



THE PARKER POST - Aug. 2018

**THE FRANK C. PARKER JR., & SON
AMERICAN LEGION POST 901**

and

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Post Chaplain: Austin McGuire

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Post Judge Advocate: J. Robert Wagner
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S.A.L. Squadron Commander: Ryan Candelori
Sergeant Of Arms: Paul Candelori
Retiring Newsletter Editor: J. Robert Wagner

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.



Commander Alan Karver

Post Officers were voted upon on 12 June 2018 and are scheduled to be inducted into office on 11 September 2018. Our Post wishes to thank Commander Bob Klampfer and our other past officers for serving in their successful capacity for the Post this past year.

I look forward to being Commander of the Frank C. Parker Jr. & Son Post 901. My goals for the coming term is to work with each and every one of our members to expand our membership, increase our financial backing, have new guest speakers at our meetings and expose our Post in the area of different civic affairs.

FIRE FIGHTER & POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the 10 October 2017 West Norriton Township Meeting, the Fire Fighter of the Year and the Police officer of the Year Award was present by our Post Commander Bob Klampfer with a packed house in attendance.



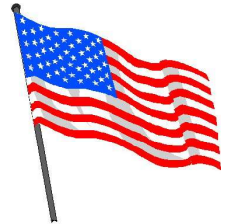
Fire Fighter Taylor Knauer & Commander Bob Klampfer



Detective Charles Naber & Commander Bob Klampfer



NFL DISRESPECT OF FLAG & ANTHEM

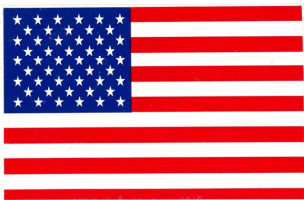


At our 10 October 2017 Post meeting, Members at Large unanimously passed the following motion to send letters to the NFL organization, the Eagles and its members as follows:

“We express our dissatisfaction with the NFL, its management and players for disrespecting the American flag and the National Anthem by their inappropriate protest at NFL games.

We have advised our members not to watch NFL games or purchase and display NFL paraphernalia until such time that this disrespect is stopped.”

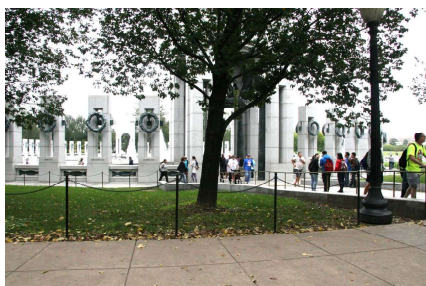
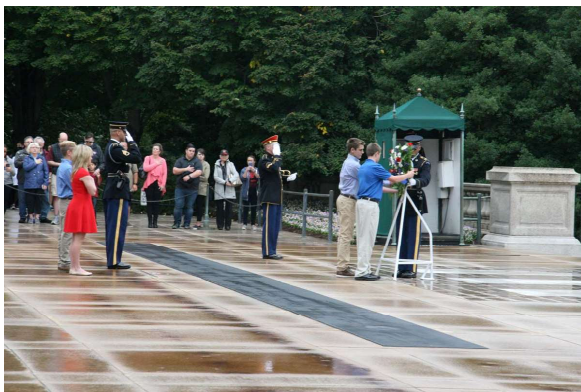
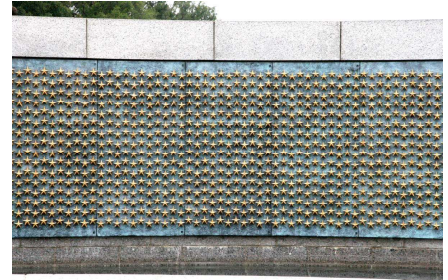
We call on our members to stand together and boycott the NFL, its teams and players.



