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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED VETERANS

Make It A Good Day For Our Veterans

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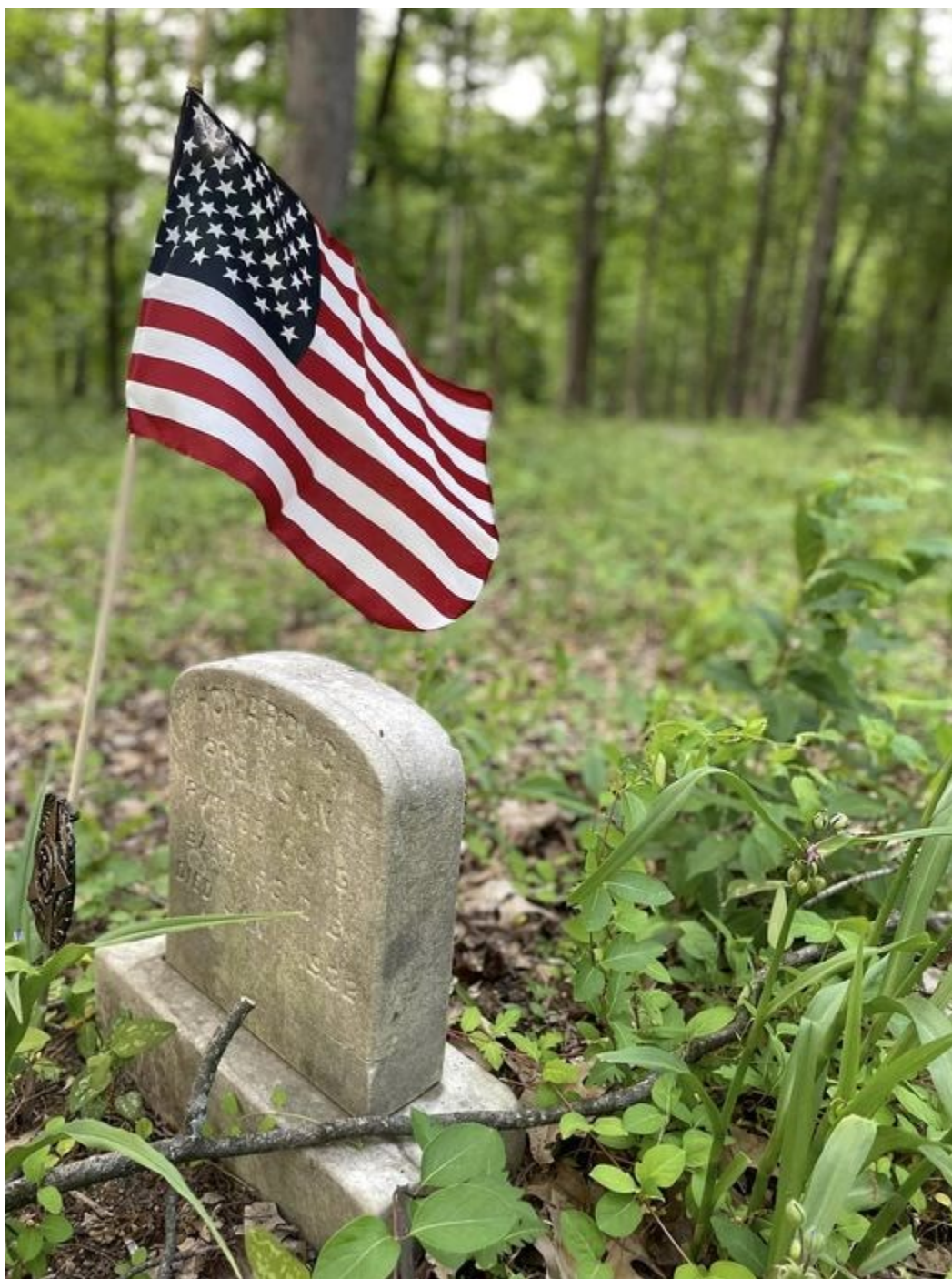
For God and Country,

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We Remember...



Commander's Message:



The Sons of the American Legion will put forth endless effort to support The American Legion during my tenure as Detachment Commander. By upholding American customs and values, enhancing the standard of living for our young people, providing for the needs of Veterans and their families, and instilling the fundamentals of responsible citizenship, we will work carefully to achieve a high level.

