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Remember Everyone Deployed (RED)

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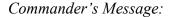
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I would like to thank my officers for a job well done. I could not have done it without their support and the support of the rest of the Detachment, and the support of this great Legion Family we have become here in the state of New Jersey. For those that may not have heard I had a goal of twenty-five thousand dollars for my Commander's Project. I have reached that goal and exceeded it thanks to all of you with your generous donations. I have begun working with two facilities already, one in Wayne and one in Whiting. Again thank you for your support. See you all in Wildwood.

For God and Country
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## **BUDDY WALK T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**





Per NVC Chuck Robbins (NJ):

Buddy Check/BE-THE-ONE Walk Shirts will be available for pick up in the Convention Center on: Wednesday June 11th:11am - 2pm, Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 8a - 1pm, Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12pm.

# Squadron Everlasting – In Memoriam

In this time of Memorial Day, we remember our fallen comrades from the previous year – May they all rest in peace. They will be remembered during the Convention Memorial Service.

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# Memorial Day







#### **NEVER FORGET**

(Center) "This is a mass burial at sea, on the USS Intrepid in 1944 following a kamikaze attack. This was posted so people can see, and remember the incredible sacrifices made on our behalf."

# Memorial Day Events Around the State

Hi everyone, new conductor on the C&D's D&RR operations. This Memorial Day weekend means a lot more than corporate sellouts and BBQs, it's about the brave men and women who serve/served our country and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

This morning when I arrived at Jamesburg I had with me my special flag you've seen flying on the 2005. I have family members who served in the Army, Navy and Air Force and wanted to pay tribute to them and the others. Seeing all of the photos and videos and everyone who came out trackside to see us today was indeed special. Thank you all for your kind words, enjoy the weekend

Courtesy of Arthur Anderson, Chesapeake & Delaware RR, NJ Museum of Transportation/Pine Creek RR, Freehold Secondary Railfans Facebook Page, 23-May-2025.















Dover Post 27 Memorial Day at Hurd Park, 31-May.









Gloucester County's Memorial Day Service at the Gloucester Veterans Memorial Cemetery on 25-May.







Neptune 346 Post and SAL Color Guard at Neptune/Ocean Grove Parade and Ceremony, 26-May.







(Left) A Sea of Flags at BG Doyle Cemetery. (Center) Governor Murphy and Brigadier General Mays. (Right) Commander Andy Jackson, President Charline Gladden, and SAL Commander Rich Hodum.







Always on the move, Belleville Post 105 Family paraded down Washington Ave to the Dutch Reform Church for the annual Memorial Day service.

Did you know there's an American Legion Post in Ireland?

Members of Post IR-01, 2nd Battalion Irish Defence Forces Veterans, US Marines and US Embassy staff joined us today in **Glasnevin Cemetery** for our annual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony.





American Legion Post IR-01 Dublin, Ireland

Well done to all! Grateful to our Legion members who were joined by Embassy leadership and staff, U.S. Marines and Irish Defense Forces veterans to honour the more than 25 Irishmen who served in the American armed forces and are laid to rest at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin. We will remember them.

American Legion Posts in Ireland: Post IR-01 - Dublin. Post IR-02 - Killarney.

Post IR- 03 - Mayo. Post IR - 63 - Dublin. All Posts are assigned to the Department of France, including Italy Post 1 and Greece Post 1.

# 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Locustwood Ceremony, 1-June-2025







(Left) Program featuring "In Flanders Field". (Center) SAL Color Guard Greg Shaffer (174), Marty Widmer (286), and Bernie Kofoet (84). (Right) The SAL Detachment contingent. Following the CG: Commander Rich Hodum (166), PDC Jeff Hicks (526), NEC-PDC Bob Phillips Jr. (262), PDC Bob Bascou (526), and PDC Matt Thalasinos (232).







(Left) Monmouth County officers: SAL County Comdr Carl Albern Jr. (346), PCC Vic Murray (266), Historian Ken Pulchlopek (54), PDP Doreen Gallagher (346), County Comdr Bill Schultz (321), and ALA County President Carol Schultz (321). (Center) Dept Commander Andy Jackson (493), Detachment VC Greg Shaffer (174), and Dept VC Mike Smith (174). (Right) Monmouth County represented by SAL County Comdr PDC Carl Albern Jr. (346), PCC Victor Murray (266), and PDP Doreen Gallagher (ALA 346)









(Left) VC Greg Shaffer (174) and PDC Matt Thalasinos (232) place flowers. (Center left) Commander Rich Hodum (166) places a flower. (Center right) PDC Jeff Hicks (526) places his flower. (Right) The Legion Riders from throughout the state participated. There are almost 300 other photos posted on the AL Dept of NJ's Facebook page.

