



Wharton American Legion William J. Hocking Post 91

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"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together....."



Commander's Message

My Fellow Legionnaires,

As I start my second term as Commander of Post 91, I would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. We have a great Post, a lot of great people who are part of this Post, and a great facility to enjoy. I pledge to do my best this next year to help make this Post even better. With your support, feedback and involvement, we can make it happen. We are always trying new things to get people into the Post. Let us know what works and what does not.

Starting October 2012 your dues (\$30.00- \$35.00 for new members) gets you a piece of paper that says you are a member of our Post. But your involvement and commitment is what really makes you a member. Please remember without our members we only have a building not a home.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy up coming year. Be sure to get out and do things that are important to you, summer goes all too quickly. But don't forget; come into the Post for a cool one to relax. The roof expenses of the post do not go away even in the summer. Your support is what allows us to support our members, our troops and our legion family.

I would like to acknowledge several milestones that our members brought into reality last year. Everyone should thank Dennis Miller, Ed Brice, Paul Hartle, Ed McCluskey and all the others that made the roof repair come together. Our Color Guard achieved an unprecedented goal winning State Champs for the third year in a row: Billy Burbridge, Kevin Finnegan, Dennis Miller, Amery Vasso, Sarah Vasso, Brian Walfinger, and Dan Zullo. Lastly I would like to acknowledge the officers and committee members of all our organizations for their time and effort helping to make a difference.

I would like to remind everyone that our organizations and programs include the Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and 40 & 8. If you know of anyone that would like to join one these fine organizations, invite them to come in, check out the Post and talk to one of us.

We have asked for volunteers to help with all of our activities and programs and to those that have answered the call, I thank you. Everyone that volunteered has helped to make this post our home and their involvement is essential for our post to flourish going forward. Even if you can't volunteer your valuable time, your support in our activities brings in vital income that allows us to keep the doors open.

Remember this is not only : Our Post or Your Post but Our Home. The facilities and our events are here for you!! For the post to survive we need you to help us to help you through support.

For God and Country,
JB Smith
Post Commander
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Officers and Executive Board - 2013

OFFICERS

Commander*: James B. Smith
Adjutant*: Dennis W. Miller
Chaplin: Amery Vasso
Judge Advocate: Albert N. Porphy
* Regular Member of Executive Board

Sr Vice Cmdr*: William G. Tomphson
Asst. Adjutant*: John Ruppell
Sgt-At-Arms: Leon Sticle
Historian: Midge Grant

Jr Vice Cmdr*: Daniel Zullo
Finance Officer*: Walter E. Ward
Service Officer: Charles J. miller

Executive Board

Member-At-Large: Edward M. Brice
Member-At-Large: Albert N. Porphy

Member-At-Large: Paul L. Hartle
Member-At-Large: Frank Dulfer

Member-At-Large: Midge Grant

Newsletter

Frank Dulfer : fwdulfer@verizon.net

Daniel Zullo: danzullo@optonline.net

Auxiliary Unit 91 Officers

Carol Bone..... President
Pat Jafraty.....1st Vice
Sheila Adams.....2nd Vice
Juli Jandik.....Secretary
Ana Craig.....Historian
Sandra Scarneo.....Treasurer
Ivette Rivera.....Chaplain
Dara Vanderhoof.....Sgt at Arms
Linda Hemenetz..... Parliamentarian

American Legion Riders Officers

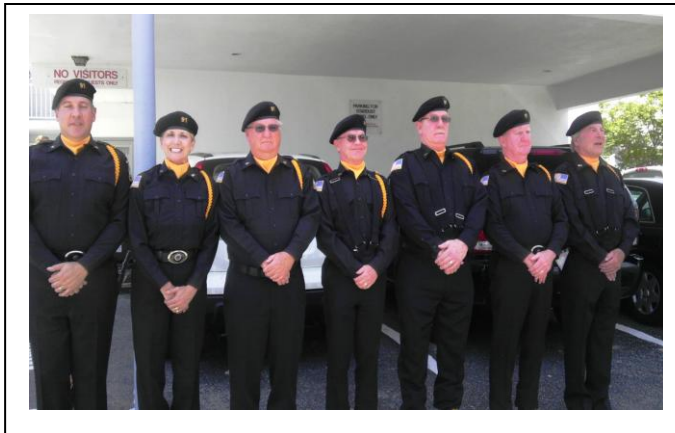
Michael Roe.....Director
Robert D. Grant, Jr.....Asst Director
Midge Grant.....Secretary/Treasurer

