

ROBERT I. NICKERSON

AMERICAN LEGION • POST 382 • SQUANTUM, MASS.



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Season's Greetings Members! We have had a great fall season, including a large showing at our clambake, hosting a Blood Drive, a great Son's golf tournament and some pretty big crowds at the weekly football games. Your post also hosted an award ceremony with the U.S Navy Reserve where we welcomed home one our local sailors returning from active duty. With the holidays upon us we are hosting a number of events including the Turkey Trot, Wreaths Across America, Pearl Harbor Day, the Army Navy Game and of course our annual Christmas party. We will also participate with the U.S. Marine Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign and will cheer on the Patriots through the playoffs. We have some great ideas for upcoming events including joint activities with local guard and reserve units, history tours of local sites and sponsoring charity events for our community. We encourage everyone to participate in these events and welcome your input. Please visit our website or stop by and check the bulletin post for further details.



Army Beat Navy!, John Diggins

Post Meetings

December -----
Trustees.....Monday, December 2, 6:30
Members.....Monday, December 2, 7:00
E-BoardMonday, November 25, 7:00
January -----
Trustees.....Monday, January 6, 6:30
Members.....Monday, January 6, 7:00
E-BoardMonday, December 30, 7:00
February -----
Trustees.....Monday, February 3, 6:30
Members.....Monday, February 3, 7:00
E-BoardMonday, January 27, 7:00

All regular members are welcome to attend members meetings

Post Hours

Sunday12 P.M to 12 P.M.
Monday3 P.M to 11 P.M.
Tuesday3 P.M to 11 P.M.
Wednesday3 P.M to 11 P.M.
Thursday3 P.M to 11 P.M.
Friday3 P.M to 12 P.M.
Saturday12 P.M to 12 P.M.

KENO ends 30 min. prior to closing each night

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Our hall is a great place for smaller functions and is here for the members and their friends.

This will allow us to keep a close watch on who's renting, The hall rental price is \$350 for members w/bartender. Please sign in all guests! The guest book is under Schwarzkopf's picture.

Turkey Trot!

Please stop by the Post on Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 2019 for the annual running of the Turkey Trot! Registration at 8:30am, Start 9:00am



American Legion Scholarship Program



Every year the post gives out two \$1000 scholarships to local students. We are trying to raise more money and give out more scholarships. If you would like to contribute to our scholarships fund please send a check to the post payable to the Robert I. Nickerson Post 382. We present the scholarships in June at our annual installation.

Join us on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 3pm for the 120th Army-Navy Game. Wear your gear and enjoy FREE pizza and celebrate one of the nations oldest football rivalries.
HOO-RAH!!



DUES!

All A.L. Members dues are past due at this time. Money collected goes toward a great many things that keep our Post up to date. Please mail your dues in as soon as possible so we can get you your new cards. Dues are due by January 2, 2020. Our goal is to have 100% paid by the first checkpoint of January 1st.



WANTED

PHOTOGRAPHER

To take pictures at Post functions and activities. Pictures to be suitable for posting on social media, sent for Public Relations and printed out for framing.

Email Paul: pprefontaine15@gmail.com

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BRAVO ZULU

....to everyone who worked on the new furnace, especially:

- Chris Gorman • Mark Hastings
- Mike Norris • Mike Kowlick



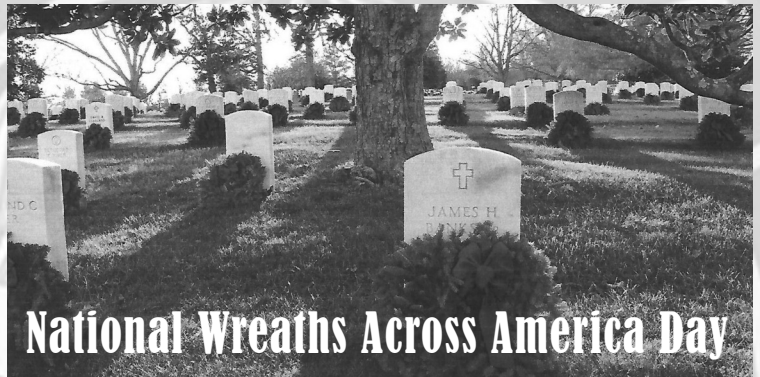
SICK BAY

At the the time we went to press, we are happy to report that there were no serious illnesses, injuries or even just plain old heartburn from a "Spicy Meatball", amongst the rank and file of our Post. If you have not done so, be advised that Cold & Flu season is upon us. Go get your shot!

