



# Wharton American Legion William J. Hocking Post 91

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“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together.....”



## Commander's Message

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## Officers and Executive Board

It truly is my honor and privilege to serve as the new Commander of Post 91. My mission is to continue all of the good works of Commanders before me and to foster camaraderie between the legion families.

We have some exciting events coming up especially our 90th Anniversary Celebration. The committee is currently being formed, so feel free to sign up!! Volunteers are needed.

Post 91 is truly special and known throughout Morris County for being so active and how we take care of our veterans, this is what I am most proud of, each of you who make this Post what it is!

Thank you in advance for your support.

For God and Country,  
John M. Ruppell  
Commander Post 91

### OFFICERS

- Commander\*:.....John M. Ruppell
- Sr Vice Cmd\*:.....Leon D. Stickle
- Jr Vice Cmd\*:.....VACANT
- Adjutant\*:.....Amery E. Vasso
- Asst. Adjutant\*:.....Patricia A. Wilson
- Finance Officer\*:.....Walter E. Ward
- Judge Advocate\*:.....Frank W. Dulfer
- Membership:.....Amery E. Vasso
- Chaplin:.....Kevin Finnegan
- Sgt-At-Arms:.....Matthew S. Sichko
- Service Officer:.....Bill Robinson
- Historian:.....Sara L. Vasso

\* Regular Member of Executive Board

## Calling for Volunteers

**SIGN-UP SHEETS LOCATED @ FRONT BAR**

**BARTENDERS** needed on Saturdays 7-10 PM & Sundays 1-6 PM  
**90th Anniversary Committee** - Mtgs start in Sept - ongoing monthly  
**HOUSEKEEPING** - Schedule TBD

### Executive Board

- Member-At-Large:.....Edward M. Brice
- Member-At-Large:.....Frank W. Dulfer
- Member-At-Large:.....William Kersey
- Member-At-Large:.....Glenn D. Nemeth
- Member-At-Large:.....Bob Katalinas

### Newsletter

Patricia A. Wilson  
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.whartonlegion91.org](http://www.whartonlegion91.org)



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### Auxiliary Unit 91

Shelia Adams.....President  
 Holly Straw.....1st Vice  
 Christiana Dorr.....2nd Vice  
 Gale Newton.....Secretary  
 Kathleen Lapore.....Treasurer  
 Dara Vanderhoof.....Membership  
 Sandra Scareno.....Chaplain  
 Karen Scaffidi.....Sergeant-At-Arms  
 Regina Elio.....Historian  
 Linda Hemenetz.....Parliamentarian

### SAL Squadron 91

Roland "Pat" Lavoie.....Commander  
 Bobby Dorr III.....Sr Vice  
 Rick Adams.....Jr Vice  
 Kevin Scully.....Adjutant  
 John Craven.....Finance  
 Troy Vanderhoof.....Membership  
 Tim Angle.....Chaplain  
 Randy Stacy.....Sergeant-At-Arms  
 Joe Jafraty.....Historian

### ALR Chapter 91

Michael Roe.....Director  
 Stan Demby.....Vice Director  
 Melissa Wild.....Secretary  
 Patricia Wilson.....Treasurer  
 Laura Oostdyk.....Membership  
 Helen Hopler.....Chaplain  
 Glenn Hopler.....Sergeant-At-Arms  
 Michael Roe.....Road Captain

#### TRANSFER IN

#### 2017 NEW LEGION MEMBERS

#### NEW

Grant, Donald  
 Grant, Michael  
 Hogan, John  
 Lewthwaite, Edward  
 Lovas, William  
 Mclaughlin, Robert  
 Mcquillan, Robert

Walsh, Terrence  
 Watts, Robert

Bradley, Sean  
 Corrigan, Llsa  
 Corrigan, Benjamin  
 Frederick, David  
 Heinze, Timothy  
 Masker, Timothy  
 Nalavany, Joseph

Perez, Sean  
 Singer, Caleb  
 Spenzos, Dean  
 Vicci, Robert  
 Wallace,Harvey  
 Young, Yancy



➡ CLICK on youtube LINK for more info...

#### AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY 6 DAY RUN to RENO NV, AUGUST 12 - 2017

Please ask non-riding friends and family to register in support of the Legacy Run and its purpose of providing scholarships for the children of our fallen and disabled veterans. Donations of \$25 or greater receive the full registration package with map books and patches, along with our sincere thanks. [www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders) UNTIL SEPT 30th

➡➡ [https://www.youtube.com/attribution\\_link?a=bEBqF-tu6ctobCmD&u=/watch%3Fv%3DuNG94RRbHtg%26feature%3Dem-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=bEBqF-tu6ctobCmD&u=/watch%3Fv%3DuNG94RRbHtg%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user) ➡➡

