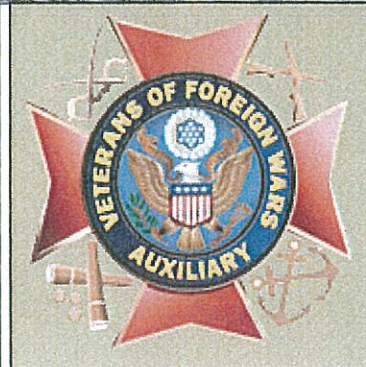


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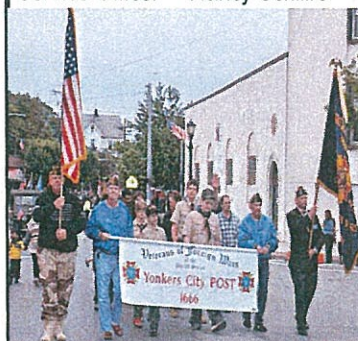
May-June 2017
NEXT MEETINGS:
July 11TH @ 7 PM
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THE DUGOUT DOINGS

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Jim McGovern
Senior Vice	John Ferguson
Junior Vice	Jim Holodak
Quatermaster	Jean Paul Rodriguez
Chaplain	Jim O'Neill
Advocate	John Palmeri
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

July 4th	Independence Day
July 27	Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953
August 8	Post meeting
August 31	End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010
Sept. 2 -	VJ Day Japan surrendered ending World War Two fighting
Sept 11	Patriot's Day
Sept 12	- Post meeting
Sept.15	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept 16	Italian Night Dinner at the Post

COMMANDER'S NOTES

Comrades, Thank You for having the confidence in me and reelecting me to Commander for the year 2017-2018: I wish to say Great Job to the off going Line Officers and Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Officers. The last year was fantastic and with your leadership The Yonkers City Post 1666 will continue to thrive and grow. May and June were just a world-wind of events. May 6, Sr Vice Ferguson lead a cadre at St Joseph's cemetery decorating the graves with flags. Myself, Judge Advocate Palmeri and Comrade Tom Hanley attended the District 2 meeting in New Paltz. The next day we assisted Boy Scout Troop 25 with a tag sale at the Post to assist them in attending the National Jamboree in July in West Virginia. May 12th we held a joint Post and Auxiliary Installation ceremony and dinner. Past State Commander Karl Rohde and past State Auxiliary President Irene Rohde were the Installation Officers. Comrade Charlie Holodak stepped up to the plate and hit it out of the park. The original cook had to be admitted to the hospital with chest pains during the week and Charlie took what he had purchased, his recipes, and produced one of the finest meals I have ever eaten. Great Job. We gave out awards, ate and all had a terrific time. (Cont.)

Aux President
 Mickey Von Glahn
 914-476-6282

Sr. Vice	Niurka Costantini
Jr. Vice.	Eve Beykirch
Treasurer	Alexandra Valentino
Secretary	Alexandra Valentino
Chaplin	Marie Wasiczko
Conductor	Roy Emlet
Guard	Tom Fesel

Service Officer Report

-The U.S. Department Veterans Affairs (VA) and Veterans Matter — a program that provides security deposits to homeless Veterans in 14 states and the District of Columbia — today announced that, through their joint efforts, they have helped 1,500 Veterans exit homelessness and move into permanent housing.

Veterans Matter, supported by John Mellencamp, Dusty Hill,
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 NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Service Officer (cont. pg.1)

Katy Perry, Kid Rock and many others in the entertainment industry, was established in 2012 by the Toledo, Ohio-based nonprofit 1Matters.org, and focuses exclusively on providing security deposits to homeless Veterans who qualify for rental subsidies from the joint U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. In providing these security deposits, Veterans Matter removes a major barrier to securing stable housing for homeless Veterans.

