

# The Scoop

American Legion Post 372  
1532 Martin Ave.  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002



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Newsletter



## Welcome to The American Legion

### Passing of Past Commander Ernie Brosh



It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Past American Legion Post 372 Commander, Ernie Brosh, on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024. He was a proud Air Force veteran and had many interesting stories to share. He was a member of American Legion Post 372 for 50 years - holding numerous officer positions, including Post COMMANDER, Vice Commander and other positions. His passion for our veterans was apparent in all he

did – including collaborating with numerous welcome homes, being a committee member of Traveling Vietnam Wall, an editor for the Legion “Scoop” newsletter for over 10 years, interviewing and selecting young men for the Legion Boys State Program, involvement in the selection process of Legion Scholarships, maintenance and beautifying the Legion grounds and everything in between. Ernie served as Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force in the original U2 Unit. He was also a member of the Glee Club and black belt on the Judo Team. He was President of The Palmer Social Club and Captain of their rough touch football team. He tried out for the

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Phillies and loved The Shore. He enjoyed making people laugh but most of all he wanted everyone to know how much he loved, supported



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## Passing of Past Commander Ernie Brosh (cont'd)

and cared about them. Although his health has dete-



riorated over the last handful of years, he is and was an integral part of our Legion and local veteran community – helping all with a smile and always true to the mission.



His funeral was held at Givnish Funeral Home in Philadelphia, close to where he had been living with his daughter Geri.

Prior to his funeral, Sue and



Phil met with the family at the Funeral home and flagged the perimeter of the funeral home. Sue also provided the family with photo boards for the funeral, which included over 100 photos of Ernie. About a dozen Legion members attended his funeral and



car pooled from the Legion. The family was presented with a Bible at the funeral. He was a true advocate for not only our veteran community, but for everyone he met. There will never be another Ernie Brosh.



## Annual Visit to Home for the Brave

In a heartwarming tradition filled with compassion and gratitude, we visited the Home for the Brave in January 2024.

This visit was not merely an act of kindness but a symbol of our unwavering support for the veterans who courageously served our nation. Marching in with arms full of food and

gifts, we aimed to bring joy and comfort to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. This annual event showcases the true



spirit of camaraderie and selflessness within our community. Let us continue to stand united in honoring and cherishing our veterans, recognizing their invaluable contributions, and advocating for their well-being. Together, we can make a difference, one visit at a time.

## Interviews to be Conducted for the 2024 Boys State Session

For those that are unfamiliar with this program, the American Legion Jersey Boys State is a mythical fifty-first state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes under the auspices of The American Legion, Department of New Jersey. A session of Jersey Boys State has been held annually since the first session in 1946.

The 78th American Legion Jersey Boys State will be held in June 2024.

Be sure to check out their website for complete details on this great program for our local youth—their website address is <https://aljbs.org/>

For those interested in help-



ing Boys State Chairperson with interviewing boys from our local schools, please contact Sue S. Interviews will be held in April 2024.

# American Legion Members: Keep the Tradition Alive!

Come Out for the 89th Annual NJ American Legion Statewide Services, Parade & Social



**89th Annual  
New Jersey  
AMERICAN LEGION  
STATEWIDE Services**

The Annual NJ Statewide American Legion Services kicks off with a Parade at 1:30pm at Locustwood Cemetery, followed by a Ceremony, with Guest Speakers including NJ American Legion Officers, S.A.L. Officers, Auxiliary Officers and others. Afterwards there is a Social/Buffer at American Legion Post 372, Cherry Hill. Be sure to come out and meet members/officers from all our NJ American Legions!! Its a great opportunity to mingle, share news and events with our fellow Legions!!!

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**  
1:30pm Parade/Ceremony  
Social/Food to follow at Post 372

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**THROWBACK** of the NJ AMERICAN LEGION STATEWIDE SERVICES held at Locustwood Cemetery. 2024 marks 89 years!



*Be at Locustwood at 1:30pm, Parade kicks off shortly after Food/Social immediately following at Post 372 (approx 3:30)*

# American Legion Members: Help in Honoring our Heroes



**89th Annual**  
**FLAGGING of our**  
**VETERANS** Graves

**LOCUSTWOOD CEMETERY**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 10am**  
1500 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

*Meet at Cemetery at 10am. Bring hammer or poker to aid in placing flag in ground*



Commander Merimonde presented a donation on behalf of American Legion Post 372 to SpectraCare Foundation in January.

