



**THE PARKER POST**  
**"The active American Legion dry Post"**  
**THE FRANK C. PARKER JR., & SON**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 901**



**and**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**SQUADRON 901 JEFFERSONVILLE, PA**  
**P.O. BOX 301, NORRISTOWN, PA. 19404**  
**85 School Lane, Jeffersonville, PA.**  
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**June 2015**

**Officers**

Post Commander: William Keyes  
Sr. Vice Commander: Richard Seltzer  
Vice Commander: Lou DeVaughn  
Finance Officer: Joseph Patti  
Membership: Richard Seltzer  
Post Historian: Albert Momme

Post Adjutant: David Tomlinson  
Chaplain: Michael Santillo  
S.A.L. Squadron Commander:  
David Candelori  
Judge Advocate: Robert Wagner  
Field Correspondent: Robert Wagner  
Newsletter editor: Art Interian

**Meetings**

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August at the Jefferson Fire Company; 85 School Lane, Jeffersonville, PA. The Post meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., and the S.A.L. Squadron meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The meeting hall and parking lot are located at the rear of the building and are handicap accessible. Entrance is through the rear of the Jefferson Fire House.



At the regular meeting of the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son American Legion Post 901 on Tuesday evening March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a citation award was presented by Commander Bill Keyes to Michael Palumbo, The Home Depot Store Manager and Brian Jozos Supervisor, for their outstanding support of Veterans in the community. Personnel from the Home Depot store on 600 South Trooper Road in West Norriton mulched, trimmed shrubbery and cleaned up the Veterans Memorial located at the Jefferson Firehouse in West Norriton. Home Depot is also assisting in the installation of a Bocce Ball Court at the Veterans Center in Spring City in cooperation with the DAV that is to be used by veterans living at the center. Having such a court will enable the veterans to be outside and get a little exercise and sunshine. The effort shown by Home Depot's management and personnel is well appreciated.



**Frank C. Parker Jr. & Son Post 901  
2015-2016 Elected Officers  
resulting from the June 9<sup>th</sup> election**

Post Commander: Bob Klampfer  
First Post Vice Commander: Rick Seltcer  
Second Post Vice Commander: Louis DeVaughn  
Post Adjutant: Dave Tomlinson  
Post Finance Officer: Joe Patti  
Post Chaplain: Austin McGuire  
Delegates: 1. Dave Candelori  
2. Wayne W. Kinsey  
3. Bill Keyes  
4. Dave Tomlinson



***Rick Seltcer, Commander Bill Keyes & Ralph Nealman.  
Commander Keyes thanking all of  
the Veterans for helping to place  
American flags on Veteran's  
Graves.***

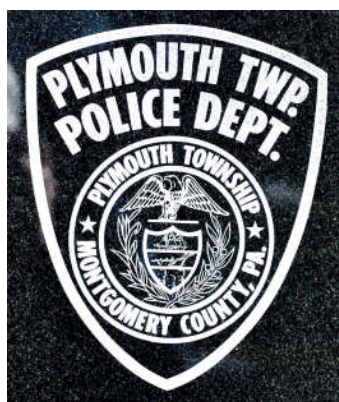
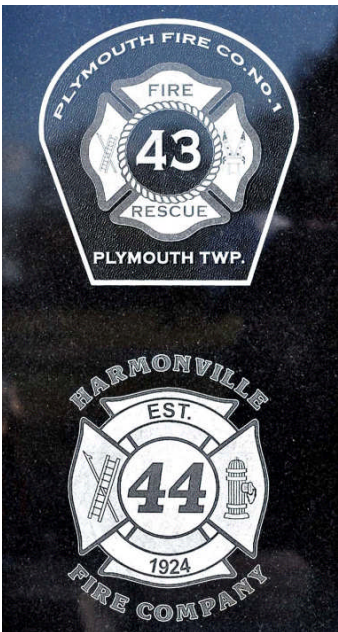
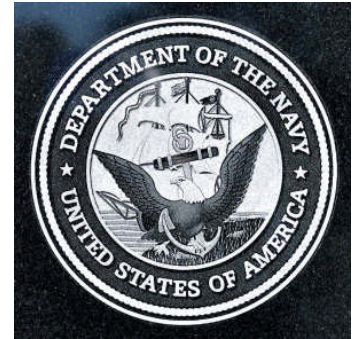


***Veteran members of the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post 901, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 349 all of which assisted in placing American flags on Veterans graves at five different cemeteries.***