Service officer
Nancy Shirilo-Beetstra



(cont. pg.1) The Auxiliary held a Tag Sale the following Sunday. On May 22nd we held our Memorial Day remembrance golf outing at the Sprain Lake Golf Course. The weather did not cooperate but all had a great time and a great round of golf. It was awesome to see Jim Holodak out there. The food and the party back at the Post was incredible. Thanks to all the hard work from the golf committee with a special thanks to Comrades Joe Maydwell, Ranger Phil and Aux. Treasurer Sandy Valentino. On May 24 Comrade Francisco Perez, Judge Advocate John Palmeri and Jr Vice Commander Jim Holodak went to the Empress Ambulance recognition Ceremony and Dinner and presented them with awards. On Memorial Day we held a very well attended and very solemn ceremony at the Post. The following Day we marched in the Yonkers McLean Ave Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to Tom Hanley and John Palmeri for securing the antique military vehicles. On June 16th we presented Post 1666 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pens citations, scholarship checks and medals, we then presented Civil Air Patrol Officer and NCO Certificates and medals to awardees of Civil Air Patrol Lt. Anthony L. Willsea Cadet Squadron. Over the weekend of June 10th, we attended the Department of New York State Convention in Albany. The Yonkers City Post 1666 was recognized as "All State Post" for 2016-2017, and we received the 2016-2017 "National Recognition Award" for outstanding community activities and contributions. Great job done by all of you ! On June 22nd we worked in conjunction with W.J. Boyd Council of the Knights of Columbus and the NY Blood Center. We held a very succesful Blood Drive at the Post. Thank You to all who participated and all who helped. At the end of the month the Auxiliary ran a barbeque at the Montrose Veterans Hospital. Great job done by all. In the next year the Yonkers City Post is going to continue to grow and suport our primary mission of taking care of Veterans and their families. We will be ensuring that VFW Post 1666 is the Community Center of Americana and Patriotism. We will be building our youth services such as supporting Scouting, youth shooting sports and recognizing exemplary American youth. All of this will be done via the V.F.W. Programs. This is your Post. Your Veterans of Foreign Wars. Please come out and become engaged. For the Comrades that can not, Please contact us so that we can become engaged in your wellbeing.

Yours in Comradeship
Jim McGovern
Post 1666 Comander

Message from the Adjutant:

Comrades,

We finished another exciting VFW calendar year and I want to thank all Post Comrade and Auxiliary members who made it possible. As we move into the next year, I would like to welcome the new elected 2017/2018 Post Officers who will start their positions after the Department Convention.

We hope to have a successful year and do great things for the Post and our Veterans. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all the hard work they did this past year. I would like to take this time to thank all my line officers and chairman for your support and hard work this last year. I am so proud of all of you. To the membership- I thank you for your support and remember, this is your Post- the officers are here to do what you want them to do. So come to the membership meetings and let your voices be heard. We as officers can only do what them to do what the vote of the comrades tells us to do. Our job is to follow th By-laws and make sure we are moving in the direction to help our veterans.



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

Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW

Community Service, Scholarships and Awards

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition



Post 1st Place Awardee Amanda Prechtl.



