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AMERICAN LEGION • POST 382 • SQUANTUM, MASS.



Best Post on the East Coast

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Happy New Year members. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Your Post had a great December, participating in the Wreaths Across America, Toys for Tots program and hosting the Army Navy Game and our annual Christmas party. In January veteran member Mike Kenneally gave a presentation to your Post about his experience in Task Force Dagger, which was featured in the film 12 Strong. Members of the Post recently teamed up with the Kennedy Senior Center and visited the Hudson Military Museum. The post has upcoming plans that include the annual Saint Patrick's Dinner, an Open House for everyone in our community, a spring cleanup, Past Commanders Dinner, a Blood Drive and starting a Legion Auxiliary. In April we will have an election for next year's officers. If you would like to run for any office please contact the Post leadership. As a reminder if you have any relatives or friends who are deployed or going to be deployed the Post will send them a care package and we would gladly host a welcome home party. We encourage everyone to participate in these events and welcome any ideas to host local charity events. Please visit our website or stop by and check the bulletin post for further details.



– John Diggins

Post Meetings

March -----
TrusteesMonday, March 2, 6:30
MembersMonday, March 2, 7:00
E-BoardMonday, March 30, 7:00
April -----
TrusteesMonday, April 6, 6:30
MembersMonday, April 6, 7:00
E-BoardMonday, April 27, 7:00
May -----
TrusteesMonday, May 4, 6:30
MembersMonday, May 4, 7:00
E-BoardTuesday, May 26, 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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Hall Rentals

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 General Schwarzkopf's picture.



DUES!

Several 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 card. *We thank you for your prompt action!*

G A M E P L A N

**Past
Commanders
Dinner Saturday
April 25**

**St. Patricks Day
Dinner Saturday
March 14
2pm**

**Post
Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday
March 21**

**Blood Drive
Tuesday, May 19
2pm to 7pm**

**New Veterans'
Open House
Sunday, April 26
3pm**

**Post
Clean-up
Sunday April 26
9am**

**Memorial Service
Sunday May 23
4pm Sacred
Heart Church**

**Memorial Day
Observation
Monday May 25
Plus.....**

**.....The 'Post
Color Guard
will March to Render
Colors.
Muster 8:30am**

**Deck Opening
Party - Food & Fun
Saturday May 2st
2pm**



Where needed, you will find more detailed information within the pages of this months newsletter regarding event particulars and specific dates and times. As we have stated in previous newsletters, we are open to hearing from the brotherhood, any thoughts and ideas that can make our Post live up to it's slogan... **"The Best Post on the East Coast"**.

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BRAVO ZULU



To Don Houghton and Bill Harris for regaling us with a fantastic collection of holiday favorites at the Christmas Party. Don played guitar, and Bill served as the DJ. Great job Fella's!

If You Missed Mike's Presentation, We have showcased it Here.



*Sergeant First Class
Michael F. Kenneally,
Fifth Special Forces,
on horseback
in Afghanistan*

Serving with A team 534 SFC Kenneally was with "Task Force Dagger" a combined CIA and special operations unit that infiltrated into the mountains of central Afghanistan in order to provide strategic air support and conduct guerilla operations with friendly "Northern Alliance" forces. During this phase of operations starting shortly after the terrorist attacks during 9/11, horses were used for transportation and carrying heavy loads required for conducting lengthy missions behind enemy lines. As a result of this, infiltration Taliban and El Qaida forces were defeated in a near total rout. For his service in Afghanistan SFC Kenneally was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Afghanistan Service Medal with Arrowhead Device (Assault Landing Credit), Combat Infantry Badge, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and a Valorous Commendation from the Northern Alliance Commander.

Thank You

to everyone who
donated or participated to make **Wreaths
Across America** such a success this year.



Sons of the American Legion

VA education benefits for survivors and dependents

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Am I Eligible for Education Benefits?

You may qualify for VA education benefits (Chapter 35 benefits) if you're the child or spouse of a service member and one of the below descriptions is true of the service member.

One of These Must be True • The Service Member:

Died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001, or is missing in action or was captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or was detained (held) by force while in the line of duty by a foreign government or power, or is in the hospital or getting outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability, and is likely to be discharged for that disability.

A service connected permanent and total disability is a disability resulting from your service that doesn't go away.

You may qualify for VA education benefits (Chapter 35 Benefits) if you're the child or spouse of a Veteran and one of the below descriptions is true of the Veteran.