Service Personnel, Veterans and all good American citizens should boycott any coach, player, team and NFL owners that do not respect the American Flag or the National Anthem. The practice of players taking a knee, raising a fist or making any other derogatory gesture when the National Anthem is sung or played are disrespecting our men and women that died, were wounded and served or are now serving in our military. This is not appreciated or tolerated by any of us and to show your dissatisfaction stop going to the games, turn off your TV or go to a different channel and write or call companies that show advertisement during any event in which such gestures have been made in the past. Eventually when the flow of profits or income has trickled down to where it hurts, then the offenders will stop.

HONOR FLIGHT

On 15 October 2017 many veterans were provided transportation and a meal to visit Washington DC to see the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Airforce memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Those that attended were elated and said that it was a “once in a lifetime tour”.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

On 28 October 2017 the annual Halloween parade and entertainment program was held at the Norristown High School field and gymnasium. Commander Bob Klampfer and Dave Tomlinson marched with the JROTC, Norristown High School and numerous kids dressed in their costumes. Alan Karver was there to take numerous pictures of the event.



AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT

As part of completing a project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout Mr. Jack Goehring organized Scouts in his troop to collect old worn and tattered American flags to be burned at a proper flag retirement ceremony. The event was held at the Calvary cemetery in West Conshohocken. The scout arranged for the cemetery staff to dig the fire pit with a back hoe and Chaplain Austin McGuire was contacted, offered a prayer and indicated that the flags had served their country well.



Scout Jack Goehring



Chaplain Austin McGuire
offering retirement prayer



Scout taking turns to burn flags



One of the larger flags to be retired



Cooling the ashes at the end of the ceremony

VETERANS EXPO

A veterans Expo hosted by Congressman Patrick Meehan, PA State Representatives Kate Harper, Thomas Murt and Todd Stephens was held at Montgomery County Community College on 20 November, 2017. The purpose of the gathering was to provide information to veterans returning to civilian life on organizations, education, employment, and services that are available to them. Organizations were present to conduct vision, hearing, balance and cognitive communication testing. The Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds was also on hand to provide ID cards to Veterans. Charles Becker, Lou DeVaughn, Alan Karver, Austin McGuire, Ralph Nealman and others were on hand representing Posts to assist in this matter.



Lou DeVaughn and Austin McGuire



Alan Karver



Charles Becker and Ralph Nealman

PHILLY POPS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Chaplain Austin McGuire obtained 20 free tickets to the Philla Pops Christmas Show that was performed on 1 December, 2017. Normally a ticket to the performance would cost \$98.50 but the Post charged only \$20.00 per ticket and that amount would serve as a gift to the Post 901 treasury. This was announced at our Post meeting in September and members could purchase one additional ticket for a guest. Post members were required to attend in uniform. The event was to honor and give a salute to the military and first responders. At the introduction, the members of the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son American Legion Post 901 were recognized. In addition to the orchestra,



organist, guest artist, The Philly Pops Festival Chorus, Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale and the St. Thomas Gospel Choir were featured. When the military medley song was played for each branch of service, present active military and veterans of the particular branch stood up to be recognized and honored. At one point attendees were asked to sing along to the tunes of "Deck The Halls, Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas".

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 2017

Frank C. Parker Jr. & Son, Vietnam and the Disabled American Veteran's Posts joined together for our annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening 21 December at the Jefferson Fire House. Attendees paid only a \$5.00 entrance fee which included a buffet dinner by Lindinger's Catering of North Wales. Many individuals made comments on the excellent quality of the food that was served. The ticket entry price afforded an opportunity to win many of the \$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100 prize raffles that were offered. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet old and new friends and even talk about the next party that we would no doubt have next Christmas season.



NEW VETERANS ID CARD

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it is now possible for Honorably Discharged veterans to obtain a national Veterans Identification Card (VIC). The card serves to honor veterans and provide proof of military service that may be accepted by retailers that provide promotional discounts and other services when offered to veterans. The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service but did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC. To request a VIC, Veterans must visit vets.gov, click on "Apply for Printed Veterans ID Card" on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account. It may take up to 60 days to receive the VIC card.