In March, Sue Shepherd and Commander Merimonde attended an Eagle Scout Presentation at Christ the Light Church in Cherry Hill, NJ. Commander Merimonde presented Good Citizenship Awards to three young men, along with some special gifts. Job well done all!

# Passing of Long Time Member & Chairman of Stand Down of South Jersey



It is with deep regret we announce the news that American Legion Post 372 Veteran, James T Maher, passed away on March 3rd, 2024. Jim was a

member of our Post for 37 years.

Jim served a tour in Korea and a tour in Vietnam, On Aug 26, 1969, Jim was honorably discharged from the United States Army. He served his country well and was proud to be an American.

Jim entered duty with FBI on October 19, 1970 and retired in 2001 as a Supervisory Special Agent and was inducted into the International

Police Association Hall of Fame.

He was the past Chairman of Stand Down of South Jersey for 20+ years, volunteer/member on the Battleship NJ and several other organizations.

He, his FBI friends and Army Garrison buddies used to meet at the Legion once a month for a lunch social prior to COVID. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

### CAPTAIN GREGORY DALESSIO KIA



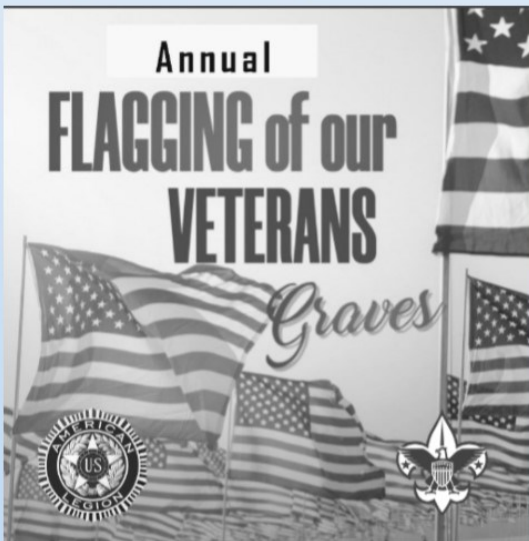
Another hero, Army Cpt Greg Dalessio, who grew up in the Knollwood Section of Cherry Hill, is buried in Colestown Cemetery.

Cpt Dalessio was fatally shot on June 23, 2008 as he emerged from a weekly reconstruction meeting with Iraqi officials in the city of Salman Pak. The gunman in that attack also killed another American soldier and wounded three others. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division and was on his second tour.

Since his death in 2008, his family has held an Annual Cpt Greg Dalessio 5K Run/Walk on the 1st Saturday in December.



## American Legion Members: Help in Honoring our Heroes



**COLESTOWN CEMETERY**  
100 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
Boy Scouts Troop 70, American Legion Post 372  
& Invited Guests to Meet At Cemetery at 6:00pm

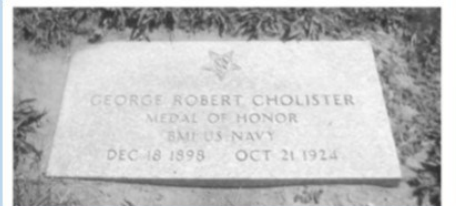
### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT GEORGE R. CHOLISTER

George Robert Cholister was born in Camden NJ to Harold (Harry) and Hannah Albertha Glandon Cholister on December 18, 1898. He was the fourth of eight children. George was educated in Ellensburg School (Delaware Twp/Cherry Hill) His father was a police officer in the town of Stockton and then later the Superintendent of Colestown Cemetery (Delaware Twp/Cherry Hill) for over 30 years.

George enlisted in the Navy on April 11, 1916 and was in the eighth year of his enlistment when he sustained the injuries which resulted in his death.

During the World War, George served on a submarine in the North Sea and was later transferred to the US Destroyer Fanning, which was officially credited with sinking 3 German submarines.