One of These Must be True. The Veteran:

Is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability, or Died while on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability

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Featured Article

by Glen Buscher



A Note from our Post History • Part 2

Gunnery Sergeant Francis C. Thorpe, from Norfolk, MA, was born September 21, 1923. He served as a Marine Infantry Leader with Advisory Team 3, USMC Advisory Unit, Naval Advisory Group USNAVFORV. He was killed November 1, 1971 as the result of injuries sustained in a traumatic ground casualty event in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. He is listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. At the junction of Dorchester Street and East Squantum Street the Post maintains a triangular park dedicated in 1955 to



the memory of Private First-Class Daniel N. Gilbert, Private Gilbert was born March 24, 1931 and resided at 15 Park Avenue, Squantum. He was killed in action at Yongsan, Korea, on September 1, 1950. He was a member of the 9th Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division of the United States Army. He went to grammar school in Squantum and attended North Quincy High. He was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard and deployed to Korea. At the time of his death he was survived by his two sisters and three brothers, as well as his parents. He is buried in Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

American Legion Scholarship Program

Every year the 'Post gives out two \$1000 scholarships to local students. We are trying to raise more money for more scholarships. If you would like to contribute, 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.

Veteran's Event for May

May 2nd, the Post Color Guard will attend the Caddy Day ceremony at Caddy Park on Wollaston Beach. PFC William Caddy was killed in action in 1945 at the Battle of Iwo Jima. PFC Caddy was subsequently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Legion Student Programs

Applications for the following programs are now available at the bar or contact Paul Prefontaine at 617-909-0207 or pprefontaine15@gmail.com for more information.

Boys/Girls Sate March 13-19

Applicant's name, school and school contact must be received by the 'Post NLT March 7, 2020

Student Trooper July 13-17 and 20-24

Application must be received by the 'Post NLT March 27, 2020

Dept. of Massachusetts Scholarship

Application must be received by the 'Post NLT March 20, 2020

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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.

Memorial Day • May 25, 2020

Color Guard Muster at Nickerson Post 8:30AM



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!

Carpentry



Starting in our May Newsletter, we will be accepting ads at the cost of \$20.00 per year for our quarterly publications. Give us your standard business card. The size is (3.5" x 2") An example is shown here. **Submission for the May edition will be May 20.** Don't have a card? We can make a B.C. ad for you. Just give us the copy you want to use.

(Sample card above is actual size 3.5" x 2")

RED CROSS-AMERICAN LEGION BLOOD DRIVE EVENT AT NICKERSON POST.

Always a need. **Tuesday, May 19 from 2-7p.m.** at the 'Post. Walk-ins welcome or sign-up at the bar and reserve a convenient time.



Quickie Quiz 1 Answer

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

M1A1 ABRAMS BATTLE TANK

Quickie Quiz 2 Answer

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

THE BLUE MAX

Quickie Quiz 3 Answer

Nancy Sinatra sang the opening theme to this James Bond thriller.

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE

Quickie Quiz 1

He was known by many as "The Say Hey Kid"

Quickie Quiz 2

What was the name of the manufacturer of Amelia Earhart's lost plane?

Quickie Quiz 3

She sank in 18 minutes off *The Old Head of Kinsale*

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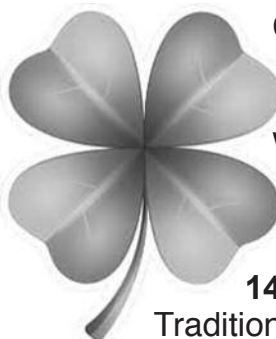
Sign Up for the Auxillary

We announced in the last newsletter that it is time to revive the Auxiliary. Our hope is to give a more inclusive voice to as many as possible, in conjunction with the Sons of the Legion and Legionnaires, in the goals of the 'Post and Community. Wives, husbands, grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters and brothers (to include adoptees) of veterans are all eligible to join. With many of you already "Friends of the Legion" and your relationships are known, we will be lenient on the requirement of a DD214 or the equivalent for membership.



Please join us on Saturday, March 21 at 11am for a meeting to explain the expectaions and sign-up, with a luncheon to follow.

Erin Go Bragh!



Celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day** at the 'Post with a traditional boiled dinner and live entertainment. **The festivities start at 2pm on March 14th and runs until 9pm.**

Traditional Irish Step Dancing and a DJ. Dinner is served from 3 to 5pm. Dinner is \$10. Purchase tickets at the 'Post. Until then... ***"May the road rise up to meet you"***.

Veteran's Event for April 2020

Thursday, April 30th at 2pm Quincy native and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, General James C. McConville will be attending the memorial service at the clock tower in Marina Bay for Quincy servicemen and women who died in the Vietnam war. Our Color Guard will attend. After the service, the Nickerson Post welcomes all back for refreshments

NICKERSON POST MEMBERS VISIT AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM



"What a museum!", "Incredible!", "Fantastic!". Dozens of tanks, WWII equipment and hundreds of items were on display for all to see. Left to right: Tom Lynch, Glen Buscher, Kevin Donovan, Bill Dahlgren, Jim Sumner, Mike Norris, Paul Prefontaine, Mike Kenneally, Bob Sealund, John Diggins.