

ROBERT I. NICKERSON

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 going to 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.



John Diggins, Post Commander

Post Meetings

September -----	
Trustees	Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30
Members	Monday, September 11, 2023, 7:00
E-Board	Monday, August 28, 2023, 7:00
October -----	
Trustees	Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:30
Members	Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:00
E-Board	Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:00
November -----	
Trustees	Monday, November 6, 2023, 6:30
Members	Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00
E-Board	Monday, October 30, 2023, 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 23, 2023 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.



VETERANS BENEFIT UPDATE - VA SURVIVORS PENSION

Am I eligible for a VA Survivors Pension as a surviving spouse?

You may be eligible for this benefit if you haven't remarried after the Veteran's death, and if the deceased Veteran didn't receive a dishonorable discharge and their service meets at least one of these requirements.

At least one of these must be true:

- ▲ The Veteran entered active duty on or before September 7, 1980, and served at least 90 days on active military service, with at least 1 day during a covered wartime period, **Or**
- ▲ The Veteran entered active duty after September 7, 1980, and served at least 24 months or the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions), with at least 1 day during a covered wartime period **Or**
- ▲ The Veteran was an officer and started on active duty after October 16, 1981, and hadn't previously served on active duty for at least 24 months.**Learn more about covered wartime periods.**

And this must be true for you:

Your yearly family income and net worth meet certain limits set by Congress. Your net worth equals the value of everything you own (except your house, your car, and most home furnishings), minus any debt you owe.

Am I eligible for a VA Survivors Pension as the child of a deceased wartime Veteran?

You may be eligible for this benefit if you're unmarried and you meet at least one of these requirements.

At least one of these must be true:

- ▲ You're under age 18 **Or**
- ▲ You're under age 23 and attending a VA-approved school, **Or**
- ▲ You're unable to care for yourself due to a disability that happened before age 18.

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Featured Article

by John Diggins



A Note from our Post History Major General Charles W. Sweeney



Major General Sweeney was a North Quincy High School grad, who went on to attend Boston Univer-

sity and Purdue. In 1941, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served our country until 1976. General Sweeney played an influential role in the conclusion of

World War II, as he piloted the B-29 Superfortress bomber, “Bockscar”, over Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. He completed more than 5,000 military flying hours and became a highly decorated soldier. The awards he received include, but are not limited to, the Silver Star, the Air Medal, the National Defense Medal, two Bronze Star, the World War II Victory Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Major General Sweeney later moved

to Milton until he passed away in 2004 at the age of 84.



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VETERANS EXPO!

Free
Food &
Fun!



For Vets, Troops, Family & Friends

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd
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 and search for "Brockton Veterans Expo", email 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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Mass Maritime Academy



Come join us, (Date TBD), to explore the campus at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne. Learn about many topics and tour the Academy's fabulous on-site museum. More details will be forthcoming including arrangements for a lunch break either on or off campus. The Training Ship Kennedy may be available for tours.



Officers of the Post were sworn in at the Installation Ceremony in June. Commander John Diggins installing the 2023 officers. Paul Prefontaine, Jim Sumner, Glen Buscher, Tom Lynch and Jim Doherty

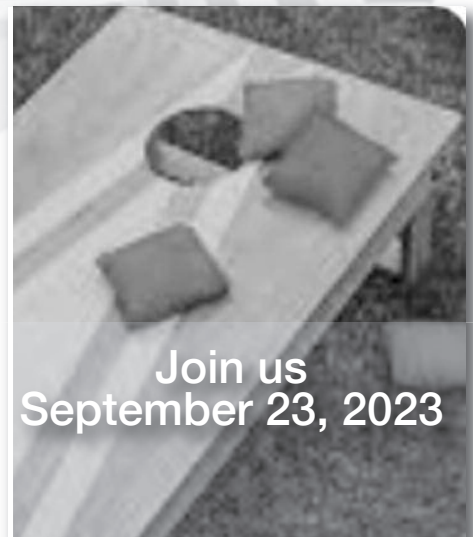
Dues! Dues! Dues!

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.

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 23, 2023

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Merry Christmas!

**JOIN US FOR THE POST
CHRISTMAS PARTY
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

DECEMBER 17, 2023

**LIVE MUSIC AND FREE
CHINESE FOOD.**



Join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 3pm for the 124th Army-Navy Game. Wear your gear and enjoy FREE pizza and celebrate one of the nation's oldest football rivalries. HOO-RAH!

