

# YONKERS CITY POST 1666 VFW



January/February 2018

**NEXT MEETINGS:**  
Feb 13th, Mar 13, April 10



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## POST OFFICERS

Commander	Jim McGovern
Senior Vice	John Ferguson
Junior Vice	Jim Holodak
Quatermaster	Jean Paul Rodriguez
Chaplain	Jim O'Neill
Advocate	John Palimari
Surgeon	Jim O'Neill
1 yr Trustee	Jeffery Felenchak
2 yr Trustee	Donald Murphy
3 yr Trustee	Joe Uzzi
Adjutant	Richard Beetstra
Service Officer	Nancy Schiliro



## Dates to Remember:

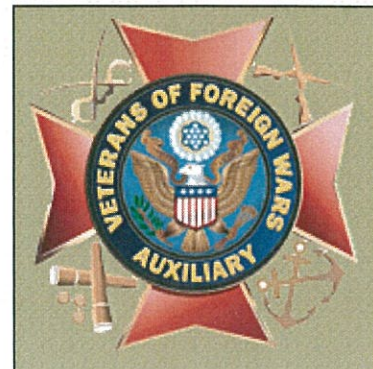
Jan 27	The Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973
Jan 28	District 2 Meeting 1 pm Post 8645 New Paltz
Feb 4	Superbowl LII party
Feb 13	Post Meeting 7pm
Feb 16	Sinking of USS Maine 1898
Feb 28	Liberation of Kuwait / Operation Desert Storm 1991



## THE DUGOUT DOINGS

### COMMANDER'S NOTES

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and an awesome New Year. The Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW had a great 2017 and we are continuing the momentum into 2018. We will stand behind the motto that "Nobody does more for Veterans than Veterans." and continue to push our agendas via VFW programs and The Yonkers City Post 1666 mission of assisting Veterans, their families, and being a Community Center for Americana. The beginning of November had the District Two Commander Ed Todd and Adjutant Pete Pennelle come to our monthly meeting and present The Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW with the All American Award. This is the second year in a row that Post 1666 earned this VFW top award. The same week we held a food drive at the Stop and Shop in Cross County Shopping Center. We received more than 1500 lbs of food that we donated to the Montrose Food Bank. Also collected was \$1160.00 that we donated to the Westchester County Food Bank. They in turn gave four dollars credit for each dollar that we donated to the Veterans food bank. A great job by Comrades John Palmeri, Joe Uzzi, Tom Hanley, Jean Paul Rodriguez, Harold D and Auxiliary President Mickey Von Glahn. We were also assisted By The City of Yonkers Central Committee of Veterans Organizations and Yonkers Boy Scout Troop 25. Thank you for all that you do. On November 13th, myself, Donald Murphy, Tom Hanley (Cont)



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### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Pres.	Mickey Von Glahn 914-476-6282
Sr. Vice	Niurka Costantini
Jr. Vice	Eve Beykirch
Treasurer	Alexandra Valentino
Secretary	Alexandra Valentino
Chaplin	Marie Wasicko
Conductor	Roy Emlet
Guard	Tom Feslet

### Service Officer Report

The Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) announced that it has awarded \$343 million in grants to 288 nonprofit organizations to help low-income veterans and their families. The grants were awarded under VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. "With these important grants, we are able to leverage the expertise of local experts to help our most ( cont. pg)





Comrades,  
I hope everyone had a nice holiday. But I must let you know there is a problem in the Post, There is a significant number of Annual members who have expired memberships Please check your cards and submit your Dues. There are several ways to make the payments. You can mail them in on the national along with the renewal reminder that was sent to you. You can send them into the Post with Your name, and I will renew you online. Or come to the next meeting and hand them to me. There are other options such as having annual dues automatically charged from an account. You can do this by creating an account in the VFW Online Membership System. Or think about a Life Membership Option. There are two ways to set that up: One is a one time payment which is based on an individuals age. The second is a Life Member Installment Plan. That's paid in 11 monthly installments after an initial payment of \$45.00. So Please, Membership is the lifeline of the VFW and of the Yonkers City Post. Get your dues in.

