Vice Commander Tom Chisholm who has done a tremendous job over the past years has, because of work commitments, has assumed the position of Vice Commander. Tom has given us great effort in all his endeavors to our Le-t gion Post. His work as Membership Chairman gained us agreat number of new Legioneers. The Post and the Commander thank Tom and salute him for jobs well done.

Doc Daraio will assume the duties of Senior Vice Commander for the remainder of the term. Doc Daraio can never find enough to do for our Post. Doc

has served on many committees and is always a valuable asset to us. Tom Hoskins has been appointed Trustee and Assistant to Doc Daraio as an Assistant Bar Captain.

Our Color Guard did a notable job representing our Post on Veterans Day at Cooper River Memorial. It consisted of Tom Hoskins, Ken Donnelly, Robbie Roberts, Bill Conner, Gary Croneberger, led by our Sgt. At Arms Chet Malik,

well done Color Guard.

Anyone who would like to join the Color Guard can contact Chet Malik at 428-0161. It meets on Thursday nights at our Post.

If you had not paid your dues. please do it now, as we have had 14 years of being over the top in membership. If you know an eligible veteran, ask him to join our Post. If you have not been to the Post for a while stop in, bring a friend with you. The Post thanks Doc Daraio, Ray Rubel, Ken Donnelly, Tom Chisholm and Tom Goldy for their efforts in setting up a membership drive at the Shop N Bag.

The Post wishes to thank the following members for their generous donations of help and food which lead to a wonderful Post Birthday party, Al Walker. Doc Daraio, Tom and Maria Hoskins, Doris Ihenfeld, Maty Walker, the Ladies Auxillary for the nice birthday cake, and also all the members who attended.

Your Commander and Post Officers wish you and your family a healthy and productive New Year.



#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Holiday greetings to all members of our Auxiliary

Our Haunted House Dance was a great sucess. Special thanks to Holly Trace our chairperson who did an excellent job.

Our hall was decorated buy our Auxiliary members. Special attention was given to make it very spooky.

Thanks to Ron Lennox for his craftmenship in making and lending us a beautiful lighted neon pumpkin, it set all our other decorations off perfectly.

Cash prizes were awarded to Gary Croneberger for scariest costume, Ken Donnely for the funniest and the Rock Group Kiss for best costume. Santa Claus received a gift certificate from Cherry Hill Shop N Bag. The certificate was donated by them for our dance.

The auxiliary is planning Tarot Card Nights on Feb. 4,5 & 6, from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. Jackie Brady is Chairperson for this event. For reservations you may contact Jackie at 667-7936. This year the Ladies Auxiliary donated 2 food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving. The families that recieved them were very grateful. Thanks to all members who donated food to them was extended.

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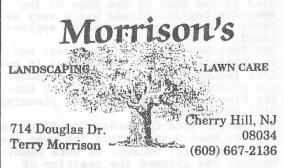
"Service to God and Country" embraces every aspect of our American way of life. Not only must we prevent the spiritual decay of America, but we must change with a spirit of positive Americanism, with respect for law, reverance for authrity and awareness of our human rights and freedoms. The Legionnaire by his/her service to our Country is involved as an individual with Community and the Nation.

#### SICK CALL

Past Commander Ed Van Kuren, Past Commander Jack Huhn, and Erwina Huhn.

## COLOR GUARD

Volunteers are needed to participate in our Color Guard. See Sgt-at-Arms Chet Malik or call him at 428-0161



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While waving high above the ground over battlefields during World War 11 and other conflicts, I have seen thousands of our troops and allies lying still and wounded, below me.

When great heros died for our country, I was draped over their caskets at cemeteries after which I was folded up and presented to their families as a last rememberance.

Forty nine State Houses have approved the Amendment of the Constitution making tutional Amendment so that you can keep it a Federal Offense for desecrating me. your American flag. I want to amend the 104th Congress for approving the Amendment by a vote of 312 in favor 120 opposed. However, in the Senate, the Amendment was defeated by 36 Democrats & 4 Republicans who opposed it. Our President is opposed to this Amendment, as well as our two U.S. Senators from New Jersey, Senator Braddley and Senator Lautenberg. The vast majority of Americans, over 80% are in favor of The Constitutional Amendment Protecting me. Recently, the U.S. Senate rejected the Amendment for the second time. On the other hand, if anyone is caught defacing



currency or destroying mail boxes, it is a Federal Crime. I the greatest symbol of peace, freedom and democracy have no protection at all.

I have tolerated being trampled on, urinated on, spat on, shot at and burned over the last 220 years. I am worn out. tired and disenchanted and cannot tolerate much more of these deplorable and disgraceful tactics.

Please America, don't feel sorry for me anymore and don't mourn me, but do your utmost to protect me, save me and respect me.

Contact your U.S.Congressmen and Senators asking them to support the Constime Old Glory, flying high and mighty symbolizing freedom, peace and Democracy throughout the greatest country in the world.