SAL Squadron 91 Officers

Joe Jafraty.....Commander
Rick Adams.....Sr Vice
Chris Elio.....Jr Vice
Kevin Scully.....Adjutant
John Craven.....Finance
Troy Vanderhof.....Historian
Bob Dorr.....Sgt at Arms
Rick Cook.....Chaplain

Post 91 Color Guard "Triple Crown"

Our post won this year's 2012 Department of New Jersey American Legion State Championship at Wildwood on June 9, 2012. This is the third consecutive year and the ninth overall State Championship for our Post. Bill Burbridge continues to organize the color guard and had two rookies this year. They were Sarah Vasso and Dan Zullo. The rest of the unit was comprised of Amery Vasso, Brian Wolfinger, Bill Burbridge, Kevin Finnegan, and Dennis Miller. The goal for 2013 is to add some new members and incorporate a firing squad which would be judged separately.





QUARTERLY CALENDAR

JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
1 - Sunday		1 - Wednesday		1 - Saturday	
2 - Monday		2 - Thursday		2 - Sunday	
3 - Tuesday		3 - Friday		3 - Monday	Labor Day-Post Closed
4 - Wednesday	Independence Day	4 - Saturday	Coast Guard Birthday	4 - Tuesday	
5 - Thursday		5 - Sunday		5 - Wednesday	
6 - Friday		6 - Monday		6 - Thursday	
7 - Saturday		7 - Tuesday		7 - Friday	
8 - Sunday	All You Can Eat Breakfast	8 - Wednesday	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM	8 - Saturday	.
9 - Monday		9 - Thursday	Legion Exec Board Mtg	9 - Sunday	All You Can Eat Breakfast
10 - Tuesday		10 - Friday	Legion Rider Mtg 7:00 PM	10 - Monday	.
11 - Wednesday	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM	11 - Saturday		11 - Tuesday	Patriots Day
12 - Thursday		12 - Sunday		12 - Wednesday	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
13 - Friday		13 - Monday		13 - Thursday	Legion Exec Board Mtg
14 - Saturday		14 - Tuesday		14 - Friday	Legion Rider Mtg 7:00 PM
15 - Sunday		15 - Wednesday		15 - Saturday	1/2 Way to St Pat's Dance
16 - Monday		16 - Thursday		16 - Sunday	American Legion Birthday
17 - Tuesday		17 - Friday		17 - Monday	
18 - Wednesday		18 - Saturday	SAL Clam Bake	18 - Tuesday	Air Force Birthday
19 - Thursday		19 - Sunday		19 - Wednesday	
20 - Friday		20 - Monday		20 - Thursday	
21 - Saturday		21 - Tuesday		21 - Friday	
22 - Sunday		22 - Wednesday	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM	22 - Saturday	
23 - Monday		23 - Thursday	Post 91 Meeting 7:00 PM	23 - Sunday	
24 - Tuesday		24 - Friday		24 - Monday	
25 - Wednesday	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM	25 - Saturday		25 - Tuesday	
26 - Thursday	Post 91 Meeting 7:00 PM	26 - Sunday		26 - Wednesday	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
27 - Friday		27 - Monday		27 - Thursday	Post 91 Meeting 7:00 PM
28 - Saturday		28 - Tuesday		28 - Friday	
29 - Sunday		29 - Wednesday		29 - Saturday	
30 - Monday		30 - Thursday		30 - Sunday	SAL AC Bus Trip
31 - Tuesday		31 - Friday			

Post #91 Awards Scholarships for 2012

The Annual Post Scholarship Award is given to deserving High School Seniors who not only meet the criteria of an association with the American Legion, but exemplify the highest standards of scholastic achievement. The recipients are graduating High School Seniors who are presently enrolled in a College, University or Technical School for the 2012 School year.

Co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee, Ms. Midge Grant and Mr. Ed Brice, are pleased to announce this year's recipients of a \$1000.00 award. They are:

- Ms. Shannon McCloskey
- Mr. Kevin Wheatly
- Mr. Michael McCluskey.

The Post congratulates the recipients and their families and wishes them future successes as they embark on the next level of their education. The recipients will be recognized at the Post's Installation of Officers dinner on Saturday July 14th.