The Host Post for the Locustwood ceremonies is Cherry Hill Post 372

https://www.alch372.com/locations/locustwood-cemetery/







The Post 372 Auxiliary and SAL, in their usual rock star fashion, made the 90th Annual NJ American Legion Statewide Services Social at the Legion a great event – Hot off the grill burgers, dogs, steaks, drinks and desserts for our guests that came back to our Post after the annual Memorial Services at Locustwood. Thank you to all those that helped set up the day before, the day of, prepare food, donated and cleaned up for this important event.

# Our Deceased Legionnaires Honored at 2025 NJ American Legion Statewide Services by Cherry Hill Post 372

What a beautiful day it was for our 90th NJ American Legion Statewide Services and Parade at Locustwood Cemetery on Sunday June 1, 2025. Legion members from across the state gathered to honor our deceased Legion members at Locustwood Cemetery - the only cemetery in NJ with a dedicated Legion section. It began with a dignified parade through the cemetery, ending at the Legion flagpole where services were held in honor of our deceased veterans. A special shout out to our Post 372 Auxiliary for participating in the parade – Job well done ladies!

See more: Cherry Hill Post 372's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost372CherryHill/

#### (5) Ownership, alteration, and disposition.

(i) All Government-furnished headstones, markers, and medallions remain the property of the United States Government in perpetuity and should not be defaced or altered in any way. Knowingly converting Government property to private use (such as using whole or partial headstones or markers in structures or landscaping or offering such items for sale) is a violation of Federal law under 18 U.S.C. 641.

(ii) Under 38 CFR 1.218(b)(5), the destruction, mutilation, defacement, injury, or removal of any monument, gravestone, or other structure within the limits of any national cemetery is prohibited, with an associated fine of \$500. Under 18 U.S.C. 1361, willful depredation of any property of the United States (i.e., a headstone or marker in a non-national cemetery) shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment under title 18 of the United States Code.

(iii) When a Government-furnished burial headstone, marker, or medallion is removed from any cemetery, it should be properly disposed. Unless a headstone or marker that has been removed from a cemetery would be maintained by NCA for historic purposes, or in cases of disinterment would be relocated to a different gravesite, such headstones or markers made of stone must be physically broken into small enough pieces to ensure no portion of the inscription is legible and to ensure no part is available for any private, personal, or commercial use, and those made of bronze must be returned to VA for recycling.

# Department President Charline Gladden's Testimonial – 31-May-2025







(Left) Charline and Tony Gladden. (Center) Debra and Commander Charles "Andy" Jackson. (Right) SAL Commander Rich Hodum and ALA Sec'y Dawn Burger.







(Left) Charline is escorted by PDP Ruby Cramer. (Center) Jean and Henry Hasselhan are escorted by PDP Jane Babli. (Right) Commander Andy Jackson (493), Middlesex DEC Al Galasso (253), and SAL Commander Rich Hodum (166).







(Left) Hopewell Legion Family 339.

I am very proud of our American Legion Post 339 Family. This crew of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Hopewell Scouts of America, family members, friends and even a Vice Commander from the Livingston American Legion Post placed over 400 flags at two cemeteries in our town. Thank you all. Wish I could have been there. (Mark J Marotta, 10May)

(Right) Sons of the American Legion Squadron 310, Little Ferry

Tremendous thanks to the members of Squadron 310 who worked effortlessly to support the fundraiser for the leading candidate for Department Commander Dan Channel (18May)

Jim Flowers, Jared Sihlanick, Chris Duffett Jr, Ron Planer, George Murray, Paulie Pfiel, Bobby Ebbs, Al Buda, Bart Binetti, and Ray Rovito. Nobody does it like 310!

## *April and May Goings-On Around the State:*



South Jersey Regional Stand Down with UPS and the SAL - end of a long day assisting veterans in need.

