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AMERICAN LEGION • POST 382 • SQUANTUM, MASS.



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COMMANDERS CORNER

GREETINGS MEMBERS,

I hope everyone is excited about the return to spring weather. 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 March our Auxiliary chapter hosted a St. Patrick's Day party for the Veterans and they also held a Easter egg hunt in April. The post has upcoming plans that include the annual spring cleanup, Commanders Dinner, street sign dedications 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. We will have our annual Installation ceremony on June 9th at 7pm where we will give out scholarships. 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 will 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 web-site or stop by and check the bulletin post for further details.



John Diggins, Post Commander

Post Meetings

May -----		
Trustees	Monday, May 1, 2023,	6:30
Members	Monday, May 1, 2023,	7:00
E-Board	Monday, April 24, 2023,	7:00
June -----		
Trustees	Friday, June 9, 2023,	6:30
Members	Friday, June 9, 2023,	7:00
E-Board	Monday, May 29, 2023,	9:00 am
July (NO 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

All regular members are welcome to attend members meetings

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.

Our Community Salutes (OCS) of Massachusetts is hosting its fifth annual recognition ceremony for high school seniors in Massachusetts enlisting in military service. The event is at Gillette Stadium on April 29th, 2023, and 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. The event is limited to the enlistees, their parents/guardians, high school and area leaders. Please encourage enlisting students to register and attend.
<https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/communities-home/#local-ocs>

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.

SAVE THE DATE - Paul Rugg Memorial Race, SYC
Quincy Bay July 27, 2023 5pm - 6pm Race start



In memory of Army Veteran and Bronze Star recipient Paul Rugg, life-long Quincy resident and participant in the Hustler Sailboat fleet. We are dedicating the twilight

race on Thursday, July 27th to encourage more youth participation in the Hustler fleet a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a high school age participant who submits a 3-4 paragraph essay on the 100 year history of the Massachusetts Bay Hustler Class. Entries to be submitted by July 20 to

kjt8296@yahoo.com

Contact KT with any questions

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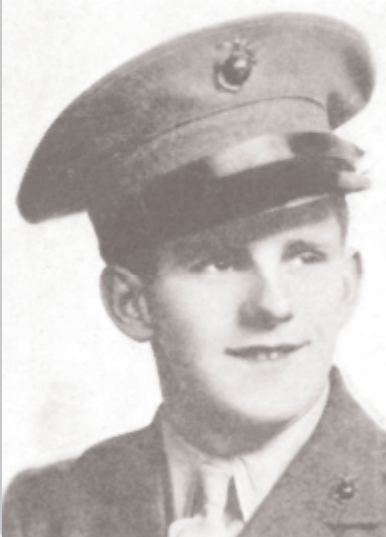
Featured Article

by John Diggins



A Note from our Post History – Part Four William Caddy

William Robert Caddy was born on 8 August 1925 in Quincy, Massachusetts. On 27 October 1943, he was drafted into the Marine Corps Reserve from that state and was called to duty on 10 November 1943. After training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Caddy became a Rifleman in Company I, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, 5th Marine Division. With that unit he participated in the battle for Iwo Jima. On 3 March 1945, after boldly moving forward against Japanese forces during the bitter fighting there,



Caddy deliberately dived on a grenade that had fallen nearby. His action saved other members of his platoon from serious injury, but at the cost of his own life. For his "self-sacrifice in the face of certain death," Private First Class Caddy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. William R. Caddy is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. The Marine Corps League Detachment in Quincy, Massachusetts was named in his honor in 1946 and, in October 1963, Treasure Island Park in Quincy was renamed "P.F.C. William R. Caddy Memorial Park."



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VETERAN'S VOICE NETWORK Presents

1ST ANNUAL CornHole TOURNAMENT

Calling all VETERANS POSTS
to participate
in the
Veteran's Voice
1ST ANNUAL CornHole Tournament!!

\$40
PER TEAM
INCLUDES T-SHIRT

- Sign up at your Post
- Tournaments run May-July
- Finalists will compete in the championship at the VVN Music Festival in Quincy, July 22, 2023

Contact Gregg Brasso for more information:
781-985-1551 • greggbrasso@aol.com
VeteransVoiceNetwork.org

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Street Sign Dedication

Philipps

Philipps dedication is April 27, 2023, 11am corner of Landsdown and Crabtree Road.

Christopher Donahue dedication is Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11am with a reception at the Nickerson Post.

Donahue

Ten -HUT!

Come join us on Sunday, April 23, to honor the Past Comanders of Nickerson Post 382. The festivities will begin at 2pm with a dinner and lots of talk about their years at the Post. We look forward to seeing you!

