



THE POST TIMES

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May-June 2009

FROM THE COMMANDER – David Yawnick

Nominations for Post Officers will be held at the regular monthly meeting on May 19th. Please try to attend this meeting.

A spirited group of games of Left, Right, Center was played on March 7th. All had a good time.

March 14th saw the District 5 meeting at the Post which was a huge success, topped off with a super meal of corned beef with all the fixings. Many thanks to the culinary staff.

The annual Boiled dinner for St. Patrick's Day was prepared for the Post members in the Lounge. Speaking for myself, it was fabulous per usual. Corned Beef sandwiches were available through the week in the Lounge.

The Legion Riders held their meeting at the Post. The Rider contact person is John Reid Junior Vice Commander. He did not have enough members from the Post sign up to have our own chapter.

At a visit to Ed Cloonan by the visitation committee and Mayor McCarthy, an award from National was presented to Ed for 60 years of continuous membership in the Legion. I read the award to Ed and Mayor McCarthy read a proclamation to Ed celebrating his 90th birthday. The visit was much appreciated by the family. Photos are on the Post website.

March 29th was Kids Safety Day sponsored by the V.F.W. Post 10334 and Post 156. We had a very good turn out of parents and children for the event.

Past Commander Peter Doucette was laid to rest through Brasco's funeral home. Junior Vice Commander Reid and I preformed a Ritual. The Post and V.F.W made a very good showing. Thanks to everyone that attended.

April 11th's Steak Dinner with all the trimming was a feast for the palette. Thanks again to the Culinary Staff.

April 19th Patriots Day memorial service was held at marker on the corner of Lexington and Lincoln Streets. Al Arena from the Waltham Museum gave a short history of the events that took place at this location at

the start of the Revolutionary War. It was an interesting talk.

At the April 21st regular Post meeting the new Post Flag was dedicated in a short ceremony preformed by John Reid and myself.

David

Notice

In order to avoid legal and other problems associated with the operation of the Lounge, please take a minute to have your guests sign in at the guest book, please use their correct name, not Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck or any other name but their own. The guest book will be checked and a guest may be admitted to the Post lounge for 5 visits, after 5 visits then the guest must join the Post or not be admitted to the Lounge. Guests must leave the Post when the members leave. No exceptions.

A surprise drawing will be held once a month, a name will be picked from the sign-in book. A prize will be awarded at that time. The guests will also have the opportunity to be eligible for a drawing held every 6 months for the grand prize of a 1-year social membership

FROM THE CHAPLAIN – William Chemelli

Comrades who are ill:

George Beck

The Post officers would like to be made aware of any ill member, so that proper recognition can be made in this newsletter and the lounge.

Comrades transferred to Post Everlasting:

Past Commander Peter Doucette (3/09)

Valentino Giorgianni (3/09)

Paul Kryjak (7/08)

Joseph Legere (3/09)

Richard Osborn (4/09)

Paul Powers (3/09)

Everett Roe (04/09)

Joseph Santolucito, Jr. (3/09)
Aldo Veronelli (3/09)

If the family of a member that has passed away would like the Post to perform a ritual at the viewing, they need to request it through the Post. Please notify Post 156's office as soon as possible if so interested.

Bill

SAL Squadron 156

FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER: – Paul Nichols

At the April meeting we presented Past Commander Steve Fogg with a life membership for all his work the past 3 years.

We are again running our annual raffle to benefit local veterans, the prizes are, 1st prize a gas grill, 2nd \$200 cash and 3rd \$100. Tickets are available in the lounge for only \$10 each. The drawing will be held on June 17th after our meeting with a cookout.

Lastly any member that has not been officially inducted can do so at any monthly meeting.

Finally our membership as of April 7th has reached 108% with 59 members. Thanks to all of you for renewing and bringing in new members.

Paul

FROM THE ADJUTANT – Paul Beninati

Thanks to all for attending the last meeting. We want to thank all members who have renewed their membership this year. We would also want to thank all new members who have joined this year. We have reached well over 100%.

Paul

Auxiliary Unit 156

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Jackie Thomas

Holiday Bazaar – Dec. 5, 2009

All monies from selling Pick-A-Prize and other prizes will be donated to the Bedford VA Hospital for the needs of our hospitalized veterans.

Here are some of the current plans:

- 1) Santa will be there to take pictures with children (Thanks to Commander Yawnick and Kari Spriggs)
- 2) Children's activities, Holiday Gifts, Concessions etc.
- 3) Pick-A-Prize (An Auxiliary program). This is similar to the punch board we did years ago at our 2nd flea market. Toilet tissue and paper towel rolls will hold prize notification such as "Sorry Not A Winner" or "You Won Prize #1-xxx"

We need donations from around your house of things you are not using in new or gently used condition, small gifts or gifts you do not know what to do with from previous Christmas/Holiday collecting dust around the house.

We need volunteers on Dec. 5th to help at tables and concessions.

Our next planning meeting is Sunday May 31st. Come if you can help.

If you have any questions or would like to help thru donations of time, money, or gifts please contact:

Jackie Thomas (home - leave message)

781-894-6855

Pam O'Brien (Legion Post) 781-647-1017

Nancy Hancock (Legion Post) 781-647-0156

Jackie

Waltham American Legion Band

Rehearsals (Monday evenings at 7:00pm):

May 4, 11, 18, June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 29

NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change and see the Band's website for summer schedule.