21-May. LtoR ANEC Henry Hasselhan 3<sup>rd</sup> (311), Henry Hasselhan 4<sup>th</sup> (311), and Detachment Vice Commander Bill Murphy (348), with Shante Fitzgerald, Edessa Snyder, and Christian Montgomery, UPS Volunteers with the UPS Veterans Business Resources Group.



# From Anthony Wayne American Legion Post 174

21-May-2025. Please join us as we congratulate 174 Family Members Joe Fricker and Donna Fricker on the birth of their grandson Joseph Fricker V. Per his grandpa, 7.2 oz, healthy and a head full of dark hair. We wish Mom, Dad, Joe the 5th and the rest of the Fricker Family all the best!

Needless to say, our SAL Squadron has a new member!







(Left) Pine Hill Post 286 Family Hoagie Sale, 10-May. (Center) Avery Kircher and (Right) Lucas Needham handle the publicity.





# Mystic Island Squadron 493 2025/26 Officer Installation, 3-May:

(Left) LtoR: Commander Excel Velez, 1st vice Jack Mathis (not pic), 2nd vice John Bishop (not pictured), Adjutant Paul Solimani, Finance Jeff Kleinow, Chaplain Bobby Fischetti, Sgt at Arms Frank Silvestro, Historian Mike Donnnelly. (Right) Chaplain PDC Matt Thalasinos and Commander Rich Hodum handle the paperwork at the Mystic Island Installation.

# Preamble to the Constitution of the ★★ Sons of The American Legion ★★

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
to maintain law and order;
to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;
to preserve the memories of our former members
and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all wars;
to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
to make right the master of might;
to promote peace and good will on earth;
to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;

and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.







(Left and Center) Installation at Seaside Post 351 3-May. Commander Rich Hodum swears in the 2025/2026 Officers. (Right) 2025-2026 Officers at West Milford Post 289: Kevin Iron - SAL, John Hoadley - Legion, and John Kmetz - Riders.





South Plainfield Post 243's Family Installation, 30-May. SAL Squadron 243.







Past Camden SAL County Commander Charles Ross on cake duty at the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, 29-May, during the home's monthly birthday party. (Legion Rule #27A - Gotta-Have-Cake)





(Left) At the American Legion Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Michigan on 18-May. LtoR: Steve Navarrete (Commander's Aide), Michael Vozar, National Commander Joseph Navarrete, Marty Widmer, and Jeff Hicks. Marty and Jeff were volunteer assistants at the contest. (Right) Barnegat SAL 232 Installation







660 Flags for Forgotten Soldiers, Williamstown, 30-Apr. Marty Widmer (286) pitched in to help.







At the Ocean County Awards Ceremony on 3-May at Toms River Post 129, (Left) Dean Staknys receives an award for his work as (Center) Nick Wingler receives his award from Ocean County SAL Commander Rocky Lucia.

June 2025

# The 286er

American Legion Post 286

Issue#2

Auxiliary

#### Victory Garden Dedication

May 24th

At the May 24<sup>th</sup> breakfast, the Auxiliary officially dedicated the Victory Garden to Past Department President, Louise Breen

Louise was Department of New Jersey Auxiliary President for the 1982-1983 year. Her theme was the 'golden keys'. Louise is the only Department President from Auxiliary Unit 286.

The moment was captured for our Auxiliary President, Debbie (Louise's daughter), our Son's of the American Legion Commander, Jason (Louise's grandson) and Junior Son's of the American Legion, Lucas (Louise's great grandson).

The event was attended by Department and County officers, as well as those who knew Louise.

Thank you to everyone who helped keep this a surprise for Louise's family!





# **Memorial Day Service**

Thank you for your support!

The Memorial Day Service was well attended.

A huge shout out to the Pine Hill Police and Fire Departments for their annual participation in making this event happen.

Juniors Lucas and Rosie did an outstanding job performing the POW/MIA Table Ceremony.

Debbie and Marty knocked their readings out of the park!

Thank you, Bob, for stepping in as Chaplain and giving the prayers.



#### This Month's Meetings

Auxiliary Wed. 6/4 6:30pm Legion Tues. 6/10 7:30pm Sons Wed. 6/18 7:30pm

#### Save the Date!

2025 Golf Event Monday, August 4th

Valley Brook Country Club

More information: Ed O'Neill (856) 816-1467

#### American Legion Post 286

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Adjutant John Minch (856)308-6865

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The **286er** newsletter from Pine Hill Post 286. Featured are three generations of Needhams at the dedication of the Victory Garden for matriarch Past Department President Louise Breen. Pictured are Louise's grandson and SAL Commander Jason Needham, great-grandson Junior SAL Lucas Needham, and daughter Aux President Debbie Needham. A Legion Family Affair.







The Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Veterans Mission.







I was very happy to represent the Sons of The American Legion at the Tunnel to Towers Veterans mission groundbreaking ceremony today (7-May) in my own home town of Bayville NJ. This project will bring 98 units and 27 mini homes for homeless Veterans and in some cases their families. - Detachment Historian PDC Nick Wingler.







(Left) Don't be shocked when you arrive at the Department Wildwood Convention. The traditional tram car tug is no longer being used - after 76 years the icon is no more. (Center) Brick Post 348 Family's Veteran Suicide display. (Right) Our own PNC PDC Jeff Hicks at the Indianapolis NEC Conference.











COTA Fundraiser Cookout at Belleville Post 105 27-Apr. (Top) A nice turnout for the COTA Fundraiser event. (Left) Detachment Adjutant Rusty Myers (105), COTA Chairman Greg Shaffer (174), and Detachment Chaplain PDC Matt Thalasinos (232). (Center) ALA Dept 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Lisa Natale (321) and Rusty. (Right) The Empty Chair.

The **Children's Organ Transplant Association** (**COTA**) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Bloomington, Indiana, that helps children and young adults who need a life-saving organ, bone marrow, cord blood, tissue or stem cell transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support.

COTA was founded in Bloomington, Indiana, in 1986 and has assisted over 2,200 families with over \$75 million (U.S.) raised since that time. Approximately 200 families per year receive assistance annually through COTA. COTA is the only organization of its type that charges no fee for its services and which insures that 100% of all funds donated to transplant-related expenses are used exclusively for that purpose.

Any individual under the age of 22, as well as those patients who are older but suffer from a single-gene disorder are eligible to receive help from COTA. Once engaged, a fundraising team is organized comprising a Community Coordinator, a Webmaster and a Public Relations Coordinator who then recruit other volunteers. COTA provides on-site training as well as unlimited marketing assistance to the fundraising team. Funds raised are donations to COTA, but donated "in honor of" particular patients and funds raised are held in trust for patients until such time as they are needed for transplant-related expenses. For more information: www.cota.org







# **American Legion Night**

24 July 2025

1st Pitch at 7:00 pm

Monmouth County Tailgate Party prior to game, with Food, Soda and Beer

Beginning at 4:00 pm in the parking lot in front of the main gate.

Tickets are \$15.00 each including tailgate party
Tickets are \$10.00 for game

Contact Wil Fetherman for tickets at: 732-866-4947 or wilandmc@gmail.com

Fireworks after the game!





The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced last month that U.S. Army Pvt. Roman Cherubini, 22, of Bridgeton, was accounted for on Dec. 16, 2024. He was killed in June 1944 while fighting in Burma. (Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency)



The caption reads: Private First Class Roman Cherubini (left) and Private Raymond Cherubini (right) are twin brothers, both of whom entered service with the National Guards. Roman, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, was recently home on furlough, and that Bridgeton looked "swell" to him. Raymond, stationed in Arizona, is married to the former Mary Muning, of California, and has a nine-month-old son. He is looking forward to coming back to his hometown after the war. The twins would like to hear from their friends, who many obtain their addresses from their sister, Mrs. Anita Patitucci, of 407 South Avenue, this city.

NEW JERSEY — The remains of a New Jersey soldier who died while fighting in World War II have been identified nearly 80 years after his death.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced last month that U.S. Army Pvt. Roman Cherubini, 22, of Bridgeton, was accounted for on Dec. 16, 2024.

Cherubini served with the 475th Infantry Regiment in the China-India-Burma Theater, according to the DPAA.

In May 1944, Cherubini was assigned to a battalion also known as "Merrill's Marauders." After arriving at the captured airfield in Myitkyina, Burma, Cherubini's battalion advanced south from the village of Mankrin on June 16 against heavily fortified Japanese positions north of Myitkyina.

Although the exact circumstances of his death were not recorded, the U.S. War Department declared Cherubini killed in action on June 16, 1944.