TAPS Rest In Peace



Floyd E. Kimble - Paul Lewthwaite

Tale Of The Legion Rider

On January 9, a group of Pekin , Illinois , Legion Riders were riding west on I-74 when they saw a girl about to jump off a Peoria bridge, so they stopped. The leader, George a big burly man of 53, gets off his bike, walks through the gawkers, past the State Trooper, and says, "What are you doing?"

"I'm going to commit suicide," she says.

While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," he didn't want to miss a be-a-legend opportunity either, so he asked ... "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that ... and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another one.

After she's finished, George gets approval from his group, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, then he says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had, Honey! That's a real talent you're wasting, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl" The onlookers are still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed !



Let Freedom Ring



Wharton American Legion Post Sponsors 10 Boy's State Delegates

Post #91 and Squadron #91 are proud to have sponsored 10 Delegates this year, to attend the week long Political Forum at Rider College in Lawrenceville, NJ. New Jersey's Boy's State program is made up of High School Juniors from around the State, who are nominated for the program by their respective Guidance Office officials, interviewed by the Boy's State Chairman and are recognized as having the propensity to successfully complete the course. Additional information about the Boy's State Program can be found at: www.aljbs.org/

This year's selections of Delegates to represent Post #91 proved to be of the highest caliber young men who were so successful that when it came time to Elect a Governor, the candidates from each party, the Federalist and Nationalist, were both sponsored by Post#91. All of the boys did an outstanding job and our congratulations go out to;

Nicholas Palmer (Governor). Frank Chaparro (Governor Elec), Douglas Olsen,
Mark Hildebrandt, Benjamin Lawrence, Peter DiGennaro (Squadron #91),
Alex Valerio, Tyler Moran, Mark kepler and Louis Kete

Please note that all the boys held important positions within their respective parties and their biographies can be found on the ALJBS site. Additionally, Boy's State Delegates are invited to attend the Post's Installation of Officers on July 14th and will be officially recognized at that meeting.



Photograph And The Veteran's Story

Legion member Joel Aronson presented a short briefing to the membership at the Post's June meeting covering several aspects of photography and how it can be used to tell the veteran's story. Joel is a well recognized photographer and volunteers at both Picatinny Arsenal and the Wharton Library. Joel has provided some links to several websites that display his work:

- Joel's private storage website, <http://aronsons.us/veterans/>, has the Freeholders Medals Ceremonies which he volunteered to photography. There are other military related event galleries. When you click on a folder, the first thumbnail image page will open. Click on any thumbnail image to open its gallery page from where you can navigate through the entire gallery. Above each gallery photo is a click-link to view and to download and save a larger image to our computer.
- <http://aronsons.us/veterans/exhibits/> has the galleries of the November exhibits at Morris County Library in Whippany. Some galleries may have many views of the exhibit pieces. Hopefully some of the Post members may wish to contribute their photos and memories to this year's Library exhibit. We start putting everything together in October. I'll be glad to coach anyone interested. I forgot to tell you folks last week that Brian Gillen exhibited in 2010. His images are at <http://aronsons.us/veterans/exhibits/20101108VetsImageExhibit/source/115.html>.
- Also, here's the link on my public website for the Wharton Library photo workshops which I coordinate. I'll soon be posting an updated schedule, <http://www.joelaronson.com/awp/wharton/wplmap.html>.

Joel also provided the attached Veterans History Project, Oral Histories and the Morris County Distinguished Service Medal application.



Veterans Off Station Party Huge Success

Our Veterans Off Station Party was a huge success. Thanks to the American Legion, SAL and Auxiliary Members.

This year we sponsored our Veterans Off Station Party in March instead of our famous Halloween party in October. There were 26 Veterans from Lyons and 24 from East Orange who attended. Some of our quests included Morris County President, Warren County Commanders, numerous Legion members from other posts from Morris County and Warren County. A delicious roast beef dinner sponsor by our SAL. A huge impact on making this a great event of the evening was the Karaoke Connection (who are also Veterans), and everyone took their turn dancing and singing. Donations were submitted from numerous town businesses, which helped supply our ditty bags for each veteran, which contains many personal items for their use.

At the end of the evening Our Veteran's could not thank us enough and said, they cannot wait to come back to Our Post again.

So mark your Calendars for **October 26, 2012**, Off Station Halloween Party, where everyone gets a chance to show off their favorite costume, and eat, sing and dance with a Veteran.