CONDOLENCES

We lost four Brothers and one Sister of the Post. May they rest in peace.

- William Doherty (Jim Doherty's Dad)
- Johnny O'Driscoll (Member of Quincy Fire Department)
- Rance Gillespie Jr.
- Kathy Paolucci (FOF Member)
- Joseph Feeney (Veteran Member)



National Wreaths Across America Day

December 14, 2019

Once again the Post is coordinating with the Quincy Veterans Council in the Wreaths Across America Program. This year we will be decorating all the graves of veterans in the City of Quincy's 7 cemeteries. The ceremonies will commence at Mount Wollaston and Pine Hills Cemeteries at noon on Saturday, December 14, followed by the decorating of graves.

Everyone is invited to attend to honor our deceased veterans and donate to the effort.

Sons of the American Legion

Little Known Veteran Surviving Spouse Benefit
see if your parent is eligible.
"Aid and Attendance"

Death (Survivors) Pension with Aid and Attendance
could help pay for some of a veteran's surviving spouse nursing home costs.

What Is Death Pension with Aid and Attendance?
Death pension is a benefit paid to surviving spouse of deceased wartime veteran, approximately

Who Is Eligible?

The deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND

He or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war, AND

You are the surviving spouse and your countable income is below a yearly income limit set by law.

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Featured Article

by Glen Buscher



A Note from our Post History • Part 1

The history of our Post is associated with the names of four Norfolk County residents who lost their lives in the service of our country. We say these names quite often, but many of us don't know the details of their service. Here is what we know about them. Our Post was named after Squantum resident Robert Irving Nickerson, who was killed May 24, 1944, in Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire, Scotland as the result of injuries received in an airplane crash while serving as a First Lieutenant at Headquarters Squadron 402 Air Depot Group. Lieutenant Nickerson is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridgeshire, England. Lieutenant Nickerson was born December 11, 1918, the son of Irving L. and Lillian Nickerson and was married August 29, 1942 at MacDill Field, Florida, to



Ruth S. Christianson, daughter of Sigried Christianson and Ragna Liudviksen. Their residence in Squantum was at 5 Mayflower Road. Our scholarships are given in memory of Lance Corporal Christopher C. Donahue and Gunnery Sergeant Francis J. Thorpe. Lance Corporal Christopher C. Donahue, from Quincy MA, was born May 24, 1950. He served from Nov.11, 1968 to May 19, 1969, in the C Battery, First Marine Division, First Battalion, Eleventh Marines as a Motor Vehicle Operator. He was killed in Quang Nam, South Vietnam May 19, 1969 in a traumatic non-hostile accidental homicide. He is listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall and on the Quincy Vietnam Veterans Memorial Clock Tower. He is buried in Mount Wollaston Cemetery. ***This ends Part 1. Part 2 will appear in the next Nickerson Post News Letter***

Preamble to the S.A.L. National Constitution

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;
- to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars;
- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses;
- to make right the master of might;
- to promote peace and good will on earth;
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
- to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;
- and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Toys for Tots

The Post will participate in the U.S. Marine Reserve's Toys for Tots program. A collection box will be set up in the members lounge. Please help out those less fortunate during the holiday season.

Pearl Harbort Day and WWII Commemoration

The annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrances will be held at 10am, Saturday, December 7, at the flagpole at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. At 1pm a Ceremony for all WWII veterans will be held at the Quincy High School auditorium. 35 living members will be honored and a collage of Quincy veterans will be presented. For the collage, photographs of veterans either from their time in service or later in life (preferably one of each) are requested and can be submitted to Quincy Veterans Services on High School Street.