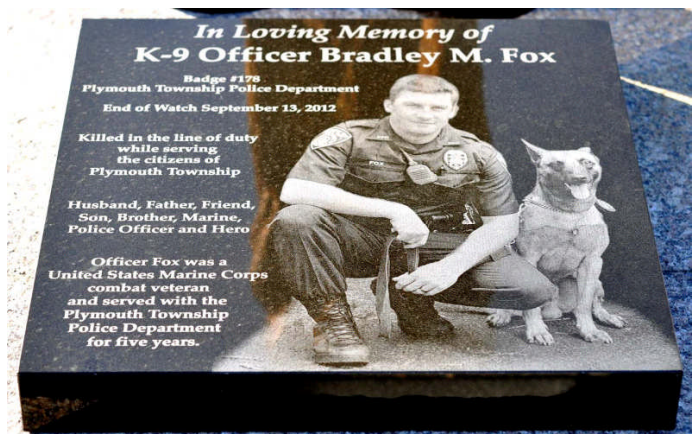


# PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SERVICE & DEVOTION

**The recently dedicated Plymouth Township Service and Devotion Monument serves to honor the Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, Navy Army, Plymouth Township Police Department, Plymouths Township and Harmonville Fire Companies and the Plymouth Ambulance. The monument facilities gives special recognition to Police Officer Brad Fox who was killed in the line of duty. The Catholic War Veterans and The Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post teamed together to serve as the honor guard during the dedication.**



**Earl Galloway: credit for Color Guard picture**





## ***The Cost of Freedom: A Tribute to Our Local Troops***

***Kate Foy interviewed veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and other wars as a Girl Scout project to fulfill the stringent requirements to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award. Her idea was to interview veterans and record their conversations in response to her questions and record the interviews on her iPad.***

***Upon completion of the interviews each of the veterans that participated in the interviews were presented an elaborate assembly of items to thank them for their service and participation in the project. This consisted of a bound printed booklet and CD audio/***



***visual recording of the comments by the veterans. Also included was her business card, a brochure "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder", Hershey candy bar having an American Flag with a personalized inscription "Thank you veterans! The Cost of Freedom: January 15th, 2015" and a box of delicious Girl Scout cookies. All of this was presented in a colorful hand decorated bag that was inscribed "Thank you for your service". The various items were placed in the bag and cushioned with red, white and blue tissue.***

***Considering that each veteran participating in the interviews received their own personalized name on a colorful star attached to the decorated bag, Kate Foy is to be thanked and congratulated for her astounding efforts. In recognition for all that she has done, the County Commissioners will present her with a Citation and she is expected to receive her Girl Scout Gold Award in the next few months when the Girl Scout Board meets.***

***We all thank you, Kate Foy, for recognizing our veterans in such a wonderful way.***



**Dave Tomlinson, Lou De Vaughn & Commander Bill Keyes.**

**Lou De Vaughn received the American Legion Blood Drive Award for his efforts in conducting a successful blood drive and was elected as the Post 2nd Vice Commander during the June election of officers. Congratulations Lou!**



**An Easter Egg Hunt Event was held on the grounds of the Jefferson Firehouse for three different age groups by the West Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department. Inside the firehouse hall there were prizes, mainly consisting of chocolate bunnies, for each of the children attending the event. Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son members assisted in helping out with the jelly bean contest where the winner guessing the closest number of jelly beans in the jar would receive the jar of jelly beans and a \$25 gift certificate.**



**Commander Bill Keyes, Mike Candelori, Dave Tomlinson and Charles Becker waiting for the start of the Little League Parade April 18, 2015**



**Norristown High School JROTC presenting the colors at the West Norriton Little League field**





**Photo credit: Commander Bill Keyes**

**Halloween parade held at the Norristown High School on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> lead by the JROTC as Color Guard followed by the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post and Sons of the American Legion, East Norriton Middle School marching band and numerous kids dressed in their Halloween outfits. Following the parade, there was a program which included a magician and treats for the kids.**



**Veterans Day Memorial Celebration at the Jefferson Fire House on November 8, 2014. State Senator John C. Rafferty Jr. was the Guest Speaker. Veterans from the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Marine Corp League, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Pearl Harbor Survivors were present for the ceremony. The veterans, their spouses, children, grandchildren and friends were all treated to a buffet luncheon after the ceremony.**



**West Norriton Township Building Veterans Anchor Memorial Ceremony May 24, 2015**



**Jefferson Firehouse Veterans Memorial Ceremony May 24, 2015**





***East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Ceremony May 24, 2015***



***Flower wreath placement at East Norriton Veterans Memorial by President Ralph Nealman Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 349 & Commander Bill Keyes Commander Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post 901***



***Rifle Squad***



***JROTC Color Guard***





***American flag being unfurled at Valley Forge by the Descendants and Friends of The 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 79<sup>th</sup> Division, World War 1 during a memorial service as the first ever Saving Hallowed Ground ceremony. The flag was first unfolded and then refolded in the standard triangular fashion. There is a program to locate WWI monuments and memorial plaques around the country and it is hoped that the Saving Hallowed Ground flag ceremony can be repeated at any WWI memorial site as each new site is recognized and recorded.***







## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

At the December 9, 2014 Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son meeting, Gus DiMino made a donation of his Sons of the American Legion Past President ribbon with medallion to our Sons of the American Legion. Gus now at 94, first joined the Sons of the Legion when he was 14 years old. His dad was in the Army. The Sons met at 907 DeKalb Street and had 70 members. At that time they were very active and would put on dinners with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary to raise money for their activities and programs. They would dress up in sailor's uniforms to participate in parades and would decorate Veteran's graves with American flags for Memorial Day. Thanks Gus for sharing part of history with us.