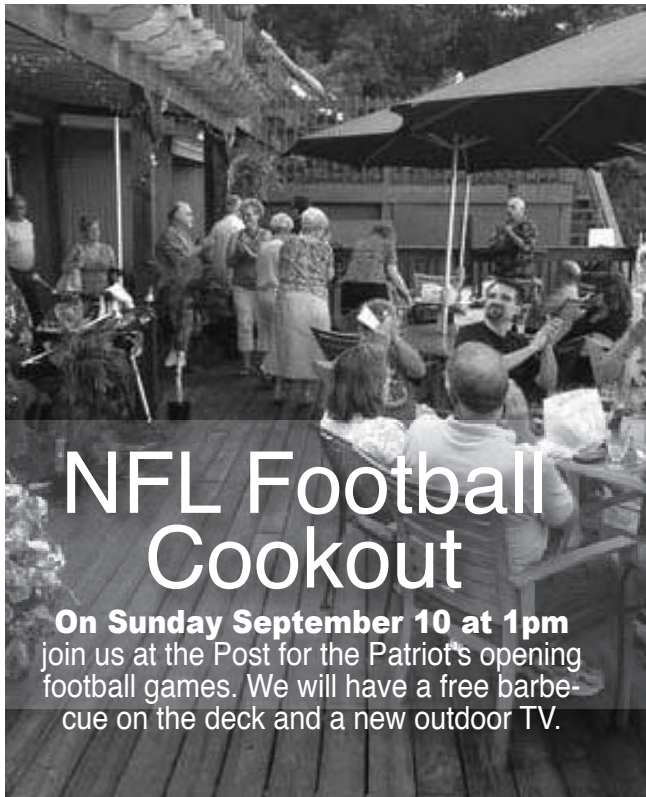


The Post will participate in the U.S. Marine Reserve's Toys for Tots program. A collection box will be set up in the members lounge. Please help out those less fortunate during the holiday season.

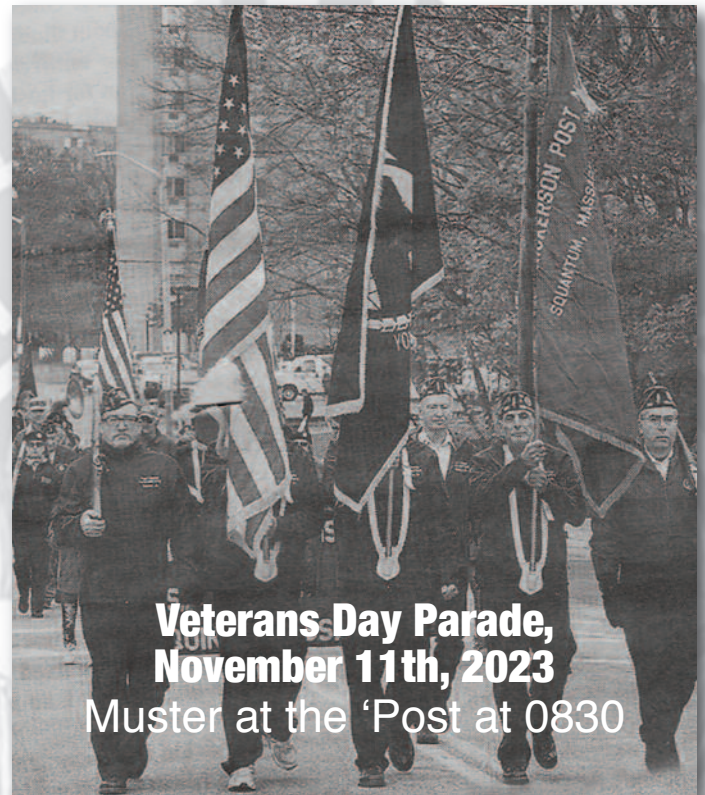
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The military Exchange is available for all veterans to shop on-line. Go to shopmyexchange.com to enroll.

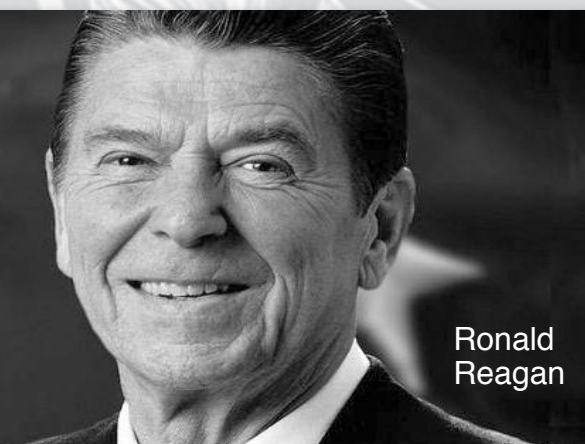
OUR NEWSLETTER -To save on mailing costs in the future, we hope to have as many people as possible receive the newsletter by email. This will also be helpful for any announcements between issues. Please visit our website, nickersonpost.com, to enter your email.



NFL Football Cookout
On Sunday September 10 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, 2023**
Muster at the 'Post at 0830



**WHEN YOU
CAN'T MAKE
THEM SEE THE
LIGHT, MAKE
THEM FEEL THE
HEAT.**

Ronald Reagan

More Reagan quotes can be found on Google.

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Members of the Post attended the annual Harvey's Salt Water Veterans Fishing Trip in Houghs Neck.



Quincy dedicates square in honor of fallen Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Donahue.

The Post was proud to participate in the dedication of the LCPL Christopher Donahue Square in Squantum. A multitude of moving photos were taken of the event at; <https://billbrettboston.com/quincy-dedicates-square-in-honor-of-fallen-marine-lance-corporal/>

