

YONKERS CITY POST 1666 VFW



March-April 2017
NEXT MEETINGS:
May 9TH @ 7 PM



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 @VFWPOST1666

THE DUGOUT DOINGS

574 YONKERS AVE
 YONKERS, NY 10704
 914 375 1499

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Jim McGovern
Senior Vice	John Ferguson
Junior Vice	Joe Hanley
Quatermaster	John Palmeri
Chaplain	Jim O'Neill
Advocate	Francisco Vargas
Surgeon	Jim O'Neill
1 yr Trustee	Paul O'Brien
2 yr Trustee	Jeffrey Felenchak
3 yr Trustee	Donald Murphy
Adjutant	Richard Beetstra
Service Officer	Nancy Schiliro



April 21-22 Dept of NY Spring Conference, Albany
 May 1st Loyalty Day
 May 6th Decoration of graves St. Joseph's Cemetery
 May 9th Post Meeting
 May 12 7pm Post and Auxiliary installation dinner and ceremony
 May 29 Memorial Day
 9am City of Yonkers Ceremony
 1pm VFW Post 1666 Ceremony
 May 30 6pm Yonkers Memorial day Parade on McClean Ave, Meet at Post 1666 at 5pm

COMMANDER'S NOTES

Comrades, since the last correspondence, we held a couple of events and were involved in several Post related activities. The Super Bowl Party went fantastically well. Comrades Tom Hanley and John Zajack did the cooking and Auxillary Secretary Sandy Valentino bartended. The Dugout was packed and all had a great time. The raffle drawings alone acquired over \$4000 in donations that the Post added to our VFW Programs fund. The Grand prize winner for the vacation was the Manager from Carlos Restaurant, he took his family to Disney World. The second prize, 40 inch television was won by a Yonkers Fire Dept. Lieutenant and the I-Pod touch was won by Comrade "Ranger Phil's" daughter, Cindy. Somebody needs to talk to her about joining the Auxillary. Once again a giant "Thank You" goes out to Comrade Kathy Nadal for the generous donations. And to all that made the Party a huge success. On March 18th the Post had a contingent in the McLean Ave St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were joined by the Boy Scouts from Toop 25, they marched with us, behind our banner and under our Flags. A Party was held afterwards at the Post. Tommy Hanley did a great job with the Corned beef and Cabbage.

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Aux President	Mickey Von Glahn
	914-476-6282
Sr. Vice	Carol Salat
Jr. Vice.	Niurka Costantini
Treasurer	Veronica Angelovich
Secretary	Alexandra Valentino
Chaplin	Marie Wasiczko
Conductor	Roy Emlet
Guard	Tom Fesel

Service Officer Report

In September 2014 Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel signed a directive ordering the Army, Navy, and Air Force to implement supplemental guidance involving discharge upgrade applications relating to PTSD. The directive could affect upward of eighty thousand Vietnam Veterans with PTSD who have other-than honorable discharges. Outreach to veterans from other wars still needs to be accomplished. Most veterans are cont. pg 2



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unaware that they can apply to the Board of Corrections of Military Records for upgrades. VA will continue to seek the repeal of P.L.99- 126 regarding the Carter administration's special discharge upgrade program. We are working toward having other-than-fully honorable discharges replaced with certificates of service.

VA fixes Veterans Crisis Line - WASHINGTON — In response to the recently released VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) report that reviewed processes from June 6 through Dec. 15, 2016, of the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL), the Department of Veterans Affairs released the following statement: The Department of Veterans Affairs is proud to announce that the challenges with the Veterans Crisis Line have been resolved. Prior to the opening of our new Atlanta call center, our call rollover rate often exceeded 30 percent. Our current call rollover rate is less than 1 percent, with over 99 percent of all calls being answered by the VCL.

