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Best Post on the East Coast

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Happy New Year's members. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Your Post had a great December, participating 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. The post has upcoming plans that include the annual spring cleanup, deck opening party, corn hole tournament and participating in the Memorial Day and Fourth of July ceremonies. In May 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 Commander

Post Meetings

April

Trustees.....Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:30
Members.....Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 7:00
E-Board.....Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 7:00

May

Trustees.....Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:30
Members.....Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00
E-Board.....Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:00

June

Trustees.....Friday, June 10, 2022, 6:30
Members.....Friday, June 10, 2022, 7:00
E-Board.....Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 7:00

All regular members are welcome to attend members meetings

Post Hours

Sunday12pm to 12am
Monday2pm to 11pm
Tuesday2pm to 11pm
Wednesday2pm to 11pm
Thursday2pm to 12am
Friday2pm to 12am
Saturday12pm 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

The locks have been changed on the front door and the Members Lounge door. Members must pay their dues to be allowed into the lounge. If you need help receiving your new card and resolve any issues contact Mike Norris at mcnorris1@gmail.com. The practice of buzzing people who don't have a new card in will cease on May 1st.

American Legion Scholarship Program



RI Nickerson Post scholarship applications for the 2022 year will be available at the Post or Councilors office at NQHS. Eligible applicants must be a SR. in High School, a resident of Squantum or relative of a member of the R. I Nickerson Post. Closing date for submission is April 8th. Applications can be returned to the Post or NQHS councilors office. Any ?'s call Bob Verney 617-997-8407 or e-mail at rverney@comcast.net.

Our Community Salutes (OCS)

Massachusetts is hosting its fourth recognition ceremony for high school seniors in Massachusetts enlisting in military service, at Gillette Stadium on May 7th, 2022. The 2022 event extends beyond Eastern Massachusetts and includes all high school seniors in the Commonwealth. The event includes a community fair where enlistees and their parents/guardians can meet organizations that can assist them during and after their service, and a recognition ceremony to thank them for volunteering to serve. Quincy native, Gen. Jim McConville is a guest speaker. Although the event is limited to the enlistees, their parents/guardians and area leaders, it will be broadcast live. Follow Our Community Salutes Massachusetts on Facebook for viewing details. Our post helped raise over \$7,000 for the OCS in 2020, with the assistance of our own veteran member Bob Notch, who serves as a co-Chair of the organization.



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Featured Article

by John Diggins



A Note from our Post History – Part Two Nike Missile Site B0-37 Squantum/Long Island.



For almost 20 years, Nike missile batteries formed a suburban ring around Boston that ushered the city into the 1950s and the atomic age. The ring of bases stretched from the South Shore to the North Shore and far inland, always ready to fire in 15 minutes or less. The Nike Missile Site B0-37 Squantum/Long Island was the launch site for a battery of Nike Ajax missiles, active between 1955 and 1961, one of fifteen Nike Missile sites operated in Massachusetts between the 1950's and the 1970's to defend coastal

urban areas against aerial attack. Missiles were stored underground and launched from the area now covered by a concrete slab. This launch complex was on Long Island, while the control center for the battery was on the mainland where the post is currently located today. The site had the following weapon systems: Nike Ajax / 20 (10 per launcher section), 8 mounted on launchers (4 per launcher section). Below on the left is a aerial view of the Post (known as the IFC= Integrated Fire Control Area). On the right is an aerial view of Launcher Area on Long Island in Boston Harbor. View is looking southwest. Boston Harbor is to the right, Quincy Bay to the left. The IFC was located down the road cutting across the picture to the right. 12 August 1959.



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Music Festival, Benefits & Career Expo

FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS & THEIR FAMILIES

A fun-filled day with Live Music, FREE Food, Games for the Kids, Sport Competitions, Guest Speakers and Veteran Support Professionals

Saturday, July 23, 2022

at Pageant Field, 1 Merrymount Parkway, Quincy, MA

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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OR EMAIL: greggbrasso@aol.com

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BRAVO ZULU

Veteran member Bob Notch for raising money for the charity Our Community Salutes (see story). Our 'Post helped raise over \$7,000 dollars in 2020 with the assistance of our Bob, who serves as a co-Chair of the organization.