I am proud of my country and all the men and wom u of our Armed Forces who held me aloft in war and peace.

In conclusion, I want to thank the American Legion, as well as other veterans' organizations, citizens flag alliance and the thousands of Americans who have supported me.

> Written By: Frank N. Narciso Post Member

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#### AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS

Post 372, like all other American Legion Posts, sponsors many activities in support of veterans, youth programs, and Americanism. This issue of "The Scoop" will name some of those activities, and in the next issue, we'll highlight activities sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

Americanism programs for youth include the annual Coloring Contest and the Oratorical Contest.

The Coloring Contest is for pupils in the 4th & 5th grades, and contestants are judged for their coloring efforts and drawing detail on a patriotic drawing selected by the Americanism Department. Children from several local schools participate in this event and prizes range from \$20 to \$70.

The Oratorical Contest is a highschool contest with scholarship money awarded at the County, District, State, and National levels. A \$500 scholarship is awarded to the County winner, with increasing amounts awarded at each additional level.

The purpose of the Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution, to develop the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently and to understand the rights and privileges of American citizenship. In 1994, a high school senior representing Post 372 won the County Contest, while a young man from Burlington County took 3rd place in the National competition at the Air Force Academy and won a total of \$20,000 in scholarships.

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Every year this Post sends 12 - 14 high school juniors to Boys' State (the Auxiliary sends girls to Girls' State). This program allows young people to learn about government in action, as they take the parts of various government officials (including Councilman, Mayor, Assemblyman, Senator & Governor) at a week-long program conducted at Rider University.

School awards are presented each year to a boy and girl in each elementary and junior school in Cherry Hill.

Medals for Military and Academic Excellence are presented annually to two outstanding cadets of the Air Force ROTC at Cherry Hill High School West.

Also, 50 copies of "Need a Lift" are provided to schools and libraries in the area. This catalog, developed by the American Legion, is one of the best catalogs of scholarships and career opportunities available.

## American Legion Baseball

Post 372 also sponsors an American Legion Baseball team, which allows local high school baseball players to play in some top notch competition, not only locally but at the State and National levels, as well.





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#### Veteran's Activities

Every year Post 372 participates in an Annual Easter Sunrise Service, with veterans' organizations from Burlington, Camden & Gloucester Counties.

Memorial Day obligations include flagging the graves of veterans in Locustwood Memorial Park, raising the Flag at 9:30am at our own Post, holding services at Locustwood and at the Township Monument, and participating in a state-wide service and parade.

Flag Disposal Ceremonies are held annually, with the ceremonial burning of unserviceable American flags.

The Post participates each year in County Veteran's Day Services. This is a special day set aside by a grateful nation to honor its men & women, past & present, who have faithfully served our Nation.

## Other Post Activities ...

... typically include a St. Patrick's Day party, a Post Birthday Party, a Christmas Party, some raffles, a few 50-50's and other fundraisers.

We've honored veterans from the Vineland Veterans' Home with dinner and entertainment at our Post Home, and participated in County and State activities.

In addition, our facilities are rented out for club meetings, receptions, banquets, socials, office parties, and family gatherings.

The next issue of "The Scoop" will describe activities sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary and the SALS.

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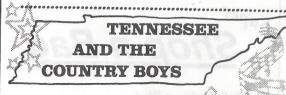


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## **CALENDAR**

#### January

6 Mon. Auxilary Meeting 8:P.M. 7 Tues. Executive Board Meeting 8 PM (Due to Camden County Caucus meetng on the 14th Exec. meeting moved up 1 week.

15 Wed. SAL'S Meeting 8 P.M.

16 Camden County Meeting 8 P.M. at Brooklawn Post #72 27 Mon. Regular Post Meeting 8 P.M.

#### February

3 Mon. Auxiliary Meetin 8 P.M. 4,5 & 6 Tarot Card Night 6 P.M to 10 P.M.

11 Tues Executive Board Meeting 8PM 19 Wed. D.A.L's Meeting 8 P.M.

20 Thurs. Camden County Meeting 8PM at Magnolia Post #370 24 Mon.Regular Post Meeting 8 P.M.

#### ATTENTION 1111

At our next general meeting held on January 27, 1997 at 8:P.M. We will have financial advisers speaking from American Express Financial Services. Learn how to double your money, very easily. Nothing will be sold, just information and a question and answer period. Don't miss it. Any additional information contact Vice Commander "Doc" Darajo at 662 5545.

#### **AMERICANISM**

George Washington and the Flag: It was on January 2, 1776, that George Washington, the Father of our Country, ordered that the American Flag be flown from a staff in front of his Headquarters of the Continental Army then in camp at Cambridge, Massachusetts. It had thirteen strips of red and white, and these stripes represented the thirteen Colonies. The Flag had in the corner, where the stars are now, the British Union Jack of the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. Later when the field of stars were added to the Flag, George Washington said:

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