



THE PARKER POST - May 2016

"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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Officers

Post Commander: Bob Klampfer
Post First Vice Commander: Rick Seltcer
Post Second Vice Commander: Louis DeVaughn
Post Finance Officer: Joseph Patti
Post Adjutant: Charles Becker
Post Chaplain: Austin McGuire

Post Historian: Albert Momme
Post Judge Advocate: Robert Wagner
Post Membership: Richard Seltzer
S.A.L. Squadron Commander: David Candelori
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.



**Bob Klampfer being installed as
Commander of the Frank C. Parker, Jr.
Post by Deputy Commander
Carl Wenhold**



**Deputy Commander Carl Wenhold
Installing Louis DeVaughn
as Second Vice Commander**



David Tomlinson testing being conveyed into the Veteran's Van in a wheelchair



The Veteran's Van was dedicated outside the Montgomery Veterans Affairs Office on 18 June 2015. The purpose of this van is to transport veterans to Spring City, Coatesville and other locations for medical treatment.

Chaplain Austin McGuire's Prayer: Almighty God, our Father, we turn to you now in thanks and praise, for you are the Giver of our lives and we know ourselves to be your own. Please protect those who travel in this van so that your good work may be continued. All that we have and are is because of your love. We offer you our thanks. Amen.



Commander Bob Klampfer presenting the Policeman Of The Year award to Officer Brian Bishop at West Norriton Township Building 13 October 2015



Commander Bob Klampfer presenting the Fireman Of The Year award to Jeffery Houseal at West Norriton Township Building 13 October 2015

TAPS



Mike Santillo Past Post Chaplain, died on 27 October 2015 due to cancer. His viewing was held at the Bacchi Funeral Home on Monday 2 November. Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son American legion Post members and firemen from several fire companies served as Honor Guards for the service.

Lt. Col Richard H. Bonney died on January 12, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army 84th Infantry during the WWII Battle of the Bulge and received a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star for his services. He was very active in the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son American Legion Post and was especially known for leading the marches to and from Memorial Services on Memorial Day.



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT VIETNAM MEMORIAL

On a Tuesday rainy wet 10, 2015 November evening a Veterans Day Memorial service was held at the Vietnam Memorial at Main and Swede Streets in Norristown. An Honor Guard from the Norristown High School JROTC presented the colors and prayers were cited. The individual names of each deceased Montgomery County Vietnam veteran, their rank, branch of service and year of death were recited. The names of deceased service personnel from recent wars were also mentioned to honor them too. Thankfully, some volunteers erected awnings to protect most of those in attendance from the inclement weather and the local Fire Company supplied lighting for the occasion.



An award was presented to Al Momme by Commander Bob Klampfer at the Post Meeting Sept. 8, 2015. The award states the following:

Certificate of Appreciation
In recognition and sincere appreciation for
your dedicated service to your community
Albert Mommie
Honored United States Veteran
Presented By
Rolling Thunder
Chapter, PA
May 17th 2015

SKIPPACK PARADE JULY 4, 2015



Post members having refreshments and fraternizing prior to parade



"Lawns Of America" organization assembling prior to parade. This organization will cut the lawns of veterans who are incapacitated free of charge

SCHOOL AWARDS



Under the leadership of Finance Officer Joseph Patti, American Legion School Awards are presented to students at 6 different schools in the area. Because Frank C. Parker III was a student at Upper Merriion High School and a memorial is there for his namesake, both a male and female Graduate receive a \$100.00 check, Medallion and a Certificate. At Upper Merion Middle School, Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School, Arcola Intermediate School, Visitation BVM Catholic School and The Pathway School, First Place Winner students receive a check for \$40.00, Medallion and a Certificate and Honorable Mention students receive a check for \$20.00 and a Certificate.



I am part of our American Flag. I have flown over a home in the U.S.A. but I can no longer fly. The sun and wind have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that YOU are not forgotten

A visit was recently made to past Commander Bill Keyes and he was busily cutting out the stars from an old tattered American Flag. I asked what he was doing and he said that he was preparing souvenirs that will be handed out to individuals in a plastic Zip Lock bag along with the above inscription. Congratulations Bill on a wonderful way to retire components of our wonderful American Flag.

OBSCURE WWI WEST NORRITON MEMORIAL



How many of our Post members are aware of this West Norriton Improvement Association memorial dedicated to the men and women of West Norriton that served in WWI? It is located close to the Jefferson Fire House at West Main Street and Hancock Rd.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION AND ITS PEOPLE

...we should not mourn the men who died...
instead, we should thank God those men lived.

~Gen. George S. Patton



MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Flag Placement on Veteran's graves, Thursday 12 May, 2016. Meet at Jefferson Firehouse 9:00 AM.

Memorial Day Ceremony: East Norriton Twp, Friday 27 May, 2016, 1:00 PM

Memorial Day Ceremony: West Norriton Twp., Saturday 28 May, 2016, 11:00 AM

Memorial Day Ceremony: Jefferson Fire House, Saturday 28 May, 2016, 12:00 Noon

Memorial Day Ceremony: Valley Forge Chapel, 79th Division, 314th AEF Division, Sunday 29 May, 2016, 1:00 PM

Memorial Day Ceremony: Main & Swede, Monday 30 May, 2016, 9:00 AM

Memorial Day Ceremony: St. Pats Cemetery, Monday 30 May, 2016, 11:00 AM



**Paul Candelori being presented
a Montgomery County Honor
Guard Jacket March 8, 2016
by Bill Keyes and Ralph Nealman**

Picture Credit: Lynette Werley



The POW MIA flag was designed in 1971 by Newt Heisley in response to a request from the POW wives organization, National League of Families.
Reference: The Hook, page 32, Winter 2015 and for full story The Hook, page 26, Summer 2013.

POST WEB SITE: Chaplain Austin McGuire developed a web site for the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son American Legion Post about a year ago and this has been announced several times at our meetings. To go to the web site just click **alpost901.org**. It is planned to post important notices and other information on the web site as it is received. If you know of a post member that is sick or has died or if you have other important information that you wish posted on the web site, please call Austin McGuire at (610) 316-5383 or email him at **chaplain_austin@yahoo.com**.

It is desired to develop a Post email database should it be necessary to contact you. So please call or send your name and email address to Austin McGuire.

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Thursday, April 28th

11:00 am - 9:00 pm

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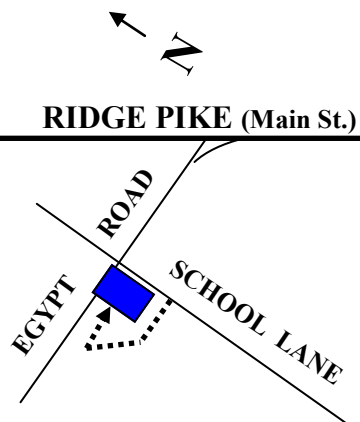
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PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE P.O. ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE OR COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name)			(Phone)
(Mailing Address)			(Date)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)
Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below			(Dues)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt. | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41-8/15/45 (only eligibility) | |



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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