In Comradeship  
Jean Paul Rodriguez  
Post Quartermaster

(cont. pg.1) and Joe Uzzi represented the Post at The Westchester County Veterans Breakfast in Tarrytown. We had Several Members represent the Post at the City of Yonkers Veterans Day ceremony in Getty Square. Also myself and Joe Uzzi conducted "Veterans in the Classroom" at the Cedar Place School and The Riverfront High School respectively. Thanksgiving Day myself, Comrades Pat O'Mara and John Palmeri took our families to The Macys Thanksgiving Parade. We were provided breakfast and front row viewing at the Corner of 6th Ave and 42nd Street. All thanks to Post Service Officer Nancy Schiliro/ Beetstra. On November 26th, we invited Veterans from Montrose and Kingsbridge VA Hospitals to the Post and cooked them Thanksgiving dinner. This was a Thanksgiving dinner focusing on thanking our Veterans. Joe Knippel, cooked an incredible turkey and all the trimmings 12-course dinner. The turkey was donated by the Yorktown VFW Post. We paid for the rest of the food with Boddy Poppy Donations. Boy scouts from Troop 25 and Troop 29 along with Girl Scouts from Troop 1790 assisted our Post & Auxiliary Members with setting up, serving and cleaning up after. I have to say that Comrade Frank Matera did one incredible job cleaning in the kitchen. I also wish to thank Mahopac Post member Denine Smiddy who came down with her son and friends to assist. On December 3rd, The Annual Pearl Harbor Mass and Memorial Ceremony was held at the Post. Mnsgr. Thomas Shelly celebrated the Mass. Empire Post 375 VFW, Bajart Post 1122 American Legion and Bajart Post Auxiliary sent their Color Guards. There were more than one hundred people in attendance. The Civil Air Patrol Southeastern Group Honor Guard presented the Colors and sang the National Anthem. Pete Starach and Auxiliary member Larry Conley played the Bag Pipes. VFW Post 1666, VFW Post 1666 Auxiliary and Boy Scout Troop 25 all presented wreaths. Post 1666 VFW Rifle Squad also gave a Gun Salute. A great meal was had after prepared by June and Tom Hanley. On December 9th we had a party in The Dugout for the Army Navy Game. One heck of a great time. We had Veterans come in from as far as Louisiana, New Jersey, Staten Island and as far north as Orange and Sullivan Counties to come watch this great game. Terrible weather and bad outcome of the game, but great food cooked up by Joe Knippel and Tom Hanley.

Nominations for Post Officers, as per Sec. 217 of the Manual of Procedure, will be conducted at the March meeting and will be held open until the April meeting. The Election will be held April 10, at the monthly meeting. A combined, Post / Auxiliary Installation Dinner and Ceremony will be held in May. The order of nominations shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and Three Year Trustee. All Officers are elected for a term of one (1) year with the exception of the Three (3) year Trustee. We welcome all members to become engaged in the process and are looking forward for comrades to step up to the plate. The positions of Service Officer, Adjutant, Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Officer of the Day and Committee Chairman are appointed by the incoming Commander. We have a lot of work to do and a lot of positions to fill, so let's pull together and let's keep the momentum going.

Yours in Comradeship  
Jim McGovern  
Post 1666 "All American" Comander

### Message from the Adjutant:

NEW WEBSITE ON LINE: We have a new website which was offered through National. The layout is consistent with Department of New York's and other Posts, Districts and Departments that have opted to use this service. On the site you will find Post, Department and National news as well as links to other information that may be of interest to you. We will continue to update the site and personalize it for the Post. Our meeting minutes and newsletter are also posted on the site. There is also a link to our Facebook page. The photo gallery will be expanded as we post pictures of Post events and happenings of interest. If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this more meaningful to our membership and potential members, please let Commander Jim McGovern or Post Adjutant Rick Beetstra know. There is a member's only section that you can access by using your last name as user name and your membership number as your password. You will be able to change your password once you log on. Check us out at [www.vfw1666.org](http://www.vfw1666.org)

