

POW/MIA Recognition Day—3rd Friday in September



Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held to honor America's POW/MIAs. That first year, resolutions were passed in the Congress and the national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. The Missing Man formation was flown by the 1st Tactical Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia. The Veterans Administration published a poster including only the letters "POW/MIA" and

that format was continued until 1982, when a black and white drawing of a POW in harsh captivity was used to convey the urgency of situation and the priority that President Ronald Reagan assigned to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly, until 1995 when it was deemed by Congress that legislation designating special commemorative days would no longer be considered by Congress. The President now signs a proclamation each year. In the early years, the date was routinely set in close proximity to the League's annual meetings. In the mid-1980's, the American Ex-POWs decided that they wished to see

the date established as April 9th, the date during World War II when the largest number of Americans were captured. As a result, legislation urged by the American Ex-POWs was passed covering two years, July 20, 1984 and April 9, 1985, as the commemoration dates.

The 1984 National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony was held at the White House, hosted by President Ronald Reagan. At that most impressive ceremony, the Reagan Administration balanced the focus to honor all returned POWs and renew national commitment to accounting as fully as possible for those still missing. Perhaps the most impressive Missing Man formation ever flown was that year, up the Ellipse and over the White House. Unfortunately, the 1985

ceremony was canceled due to inclement weather, a concern that had been expressed when the April 9th date was proposed.

Subsequently, in an effort to accommodate all returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars, the National League of Families proposed the third Friday in September, a date not associated with any particular war and not in conjunction with any organization's national convention.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, at schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, etc.



Welcome to The American Legion

July—October 2014

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



This time of year is filled with graduations from every level of education from pre-school to medical school. Perhaps the most notable graduation is our graduation from high school and 58 years later my third term as commander of Post 372. I thank everyone for the opportunity to run the Post for the year 2014/2015.

I am looking forward to working with my executive board and the new officers of the Auxiliary, our Sals and Riders.

We moaned and groaned and shoveled all winter long over the many snow storms and very cold days this past season. Thank you for all the many jobs that took place in the post at that time. Did you take notice that the front wall has been repaired and our new TV in the bar? The new flags have been hung in the hall thanks to our members who have worked so hard to keep things up and running. A new officer's board will be hung in the bar. Our pull tab ma-

chines are up and running full speed (keep on playing).

Boy's and Girl's State, flagging of graves, Memorial Day Services, Statewide Services, and a Deployment Escort/Party were only some of the activities the legion took part in over the past couple of months. Thank you goes out to all Post members for taking part in these activities and paying tribute to our vets.

Two of our Sals deserve a big hand - John Giacoboni and Jerry Salvucci did the cooking on Memorial day at Cherry Hill Township.

On June 21st the annual Cherry Hill High Veterans car show took place. Proceeds benefit Samaritan Veterans Hospice and is run by one of our Sal members—John Giacoboni. A big thank you to him.

Check our web site for information on hall rentals and activities. Sue Quinn-Morris has all the information.

Spring is the time to pay your membership dues so be an early bird and take care of your duty.

LIFE IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITH FRIENDS

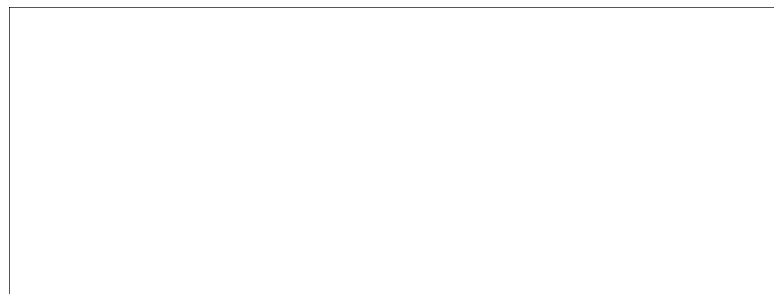
I've Learned – That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to

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the end, the faster it goes.
I've Learned – That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
I've Learned – That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONORED.
 Hope you have a safe and healthy summer enjoy the warm weather with friends and family.