VETERANS TAX-FREE ONLINE SHOPPING

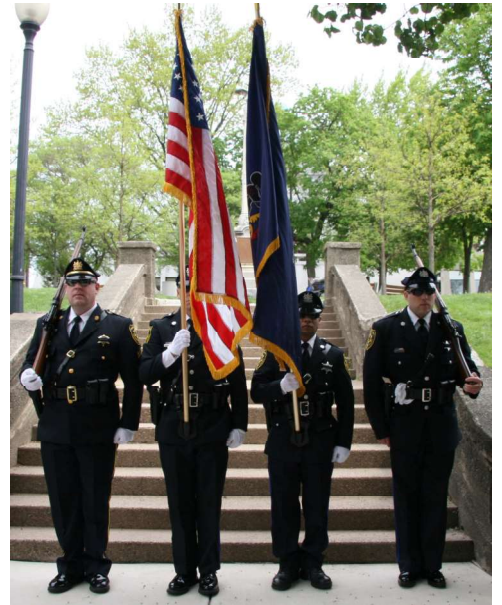
Veterans now have the privilege of shopping online at the Army and Air Force Exchange and be exempt from paying the 6% Pennsylvania sales tax and also the additional 2% Philadelphia city sales tax if you live within the city limits. Honorably discharged veterans, no matter how long you were in the military, are now eligible to make tax exempt purchases online. Up until just recently only individuals on active duty, in the National Guard, the Reserves, retirees, and those 100% disabled could shop online. To become eligible for online tax exempt shopping, log on to AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) or visit ShopMyExchange.com to fill out an application. Upon receiving confirmation immediately or at most after waiting two or three days for the government to check your records for eligibility, you hereafter can begin shopping. This privilege would permit you to shop online and you would not be able to shop at brick and mortar PX stores unless you are in a category which already permits you to do so.



At the 12 June Post meeting Dave Candelori announced that the 3rd grade class students at the Corpus Christi Catholic School in Lansdale, donated a \$425.00 check to the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post. This was to recognize and support Veterans for what they have done and continue to do for our country. We are especially thankful and graciously appreciate this outstanding gift to the Post.

POLICE MEMORIAL

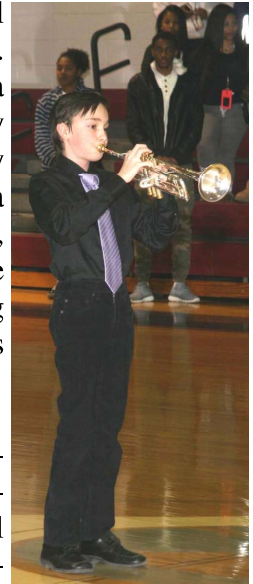
The Montgomery County Police Officers Memorial Ceremony was held on 4 May 2018 at Main and Swede near the Norristown Court House. The ceremony is dedicated to the police officers in Montgomery County who lost their lives in the line of duty. A police Color Guard posted the colors and flower wreaths were laid. This was followed by individual flowers being placed in a vase to honor each police officer who was killed in the line of duty.



Dave Tomlinson, Austin McGuire, Louis DeVahn

REMARKABLE AMERICANISM

Aidan Peterson has not reached the age of a teenager but yet has an unique skill in music and exhibits extensive service to the community, veterans and Americanism . At an early age he learned to play a trumpet with superb perfection. He is a Primavera Artist, as well as a member of the DeLaSalle String Band Orchestra and Upper Darby Sousa Band. At present he is the assistant principal trumpet for the Delaware County Youth Orchestra and the lead trumpeter for The Shipley School Honors Band. Being a member of Bugles Across America, Taps for Veterans, Youth Trumpet and Taps Corp, he often will play Taps at funerals, games, dedications and public events. For example since 2015 he has played Taps at over 150 military funerals and events. When serving as Honor Guard many Post members had the privileges of witnessing him sound Tabs at Valley Forge on Memorial Day.