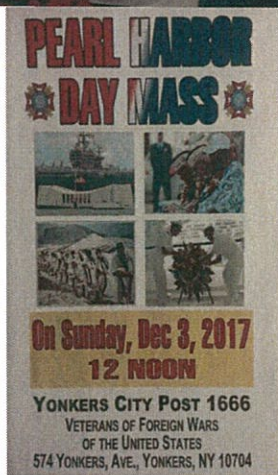
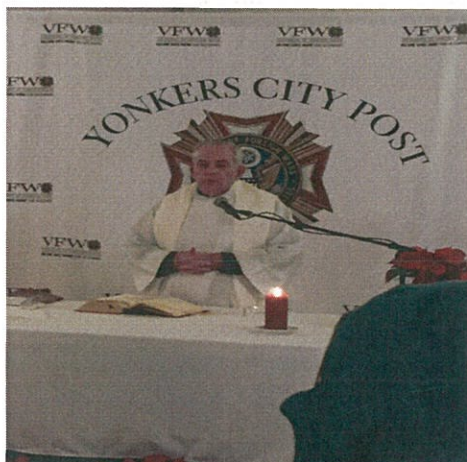
Best Regards  
Rick Beetstra  
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# Thanksgiving Dinner Thanking Our Vets



# Pearl Harbor Remembrance Mass





(Cont. Service Officer Report from pg1) “economically vulnerable Veterans avoid or exit homelessness,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “This is another VA program that moves at-risk Veterans toward housing and independence.”

SSVF funding, which supports outreach, case management and other flexible assistance to rapidly re-house Veterans who become homeless or to prevent Veterans from becoming homeless, was awarded to organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

SSVF served more than 148,800 participants, including approximately 95,300 Veterans and 31,950 children in fiscal year 2016. As a result of these and other efforts, Veteran homelessness is down significantly since 2010.

In addition, approximately 360,000 Veterans and their family members have been permanently housed, rapidly re-housed or prevented from falling into homelessness as a result of VA’s homelessness programs and targeted housing vouchers through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Today’s recipients competed successfully for grants under a Dec. 7, 2016, Notice of Fund Availability. The funding will support SSVF services in fiscal 2018.

WASHINGTON — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released findings from its analysis of Veteran suicide data for 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The release is part of VA’s comprehensive examination of more than 55 million records, from 1979 to 2014, which will be used to develop and evaluate suicide prevention programs across every state.

The new data include Veteran suicide rates and overall suicide rates by state, age group, and gender and list the most common suicide methods. Analysis of this information will help VA’s Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention gain insight into high-risk populations and share that information with community-based health care providers and partners, continuing to expand the network of support for Veterans.

Among VA findings:

- Findings show there is variability across the nation in the rates and numbers of deaths by suicide among Veterans. Overall, the Veteran rates mirror those of the general population in the geographic region, with the highest rates in Western states. While we see higher rates of suicide in some states with smaller populations, most Veteran suicides are still in the heaviest populated areas.
- The suicide rate among middle-age and older adult Veterans remains high. In 2014, approximately 65 percent of all Veterans who died by suicide were age 50 or older.
- After adjusting for differences in age and sex, risk for suicide was 22 percent higher among Veterans when compared to U.S. non-Veteran adults. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 19 percent higher among male Veterans when compared to U.S. non-Veteran adult men. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 2.5 times higher among female Veterans when compared to U.S. non-Veteran adult women.

“These findings are deeply concerning, which is why I made suicide prevention my top clinical priority,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “I am committed to reducing Veteran suicides through support and education. We know that of the 20 suicides a day that we reported last year, 14 are not under VA care. This is a national public health issue that requires a concerted, national approach.”

Veterans who are in crisis or having thoughts of suicide, and those who know a Veteran in crisis, can call the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call 800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat), or text to 838255



Nancy Schiliro-Beetstra  
Post 1666 Service Officer

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# Happy Birthday to



## December

Gene Boyett  
 Roy Emlet  
 Vincent V Fealy  
 Mathew Gulliver  
 Stanley P.King  
 Michael J. Kreso  
 Daniel J. Lopez  
 Gregory P. Mahon  
 Richard D Maturro  
 Frank Matera  
 Shawn Martin  
 John J. McGrath Jr  
 Andrian Mendez  
 John J. Miller  
 Robert V. Mulcahey  
 Michael E. O'Leary  
 James T. O'Neill  
 Theodore Perich  
 William Troy  
 Steven Santiago  
 Nancy Schiliro  
 Helen Sweeney

## January

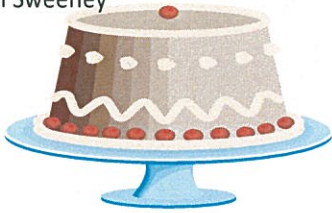
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 Richard M. Callahan  
 Sebastian Cocozza  
 Sabbatino J. DeLango  
 John D'Amato  
 Patrick H. Farrell  
 Oswald Greco  
 Charles Holodak  
 Frank E. Kazimir  
 Kathryn King  
 William R. Korwatch  
 Edward Kisnak  
 Brian K. Moran  
 Lawrence Pastula  
 Charles E. Primeau  
 Cesar A. Rivera  
 James H. Roberts III  
 Anthony Spagnolo  
 James J. Stewart  
 Joseph A. Villardi  
 Russ VonGlahn  
 Edward J, Yurus Sr.