Service officer
Nancy Shirilo

(cont. pg.1) said, and I thought the Shepherds pie I cooked was not half bad. Hanley said differently though, we can never make him happy. The Yonkers Fire Department Pipes and Drums came by and played a few sets, they were awesome. On what the Post does for Veterans: We were contacted by the VFW National and under the UnMet Needs Program we were requested to locate a homeless Army Veteran with PTSD who was living on the streets of the Bronx. We located the Veteran and provided him with food, clothing and financial aid. We then assisted the Veteran with finding housing. Very little, if not any, assistance was afforded us by the government agencies that are in place and supposed to assist these veterans. We were able to secure a vehicle for another Veteran, a young Marine who was down on hard tiimes. I have to say "Thanks" to State Commander Sullivan for all of his assistance with this matter. We met up with a third veteran, a Navy Vet who who is physically in a bad way. Within the next few weeks we are going to give him a helping hand with some work that he needs with his apartment. Yonkers City Post 1666 firmly stands behind our Statement: "No One Does More for Veterans"

Yours in Comradeship
Jim McGovern
Post 1666 Comander



Congratulations

to the Line Officers and Members of

The Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW

for



Dept of New York
ALL-STATE Award
2015-2016

VFW National
ALL-AMERICAN Award
2015-2016

Message from the Adjutant:

Comrades,

We will be setting our clocks foward an hour on March 12, 2017 as the Spring season is upon us. The extra hour of daylight should provide us with that time we have been looking for to do those extras that we have had difficulty finding time to do.

I would like to remind you of the mission of the VFW members. We qualify because we served in a war. Whether you were on the front lines or the rear, it was a team effort that got the mission completed. Now as we volunteer in our post, we must continue as a team to complete our mission to serve our veterans in need. We can only be successful if we work together. Membership has always been our Departments biggest concern and our greatest effort required that got the mission completed. We must all work together on membership and bring the young returning veterans into our post. If each VFW member brought in only one member per year, we would be a thriving organization. Comrades, why wait for the membership team to call you. Let's call the Membership team and ask them what we can do to bring up our membership numbers.

We have made a commitment to all the members of Post 1666, that we will do everything possible to support you and all the veterans we are here to serve. One of the most important pieces to accomplish this is to have good communications.

Best Regards
Rick Beetstra
Email: rickbeetstra@gmail.com
Cell: 631-418-6731

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Yonkers City Post 1666

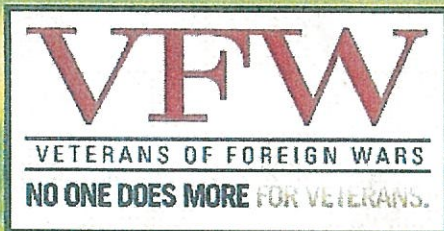
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2017 Memorial Day Remembrance Golf Outing 22nd of May, 2017

Sprain Lake Golf Course

290 E. Grassy Sprain Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 914-375-1499

VFW Post 1666
Yonkers City Post
574 Yonkers Avenue
(914) 375-1499

**2017 MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBRANCE
GOLF OUTING**

Sprain Lake Golf-Course
290 E. Grassy Sprain Rd.
Yonkers, NY 10710

- Shot Gun Start 8am
- Check-in 7am
- Breakfast (Continental Spread)

**Barbeque, Raffle and
Silent Auction
to follow at Post 1666
574 Yonkers Avenue
Start Time 2pm**



VFW

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

Golf Format: Scramble

Individual Golfer \$130.00
Foursome \$400.00
Non Golfer Including BBQ at Post \$ 30.00
50/50 Raffle Ticket \$ 50.00

Name _____

Business _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

RSVP By May 12, 2017

Make Check Payable to:
Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW
574 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

Sponsors

Hole Sponsor \$130 per Hole
Hole Flag with Special Recognition
on Sponsor Board

Gold Sponsor \$300 per Hole
Hole Flag, Green Sign Board with
Special Recognition on Sponsor
Board

Premium Sponsor \$600 per Hole
Large Sign with company Logo &
your Advertising Message, Hole
Flag, Green Sign Board w/ Special
Recognition on Sponsor Board



Election Results for 2017-2018 Post and Auxiliary

Commander: Jim McGovern
Senior Vice : John Furguson
Junior Vice: Jim Holodak
Quartermaster: Jean Paul Rodriguez
Chaplin: Jim O'Niell
Judge Advocate: John Palmeri
Surgeon: Jim O'Niell
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Congradulations to All and do great work.



Quartermaster's Report

Happy spring comrades,

It looks like winter is finally behind us and summer is just around the corner.

For those Veterans who are unaware of the VA loan program please read the following information that will help speed along the process.

Any Veteran who wants to use their VA loan guaranty benefit must have a Certificate of Eligibility(COE). The Veteran's lender needs the COE in order to have the loan guaranty insured.