### QUARTERLY CALENDAR - For Details Call: 973-366-2458

**SAL Squadron 91 CLAMBAKE Tickets on sale!!! Contact: Joe Jafraty 973-727-0351**

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
4 - Fri.	D2W Pro Wrestling - 8 PM	1 - Fri.	D2W Pro Wrestling - 8 PM	6 - Fri.	D2W Pro Wrestling - 8 PM
6- Sun.	Save a Warrior Poker Run - Post 91 - 2nd Card Stop	8 - Fri.	ALR Sandwich Night - 5:30 PM	7 - Sat.	Octoberfest Trivia Night Fundraiser for 90th Anniversary
9 - Weds.	SAL Meeting - 7:30 PM	10 - Sun.	SAL / AUX Breakfast 8 AM	8 - Sun.	SAL / AUX Breakfast 8 AM
11 - Fri.	ALR Meeting - 7:30 PM	11 - Mon.	Patriot Day	11 - Weds.	SAL Meeting - 7:30 PM
12 - Sat.	AL Legacy Run - 6 days	13 - Weds.	SAL Meeting - 7:30 PM	13 - Fri.	ALR Sandwich Night - 5:30 PM
13 - Sun.	SAL Yankee Bus Trip (sold out)	15 - Fri.	Dorr Family Balloon Launch	14 - Sat.	SAL Comedy Night - 6 PM
18 - Fri.	Luau - Lei Contest @ Front Bar	23 - Sat.	SAL Clambake - 1 PM	25 - Weds.	AUX Meeting - 7:30 PM
		27 - Weds.	Potluck Aux Meeting - 7:30	26 - Thurs.	<b>Post 91 Meeting - 7:00 PM</b>
24 - Thurs.	<b>Post 91 Meeting - 7:00 PM</b>	28 - Thurs.	<b>Post 91 Meeting - 7:00 PM</b>	27 - Fri.	VA & R Off Station Party



 **2017 COLOR GUARD & 2018 INSTALLATION OF FAMILY OFFICERS** 



**Post 91 will be an official New Jersey State Lottery Quick Draw location.** Game officially starts on July 17th, 2017. Quick Draw is a new game offered by the NJ State Lottery and was offered to veteran's organizations. There will be plenty of assistance to our staff and members as we roll out the game. This is a great way to have some fun with friends and help the Post fund its core mission to Veterans, Youth, and the Community.



**Voted Best Post Website 2016-2017 by the Department of New Jersey.** This is great recognition for the Post and reinforces the purpose behind the Post website - to inform the members and the public, not only on what the Post is doing but what the American Legion does for the Community, Youth and Veterans.

Check it out and we welcome submissions for the site  [www.whartonlegion91.org](http://www.whartonlegion91.org) 



**Alan D. Bone Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients:**  
Elizabeth Kolaski and Nicholas Bertha

**SAL Scholarship Award Recipient:** Nicholas Jafraty

**Auxiliary Arlene Brice Scholarship Award Recipients:**  
Madison Dorr and Sarah E. Severin



**Vietnam Memorial  
Traveling Wall**



**Escorted & Built by:  
A L Riders.**



**On May 16th, 2017** members of the William J. Hocking Post 91 attended the Wharton Public Library's Board of Directors meeting at which Frank Dulfer, member of the Post Executive Committee, presented Eileen Burnash, the Library Director, with a **\$2500 donation** for the **Wharton Public Library Summer Reading Program**. Post 91 is the major sponsor of the Summer Reading program in Wharton continuing a tradition of giving first started in 2001, 16 years ago. The Summer Reading program provides the youth of Wharton a focus on reading for fun and enjoyment with other fun activities from June to August. Post 91 not only supports the program financially but also provides an Americanism / Flag Etiquette segment to overall program. Submitted by: Amery Vasso, Post 91 Adjutant.



Photography by: Joel Aronson

### Veterans Guests of Honor



**On June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 Picatinny Arsenal** conducted their annual **All Saints Ball** at Mansion at Mountain Lakes, NJ. Part of the program created by the Picatinny Arsenal planning committee was to host as guests of honor veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Post 91 was contacted and asked if we could support the guest of honor program by opening up the invitation to our members. Soon after the request went out Dennis Miller volunteered to attend as the Vietnam veteran. Dennis served as an infantryman with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam and in 1969 was wounded while on patrol. Dennis' awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, and two Vietnam service ribbons. Dennis is also a Past Commander of Post 91 and long-time member of the Post Color Guard. One of our newest members, Rob Vicci (retired US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran), suggested one of his friends, Frank Marino, attend the event as the Korean War veteran. Frank served with the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea and his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Dennis and his wife Barbara attended the event. Rob accompanied Frank to the event. All of them noted what a memorable evening they experienced, and the thoughtful preparation of the Picatinny planners in creating a once in a lifetime experience for these deserving Veterans Guests of Honor. Needless to say Post 91 came through with strong support of the event. By: Amery Vasso, Post Adjutant.

### Humor in Uniform



### Post Everlasting

COAD ★ RICHARD ★ VIETNAM ★ USN ★ 5/17  
 HANSELL ★ JOHN ★ KOREA. ★ USMC ★ 5/17  
 MCGINLEY ★ PAUL ★ KOREA ★ ARMY ★ 6/17



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