For God and Country,
 Commander Bill Quinn



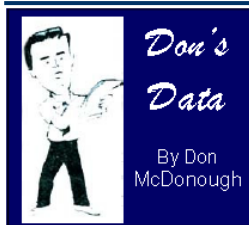
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Are You a Legionnaire plagued with memory Loss?

Some Recent Steven Wright Observations..

- ◆ I planted some birdseed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
- ◆ I had amnesia once -- or twice.
- ◆ I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart.
- ◆ Last week I forgot how to ride a bicycle.
- ◆ What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- ◆ One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- ◆ When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.
- ◆ A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- ◆ What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
- ◆ My weight is perfect for my height - which varies.
- ◆ I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.
- ◆ The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- ◆ How can there be self-help "groups"?
- ◆ Is there another word for synonym?
- ◆ Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?
- ◆ The speed of time is one-second per second.
- ◆ Is it possible to be totally partial?
- ◆ What's another word for the-saurus?
- ◆ If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- ◆ Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

These are comments made by some Police Officers. They were taken off actual police videos around the nation. (But not from Camden County, N.J....!)

- ◆ 'You know, ...stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through.'
- ◆ 'Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new... They'll stretch after you wear them a while.'
- ◆ 'If you run,... you'll only go to jail tired.'
- ◆ 'Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second?... Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you.'
- ◆ 'You don't know how fast you were going?... I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?'
- ◆ 'Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help... Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?'
- ◆ 'Warning! You want a warning?... O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket.'

- ◆ "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not; Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
 - ◆ 'Fair? You want me to be fair?... Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop.' Yeah, we have a quota... Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven.'
 - ◆ 'In God we trust, all others we run through NCIC.'
 - ◆ 'How big were those 'two beers' you say you had?'
 - ◆ 'No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can.'
 - ◆ 'I'm glad to hear that the Chief of Police is a personal friend of yours... So you know someone who can post your bail.'
- AND THE WINNER IS....**
 'You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? ..You're right, we don't. ..Sign here.!'

HALL RENTAL

We recently gave our Legion Hall a facelift ! If you are interested in renting the Hall for an upcoming event, visit our website at www.ALCH372.com for information, including an online availability calendar—or give Sue a call at 856-495-7270

8th Annual POKER RUN & FALL BASH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

* Rain Date Oct 5th *

POKER RUN: Registration 10:30am. KSU 11am
 Location: American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

FALL BASH: 1pm - 5pm
 Location: Barbs HD, 926 Black Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 08059

Music by DJ Mike "Chuckles" May * www.cmphilly.com
 Chinese Auction * 50/50 * Bike Show * Tattoo Contest
 Lots of Food * Draft Beer * Soda * Water

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5th Annual Jeremy Kane 5K Run/Walk

The fifth annual Jeremy Kane 5K Memorial Run was held on Sunday, June 8th in honor of Cherry Hill resident who was killed by a suicide bomb attack while on patrol in Afghanistan in 2010.

Kane was 22, a criminal justice major at Rutgers-Camden and a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was killed.

“Being a fellow veteran and working closely with the student veterans at Rutgers-Camden, my

thoughts are always with the Kane family and any student veteran who has been touched by this tragic war,” says Fred Davis, head of the Office of Veterans Affairs at Rutgers-Camden, a co-sponsor of the event. Proceeds go toward the Jeremy Kane Scholarship Fund, which supports student .

The event is also co-sponsored by the student veterans at Rutgers-Camden and receives support from other organizations in-

cluding Warrior's Watch Riders and American Legion Post 372 in Cherry Hill.

Every year some of the members of the American Legion, including Russ Smiths girls come out and flag the entire 5K run, which helps the runners follow the route throughout the neighborhood.

Some Legion Riders also came out to join the Warriors Watch with the motorcycle escort.



More Photos from the Legion



Legion Member Being Deployed

The second-largest contingent of New Jersey National Guard soldiers to be deployed overseas since World War II left for Texas in June, on the way to Qatar.

The soldiers are going to provide command and control for U.S. units already in place in the Persian Gulf state to support Operation Enduring Freedom. The most well-known campaign in that operation is in Afghanistan, but the counterterrorism mission has been active in Africa and the Philippines, among other locations.

