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# AMERICAN LEGION • POST 382 • SQUANTUM, MASS.



**Best Post on the East Coast**

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## COMMANDERS CORNER

### GREETINGS MEMBERS,

Hopefully everyone had a great summer. The post has been recently renovated and we hope everyone can up and enjoy the fall weather. We are going to have the annual Corn Hole Tournament in September and have a Patriot's Kickoff barbecue. Your post had a great showing at the Installation ceremony where we gave out numerous scholarships for recent high school graduates. 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. Thank you.

*John Diggins, Post Commander*



## Post Meetings

### September -----

**Trustees**.....Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:30

**Members**.....Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00

**E-Board** .....Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 7:00

### October -----

**Trustees**.....Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30

**Members**.....Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 7:00

**E-Board** .....Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:00

### November -----

**Trustees**.....Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 6:30

**Members**.....Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:00

**E-Board** .....Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:00

*All regular members are welcome to attend members meetings*

## Post Hours

**Sunday** .....12pm to 12am

**Monday** .....2pm to 11pm

**Tuesday** .....2pm to 11pm

**Wednesday** .....2pm to 11pm

**Thursday** .....2pm to 12am

**Friday**.....2pm to 12am

**Saturday** .....12pm 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.

## **Turkey Trot!**

Please stop by the Post on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2022 for the annual running of the Turkey Trot! Registration at 8:30am, Start 9:00am



## **American Legion Scholarship Program**



RI Nickerson Post scholarship applications for the 2023 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](mailto:rverney@comcast.net).

## **VETERANS BENEFIT UPDATE - THE PACT ACT**

**The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history**  
*The PACT Act will bring these changes:*



Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras.

- ★ Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- ★ Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- ★ Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- ★ Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

If you're a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits.

**[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**

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### Featured Article

by John Diggins



#### A Note from our Post History – Part Three Amelia Earhart



Amelia Earhart spent a year, from 1927 to 1928, flying from the Dennison Airport in Quincy. (The airport closed in 1940 and became part of the

Squantum Naval Air Station.) Earhart lived with her mother and sister in Medford. As a settlement house social worker, she taught immigrant Chinese and Syrian

mothers and supervised programs for their children. On weekends, she borrowed other people's planes for flights up and down the coast and over the towns west of Boston. Earhart sometimes took carloads of youngsters to Quincy in her yellow convertible, to watch other pilots' flights. Then, in June 1928, she was gone. A year after Charles Lindbergh's famous solo Atlantic flight, Earhart joined a two-man pilot crew on a flight from Newfoundland to Wales. She wasn't paid for the trip, but the adventure made her a star.

When the crew left Boston for Newfoundland, they circled south to Squantum, dipping a wing of their pontoon plane over Dennison Airport before turning north.





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# VETERANS EXPO!



**For Vets, Troops, Family & Friends**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th**  
**VA Boston Brockton Campus**

10am-2pm, 940 BELMONT ST, BROCKTON, MA



**Cook Out & Live Bands/Music!**



**Jobs & Career Fair!**



**Fed/State Resources & Benefits!**



**On site Health Services & MP3 give aways!**



**Military Vehicle & Equipment Displays**



**Kid's Zone! Pony Rides, Petting  
Zoo & more**



\*For more information go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Brockton Veterans Expo", email [VABostonVets@va.gov](mailto:VABostonVets@va.gov) or call (857) 364-5934



**VA Boston**  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



City of  
Brockton



MA Dept of  
Career Services



MA Dept of  
Veterans Services

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## Coast Guard Museum



Cape Cod Canal  
Visitors Center



Coast  
Guard  
Museum

Come join us on Saturday, October 15, to explore two Cape Cod venues; the Cape Cod Canal Visitors Center and the fabulous Coast Guard Museum in Barnstable. Between the visits, we will be making a stop at Burger King for lunch. Please contact John Diggins at **857-939-4881** for details and to sign up.

## Dues! Dues! Dues!

Our fiscal year runs from June 1st until May 31. During June we balance our books. Dues are due starting July 1 either at the Post or online. February 1 is our target date for 100% paid membership. If you receive a notice from Department or National Headquarters and feel you paid for the fiscal year, please contact Mike Norris at **Mcnorris1@gmail.com** if you have any questions.