Bravo Zulu!

Lets give out a hearty round of applause to one of our own, non other than Bill Harris, for providing the fabulous Saint Pattys Day Feast



we all enjoyed. A slap on the back goes out to Bill as well for our Scholarship goodies! Thanks. Bill!



The Auxiliary hosted a Easter Egg on April 5

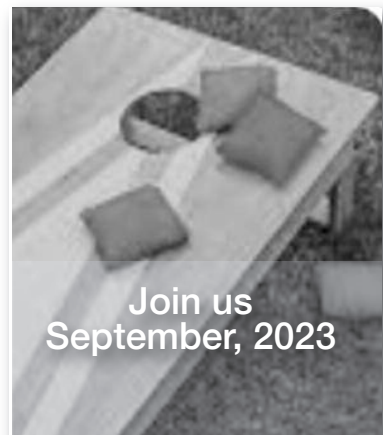


Members of the Auxiliary sponsored a veterans dinner on St. Patrick's Day

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, 2023*

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Commander John Diggins
with Army Chief of Staff General
James Mcconville at the
Neighborhood Club

Robert Glennon (center) was formally presented with The American Legion Certificate of School Award by Commander John Diggins (right) of the Robert I. Nickerson Post on November 11, 2022 (Veterans Day). The certificate was awarded in recognition of the "possession of those high qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service which are necessary to the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society." Standing with Robert is his grandfather, Brian Glennon, an Air Force veteran and former adjutant of the Nickerson Post. Mr. Glennon passed away on December 2, 2022.



Commander John Diggins with General Enoch Woodhouse, the last Tuskegee Airman. He flew a P51 Mustang over Germany in World War II. He spoke at a Veteran's Day's event. He was asked advice on how to combat adversity. His response "Suck it Up".



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

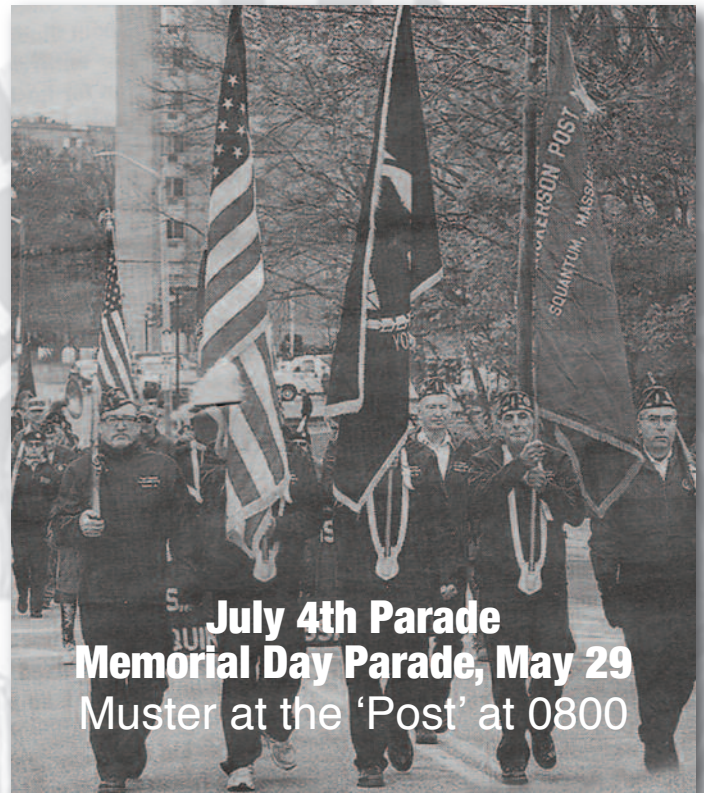
OUR NEWSLETTER -To save on mailing costs in the future, we hope to have as many people as possible receive the newsletter by email. This will also be helpful for any announcements between issues. Please visit our website, nickersonpost.com, to enter your email.



Deck Opening

Sunday May 7th at 1pm

We will have a free barbecue on the deck and a new outdoor TV.



July 4th Parade
Memorial Day Parade, May 29
Muster at the 'Post' at 0800



LEGION RIDERS

Interested in joining American Legion Riders for parades or Veterans charity rides while representing Nickerson Post? If you are a member in good standing with a motorcycle license please contact Kevin Taylor at KJT8286@yahoo.com

SPRING CLEAN UP

The 'Post' will hold it's Annual Spring Cleanup on Sunday, April 30, 2023 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!

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- Norman Schwarzkopf