In all, 16,000 soldiers have been mustered from the Garden State ranks since 2001 as part of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Guard officials said. Many of the 450 soldiers who left for Qatar on Wednesday were deployed to Iraq in 2008 when 2,900 New Jerseyans — the largest combat deployment of the New Jersey National Guard since World War II — were sent to that gulf state.

The deployment comes at a time when the militant group the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, has launched a lightning-fast offensive that seized several northern Iraqi cities, including Mosul, where U.S. forces met tough resistance in trying to seize the city in 2004. American trained and equipped Iraqi security forces have crumbled in the face of the offensive, leaving behind their weapons, vehicles and uniforms.

The deployment of New Jerseyans

now is coincidental. The 1/114th has been training for the mission in Qatar for about a year. But they are going at a time when President Obama has bolstered the U.S. presence in the Middle East by reinforcing the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad with 275 soldiers and Marines, and sending the USS George H.W. Bush to the Persian Gulf along with a guided-missile cruiser and a guided-missile destroyer. The bulk of American combat forces left Iraq in 2011.

Among the 450 soldiers from four companies of the 1st Battalion of the 114th Infantry Regiment, is Spec Chris Carr Jr. He joined the Natl Guard Armory in 2010. He is Team Leader of the 1/114th Alpha Comp of Mt Holly.

Chris, along with his parents, Jamie and Don Norris, are members of the Cherry Hill American Legion Post 372.

His parents held a Deployment Party for him at the Legion in May. Our Legion members, along with others from various groups (Nam Knights, Warriors Watch, Combat Vets, etc) joined in to give Chris a surprise escort to his party.

After the escort, Chris was coined by the Legion Riders, Nam Knights, Warriors Watch and Combat Vets.

It was a festive party, a good time was had by all. We wish Chris good luck and expect to hear from him when he gets in Qatar.

We will be sending his unit care packages—stay tuned for upcoming care package collections.



MESSAGE FROM THE SAL COMMANDER



I would like to start off by thanking everyone for a great two years as your SAL commander. I could not have done it without the help of our guys that have come together over the last couple years to get things done. We have held several log splittings, two terrific family days, and even entered a float in the wildwood parade to name a few. It was a pleasure being your commander but now it is time to pass the gavel to Rich Derer. Rich has been on our board for several years and has more than proven himself to take the reins and lead our organization. I am quite confident that Rich will be a great commander. That being said, your new SAL officers are as follows:
 Commander- Rich Derer
 Sr. Vice—Dave D’Orazio
 Vice Commander- Jerry Renteria

Adjutant- Mike Goffinet
 Finance/Membership- Jim Arcinese & Jim Ihlenfeld
 Historian/Chaplain- Fran Keashen
 Sergeant at Arms- Mike Lobascio
 June 12th-14th was the American Legion convention down in Wildwood. As always, post 372 had great representation. The convention is held once a year and is a meeting to gather all of the posts from around the state. Even the national commander comes out to the event. Two days of meetings are followed by the parade on Saturday which is always exciting to see. If you couldn’t make it out this year, we would love to see you come out next year and represent the post.

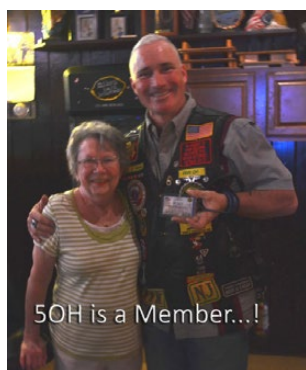
Unfortunately, there will be no fireworks for Cherry Hill this year. Fortunately, the annual 4th of July parade will be held once again in Earlton on July 3rd. The American Legion color guard always comes out to lead off the parade in stellar

fashion. If you are interested in participating in the parade please contact Fran Keashen for further information. It’s always good to see the post well represented in the parade.

Family day is just around the corner now. Our notorious annual family picnic will be held on Saturday September 13th. As always, we will have an abundance of food, raffle prizes, music, games, and much more. Tickets are now available in advance and can be purchased in the canteen at any time. Raffle tickets will also be available. Hope to see all of you there!

Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please make it a point to come out and get involved. The SAL’s need your continued support beyond the canteen are dedicated to improving our community and organization

For God and Country.
 Tim Viguers
 SAL Commander



Purchase Your Tickets Early!