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

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**October - November** - The Auxiliary will be collecting toiletries, books, clothing, etc for the West Roxbury VA Hospital

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**December** - Many members of the Auxiliary will be volunteering for Wreaths Across America

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**December** - We will be holding our 2nd annual Christmas wreath decorating event - date to be determined

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If you are interested in participating in any of the events listed above or would like to become a member, contact Kelly Norris at

**knorris02171@gmail.com**

## 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  
September 24, 2022



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The community is invited to visit...

### THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER  
★  
A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

### Schedule of events

(Subject to change; check back regularly for updates)

**Tuesday, Sept. 20:** *The Wall That Heals* arrives in the afternoon with motorcycle escort

**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Set up *The Wall That Heals*  
6 p.m. - Volunteer orientation

**Thursday - Sunday, Sept. 22-25:** Exhibit is open 24 hours a day for visitors, closing Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Special events

Thursday, Sept. 22

- 1 p.m. - Suicide Prevention walk
- 1:30 p.m. - Welcome Home and pinning ceremony

Sunday, Sept. 25: (Gold Star Mother's Day)

- 11 a.m. - Blessing of the families
- 2 p.m. - Exhibit closes; take down *The Wall That Heals*

### VA Bedford welcomes *The Wall That Heals*

*The Wall That Heals*, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, is coming to Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital Sept. 22-25, 2022. The exhibit, along with a mobile Education Center, will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public. *The Wall That Heals* closes at 2 p.m. on Sept. 25.

For details, please scan the QR code, call 781-687-3076, or visit [www.va.gov/bedford-health-care/programs/the-wall-that-heals](http://www.va.gov/bedford-health-care/programs/the-wall-that-heals)



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Bedford Healthcare System



### Hosted by VA Bedford Healthcare System

200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA

Open 24 hours  
September 22 - 25, 2 p.m.

Free admission

## Volunteers needed

Hosting *The Wall That Heals* is an opportunity that can transform a community!

VA Bedford needs volunteers to assist with *The Wall That Heals*. From Thursday until Sunday, we need volunteers 24 hours a day to greet the thousands of visitors we expect each day.



- Volunteers are needed around the clock to greet and assist visitors, should be 18 years or older, and be able to stand for extended periods.
- No experience necessary - Volunteer training will be provided.
- Interested individual volunteers may sign up for shifts at [tinyurl.com/33e2e8w7](https://tinyurl.com/33e2e8w7).

Organizations desiring to volunteer or sponsor the visit may contact VA Bedford via email at [vhabedTheWallThatHeals@va.gov](mailto:vhabedTheWallThatHeals@va.gov) or call 781-687-3076 to express their interest.

## Group tours

Schedule your school or group for this unique opportunity for an educational experience not possible even at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Every tour is led by a Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund staff member.

### Tour group size

We can accommodate up to 100 visitors per hour for a tour. The minimum size for the tour is 10. If we have a smaller group, we can add them to another tour.

### Tour times

School tours are available on Thursday and Friday. We can also accommodate other groups in the evening or on Weekends. Saturday, subject to availability.