Parades and Concerts:

Memorial Day Parade

Newton – May 17 @ 1:30pm

Memorial Day Parade

Somerville – May 24 @ 11:30am

Memorial Day Ceremony

Waltham – May 25 @ 9:45am

Memorial Day Parade

Watertown – May 25 @ 11:30am

Founders Day Parade, Foxboro

and MA State convention, Plymouth

– June 6 @ 8:30am

Dorchester Day Parade

Boston – June 13 @ 11:30am

Flag Day, Quincy – June 13 @ 5:45pm

Hadley 350th Anniversary Parade

Hadley – June 14 @ TBA

The WALB needs Color Guard members to assist with guarding the colors, carrying the colors, and carrying the WALB banner. Interested parties contact Kelly at 781-789-8018 or kellyeverett@verizon.net

A NOTE FROM WALTHAM VETERANS

SERVICE DIRECTOR– Walter Hoyt:

In preparation for Memorial Day 2009:

May 11th we will begin putting new flags at the graves of our fallen comrades here in Waltham.

Wednesday May 20th at noon the children from Plympton School will be at Mt. Feake Cemetery.

Thursday May 21st at 9:45am children from the Whittermore School will be at Calvary lower Cemetery.

Saturday May 23rd at 9:45am will be the Boy Scout and National Guard ceremony at the lower veteran's lot in Mt. Feake Cemetery.

Sunday May 24th at 9:00am the Sullivan Post will hold its memorial ceremony at the Pizzi farm intersection. Following the ceremony the annual Memorial Day church service will be held at Our Lady's Catholic Church on Trapelo Road at 11:00am.

Last but not least, on Monday May 25th at 9:00am the Gold Star Mothers will hold their annual ceremony at the Prospect Street Bridge. At 10:00am the Annual memorial ceremony will be held at The Circle of Remembrance on Waltham common.

Wally

Iraq Schools Receives School Supplies

News From Iraq

Written by Lt. Scott Lewis

“Adhamiyah kindergarten receives school supplies.”

BAGHDAD – One and fifty Iraqi kindergarteners go to school undeterred, day after day, to a building with peeling paint, shuttered windows, crumbling stucco and inoperable restrooms in the Shamasiya neighborhood.

The simple, small things give them hope. In this case, it comes from the veterans of the American Legion Post 156, Waltham, Massachusetts donating yellow of crayons, coloring books, paper, pencils, toys and other supplies to the children.

On March 6 the hometown Soldier who started it finally delivered the gifts from a northeastern community in the states to the littlest members of this northeastern Baghdad district.

“When I first went to the school I thought to myself something has to be done to help these children I knew when the members of the American Legion Post heard about the kindergarten they would be more than willing to help.” Said Waltham Massachusetts native Capt. Rick Murphy proudly.

For approximately the past 5 months, Murphy, team leader for the 401st. Civil Affairs Team, organized through his home town to provide the kids with necessary supplies.

“When we heard from Capt. Murphy about the conditions of the kindergarten, we knew we had to help” Said David Yawnick, Commander of American Legion Post 156. The folks at the Post had been gathering supplies for our troops. So it was very easy for us to gather supplies children would need. The members of the Post feel lucky to be able to make a difference in the lives of the children.”

In addition to the usual supplies for the students, veterans also sent Supplies teachers would need such as calculators, staplers, markers, pens and etc.

For the teachers of Adhamiyah Kindergarten, this was the first time They ever received supplies.

“I would like to say thank you to everybody who participated in delivering these gifts,” Said Asmaa Kamil al Deen, the head mistress of Adhamiyah Kindergarten with a smile on her face. It means so much to the children and teachers that people are trying to help us.”

Miscellaneous Information

Service Records

To request a copy of your discharge certificate (DD214), personnel records, or dental/medical records contact:

The National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Requests are processed in four to six months. All requests should include the full name, rank/rate, social security number (SSN), dates of service, and date of birth.

For an online request or more information go to:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/dd-214.html>.

Military patches Wanted!!!

Here is an opportunity to proudly display your military patch or Police or Fire patches on the lounge wall behind the bar. See Tom Donahue.

Senior Movie Day

The Joyce Funeral Home, The Chateau Restaurant and Watertown Savings Bank invite you and your friends on Wednesday, May 20th to The Embassy Cinema on Pine Street, Waltham for ‘Seven Brides for Seven Brothers’, a 1950’s light-hearted musical hit starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel. Entertainment and trivia by Bobby Vanaria at 12:30pm followed by the movie at 1:00 p.m.

Complimentary admission and refreshments. Raffle prize and ‘goodie bags’ to be given away. To reserve a seat please call Maura at The Joyce Funeral Home @ 781-894-2895 M-F between 8:30 & 4:30 pm.



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- Post 156 E' Board** 1st Tuesday @ 4:30 PM
- Post 156** 3rd Tuesday @ 5:00 PM
- Auxiliary Unit 156** 2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM
- SAL Squadron 156** 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Apr. 21
- Apr. 13
- Apr. 21
- May 19
- May 11
- May 19

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