In Advance; \$20/pp - \$35/couple
 At Door; \$20/pp
 Advance tickets are NOW available at Legion!

Family Day
 September 13th ... 1pm - 6pm
 DJ MUSIC, Food, Fun & Games
 Roast Pig, Clams, BBQ Steak Sandwiches, Burgers, Hotdogs, Salads & Corn on the Cob
 American Legion Post 372, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

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Children support our Medal of Honor Heroes

In April, the American Legion sponsored a bus trip to the Irish Pub in Philadelphia for the “Gathering of Heroes”, where three Medal of Honor recipients were in attendance to meet and greet all.

Medal of Honor recipients Brian Thacker, Barney Barnum and Michael Thornton, along with several other high ranking military officials were present.

Legion members and friends shuttled over to the event on a bus. Attendance continues to grow each year. This year we

even had a couple come down from Canada to join us on the bus trip. It was a night to remember, a good time had by all!

The “Gathering of Heroes” is an annual event held by MCLEF (Marine Corp Law Enforcement Foundation) in conjunction with the Irish Pub.

An especially heartwarming touch this year was the cards that the children from the Resurrection Catholic School in Cherry Hill made up for them. Their cards were incredibly touching!

The cards were hand delivered to the Medal of Honor recipients by Ron Colucci and John Murphy at the Irish Pub.



In Memory....

Over the last year we have lost many near and dear friends...may the memories we hold keep them close at heart....here are photos of some of them.



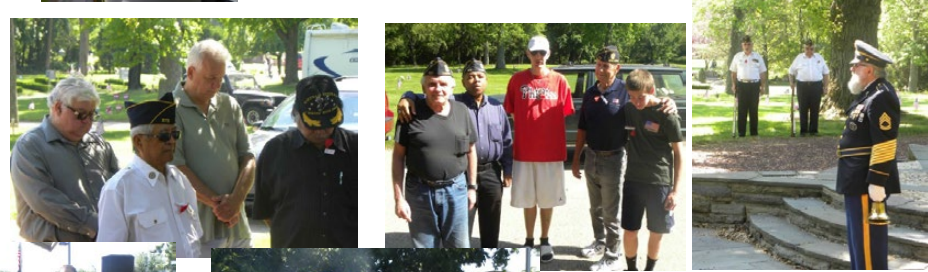
Memorial Day Services 2014

Legion Members participated in several Memorial Day Services.

The day began with services at the American Legion where our deceased Legion members names are read during the service.

Afterwards, there were services at Locustwood Cemetery, Bataan Memorial at Cooper River Park, and then at Cherry Hill Township Building.

After the services at the Township, SAL Members Jerry Salvucci and John Giacoboni, along with their crew, cooked up a storm for all to enjoy.



Flagging Crews of Locustwood & Colestown



September 18th—Air Force Birthday!



The official date of the founding of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947. It was a momentous event that over six decades later has demonstrated the achievement of an Air Force second-to-none, yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back a lot further. From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in

1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926), United States Army Air Forces (1941).

NJ American Legion Statewide Services 2014

74 years ago, Locustwood Cemetery donated graves to NJ American Legion.

In appreciation, on the 1st Sunday of June, the NJ American Legion starts out a day of festivities with a parade which winds through the cemetery. It was followed by a Service, with guest speakers.

Legion Officers and members from all over New Jersey come out to participate.

After the services, our American Legion provided a wonderful Buffet for all to enjoy!

It is always a great time to meet and speak with members from all different Legions—catch up on what they are doing and learn about their upcoming

events as well.

Next year will mark the 75th year that the American Legion has held Services at Locustwood—it will be bigger than ever next year, with some extra touches and special guests! It's sure to be a great day.

Please be sure to mark your calendars early and plan on attending. It will be held on June 7, 2015.