### Tour registration/reservations

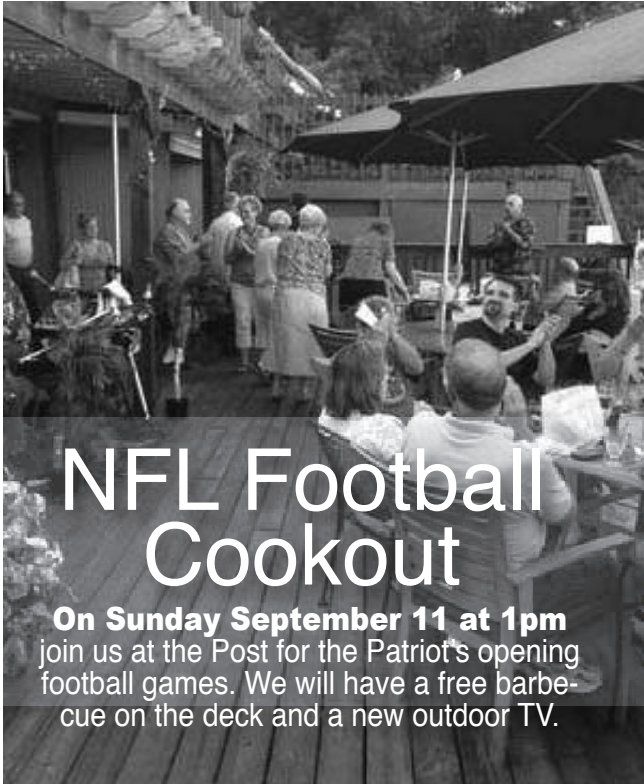
Guided tours are free, but you must pre-register. To schedule a tour, please email [vhabedTheWallThatHeals@va.gov](mailto:vhabedTheWallThatHeals@va.gov) or call 781-687-3076. When emailing please provide your requested date, time, and the number of attendees for your tour in addition to contact name and phone number, and we will confirm the availability for your tour.

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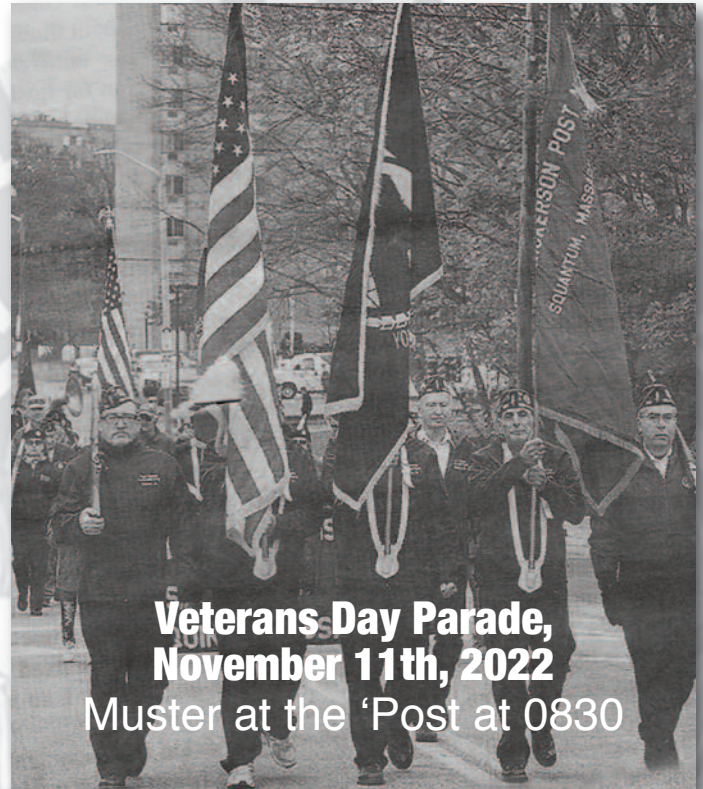
**The military Exchange is available for all veterans to shop on-line. Go to [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com) to enroll.**

**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](http://nickersonpost.com), to enter your email.



## **NFL Football Cookout**

**On Sunday September 11 at 1pm**  
join us at the Post for the Patriot's opening football games. We will have a free barbecue on the deck and a new outdoor TV.



## **Veterans Day Parade, November 11th, 2022**

**Muster at the 'Post at 0830**



**In war, there is no  
substitute for victory.**

**General Douglas MacArthur**

More MacArthur  
quotes can be  
found on Google.



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**Nickerson Post State House Tour**

Representative Bruce Ayers, center, recently opened the doors of the Massachusetts State House to a group from Nickerson Post 382, including from the left, Bob Verney, Paul Prefontaine, Mike Keneally, Glen Buscher, Bruce, Tom Lynch, Bill Dahlgren, John Diggins, Brian Bloom



The Scholarship recipients and members of Nickerson Post 382