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The military Exchange is available for all veterans to shop on-line. Go to shopmyexchange.com to enroll.

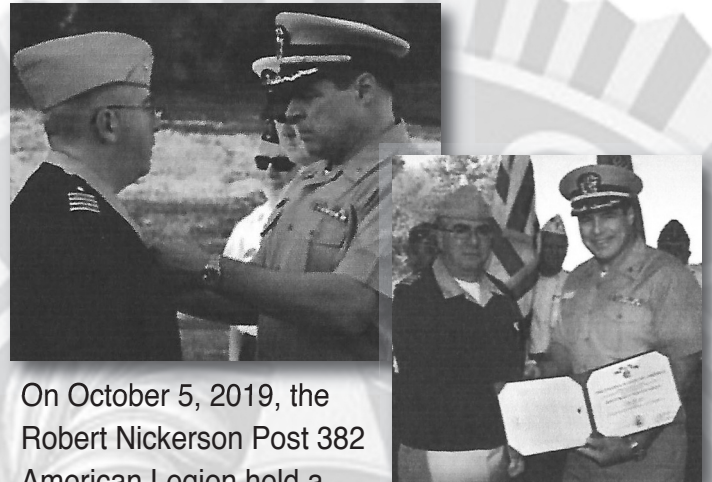
OUR NEWSLETTER -To save on mailing costs in the future, we hope to have as many people as possible receive the newsletter by email. This will also be helpful for any announcements between issues. Please visit our website, nickersonpost.com, to enter your email.

Bill Harris says "Thanks".

I just wanted to thank all those supporters who voted for me allowing me to go back to the City Council to serve the people of Ward Six and work to make our community safe, prosperous and beautiful. I look forward to meeting all the many challenges that lay ahead



Welcome Home Reception



On October 5, 2019, the Robert Nickerson Post 382 American Legion held a Welcome Home reception for local resident, **Captain Brian Bloom, MC, USNR** after 2 years of duty with Portsmouth Naval Operations Support Command. Members of the Quincy Detachment, led by OIC Commander Douglas McQuade, along with the Post Colorguard held a ceremony to award the Meritorious Service Medal to Captain Bloom for Outstanding Leadership and Service during his period of duty. Captain Bloom will serve at the Naval Operations Center on Sea Street, Quincy. The Post would also to congratulate Thomas Conlon, on his commission as an Ensign.



JOIN US FOR THE POST
CHRISTMAS PARTY
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 15, 2019.
LIVE MUSIC AND FREE
CHINESE FOOD.

PLEASE CHECK OUR BULLETIN
BOARD FOR DETAILS

Quickie Quiz 1

American troops called it
"The Beast," "Dracula," and
"Whispering Death."

Quickie Quiz 2

The "Pour le Mérite",
was informally known to
aviators by another name.

Quickie Quiz 3

Nancy Sinatra sang the
opening theme to this
Bond thriller.

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CAR DONATED TO DISABLED VET



Post member Martin Lynch and Sandro Junkovic, presented disabled Vietnam Army veteran Charlie Cook with a refurbished Ford Taurus at M&S Auto Body on Freeport Street in Dorchester. USAA donated the car, N.E. Auto and Truck Recycles donated the parts and M&S did the work to bring the car to "like new" condition. Mr. Cook has been a long time activist for veterans affairs in the area.



Auxillary

Now that the Sons of the Legion has become an active and integral part of the Post, we would like to revive the Auxillary in order to give more people a chance for input into the Post. Any "Friends" or "Commander's Guests" are encouraged to join. There will be no changes in dues. Eligibility requires proof of a veterans service (DD214, honorable discharge, or other acceptable documentation) for related Grandmothers, Mothers, Sisters, Adopted Children and Spouses (wives and husbands)

The final Newsletter sent by post office

To save on printing & mailing costs, this will be the final newsletter to be sent by the U.S. Postal Service. Future editions will be emailed to all who have an address on file. We will still send paper copies to those who prefer it, but encourage everyone to sign up on the website to receive the electronic version. The saving will help us to continue improvements to the Post.