



# Nyack Legionnaire

March 2009



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## March Meeting Notes (22 Members present)

1. Financial report for January - Expenses \$2,620, Receipts \$1,355.
2. House – 1) Chairs in upper hall were disposed of. Outside lights will be replaced. 3) KT replacing missing railing members. 4) Lower hall bathroom sink repaired. 5) Heating has been inspected and a report and proposed solution is pending. 6) KT met with scout Leon Vermazen to discuss Eagle Project.
3. Members visiting post first after a snow fall are asked to take the few minutes needed to clear the steps of snow and to distribute ice melt crystals. Shovels and melt crystals are in the furnace room.
4. Our thanks to Anthony Del Regno and Fred Graziano for preparing dinner.
5. Nick Del Pizzo nominated Fred Graziano as Parade Grand Marshall. Members approved.
6. Art Hyman proposed sponsoring the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame trophy to be awarded to Mike Longuil on 2 May. Approved, along with purchase of 2 tickets to dinner for the Commander.
7. Roy Campbell donated an elliptical trainer to the post.
8. Guest and possible new social member, Navy veteran Al Romney, introduced by Sonny White.
9. Greg Conace volunteered to prepare dinner for next month's meeting.

**Adjutant's Call:** Dues received this month : T. Curran, P. Galgano,, G. Vuozzo.. Thank you. There are 7 members who have not yet renewed. **Please take a moment and renew your membership now, before you forget.**

This month newsletter is accompanied by 5 raffle tickets at \$56 each or 5 for \$20. This in conjunction with our Memorial Day Parade is our one basic fund raiser for the year. Additionally the last page of the newsletter is our journal ad form. If you can sell an ad or two it would really help the post. Our all time champ at selling ads is Art Hyman, who has routinely sold between 15 and 20 ads each year. Your support in both of these endeavors would be appreciated.

**If you have an email** address please let me know what it is. It is a very efficient way for us to disseminate information and I assure you that I will send you ONLY post related and veterans information.

If you have items of general interest, announcements, war stories, photographs (current or past), that you can contribute to this newsletter, please send it to the Post Adjutant by email [aumrichin@optonline.net](mailto:aumrichin@optonline.net) or snail mail arrive by the last day of the month.

**Next Meeting**  
**2 April 2009**  
**1930 Hrs.**



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**1919 World War I poster that was a salute to the American Legion at just about the moment it was founded**

### Hats and Shirts



We have Post **baseball caps** (\$15 ea.) and L, XL, and 2XL **golf shirts** (\$30 ea. And add \$2 for 2XL, \$4 for 3XL) in stock. Both items are Navy Blue with the above logo embroidered on them. Add \$3 for shipping . We will order additional stock shortly, including M size. Sizes other than those mentioned will only be ordered if there is a requirement.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Next Post Meeting – 2 Apr 2009, 1930 Hrs.  
7 May 2009, 1930 Hrs.

We continue to serve dinner before meetings beginning at 1800.

2. Next RCAL Meeting: **RCAL LAW & ORDER NIGHT\*\*\*** Fred Eller Post #1447, Monsey NY.

MEETING 6pm, Dinner: After the Meeting & Presentations

3. **JACKETS:** Since we order jackets in October, 2 members have expressed an interest in buying one as well. In order to place an order I must have at least 6 jackets and/or work shirts. If anyone else is interested in a jacket please let me know and I will accumulate orders until I can place it with our supplier.

4. Please support the post by selling the raffle tickets sent to you and selling ads for our Memorial Day Journal. If you need more raffle tickets call or email me and I will send you as many as you want.

5. Correction to last month's newsletter..4 Chaplains Service at Marion Shrine attended by members Greg Conace, Jerry Fenton, Jim Gurrere, Art Hyman, Mike Longuil, Frank Pappalardo, Harry Wanamaker, Jim Wanamaker and KT Wanamaker.

### **MILESTONES:**

**1 March 1781** – Articles of Confederation go into effect.

**2 March 1949** – The Lucky Lady II, a B-52 Superfortress Bomber, becomes the first plane to fly nonstop around the world, refueling 4 times in the air along the way.