For God & Country

Carmella Kraser
Co-Chairperson
VA&R

Post Members Help Provide Safe Drinking Water In Haiti

Our planet is 70% water.
97.5% of that is saltwater
This means only 2.5% is
available for the 6 billion
people on the planet
today

Where we live, clean water is a given. If you're thirsty, turn on the tap & clean water comes right out. All kinds of drinks are at our fingertips.

Truth is-- we're the minority. Right now, 1.1 billion people on the planet don't have access to clean, safe, drinking water. That's one in six of us. Dirty water causes 80% of all sickness and disease and kills more people every year than all forms of violence.

This October are going to help fix this problem by going to Haiti to dig fresh water wells. We will be doing fund raisers and have a website to assist in underwriting the expense associated with providing fresh water to the Haitian people.



Legionnaires Amery and Sara Vasso are helping make the world a safer place by supporting safe drinking water projects in Haiti. Check out their website for more info.

<http://grouprev.com/amerysaracleanwater12>

For more information contact
Amery or Sara Vasso
checkout the website below
<https://grouprev.com/amerysaracleanwater12>





Post Committees For 2012 - 2013

<u>AMERICANISM & MEMORIAL DAY</u> Dennis Miller * Frank Dulfer	<u>ARMORER</u> Albert Porfey * Donald Malcom Dennis Miller	<u>AUDIT</u> Dennis Miller * Kevin Finnegan
<u>BANQUET HALL</u> William Thompson * John Ruppell Daniel Zullo	<u>BOY SCOUTS</u> John Ruppell * Daniel Zullo	<u>BOYS STATE</u> Frank Dulfer * Mildred Grant * Walt Ward
<u>BUILDING AND GROUNDS</u> Paul Hartle * Daniel Zullo	<u>BUSNESS PLAN AND FORCASTING</u> Dennis Miller * Brian Wolfinger Daniel Zullo	<u>CAPITAL BUDGET</u> Walt Ward * Mildred Grant
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH</u> Mildred Grant * Trish Wilson	<u>CHRISTMAS BASKETS</u> John Ruppell * Carol Bone	<u>CLUB BAR</u> John Ruppell * William Thompson
<u>COLOR GUARD</u> Dennis Miller * Brian Wolfinger	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u> Robert Katalinas * Daniel Zullo John Ruppell	<u>CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS</u> Dennis Miller * Brian Wolfinger Kevin Finnegan * Albert Porfey
<u>EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIPS/ESSAYS</u> Edward Brice Mildred Grant	<u>ENTERTAINMENT (MEETINGS)</u> Daniel Zullo * Paul Hartle	<u>FUND RASING</u> William Thompson * All Post Members
<u>GRAVE DECORATING</u> John Ruppell * Donald Malcom	<u>LEGION BASEBALL</u> James Matanin Dakota Keyworth (Currently Deployed)	<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u> Dennis Miller * Paul McGinley James Matanin
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> James Matanin * All Post Members	<u>NOMINATING</u> Dennis Miller * Brian Wolfinger James Matanin	<u>OFF STATION PARTY</u> Carol Bone * Mildred Grant Joe Jafferty
<u>ORATORICAL</u> Mildred Grant * Trish Wilson	<u>ORGANIZATION</u> JB Smith	<u>PAST COMMANDER /PRESIDENT DINNER</u> JB Smith * Carol Bone * Joe Jafferty
<u>PICATINNY-MWR</u> JB Smith * Brian Wolfinger Edward Brice	<u>PUBLICITY / NEWSLETTER</u> Frank Dulfer * Dennis Miller	<u>PURCHASING / CLUB BAR</u> Walt Ward * Daniel Zullo Donald Malcom * Joseph Krieg
<u>RAFFLES-GAMES OF CHANCE</u> Carol Bone * Mildred Grant John Ruppell	<u>REHABILITATION</u> Charles Miller * Frank Dulfer	<u>SAFETY & SECURITY</u> Robert Katalinas * Daniel Zullo John Ruppell
<u>SIGN-IN</u> Doreen Thompson * William Thompson	<u>VERERAN'S EVE</u> Dennis Miller * Frank Dulfer Amery Vasso	<u>WILDWOOD CONVENTION</u> Brian Wolfinger * Carol Bone Troy Vanderhoof





Standing Sentry

Post 91 Members and family serving abroad:

Member SPC Dakota Keyworth, New Jersey Army National Guard - Southwest Asia (Photos below)

The son of member Sara Vasso, SSgt Joshua Little, US Air Force - Southwest Asia



SPC Keyworth recharging his batteries.



"That's right, I'm the coolest dude in this vehicle."