Aidan Peterson
playing the
National Anthem

Aidan Peterson has received considerable recognition and awards for his service and accomplishments including the White House Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award, Chapel of Four Chaplains Junior Legion of Honor Award, International contest award for “musicians doing good” and is recognized within the military community for volunteering to play the National Anthem before high school, college, and professional sporting events. In 2015 Aidan traveled 1,377 miles to participate in 23 events. In 2016 he traveled 1,516 miles to participate in 45 events and in 2017 he traveled 2,718 miles to participate in 80 events. We should all congratulate Aidan for his remarkable dedication to veterans and numerous accomplishments.

At the Valley Forge Memorial Day services on 27 May 2018, Aidan sounded Taps to honor all deceased veterans, but especially those in the 314th Infantry Regiment. It was the 100th annual anniversary celebrated for the Regiment since they served in Germany during WWI. Post 901 served as the Color Guard with Dave Candelori, Paul Candelori, Joe Patti a 314th descendant, Dave Tomlinson and Bob Wagner participating.



Michelle Nolfi (Administrator—The Chapel OF Four Chaplains) Amy Shumoski, (Mom) Dr. Jon Jay DeTemple (President, Harcum College) Aidan Peterson, Christine Beady (Executive Director—The Chapel of Four Chaplains) Chaplain Austin McGuire (Post 901)



Chaplain Austin McGuire presenting
Aidan Peterson the Chaplains of Four
Chaplains Junior Legion of Honor Award

WEST NORRITON LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

Each spring the Frank C. Parker, Jr. & Son Post and the JROTC jointly participate in the annual Little League parade for the coming summer season.



EASTER EGG HUNT AT JEFFERSON FIRE HOUSE



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2018

EAST NORRITON VETERANS MEMORIAL: 27 May



WEST NORRITON ANCHOR VETEANS MEMORIAL: 27 May



JEFFERSON FIREHOUSE VETERANS MEMORIAL: 28 May



Commander Alan R. Karver, Chaplain Austin McGuire Bob Wagner, Louis DeVaughn

TAPS



Carl F. Wenhold 71, a Marine and our District Commander for quite a few years, died on 1 November 2017. His viewing was held on Monday evening, 6 November at the Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, Inc., Lansdale. Dave Candelori, Paul Candelori, Lou DeVaughn, Commander Bob Klampfer, Austin McGuire, Dave Tomlinson, Bob Wagner, members from his Post, the 9th District representatives and several Marines took turns serving as Casket Honor Guard. On Tuesday morning following Mass at Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church burial was held with Military Funeral Honors by the United States Marine Corps at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, PA. He was the Station Manager for WCAU in Philadelphia.

Carl J. Lundy Sr. 90, served in the Army Air Force as a Staff Sergeant during WWII and later as an electrical engineer in the General Electric space program. After a Funeral Mass at St. Titus Church on 20 November, he was buried at Washington's Crossing National Cemetery with full military honors.

Donald Tackett 91, the viewing and funeral mass was held at Saint Teresa of Avila Church on Monday 27 November. Commander Bob Klampfer, Jack Darrohn and Bob Wagner were present as Honor Guard. He served in the Coast Guard during WWII and received a degree in Naval Architecture which enabled him to work on the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and later at General Electric on the design and maintenance of nuclear power plants.



Albert E. Momme 94, passed away January 14th 2018 and was a Post member for over 60 years. Al served as Post Commander for many years and was our Post Historian. He was the flux that held our Post together even when active attending members got down to just 4 members. Al was noted for planning many of our Post banquets, assisting in building a West Norriton ball field, held memorable corn roasts at his home for Post members and helped organize and participated in all of the communities' parades. Al served in the US Army Air Corp 394th Bomb Group during WWII.

