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AMERICAN LEGION • POST 382 • SQUANTUM, MASS.



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Season's Greetings Members! We have had a great fall season, including attending the General's Bridge ceremony, visiting the Battleship Massachusetts and sponsoring a great Son's golf tournament. With the holidays upon us we are hosting a number of events including 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 throughout the playoffs. We welcome our new American Legion Auxiliary team which will begin to have meetings this quarter. We have some great ideas for upcoming events including visiting the State house and hosting a presentation with one of Squantum's veterans on Special Forces missions in Afghanistan. We encourage everyone to participate in these events and welcome your input. Please visit our website or stop by and check the bulletin board for further details.



Go Army Beat Navy! John Diggins

Post Meetings

December -----
Trustees.....Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:30
Members.....Tuesday, December 7, 2021 7:00
E-BoardTuesday, November 30, 2021 7:00
January -----
Trustees.....Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:30
Members.....Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:00
E-BoardTuesday, December 28, 2021 7:00
February -----
Trustees.....Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:30
Members.....Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:00
E-BoardTuesday, January 25, 2022 7:00
All regular members are welcome to attend members meetings

Post Hours

Sunday12 Noon to 12am
Monday2pm to 11pm
Tuesday2pm to to 11pm
Wednesday2pm to to 11pm
Thursday2pm to to 12am
Friday.....2pm to to 12am
Saturday2pm to to 12am

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 Schwarzkopf's picture.

House Keeping

It has come to the attention of the Nickerson Post staff that various items of memorabilia and other items of intrinsic value have been taken from the Members Lounge. These, and other wonderful mementos from many years ago, are there for **all** members to enjoy. The swift return of the items, no questions asked, would be so very much appreciated.

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 11, 2021** 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 3, 2022**. Our goal is to have 100% paid by the first checkpoint of January 1st.



Toys for Tots

Nickerson 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 drop off your unwrapped toys and help out those less fortunate during the holiday season.



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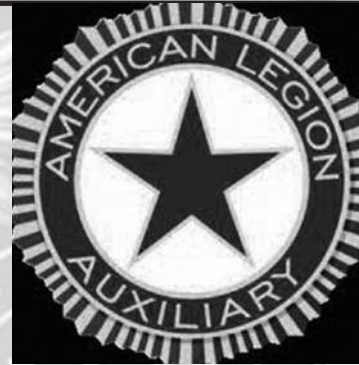
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BRAVO ZULU

A new access card will soon be mailed out to all members. This new card is a "forever" card and will good as long as your dues are paid each year. If you loses the card we will charge \$5 fee for a replacement card. The new cards offer the post new security enhancements and will save the post money since we will no longer send out new cards ever year. Effective Jan. 1, the new cards will be used so be sure to pay your dues.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Dennis Tellier who we lost to a long battle with Cancer.....He was a resident of Squantum and a long member of the post AKA Bud Man.....he will be missed by all! It is also sad to mention that member Kevin Hannon has also passed away, He also was a member of the post and some one special to all of us. If you were fortunate to meet and know Kevin you had a great friend for life. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.....The post will never be the same, you'll be missed by all.



The American Legion Auxiliary is back

We are happy to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary is back. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses (male or female), and direct and adopted descendants (male or female) of veterans as well as to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion. Proof of service, DD214 or similar document is required with application. Please contact Kelly Norris at knorris02171@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

Sons of the American Legion

Burial in VA Cemeteries

Many veterans don't realize that their service entitles them and their spouse to burial or memorial benefits through a VA program called Pre-Need Eligibility. Pre-Need establishes your benefits, saving your family from searching for documentation. Burial in a VA National, State or Tribal cemetery provides opening and dosing of grave, liner and perpetual care. Also, headstone, marker or niche cover. All are absolutely free, which can mean a savings of thousands of dollars to the veteran's family. If a veteran chooses a private cemetery, they can still receive a headstone, marker or niche cover. Or may request a bronze medallion embossed with Veteran and Branch of Service for a privately purchased headstone. AJJ veteran's families receive a burial flag.

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Robert Verney

John Diggins

Paul Prefontaine

Michael Kenneally



A very good crowd came out to celebrate the rededication of the World War II Memorial! This wonderful ceremony reminded us of the sacrifices these men and women made to protect our freedom and liberty. The Houghs Neck Garden Club should be proud of the work they did to beautify the park with plantings and the research they did to memorialize the 550 plus service members of Houghs Neck by having their names engraved on bricks around the memorial. The ceremony included the Quincy Veterans Services, our Nickerson Post Color Guard, Mayor Koch, the NQHS ROTC color guard, and Patti Williams, who discussed the history of this very special memorial.

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Featured Article

by John Diggins



A Note from our Post History

NAS Squantum served as the home of the naval air reserve in New England from 1923 to 1953. The base was located on the Squantum peninsula in the city of Quincy, Massachusetts surrounded by the waters of Dorchester Bay, Quincy Bay, and the Neponset River.

Squantum's association with aviation goes back to 1910 when the Harvard Aeronautical Society leased land on the peninsula from the New Haven Railroad and built an airfield called the Harvard Aviation Field there. In 1916 the Sturtevant Aeroplane Company of Boston's Hyde Park neighborhood used the former Harvard Aviation Field to flight-test Sturtevant aircraft. During the spring of 1917, after the country entered the First World War, the Massachusetts Naval Militia built a wooden seaplane hangar along the Dorchester Bay shoreline and used the site as a primary flight training facility for student pilots bound for advanced flight training with the Navy at Pensacola, FL. That summer, the Navy took over the Massachusetts Naval Militia property and Squantum became a naval air station providing primary flight training for student naval aviators as well as training for aircraft

mechanics. However, in the fall of 1917 NAS Squantum was closed due to the Navy's decision to consolidate all flight training activity in warmer areas of the country where flying could be conducted year-round.

Improvements to the airfield and the physical plant at the base during the years immediately leading up to the country's involvement in the Second World War resulting in Squantum being designated a fully-fledged regular Navy naval air station in 1941. During the war, NAS Squantum provided elimination and primary flight training for Navy and Marine Corps student pilots, advanced training for British Royal Navy torpedo and dive bomber squadrons and for US Navy carrier air groups, and also served as an operational patrol base helping to protect the waters around Boston Harbor from the German submarine menace. After the Second World War ended NAS Squantum was handed back over to the Navy and Marine Corps reserve. The proximity of the base to the Commonwealth Airport (modern Logan International Airport) as well as its short runways caused the Navy to move all the reserve units drilling on the base to nearby NAS South Weymouth. NAS Squantum was closed in December 1953.



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The dedication of the General's Bridge was attended by a group from our Post. Quincy did an amazing job to recognize and celebrate the Generals, who grew up in Quincy and all the people of Quincy who fought in different wars. Indeed, very important for everyone to know about them, and the history of our country and feel proud! Thank you to Quincy and our Mayor Thomas Koch, for his vision.

To learn more about this wonderful day, Google this address....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrMGPwJWvqw>

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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.



Recently, a group of Post members bussed down to Battleship Cove to tour the USS MASSACHUSETTS, along with a submarine and 3 other ships, boats and displays. The crew also lunched aboard 'BIG MAMIE'

**Join Us for Mike Kenneally's
Presentation January 8th, 2022 at 10am**



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

Merry Christmas!

**Join us for the Post
Christmas Party on
Sunday afternoon
December 19, 2021
Live music and free
Chinese food.**



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BOARD FOR DETAILS**

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 guerrilla 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.

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GREAT QUOTES OF WORLD WAR II



Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

— *George S. Patton* —