## **AN ACTIVE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**

Everyone that attends the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post meetings know by now that the Candelori family is a very active group in the Post and Son's affairs as well as being active in many other activities. This is just a short note to bring you up to date in what this active family is doing.

Paul C Candelori, our Post's 91 years young Sergeant of Arms, will be attending his grandson's graduation at Notre Dame University. Christopher Catalino will be graduating at Notre Dame and will then be working for IBM in Texas. Nick Kelly just completed his first year at the University of Pittsburgh. Ryan Candelori will soon finish his first year of high school which included a fine season of Lacrosse. Paul A. Candelori is enjoying retirement after many years of teaching math. Three of our Son's, Quinn, Gus and Cooper Smith just returned from a year in England since their father previously had been transferred there. Michael Candelori spends his time promoting the American Legion HAM radio program call sign (kb3ozd) and Adam Candelori just completed his third year at Misericordia University in Dallas PA as football manager.

For a patriotic project, the Sons have been selling top quality American flags for \$15.00. Anyone who needs one can just contact one of the Sons members to obtain one.







## ***Frank C. Parker Jr. & Son Post 901 Commanders***

1952-53	Charles F. Devine	1985-86	Michael Koresnnicak
1953-54	Edward Farrell	1986-87	Frederick J. Klotzbeck
1954-55	Joseph Koegel	1987-88	Domenic S. Loiero
1955-56	Robert Davis	1988-89	Gury Poletajev
1956-57	Herman DeMatthews	1989-90	Gury Poletajev
1957-58	George E. Haring	1990-91	Gury Poletajev
1958-59	Ralph Livelsberger	1991-92	Ida W. Vaughan
1959-60	George Harris	1992-93	Ida W. Vaughan
1960-61	Robert L. Long	1993-94	Ida W. Vaughan
1961-62	James Ryan	1994-95	Albert E. Momme
1962-63	Thomas S. Dennis	1995-96	Albert E. Momme
1963-64	John Maier	1996-97	Albert E. Momme
1964-65	Angelo Tornetta	1997-98	Benjamin W. Lare
1965-66	Albert E. Momme	1998-99	Benjamin W. Lare
1966-67	Joseph A. Tryon	1999-00	Frank J. Petrone
1967-68	Samuel Marconi	2000-01	J. Robert Wagner
1968-69	Frank J. Petrone	2001-02	Frank Campbell
1969-70	Benjamin W. Lare	2002-03	Frank Campbell
1970-71	Joseph A. Tryon	2003-04	William M. Keim, III *
1971-72	Joseph A. Tryon	2004-05	John (Jack) Darrohn
1972-73	Benjamin W. Lare	2005-06	John (Jack) Darrohn
1973-74	Ida W. Vaughan	2006-07	Albert E. Momme
1974-75	Ida W. Vaughan	2007-08	Albert E. Momme
1975-76	Albert E. Momme	2008-09	David Christopher Candelori
1976-77	Albert E. Momme	2009-10	David Christopher Candelori
1977-78	Albert E. Momme	2010-11	William R. Keyes III
1978-79	Benjamin W. Lare	2011-12	William R. Keyes III
1979-80	Benjamin W. Lare	2012-13	William R. Keyes III
1980-81	Ida W. Vaughan	2013-14	William R. Keyes III
1981-82	Bennjamin W. Lare	2014-15	William R. Keyes III
1982-83	Joseph A. Tryon	2015-16	Robert William Klampfer
1983-84	Joseph A. Tryon		
1984-85	Albert E. Momme		

\* Died while in office

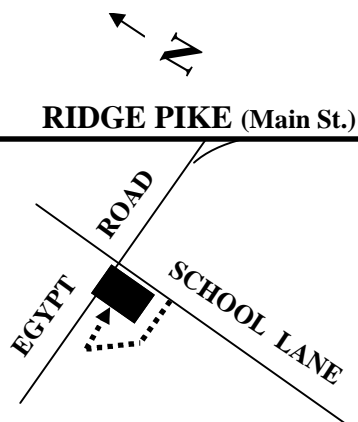




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**Directions to Post 901 meeting hall.**  
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**PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE P.O. ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE OR COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.**

**The American Legion Membership Application**  
**(PLEASE PRINT)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below**

- ☐ Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt.  
☐ Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990  
☐ Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984  
☐ Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975  
☐ June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955  
☐ Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946  
☐ April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918  
☐ Merchant Marines 12/7/41-8/15/45 (only eligibility)

- ☐ U.S. Army  
☐ U.S. Navy  
☐ U.S. Air Force  
☐ U.S. Marines  
☐ U.S. Coast Guard



**I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of recruiter

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