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MEETINGS AT 7:30 ON 1ST THURS

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SAL MEETS 7:30 ON 1ST WEDS

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UNIT MEETS 7:30 ON 2ND THURS

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RIDERS MEET 7:30 ON 1ST TUES.

TAPS



Albert Schuffman, Vito Azzollini, Rocco Vodola, Chris Schaffert, Stanley Kapp, John Taylor, Carmine Pellechio, Salvatore Arcieri, Henry Fontanillis, William Barrett, Frank Fennimore, Joseph Morris, George Popovich

*In fond remembrance of our fellow Legionnaires who have answered
the call of our Supreme Commander and have entered the Post
Everlasting.*

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer vacation, as I have. Although we have had no meeting in July and will not meet in August, we've been pretty busy and active. As you all know our Memorial Day Parade was rained out again which is only the 3rd time since I've been on the committee since 1989, not a bad record overall. We did have 20 sailors and marines attend from Fleet Week and they and we had a great time. It was heartwarming to see them interact with our fellow comrades from the Paramus Vets Home, dancing, trading stories, etc. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

We attended the Department Convention in June and received a plaque for the top post in donations to hospitalized veterans. Besides the plaque we received a Bald Eagle Statue which is on display in the lounge. Jim Morton our web master also received a plaque for our web site. The weather started off terrible but warmed up and we had a great time. Also in June we had our annual Flag Retirement and Americanism Awards Ceremony and we had a great turn out. It appears the switch to during the evening on a weekday was a good choice.

The SAL has held a few Tuesday night get together and membership drives and they have been successful as well as Rider Director/President Jim Morton's DJ events in the lounge. These have been great and I hope more of you will come out to the next ones.

This year's car show was great and a huge success. We had to turn cars away again and the walk in attendance was great. The committee led by John Weeks, Billy Pfaff, Nick Sans and Steve Sans did a great job and had many (too many to try to mention) helpers the day of the event and before. This is one committee that will be around as a committee for a long, long time. The profits will be donated to The Bergen County Commanders Camp4Heroes project and to the Department Commanders project which is the 3 state owned veterans homes including Paramus. This is the 1st time Paramus has been included since our own Frank Calandrillo Jr. was commander in 2007-2008, long overdue.

We hosted two blood drives and both have been successful with the Red Cross collecting over 50 pints. So far this year the program has collected over 300 pints. That means over 900 lives were saved. Future drives are in the works and the dates and locations will be added to the calendar. We also were the home post for this year's Warrior Run as we were last year and they had a great event as well.

August is a busy period as well with the Rider's Poker Run to support Save a Warrior on Sunday August 6th and our own annual picnic on Saturday August 12. As you all know our friend, post member and leader of the Dixie Land Band, Fred Guarino passed away and he and their music will be missed. But here is an opportunity to see our own Jim Morton in action as our DJ for the picnic. So music, beer, wine, soda, chowder, hamburgers, dogs, chicken, and sausage pepper and onions and all the fixings for \$20 is a bargain, so come on out and enjoy the day.

As you all should know by now the 2018 membership year has started (July 1), all PUFL members were mailed a paper card from National and those who need to pay should have received their dues reminder via email and/or mail. Please help out our membership chairman by paying early so that he can spend his time recruiting new members (which you can help with as well). We ended last year with 870 paid members and are starting off this year with 764, so we need to add 106 new members to get back to where we were last year. So this is an all hands on deck mission, go out and sign up a new member for the post and don't forget our Ladies, SAL and Riders are a part of the family and not only help us with our mission but do a lot and I mean a lot of great things on their own. You should be proud of what we as a family accomplish and help us grow membership in order to continue achieving great things.

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 7th at 7:30 PM and I hope to see you all there. So till then I hope you all stay healthy, happy and safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

For God and Country,
Bob Salvini, Commander



NALPA (National American Legion Press Association) has announced their 2017 Award winners that will be recognized at the National Convention in Reno in August.

Billy Pfaff, Squad 170 member was awarded 2nd place in the Graphics Media classification for his design of the BCAL 2017 Convention Journal Cover

James Morton, Post 170 member, Squad 170 member and 170 Riders Director was awarded 2nd place for the BCAL web site ([BCAL Website](#)) and also 2nd place for Rochelle Park Post 170 Facebook page.