SICK BAY

Veteran member Bob Sealund has been ill and we wish well in his recovery. Bob is a staple at our many parades, ceremonies and other 'Post and city wide events. We look forward to see him "back in ranks" with the Color Guard and other groups very soon. When the time comes to head out to our parade step-off, you can always hear him call out, "Okay, guys, Boots and Saddles!"

TEN-HUT!

*A must-see celebration!
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.
Check out the poster in this newsletter to get more detailed information.*



The American Legion Nickerson Post Auxiliary has been busy since it's return this past Fall. The mission of the Auxiliary is to assist Veterans, Community and the Nickerson Post.

Since the Fall the Auxiliary:

Partnered with Squantum Elementary School to have the children create letters and cards which were mailed to local Vets and Troops overseas

Donated to the Quincy Wreaths Across America and volunteered to place wreaths on Veterans graves

Collected over \$400.00 worth of needed personal supplies and donated to the West Roxbury VA

Assisted the Quincy Public Schools Children at Risk Program

Developed a plan to assist the Nickerson Post with upcoming improvements

Upcoming Auxiliary activity:

Raffling off a Yeti Hopper Flip Soft Cooler - chances are 2 for \$10.00 or 5 for \$20.00. Stop by the Post to purchase your raffles

Holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 10th @ 11:00AM behind the Post, all are invited

Donating to the Quincy Public Schools Children at Risk Program to help support the upcoming prom season

Collecting clear bottle caps that are used to produce prosthetic limbs for Veterans. Please drop off at the Post

If you would like to get involved, please contact Kelly Norris @ knorris02171@gmail.com or attend the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th.

Sons of the American Legion

Corn Hole Tournament

Please come out for a great day of friendly competition to benefit a local charity. Food and entertainment will be provided as we take in the sun and the great views. Teams of two will compete a round robin tournament with great prizes for the winners.



Join us
July 30, 2022

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WELCOME HOME

A VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY EVENT
Join us in a ceremony onboard the USS Constitution,
to celebrate Vietnam Veterans.

March 29, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Charlestown Naval Yard, Charlestown MA

- Parking available at One Constitution Plaza
- Family and friends are welcome
- Seating and assistance with accessibility is provided
- In the event of inclement weather the event will be hosted in the Constitution Museum Theatre.
- Box lunch and water provided
- Red Sox tickets giveaway

Registration is recommended

[Click here to Register](#)

or contact us

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Nicole Nunes | 617-426-1812 | nnunes@usscm.org



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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.



Deck Opening

The deck will open up on May 7th. We will serve hot dogs and hamburgers and marvel at the ocean views

SPRING CLEAN UP

The 'Post will hold it's Annual Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 24, 2022 at 9am. As part of the days work, we will be refurbishing our kitchen which will make cooking and serving much more enjoyable. Along with the upgrading of



the flooring, and bar and table seating, we will have a very spiffy looking place for us to congregate! Indeed!

VETERAN BENEFIT *Highlights*

Massachusetts Veterans can receive a \$400 abatement on their annual property taxes if they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Veterans with a service-connected disability of 10% or more.
2. Veterans awarded the Purple Heart.
3. Surviving parents of military personnel who died in military service (Gold Star Parents).
4. Spouses (where the domicile is owned by the veteran's spouse), and surviving spouses (who have never remarried), of veterans entitled to exemption under Clause 22.
5. Surviving spouses (who have never remarried) of World War I veterans as long as their assets (whole worth), less any mortgage on the property, do not exceed \$20,000.

Please contact your local tax assessor for details.



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July 4th Parade
Muster at the
'Post at 0800,

**Memorial Day Parade,
May 30th, 2022**
Muster at the
'Post at 0830



“ I need ammunition, not a ride”

Ukrainian President
Zelensky