George Cholister did well in the Navy, and in the and one half years



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## Passing of Irv DiPold, Michael Dowhy and Michael Morris

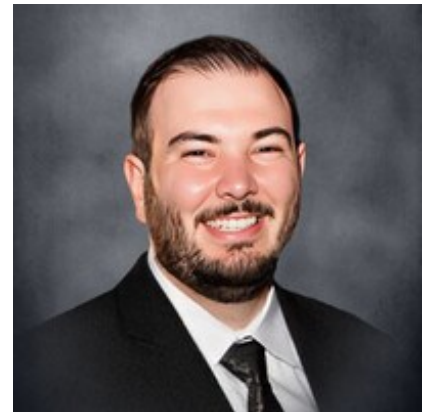
We sure have had a lot of losses lately. We regret having to share the passing of past Post 372 member and veteran Irv Dippold who passed away on February 9th, 2024. He will be sorely missed as a frequent visitor of the post.



We also lost Michael Morris. Many of you will know him from being the Cub Scout Master for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



And just prior to going to print, we had another loss—SAL member Michael Dowhy—son of the late SAL member Ed Dowhy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. A tragic loss.



# DONATION Drop Spot



Used and New Clothing and Shoes welcome.  
(No furniture/food)



Location: American Legion, 1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ - behind CH West High School/JFK Hospital

Your donations help benefit the Cherry Hill American Legion Veterans programs.



## Passing of Navy Veteran Vic Myer



It is with deep sadness we report the passing of American Legion Post 372 member &

Navy veteran, Vic Myer, on February 22nd, 2024. .

Vic was born in Philadelphia December of 1943. He attended Bensalem High School. He was married to Donna for 55 years and his love for her stayed strong for all of these years. He is a Navy submarine veteran and proudly served his country from 1961-1970. Vic loved music and played the trombone, guitar, and drums. He also loved to DJ in his spare time. He was a true NASCAR fan. If a race was on

he was watching it. Over the years he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and bowling.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Funeral arrangements were through Schetter Funeral Home in Cherry Hill, NJ



Many American Legion members attended his services and Sue Quinn-Morris flagged the perimeter of the funeral home prior to his service.



# VENUE for YOU

*at the American Legion in Cherry Hill, NJ*

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**FLAGGING**  
of our  
**VETERANS GRAVES**  
at **Calvary Cemetery**

Meet at Legion at 10am on Saturday, May 25, 2024

Whether it's a Bridal Shower, a Baby Shower, a Birthday Party or anything in between, our Hall is a perfect choice for your next party!

Did you know that members of the American Legion Post 372, who have belonged to our Legion for 1+ years, get a discount on renting our beautiful Hall?

Check out all the details about our Hall at <https://www.alch372.com/hall-rental/>, or call Sue Q at 856-495-7270 for more details.

## CANTEEN SCENE

The 1st quarter of 2024 brought a lot of fun times in the Canteen. Events included the following;

Our **Superbowl Party** was held in the canteen on Sunday, February 11th. Festivities began at 4pm. The SALs also held a **SUPERBOWL Raffle** - the prize was a Treasure Trove of Spirits!

A **Winters Serenade** was held in the canteen on Feb 24th, with live music by Deacon Zeke (Bobby D) and speciality drinks by bartender Josh.

On March 16th, **Karaoke Night in the Canteen** with Bobby D as Vocal Coordinator and Bartender Josh slinging everyone's favorite drinks was held. A great time for sure.

We had our annual **St Patricks Day Party** in the Canteen – on Sunday, March 17th. Bartender Bobby McD serving up all the best drinks alongside of some great Ham, Cabbage, Corned Beef & Roasted Potatoes.

Bartender Janine held her infamous **Donkey Day** at the Legion in April. She takes pre-orders for the infamous Donkey's Sandwiches and brings them in for all to enjoy. A portion of the money collected for the sandwiches is donated to the Legion.

## LEGION KITCHEN

Be sure to stop in Tuesday through Friday (12-6) for lunch by Chef Patti! Delicious food at great prices. Check out her facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kitchenpost372/>

## Upcoming Canteen Events

May 18, 2024 —7pm-Midnight. Pre Summer Margarita Luau with bartender Josh and Live Music by Deacon Zeke. Enjoy a night of fun, tropical themed drinks and great melodies. Bring a dish to share.

If you are not on our email list, be sure to sign up so you receive the latest news and event updates!