Congratulations to both on a job well done.

Bob Salvini

UNIT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Ladies,

We are so very lucky that the good weather is still with us. Hopefully, it will continue through August-September and October. We can only hope!!!

We held a Casino for the Veterans on April 30th at the Post which was a huge success as always. The Veterans, aides and Post members and guests all had a great time and, of course, the Veterans went home winners with full stomachs.

The parade for Memorial Day was cancelled because of the posted weather conditions. However, the festivities were not. The Veterans home had two buses of Veterans and the Sailors and Marines from Fleet Week were there to greet them as they arrived along with our Post family. The Veterans, Sailors and Marines were presented with goodie bags that the Post members and others donated. Dancing followed with music by our very own DJ Jim Morton. It was heartwarming to see the Veterans (wheel chairs and all) dancing and swaying to the music with the Sailors and Marines. A fabulous time was had by all.

The Wildwood Convention in June was also a great success and the weather did hold out for the Parade. Unfortunately, for those who came earlier in the week to partake of the sun (including yours truly), there was none. However, we did find plenty to do...eating and drinking.

Now...do not forget, our Annual Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday, August 12th Come out and have a great time. See "events" page for details.

We have 2 upcoming bingos scheduled for Monday, August 7th, and Tuesday, October 10th at the Paramus Veterans Home. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help the Veterans with their bingo cards and to hand out the winnings and distribute goodies. Volunteers should be at the home at 6:45 p.m.

On Sunday, October 1st, we will be holding a Casino "nite" for the Veterans starting at 1:00 p.m. Again, volunteers are welcome and needed.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is September 14th at 7:30 pm sharp.

Have a great couple of months.

For God and Country,
Roberta O'Dowd
Unit President



SAL 170 REPORT

SAL & Family:

For starters, please note that our SAL meetings will take place on the 1st Wednesday of every month, starting August; this is when our 50/50 will take place as well. DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!!!! Congrats to last month's winner, Sean McCaffety whose ticket was sold by Mark O'Grady.

On June 14th, we had another touching Flag Day Ceremony. Congratulations to all who received acknowledgements, awards & scholarships, they were all very deserving, and thank you to Mark O'Grady who happily accepted to become SAL Jr. Vice Commander, welcome to the team!

Please keep all eyes on our website, facebook page and bulletin board for upcoming events, especially, Taco Tuesday, August 15th 6:30PM & our Elvis Extravaganza on September 17th!

Hope to see everyone happy, healthy & involved throughout the summer! Thank you!!

For God and Country,

Joey Connors
SAL Commander



170 RIDERS REPORT

Hello Post 170 Family,

I would like to thank in advance our Riders and Post 170 family volunteers who will be helping us at our Save A Warrior Poker run on Sunday August 6th. It's been a lot of planning and organizing over several months and I'm hoping mother nature gives us a great day weather wise and that we have a good turn out for a great cause. I also want to thank the other Riders chapters who joined with us to make this happen.

Don't forget about our 170 Family Picnic on Saturday August 12. I would like to see Riders come out and support our post. You'll socialize with our post family; have good food, and lots of fun. You can't beat that.

We took a ride to the Purple Heart Hall of Honor on June 16th. It was a nice day for a ride, and we highly recommend you visit there if you are unfamiliar with the hall of honor. Another ride that's coming up soon is the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom for POW/MIA, which we attend, and support every year. Mark your calendars; it takes place Sunday September 17th.

Football season is around corner. Come down to the lounge and watch the games on our big screen televisions.

Our Campalooza weekend is coming up August 26th & 27th. I recommend bringing a fan if you are on the list for a room because there is no in-room AC. All 10 rooms are accounted for. Only camp sites available. Up to four tents on a site for \$20. James Connors will be taking camping gear in his truck on Friday evening, August 25th. James and I are leaving promptly at 7pm to head to the Beaver Del campground. So if you are camping and want your gear up there early, make sure you have it down at the post for loading before 7pm that evening. I'm looking forward to a good time, as I'm sure those who are attending are too.