Photos from Services, Ceremonies & at the Legion



MESSAGE FROM LADIES PRESIDENT



Wow I can't believe I made it. This year has had more ups and downs than a roller coaster for me. The Auxiliary has a lot to be proud of this year and I want to Thank everyone who has helped us along the way but especially those who stepped up to make our special projects happen. We have been able to help our homeless Veterans in both the Home for the Brave in Camden and Veterans Haven in Winslow. We have provided Christmas presents, goodies, clothing, puzzles, personal care products, books and of course time during our many visits. If you ever get a chance to visit these facilities you would understand how much a visit means to the residents. Knowing the American Legion Family supports them gives an added boost to their efforts to get back on their feet. These programs have been my pet passion as the Veterans are from every conflict, WWII to today, it's a great feeling knowing we make a difference in their recovery. I am also very proud of our

Auxiliary as we were able to sponsor a room at the new Veterans Haven in North Jersey which was the Legion Family project for this year. This year the Auxiliary was able to help our Post Home by providing funds and person power towards the many renovations which has taken place. Stop by the post and check out the newly painted hall, flowers in the front and changing decorations in the canteen. It looks so much better, bright and cheery. I am also very proud of our Unit as we met our goal in membership for the first time in many years. There are still a few stragglers who haven't paid their dues, there is still time to renew and keep your continuous years status. Check your card, make sure you are carrying a 2014 card. Don't lose your privileges to enter any post in the country as a proud member of the American Legion Family. We have worked hand in hand with our Legionnaires, SALs and Legion Riders over the years and we now welcome the Del Val Nam Knights as we have become their home base. The Knights and the

Lady Knights are a great addition to our post as they stand for many of the same goals as our Legion Family, the Veterans and community. Not to mention they are a great group of people. It's a win—win to have them a part of our post and many have joined as members of the Legion Family. The Auxiliary is looking forward to their presence in the coming year. In closing I want to thank everyone who has supported me in my years as the Unit President and I happily step aside. Sandy will fill the position with the same kind of passion I have. We have a great group of incoming officers so I am sure the Auxiliary will continue to grow. Thank you to all the officers in the past who have filled the offices proudly during my tenure. June, Doris and Annette have stepped down, as Mary, Michelle and Sue have stepped up to join our other officers. I appreciate all our members and the support I have received over the last 7 years. I wish the incoming Legionnaire and SAL officers all the best and promise the Auxiliary will continue to work for the Legion Family in the coming year. We have a Post to be very proud of.

For God and country,
Carol Colucci
Past Unit President

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGION RIDER DIRECTOR



We are starting our 5th year as 372 Riders and this year brings us new leadership. I'm sure everyone will support our new Director, Mickey Van Brunt, and the rest of the Rider E-Board as well as I have been supported! Over the last 4 years we accomplished much together in providing support wherever it

was needed whether on our own mission or assisting our fellow rider organizations. Thank you all for your high degree of participation. The last 4 years have been an incredible ride. Please be sure to come out for the Riders meetings which are held on the 4th Monday evening of the month. For God and Country, Gary Gottron
Past Director, ALR Post 372
Still Riding and Serving

Sal's Kitchen

Hours
Mon-Tues: Closed
Wed—Thur: 12noon—4pm
Friday: 12noon—9pm
Sat/Sun: Call to inquire.
DAILY SPECIALS and FRI-DAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS.
 Check out our Website for weekly Friday Night Dinner Specials and Sal's full menu

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION—MARK YOUR CALENDARS Sunday, October 19, 2014—12:30pm

There will be a Welcome Home for USAF Lt Col Jesse Arnstein at our American Legion. Please come out and show your support. There will also be a motorcycle escort. Details to follow. Please check our website for details. If you haven't already done so, sign up on our EMAIL LIST so you receive late breaking news & events right to your email box!

RIDERS RODEO

October 11th * 12pm - 5pm * Rain or Shine

American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill

\$20/pp - Purchase your ticket in advance to be eligible for the "Basket of Cheer"

EVERYONE WELCOME - Riders & Non-Riders!

Tickets can be purchased at Cherry Hill or Oaklyn American Legion.

Questions - More info www.alch372.com or jagered@me.com

Music * Draft Beer * Soda * Burgers *

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Trophies * 50/50 and more

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Tire Toss

Balloon Toss

Weenie Bite

Keg Roll

Slow Drags



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AMERICAN LEGION POST FLAG TO FLY IN HONOR OF.

January- Cotton, David
 Febuary-Gallo, Charles L
 March- Kearney, John J

“OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING. A VETERAN DIED TODAY”