2ND Place Awardee Angelina Zervos

Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest

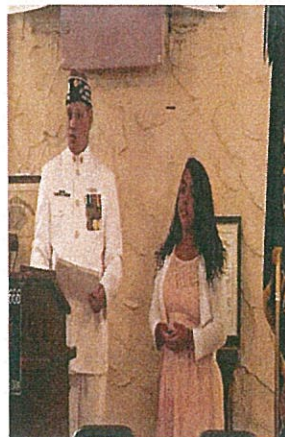
Post 1st Place

Post 2nd Place

Post 3rd Place



Clair Cregin



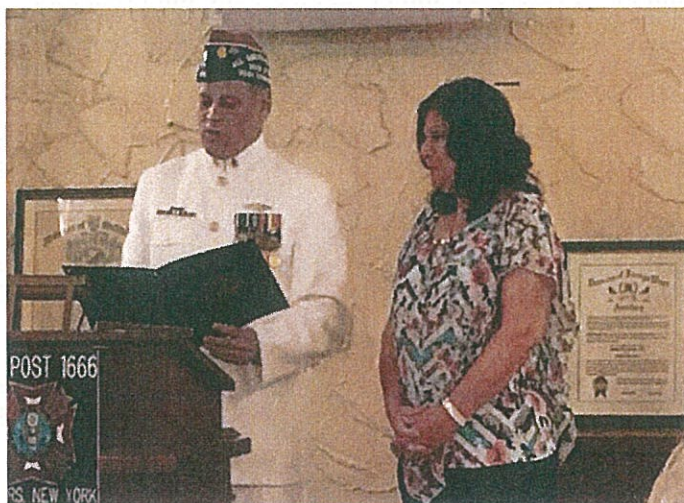
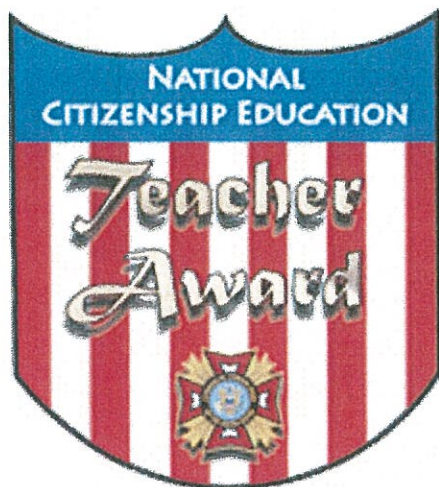
Sharlen Sanchez



Chaivy Rivera

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teachers Award

Post Winner Marie Ciccimara



Civil Air Patrol Recognition Award



Civil Air Patrol Lt Antony L. Wilsea Cadet Squadron

Cadet SMSgt Timothy Brosnan C/CMSgt Danial Walsh Cadet 2nd Lt Juilian Tabb
presented by Post 1666 Commander Jim McGovern with NCO and Officer Medals and Citation

Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW 2017 Paramedic Award Winners



Lt Briones and Paramedic Sean O'Brien from Empress Ambulance

Comrade Francisco Perez, Quartermaster John Palmeri, Senior Vice Commander John Ferguson and Junior Vice Commander Jim Holodak at Empress Ambulance Recognition Ceremony and Dinner, They presented Empress Ambulance Service with Post 1666 Award in recognition of their Exemplary Service to Humanity by Administering Emergency Medical Assistance



Happy birthday to



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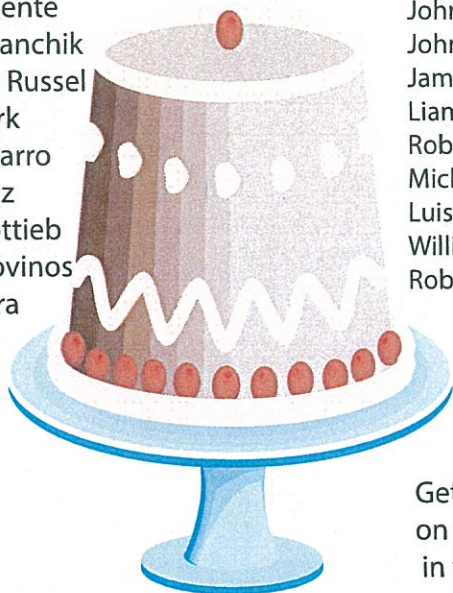
Francis Alix
Ralph Amato
Timothy Dunlap
Joseph Maydwell
John "Red" Puchir
Gilbert Rabin
Elliott Palais
James Penny
George Puente
Peter Romanchik
Matthew J Russel
John B. York
Michael Starro
Gus Gomez
Joseph Gottieb
Noel Valdovinos
Daniel Viera

JULY

Michael Clapper
Richard Keckler
Jeff Felenchak
Paul Hamill
William Steiple
Thomas Tarricone
James Stroh
Joseph Uzzi

AUGUST

Frederick Charamie
Stanley Golabak
Russ Ehmke
Gerald Hickey
Eugene Lobbe
Nicholas Romano
Walter S. Higham
Frank R. Lavaia
Martin J. Lavelle
John C. Maliszewski
John W. McElroy
James O'Leary
Liam Perry
Robert A. Roberge
Micheal Santasieri
Luis Tedone
William R. Whalen
Robert Villaneuva



Get a Free Drink
on your Birthday
in the DugOut

President's Message

We are beginning a new year for the Auxiliary, I recently went to the State Convention from June 7th -June 11th. I am proud to say I brought home 4 certificates for the Auxilliary, 1 for health and happiness donation to the V.F.W. National home for children . 1 for Cancer aid and research grant ticket fund 1 for our membership award. 1 Circle of excellence for the Auxiliary's participation in all the National Programs requirement.