I am honored to have won the Dept. of NJ "Most Outstanding Website" for the Bergen County American Legion, and two-second place awards from National American Legion Press Association for our Post 170 Website and our Facebook page. Congratulations to SAL member Billy Pfaff who also won second place for his outstanding graphic design work for the post. I also want to thank Billy for designing the Riders Poker Run flyer, and other creative designs for the Riders over the past few years. I will be DJing again in post lounge on Oct 28th at 8PM. Come on down.

For God and Country,
Jim Morton
President, Post 170 Riders

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OTHER NEWS AND MISC STUFF...

Membership: It's that time again to process membership renewals. 2018 begins NOW! Sounds strange but that's how it is. Post dues are \$35 and can be sent c/o Ray Caroselli; Auxiliary dues are \$20 (\$5 for Junior members) and can be sent c/o Loeky Salvini; SAL dues are \$20 (\$5 for junior members) and can be sent c/o Bob Salvini. AND everyone can help with membership by bringing someone new into the fold. You have to admit, it is a worthwhile organization and at "170" there's always something going on. Any questions, you should know how to find us by now....

Legion Baseball: Unfortunately, the Post 170 Bears did not make it to the State Championships this year. We wish them better luck next year.

Wildwood Convention: It started out COLD but by Thursday it was great weather. We had 42 rooms, about 90 people (including about 10 kids). Our cocktail party was terrific with lots of food provided by all those who attended and music by DJ Jimbo (Jim Morton). Thanks to all those who pitched in. Saturday nite we had some dueling guitars (Bobby G and Jayme Moran) and sing-a-long kind of stuff going....that was fun. And, yes, some of us did attend meetings!

Volunteers: It seems we have more volunteers of late for various events and that is a GREAT thing. Most people have no idea how much work it takes to make our Post what it is and keep it that way. If you'd like to help out sometimes I'm sure we can find a task that suits you. JUMP IN ANYTIME!

Election year 2018: In April we will be electing officers for all 4 of our organizations. The time is now to start thinking of who will do what for the next 2 years.

100th Legion Anniversary: 2019 will mark the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion. On the website www.centennial.legion.org are some Post histories and interesting information about this upcoming milestone.



Lei's for everyone at the cocktail party in Wildwood



- Aug 6 - Poker Run/BBQ
- Aug 12 - Post Picnic
- Aug 26-27 - Campalooza Weekend
- Sep 11 - 9/11 Service - 7PM
- Sep 17 - Elvis 40th Anniv. Party
- Oct 1 - Casino "nite" for vets
- Oct 28 - Dept Cmdr's visit
- Oct 28 - DJ Jimbo in lounge
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Service
- Nov 25 - Trim a Tree Party

170 FAMILY PICNIC

August 12th from Noon to 5:00PM. Lots of food: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, sausage w/ peppers and onions, corn, clam chowder, watermelon, draft beer, wine and soda. Music by DJ Jim "Jimbo" Morton and lawn games for the children. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children under 18 and children under 6 are free. Buy tickets at the Post Lounge or on the day of the picnic. Bring your family and friends for a nice afternoon of eating and partying.



RIDERS POKER RUN/BBQ



On Sunday 8/6.... Poker Run and BBQ fundraiser to support *Save A Warrior* (saveawarrior.org). Starts at Post 132 Franklin, stops at Post 91 Wharton, Post 67 E.Rutherford, Post 310 Little Ferry and ends at Post 170. Registration 9-11AM with coffee & snacks. \$20 per rider, \$10 for passengers and walk ins. Join us at Post 170 from 12 to 6PM. 3 live bands and DJ and vendors.

ELVIS 40th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Sept. 17th the SAL has an exciting evening planned starting at 4PM. T.K. Walker (Ace in the Hole) will be appearing as ELVIS in the pavilion. There will be a food truck and you can bring your own snacks (NO BYOB). See flyer that will be posted in the lounge soon. Table reservations should be made in advance.



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CAMPALOOZA WEEKEND

Riders Campalooza weekend 8/26 & 27. For those who want to pitch a tent right next to the Beaver Kill river and sleep under the stars, tent sites pitch up to 4 tents on a site for only \$20 many tent sites available. All are welcome.

FLEET WEEK/MEMORIAL DAY AT POST 170