The remains of servicemen killed during the battle were buried in at least eight different temporary cemeteries and numerous isolated burial locations, according to the DPAA. Eventually, all known burials were concentrated into the U.S. Military Cemetery at Myitkyina, including remains that could not be identified.

In January and February 1946, the remains in Myitkyina were disinterred and transferred to the U.S. Military Cemetery at Kalaikunda, India. The remains were exhumed from the cemetery in India in 1947 and sent to a lab on Oahu for further analysis.

Despite the lab's effort, Cherubini's remains were not identified and he was buried as a World War II Unknown in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In 2022, the DPAA disinterred Cherubini's remains and transferred them to an agency laboratory.

To identify Cherubini's remains, scientists from the DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used dental, anthropological and mitochondrial DNA analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence.

Middletown Patch, 16-May-2025.

Editor's note: The book "Soldier Dead" by Michael Sledge goes into detail on how the process to recover and identify war dead is accomplished. The book is available on Amazon and other outlets.



- June 08: Children & Youth Academy, Belleville SAL 105
- June 12: Golf Outing, NJ Friends of the Guard & Reserve, Cream Ridge CC
- June 12: Women Veterans Day Luncheon, Carlton R Rouh Vet Center, Lindenwold
- June 12-13: Annual Convention, Wildwood
- June 14: Buddy Check Be The One Suicide Prevention 1K Walk and Breakfast, Wildwood Convention Center
- June 14: Baseball Tailgate Party, Oaklyn Post 84
- June 14: Wildwood Parade on the Boardwalk
- June 14: Flag Retirement, Edison Post 435
- June 16: Flag Retirement, Cherry Hill Post 372
- June 19: Fundraiser at UNO Pizza, Rt 3 Clifton, to benefit Nutley SAL Sq 70
- June 19: Art Jensen Jr Annual Pig Roast, Little Ferry SAL 310
- June 19: Flag Retirement, Neptune Post 346
- June 19: Sussex Meat Packing Drawing, Oak Ridge ALA 423
- June 20: 414 Scramble Golf Tournament, Lawrenceville Post 414, Cream Ridge GC
- June 21: Clam Bake, Absecon Post 28
- June 21: Inaugural Seafood Boil, Woodbridge Post 87
- June 21: Breakfast Buffet, Pine Hill Post 286
- June 21: COTA Fundraiser, West Milford Post 289
- June 23: Golf Outing, Eagle Oaks CC, Benefit Neptune Post 346
- June 24: Boots-to-Business Reboot, Brick Post 348
- June 25: Coffee and Chat, Atco Post 311
- June 28: Sarge's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PTSD Awareness 5K Walk, Merchantville, to benefit Camden County Resolution 22 Committee and America's Vet Dogs
- June 29: 76<sup>th</sup> Annual High Point Pilgrimage, Host Sussex Post 213
- July 04: 50/50 Raffle, Somers Point SAL 352
- July 10: Boots-to-Business Reboot, Somerville Post 12
- July 12: Tricky Tray, New Egypt Post 455
- July 13: Blood Drive, Barnegat Post 232
- July 13: Installation of Officers, Neptune Post 266
- July 13: Legion Riders Honor Flight Fundraiser, TD Bank Ballpark, Chester Riders Chapter 342
- July 20: Pig Roast, Little Ferry SAL 310
- July 24: American Legion Night at Jersey Shore Blue Claws
- July 19: Art Jensen Jr Annual Pig Roast, Little Ferry SAL 310
- July 24: Boots-to-Business Reboot, Absecon Post 28
- July 26: National VC Chuck Robbins Homecoming, Toms River Post 129
- July 26: Family VetDogs Fundraiser, Wayne Post 174
- Aug 02: Camp No Worries Fundraiser, Oaklyn Post 84
- Aug 03: Riders Poker Run, Lakewood Post 166 / Union Beach Post 321
- Aug 04: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Post 286 Am Legion Golf Event, Valley Brook CC
- Aug 09: Annual Crab Tournament, Brick ALA 348
- Aug 23: National Children & Youth Academy, Tampa FL
- Sep 06: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commander's Cup BBQ Competition, Middlesex SAL 306
- Sep 08: Golf Outing by Neptune Post 346, Shark River GC
- Sep 17: Boots-to-Business Reboot, Rochelle Park Post 170
- Sep 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commander's Cup BBQ Competition, Middlesex SAL 306
- Dec 13: Wreaths Across America

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