



THE PARKER POST - September 2019

**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
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Officers

Post Commander: Alan R. Karver
Post First Vice Commander: Louis DeVaughn
Post Second Vice Commander: Bob Klampfer
Post Finance Officer: Dave Tomlinson
Post Adjutant: Dave Candelori
Post Chaplain: Austin McGuire

Post Historian: Craig Bird
Post Judge Advocate: J. Robert Wagner
Membership: Louis DeVaughn
S.A.L. Squadron Commander: Ryan Candelori
Sergeant Of Arms: Paul Candelori
Newsletter Editor: Joanne M. McGuire

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.

Post Officers were elected on 11 June 2019 and inducted by District Commander Frank Brown and Deputy Commander Joe Reimel at the post meeting on 10 September 2019.



Paul Candelori, Austin McGuire, Dave Tomlinson, Dave Candelori, Bob Klampfer,
Louis DeVaughn, Alan R. Karver, District Commander Frank Brown

Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the year 2018



Awards were presented on Oct 9, 2019 during the township council meeting

Photos by Austin McGuire

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America stopped at the Chapel of Four Chaplains on Dec. 13, 2019 and presented a wreath to Post 901 to be placed at the post memorial.



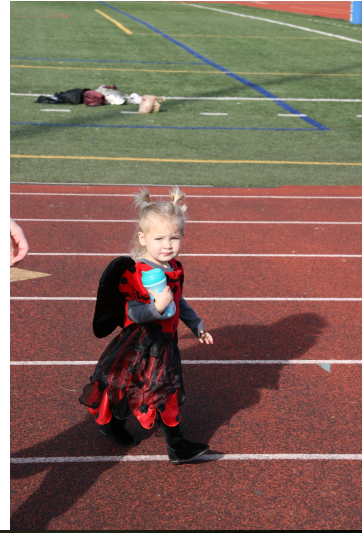
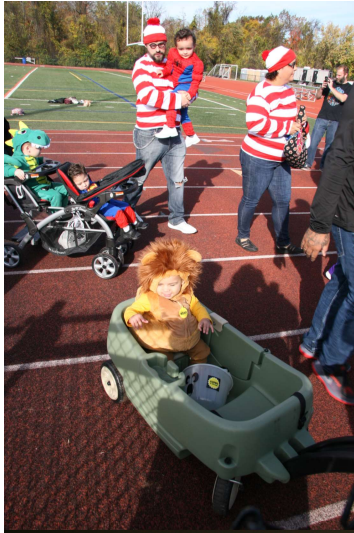
20 APRIL 2019 EASTER EGG HUNT AT JEFFERSON FIRE HOUSE

Photo credit: Alan Karver



Face painting

Halloween at Norristown High



Christmas Party 10 Dec 2019



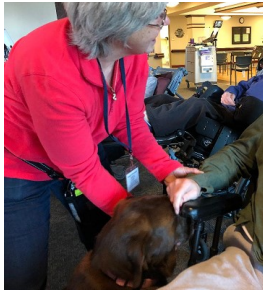
POLICE & ARMED SERVICES MEMORIAL

The Montgomery County Police Officers Memorial Ceremony was held on 3 May, 2019 at the Norristown Court House. The ceremony is dedicated to the police officers in Montgomery County who lost their lives in the line of duty and the Armed Services. The colors were posted, national anthem sung and many speakers gave their testimonials for fallen police and Armed Service personnel. Flowers were laid at the wreaths by police representing townships in Montgomery County for police officers who were killed in the line of duty. A bell was tolled as each of the 28 fallen police officer's name was called out. Austin McGuire and Alan Karver had the honor of presenting the flowers for deceased service personnel.