## February

William J. Browne  
 William J. Connery  
 Anthony DaPolito  
 James G. Holodak  
 Edwin Idzkowski  
 Rudy J Pulik  
 Robert G. Sampson  
 Kenneth E. Spatta  
 Remy M. Susini  
 James F. Wall

## March

Ralph Amato  
 Michael R. Burlingham  
 Patrick F. Cavanaugh  
 Bryan Collins  
 Frank C. Cirrillo  
 Angelo Del Costello  
 Anthony DiMaggio  
 Thomas Donegan  
 John K. Dorerty  
 Gene P. Egiziaco  
 Joseph F. Fay  
 Arthur Ianora  
 John Jennings  
 Andy J. Picone  
 Edward Pollick  
 Kyle L. Sutton



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone had Happy and healthy holidays. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous year for 2018. I received an e-mail from National headquarters about our membership cards for 2018. Due to some problems with the new Malta system , continuous member cards will be going out to.all who have paid their dues for 2018 You can use your 2017 card until you get your new card..

October 28TH We had a Halloween party , and prizes were given for best costume and the cupcake (Marie Wascizko ) won the grand prize . A good time was had by all. November 26th. the post sponsored aTurkey dinner for 47 patients from Montrose and I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members and the Boy Scouts who helped make it pleasant for our Veterans. They really enjoyed spending the time with us.

January 28th. there will be a district 2 meeting. I would like to have Auxiliary members other than me attend. if at all possible.. All reports that are necessary have been sent to the department Chairman.

Keep the Faith,  
 Mickey

## Welcome New Memebers

Gene Boyett - US Navy Vietnam  
 Brendon Caoili - US Air Force Op. Inherent Resolve  
 Anthony Dapolito- US Army Bosnia/ Kosovo  
 Lorenzo Digansante - US Army Korean Service  
 Theresa Gottron -US Army Inherent Resolve (Iraq)  
 Mathew Gulliver- US Army Desert Storm and Afgh.  
 Kathryn King- US Navy Iraqi Freedom  
 William Landers - US Navy Navy Expeditionary  
 Robert Macias-US Air Force Afghanistan  
 Richard Polidoro- US Navy Iraqi Freedom  
 Shawn Martin- US Army Iraqi Freedom  
 Michael Strobel- US Navy Lebanon 1981, Kuwait 07  
 Tomlin Tom - US Army Iraq and Afghanistan  
 John Zatkovich - US Navy (G.W.O.T) Expeditionary

Get well Soon



## Sick bay



Comrade Joe Battista (P.P.C.)  
 and  
 Comrade Robert V. Mulchey

## In Memoriam

Draping of the Charter  
 Our condolences to the families  
 of  
 Stanley "Red" Golabek  
 and  
 George C. Puente





# Army/Navy Game December 9, 2017

**COME WATCH THE  
ARMY / NAVY GAME  
WITH US**  
On Saturday, Dec 9, 2017  
Game Time 3pm  
Pre-Game Begins at 1pm

**\$20 per person in Advance  
or \$25 at the Door  
Beer, Wine & Food**

**YONKERS CITY POST 1666**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
574 YONKERS, AVE., YONKERS, NY 10704  
SIGN-UP AT THE POST OR CALL JOE MAYDWELL  
AT (845) 558-4407



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## Food Drive for Montose



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## New Year's Eve Party





# Veterans of Foreign Wars

Yonkers City Post 1666

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## SUPER **52** BOWL

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 4th, 2018

IN THE DUG-OUT

Starting  
at  
6pm  
Game  
Time  
6:30pm



**Tickets \$20.00 per person**

But if you are in the 100 POINT POOL  
ticket is already included



**SIGN UP SHEET  
IN THE DUG-OUT**

**Draft Beer • Wine • Sodas  
Sausage & Peppers  
Buffalo Wings • Shepherd's Pie  
Sandwiches • Chili and Dogs  
Salads • Pasta**