**8 March 1965** – The first US combat troops arrive in South Vietnam when Marines land near Da Nang to secure an air base.

**15 March 1919** – American Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**17 March** – St. Patrick's Day

**20 March 1922** – The USS Langley, converted from collier USS Jupiter, is commissioned as the first US Navy aircraft carrier.

**22 March 1946** - The first US rocket to leave the earth's atmosphere, launched from White Sands, New Mexico, reaches an altitude of 50 miles.

**23 March 1775** – Patrick Henry delivers his "Liberty or Death" speech in Richmond, VA.

**26 March 1982** – Groundbreaking ceremonies are held for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

**30 March 1981** – President Reagan is shot and seriously wounded by John W. Hinkley Jr. outside a Washington, DC hotel

## **The American Legion.**

Shortly after World War I ended, twenty officers of the American Expeditionary Forces met in Paris with orders to confer on how the Army could improve troop morale. One of the officers, LTC Theodore Roosevelt Jr., son of President Theodore Roosevelt, suggested an idea that had already crossed many of the men's minds: an organization in which veterans could stay in touch, help each other, and work together after the fighting was over.

The officers wasted no time putting the idea into action. On March 15, 1919, about one thousand US soldiers gathered in Paris for the very first meeting of the American Legion.

Today the Legion is the nation's largest veteran's organization, with nearly 3 million members. Men and Women may join if they have served honorably in the US armed Forces during times of hostilities, such as World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and Iraq War..

The Legion's purpose is partly to help veterans continue friendships made during military service. It also gives members a way to keep serving their country. The American Legion has built parks and playgrounds, donated equipment to hospitals and fire halls, sponsored Boy Scout Troops and youth baseball leagues, promoted the study of the Constitution in schools and much more.

For God and Country is the American Legion motto. The organization has nearly 15,000 posts worldwide. There is probably one near you, and your community is most certainly a better place for it.

**From the American Patriot's Almanac by William J Bennett and John T.E. Cribb**

## **NY State Veterans Benefit - Blind Annuity**

**The Blind Annuity Program benefit is for legally blind NYS wartime veterans or the surviving un-remarried spouse of the blind veteran. The program authorizes an annuity payment of up to \$1,128.72 per veteran.**

Who is eligible for the Blind Annuity?

To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of New York State
- Veteran has been determined legally blind\*  
(20/200 vision in the better eye with best correction)

Or



- 20 Degree limitation of field of vision AND
- Served on active duty (other than for training) for 90 days or more during any of the following:
  - April 11, 1899 – July 4, 1902
  - May 9, 1916 – April 4, 1917
  - April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918
  - Dec 7, 1941 – Dec 31, 1946
  - June 27, 1950 – Jan 31, 1955
  - Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
  - Aug 2, 1990 – End of conflict

Or


- Received the Armed Forces, Navy, or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, for participation in:
  - Lebanon – June 1, 1983 – Dec 1, 1987
  - Grenada – Oct 23, 1983 – Nov 21, 1983
  - Panama – Dec 20, 1989 – Jan 31, 1990
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How do you apply for the Blind Annuity?

Complete and submit the following forms to the NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs:

- [Blind Annuity Application](#) 
- [Report of Legal Blindness \(Form OCFS-4599\)](#) 
- Evidence of Military Service
- Marriage and Death Certificate (for un-remarried surviving spouse)

What documentation is required to prove eligibility?

- Evidence of Military Service (DD 214/copy of a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Completed [Report of Legal Blindness](#)  (from eye doctor)
- Marriage or death certificate if applicable

For More Information Call 1-888-838-7697 or 518-486-3602



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- Quarter Page** \$ 30.00
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Please send camera-ready artwork to the above address **by May 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.** Use space below for greeting text. Ads in electronic format can be forwarded by e-mail to:

[AUMRICHIN@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:AUMRICHIN@OPTONLINE.NET) .

Please make check payable to: **American Legion Post 310**  
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We thank you for your support  
**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**