June 24th. The Auxiliary sponsored a picnic for the patients at Montrose V.A. Hospital We served approximately 80 patients. It was well appreciated by the veterans.

I would like to thank all the Auxiliary sisters who helped make this picnic a success. they are Sandy Valentino, Marie Wasiczko and her Boy Scout son Anthony, a newest member

Marie Cassimarra and her daughter Robin, Sylvia Reid and Pennie Felton from Mt. Vernon Auxiliary 6396 and myself. I would also like to thank our Commander Jim for his donations to make it a success. The total cost of the picnic was \$485.00 We are planning several occasions in the coming year. 1st big one is our Italian night in Sept. More information will follow at a later date.



Keep the faith,
God Bless America
Pray for our men
and women serving
our country.

Loyally
Mickey Von Glahn
President

Welcome New Members

Michael Lacombe- US Army, Global
War on Terrorism Expeditionary/Korea
Defense

and

Tomlin Tom- US Army, Afganistan and
Iraq Veteran



Sick bay



Get well Soon

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

In Memoriam

Draping of the Charter
Our condolences to the families
of

Stephan Byrwa
and
Bruce Ranallo

Judge Advocate

Comrades,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice warm weather. I would like to thank everyone that participated in last Months Memorial day parade on Mclean Avenue. Post members, Family, Friends and Scouts. We had a Great turnout. Lets make the next parade even better marching with our Yonkers City Post 1666 banner.

Please take a look at your membership cards for expiration, and renew if your are due. Also consider a life membership. The VFW has a payment plan.

Have a Great Summer.

John Palmeri



Aux treasurer

On Saturday, June 24, 2017 the Auxiliary had the honor of hosting a BBQ for some of our Veterans at the Montrose VA. A chance to get to say thank you to these men for their service. The BBQ was just a small way for the ladies of the VFW Auxiliary to do this. We also brought a young volunteer with us, a young Boy Scout who enjoyed the day with these great guys. While we set up he played football with the guys in the field. The ladies of the Auxiliary cooked and served these gentlemen a nice lunch. We thanked them for their service while they thanked us for a nice afternoon. All and all it was a nice day with the Heroes of our country It's a great feeling to see the faces of our Vets enjoying the food and company.

We were able to sit and have some great conversations, you could see that just for a few hours the problems these gentlemen have where put aside and they were able to smile and laugh in an environment that was nonjudgmental.

One of our Auxiliary members brought her son, he is a Boy Scout. Please see his comments of the event below.

Anthony Wasiczko:

I liked going to see the guys they were nice to me. Some told me how they started by being Boy Scouts themselves and that it helped them by remembering the things they learned, like how to use a compass or to tell what poison ivy looks like. I played football with a few in the field while they waited for lunch. One man said how he was in the Air Force and he told me some of the places he had seen. Another said he was in Vietnam and even though he was scared and saw somethings he didn't want to talk about he was thankful so seeing some of the beauty in the country. He also said he had made some friends (other soldiers) that he will never forget. He said the military is like a big family that they all watch each other's back. He said he was glad to meet me and that I should come back again to visit. I said I would like that and that this was my second time coming up and meeting everyone. I am grateful for these guys for what they did for us. I told them about my own family all being in different parts of the military and how my brother is leaving for the Army soon. I learned a lot from these guys and I really want to visit them again.

These Men and Woman have been through so much to defend this wonderful country of ours. We should be doing so much more to help them adjust after all they have been through.

Please Join The
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 **AUXILIARY** 
OF YONKERS CITY POST 1666

for our
Italian Night

Saturday, September 16th, 2017
from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at
574 Yonkers Avenue • Yonkers, NY

Homemade Italian Cuisine

Tap Beer, Wine and Soda are included

Tickets \$25 per person if purchased before Sept. 8th
\$30 per person at the door

D.J., Raffle & 50/50