During the Boyd-Horrox Givnish viewing on the evening of January 22 and the following morning, more than a dozen Post 901 members in full uniform, took turns standing guard at his Casket. Post Chaplain Austin McGuire officiated in offering prayers, making comments about Al and reading a touching document by friends Eric Probert and Tony Fewell from England. His son Tom revealed many of the amusing stories about his father. Upon the conclusion of the service the funeral procession proceeded past Al's house and crossed the bridge over Stony Creek for the last time that recently had been named in honor of Albert Earl Momme. When entering St. Pat's cemetery, the procession passed under the American flag draped between the extension ladders of two fire engines. Upon arriving at the mausoleum, the casket was transported between two rows of Montgomery County Honor Guard participants who were at attention and saluting. Chaplain Austin McGuire offered prayer, taps were played and the Montgomery County Honor Guard then fired a 21 gun salute. The Air Force Honor Guard folded the American flag which was on the casket and presented it to Al's son John Momme according to protocol. After the ceremony, a lunch was provided at the Jefferson Golf Club Hall for all that were in attendance.



William Prayer: Served in Korea with the US Army. His funeral service was held at the Bacchi Funeral Home on 31 January 2018. Chaplain Austin McGuire and Bob Wagner were in attendance to offer their condolences and give a salute to our departed member. He was interred in Calvary Cemetery.



Augustus R. "Gus" DiMino: 1921-2018, 97, Was a Chief Warrant Officer-4 and served in the US Army from 1944 to 1986. He was one of the founding members of the Catholic War Veterans Post 1182 and served as its Post Commander for 40 years. He was also a member of the VFW, ROA, MOAA, VVA349, American Legion Post 901, SAL and was a member of the Congressional Service Academy Selection Board which nominates individuals to West Point, Naval, Air Force and Coast Guard Academies. Gus was very active in military and Civic organizations and affairs which resulted in him being inducted in the Norristown High School Hall of Fame, awarded Jaycees Greater Norristown Area Man of the Year, inducted into the Southeastern Veterans Center "Hall of Fame". His viewing was held 1 March at Visitation BVM Church with Jack Darrohn, Chaplain McGuire, Dave Tomlinson, Bob Wagner and Lynette Werley serving as casket Honor Guard. Internment was at St. Patrick's Cemetery the following morning.



**Chaplain
Austin McGuire**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: This past year has had it's ups and downs. We have participated in several ceremonies, parades and youth activities. What I do not understand is why we have so much trouble honoring our own. We had sixteen of our members called home to the Father. Where were we when it came time to honor our own for the last time? We had a ceremony on Memorial day at the firehouse. This was to honor those that passed this year. Four of our members attended along with three outsiders. We can do better. Also, keep in mind that part of my job is to visit sick members. This can be in the hospital, rehab or at home. Have a family member or friend call me with the details. I am available to just sit and talk, tell tall tales or pray. Call me at 610-316-5383. Don't forget to check the calendar frequently on the website—www.alpost901.org. Funerals are not on the calendar so make sure I have your email for notification. My email is chaplain_austin@yahoo.com. **I want to personally thank Bob Wagner for all of the years that he has published this newsletter. Without his dedication, many of our members would not know what we are doing. We need someone to volunteer to take over the newsletter when Bob retires.**

FUNERAL SERVICE: Families are encouraged to contact Chaplain McGuire at (610) 316-5383 when they desire to have an American Legion Casket Honor Guard at the viewing of a deceased Post 901 member. It is our honor and privilege to serve in this capacity to offer our last respect for the deceased serviceman.

URGENT: We need more members to participate in our Casket Honor Guard. Call Chaplain McGuire at (610)-316-5383. If you have an American Legion Uniform, you can participate.

SERVICE DOG: At the 13 March regular Post meeting John Vagner gave a presentation about his service dog that he owns and relies on heavily. The dog is a Labrador retriever and it is said to be one of the smartest breeds of dogs. John has an acute diabetes problem and the dog has been trained to detect when John needs to take his medicine from the aroma of John's breath and then pat John's wrist with the service dog's paw. To acquire a service dog, the dog was first trained by CPI (Canine Partners For Life) followed by several weeks of further training with the dog and John together. The dog can pick up dropped objects such as keys, coins and other items, open doors and even activate a medical alert button when found necessary. Human beings have less than a dozen sensors for their sense of smell, whereas the service dog has over 200 million sensors. Each time the dog does one of his duties correctly, John will give the dog a small treat about the size of a pea. The dog wears a harness with a raised handle similar to the service dog that a blind person would use. When the harness is on, the dog knows that he is working and when it is off the dog knows that he can play or be more relaxed.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS



Each year our Post presents scholastic awards to students at numerous schools. Joe Patti has the responsibility of contacting representatives at the various schools for the purpose of receiving recommendations for which students should receive the awards. At the Upper Merion High School our Post has a Memorial plaque near the entrance to the auditorium which has a sculptured bust of Parker's son. He was a 1957 graduate of the High School who was killed in action during the Vietnam War and now is part of our Post's namesake. In recognition of this, we present a \$100 check to one boy and one girl at the school each year. At other schools as listed below, we present a \$40 and \$20 check along with their document, to each 1st and 2nd place scholastic awards recipient respectively.

Date	School	Legion Award \$100	Legion Award \$100
7-Jun	Upper Merion High School	Luke Hutchinson	Ava Rosato
Date	School	1 st Place Winner \$40	2 nd Place Winner \$20
11-Jun	Upper Merion Middle School	Eduardo Lozada Uribe	Madison Prak
12-Jun	Arcola Intermediate School	Nicholas Gambone	Claire Ferrance
14-Jun	The Pathway School	Lia Keenan	None
13-Jun	Mother of Teresa Catholoc School	Joshua Lloyd	Evelyn Strong
13-Jun	Visitation BVM School	Addison Talone	Alyssa Brachelli

WWII

This year is the 74th anniversary of "D" Day and during the 3-1/2 years of World War II that started with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 and ending with the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945 the U.S.A. produced the following:

22 aircraft carriers	100,000 fighter aircraft	93,000 tanks
122 escort aircraft carriers	98,000 bombers	257,000 artillery pieces
8 battleships	24,000 transport aircraft	105,000 mortars
48 cruisers	58,000 training aircraft	3,000,000 machine guns and
349 destroyers		2,500,000 military trucks
420 destroyer escorts		2 atomic bombs developed
203 submarines		and dropped
34 million tons of merchant ships		

NOTICE!

To keep informed about the Frank C Parker, Jr. & Son Post visit our web site at alpost901.org. The web site is maintained by Austin McGuire and provides information on the calendar of events, urgent notices and past newsletters. If you have not already done so, please email Austin McGuire at chaplain_austin@yahoo.com and provide him with your email address so that we can contact you about urgent notices such as possible changes in scheduling or cancelation of important events or other information concerning Post activities.

AMERICAN FLAG PLACEMENT



On 15 May members of the Post placed flags on Veterans graves at 4 different cemeteries. Fortunately we had a clear day and a good turnout of Post members, so the task of placing the flags went very well. After each flag is placed a salute is given to honor the deceased veteran.

SPRING VETERANS EXPO



Newsletter Editor Bob Wagner

NEWSLETTER EDITORS CORNER

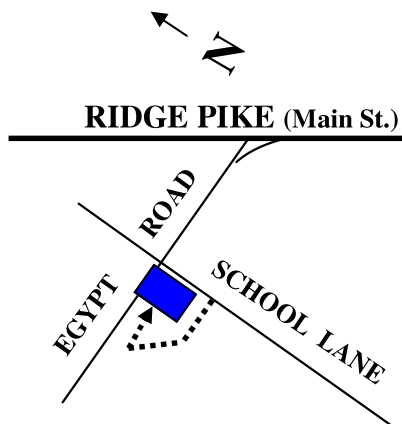
At the May Post 901 meeting, Bob Wagner announced that because of deteriorating eyesight caused by age-related macular degeneration, he will no longer be able to prepare our Post newsletter. At present Bob uses a 40 inch monitor and even with that must use a magnifying glass to read text. So it is next to impossible to type news articles and make corrections or additions when necessary. As a result, this is the last newsletter that he can prepare. Bob indicated that he thoroughly enjoyed assembling our newsletter and encourage another Post member to serve as News Letter Editor by contacting Commander Karver to express their interest in doing so.



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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)

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| <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 |
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| <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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