Current process: There are three ways to apply for a COE

1. The easiest and quickest is to apply through eBenefits. It takes just a few minutes and generally can be printed out by the Veteran
2. Alternatively and equally simple, the Veteran's lender can gather the required information and apply electronically through a VA hosted loan guaranty website.
3. Last option (if the first two are not possible) is for the Veteran to complete and sign a paper application, then mail it by U.S. Post to their Regional Loan Center of jurisdiction.

See the following link for more information.

<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-26-1880-ARE.pdf>

Please check your membership cards for expiration and consider a lifetime membership. Payment plans are available.

John Palmeri
Quartermaster

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Mayor Mike Spano
City Council President Liam J. McLaughlin
Yonkers City Council
Yonkers Department of Veterans Services
and the Charles N. Bajart Jr. American Legion Post
present the

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Tuesday, May 30, 2017 ★ 6 PM
McLean Avenue

ROUTE

Stillwell Park to Bajart Post
1018 McLean Avenue to 840 McLean Avenue

CEREMONY

Charles N. Bajart American Legion Post 1122
840 McLean Avenue

For more information
914.377.6700 ★ YonkersNY.gov

Happy birthday to



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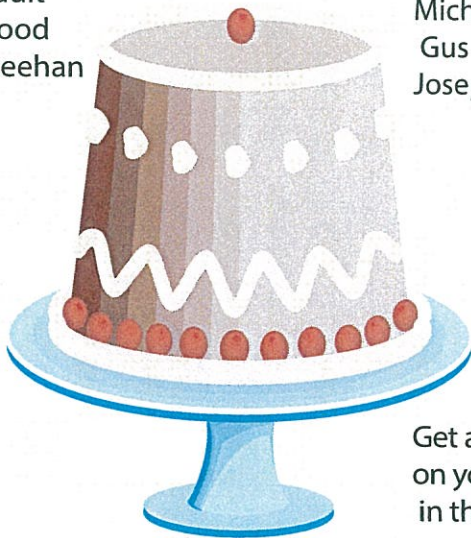
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 Paul Denault
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 Eamon Meehan

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John D'Amato
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 Gerald L. Berman
 Ignatius Palmeri
 Fred Pierorazio
 James Linkowski
 John F. Moynihan
 Larry Weisman

JUNE

Francis Alix
 Ralph Amato
 John "Red" Puchir
 Gilbert Rabin
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 James Penny
 George Puente
 Peter Romanchik
 William Thompson
 John B. York
 Michael Starro
 Gus Gomez
 Joseph Gottlieb



Get a Free Drink
 on your Birthday
 in the DugOut

President's Message

I recently returned from the Spring conference. I brought home a certificate for Auxiliary, for an Auxiliary in good working order. We have credit in every program the Department Auxiliary participates in. We will have elections at our April meeting. Please make every effort to attend, as we will be electing new officers at this meeting. We offer our condolences to Jeff Felenchak on the loss of our member Marge Felenchak. The Auxiliary had services for Marge when I was at the Spring conference. we also offer condolences to the families of member Helen Carroll which I learned she passed in January while I was at the conference, and Carol Salat on the loss of her husband Walter on Sunday March 12. Feb. 17th we made sandwiches for patients for hospitalized veterans week. Making sandwiches were: Marie Wasiczko, her Boy Scout son Andrew, Al DeFeo and myself. Along with the sandwiches, we served bags of snacks, soda and cookies. Eleanor Olszewski met us at the hospital and helped serve. I would like to thank Roy Emler for picking up the soda and water and our Commander Jim for picking up the cold cuts. The patients really enjoyed it. Each patient that was there shook hands with each of us and thanked us for caring about them. Every other Tuesday Eleanor and Mickey do the coffee cart. I make and write birthday cards for all patients on a monthly basis. We have plans for several events which we will put in future newsletters
 Keep the Faith, God Bless America
 Pray for our men and women serving our country.

Loyally
 Mickey Von Glahn
 President

Welcome New Memebers

Anthony Fico-U.S.M.C
 Global War on Terror Expeditionary
Fred Furey -U.S.M.C Beirut,
 Marine Expeditionary
Justin Santinelli -U.S. Army
 Operation Iraqi Freedom
James O'Connell - U.S. Army
 Afganistan
Patrick O'Maera -U.S.M.C.
 Desert Shield/ Desert Storm



Get well Soon
 Comrade Joe Battista (P.P.C.)
 Comrade Robert V. Mulchey
 and
 Comrade Stephan Byrwa

In Memoriam

Draping of the Charter
 Our condolences to the families

Marge Felenchak