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Alan Karver
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A Day in the life of Pet Therapy at Spring City Veterans Home

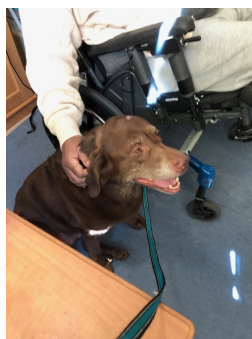
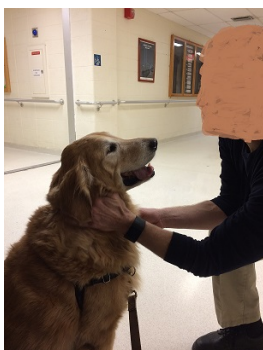
by Lynne Werley

About 4 years ago I decided that I needed to fill some of my time with volunteer work and decided that Spring City Veterans Home might be a good place to go. I had heard many times that they were in need of volunteers to assist with the veterans at the home by either moving them to therapy or any program they have or even just taking them to the canteen for their goodies. I went up and was shown the ropes and had fun interacting with the residents. One day I saw a lady with a dog just walking around and they were stopping to interact with the residents. I got to thinking that this would be a fun thing to do for my newly acquired Golden Retriever, Dyllon. My brother was very ill at the time and could no longer take good care of him so I adopted him. He was 9 ½ years old at the time and needed something to do other than hang around with Sadie, my chocolate lab. He had the perfect temperament for this job. I went to the volunteer coordinator and inquired how to go about doing dog therapy. I received permission and have been going there since. I go up every Tuesday & Wednesday. Out of the 2 buildings that we visit there are only about 4 people that do not want to visit, so they have a lot of people to see. The average time we spend there is 1 ½ - 2 hours. They are exhausted after these visits and very happy dogs.

I started taking Dyllon to Coates Hall and Sadie would go to CLC. Dyllon did this job until he passed in November 2017. I needed to fill his big paws and thought that my parents Springer Spaniel would be perfect for this job. She had lived with my parents (82 & 83 at the time) and was used to the wheelchairs and walkers. She had also been exposed to the oxygen machines and their noises and was not phased by this. Tory, the Springer, filled Dyllon's paws perfectly and has been visiting the residents every Tuesday at Coates Hall. Tory visits at least one floor and if there is time we stop at the 4th floor at the independent living area and visit with whom-ever is in the community room.

Sadie, the Chocolate Lab has been visiting the residents at CLC every Wednesday for the 4 years that I've been visiting the residents. Sadie begins every visit with the Memory Care unit on the 1st floor then we head to one of the other floors.

Every resident that we visit gets to spend as much time with the dogs as they'd like. Some are just a few minutes and some are for 20 minutes, or more. On the average we visit 25 or more residents per visit. Even the staff visit with the dogs when they can. There are a few that look for us so they can get their "dog time". If we come across a group going on the tour of the facility, we visit with them too. It's always a fun day and a very fulfilling job.





Almighty Creator, we come to you with the deepest gratitude in our hearts for all the gifts you give us each day. Help us always to receive these gifts with thanksgiving and may our hearts be stirred to remember all of your mercies which we receive through your love towards us.

We give recognition to the spirit that made our country great – a willingness to give totally of ourselves, even unto death. For the great blessing of being a part of this country we give you thanks. For the joy and beauty these men and women brought to our lives we also give you thanks -- you lent them to us for a short time, and we were blessed by their presence.

John Axsom
Daniel T. Bailey
Joseph J. Mager
John J. Maginley
Richard Norman
Ellis R. Updegraff
Theodore J. Zabrosky

As we give recognition for all that they gave to us and our country, help us to be ever mindful of all that we still have. It is your strength that enables us to protect others, it is your providence that keeps us safe – help us to turn our hearts towards you each and every day.



Chaplains Corner

Thankfully, we did not lose as many members this year as we have in the past.

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.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY at the Jefferson Firehouse Veterans Memorial



Our first year was so successful, even the spectators joined in to make the Lumenaries.



Taps by Aidan Peterson



Photo by: Dave Candelori

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A prayer by Chaplain Austin

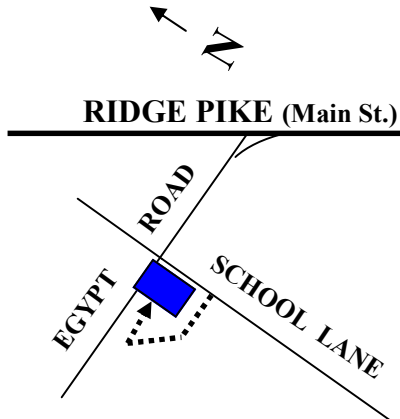




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PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE P.O. ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE OR COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

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 |
| <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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