Attend meetings promptly, please. We need to depart on time, so please limit your reports to three minutes.

To help us meet our membership goal, please give priority to recruiting new members.

This year, we will be successful and have fun doing it.

Make it a good day for our Veterans *is our motto for 2023-2024.*

For God and Country,

Sincerely, Keith Barnes, Detachment Commander

Meet Our 2023-2024 Officers of the New Jersey Legion Family:



Keith Barnes, Commander, NJ Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion.
Sharon Knight, President, NJ Department of the American Legion Auxiliary.
Larry Bishop, Commander, NJ Department of the American Legion.



Today (9-June) the new Sons of the American Legion NJ State Commander was elected along with all the new Officers of the State.

I was honored to serve as NJ State Commander for the 2022-2023 year.

Thank you to the entire American Legion Family for believing in me and supporting me.

I could not have done this without you.

To be able to serve and help veterans

And our children was truly amazing.

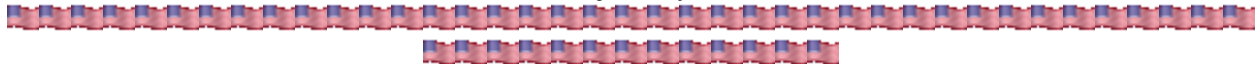
What a feeling to help people and make a difference in their lives.

This was the greatest experience of my life.

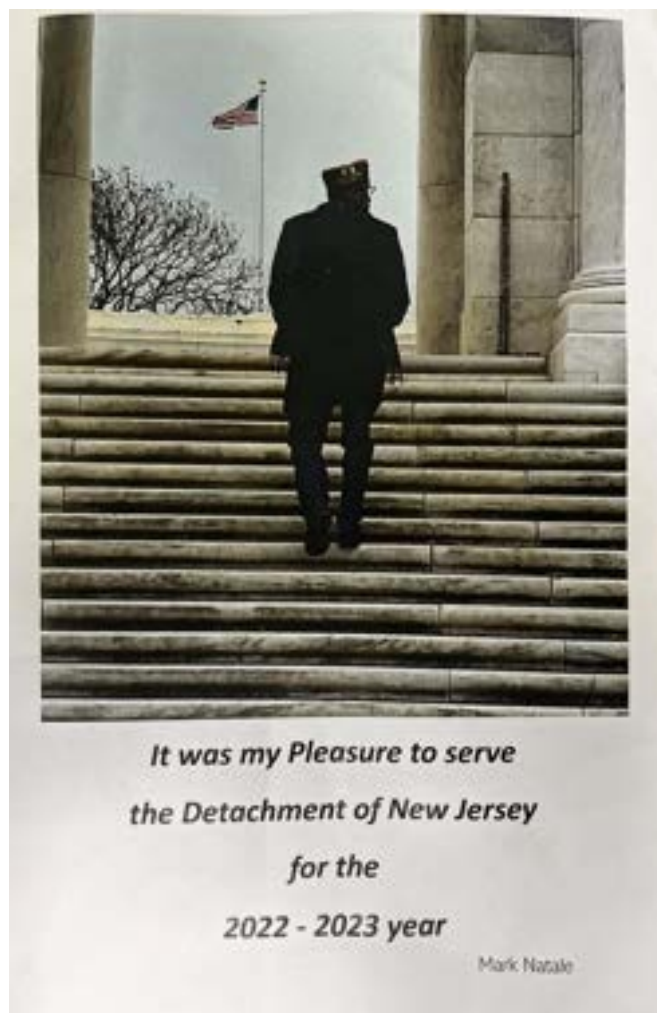
I will never forget - I love you all

This is not goodbye,

Because the journey continues



Mark Natale



*It was my Pleasure to serve
the Detachment of New Jersey
for the
2022 - 2023 year*

Mark Natale



Getting Involved, by Chaplain PDC Matt Thalasinios:

Detachment of New Jersey – Sons of the American Legion

Webster's definition for Americanism:

- 1: A characteristic feature of American English especially as contrasted with British English.
- 2: Attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the U.S.
- 3: a: A custom or trait particular to America
b: The political principles and practices essential to American culture.

The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of New Jersey has several committees which fall under the umbrella of the American Commission. The committees and Chairman for each are as follows:

Boy's State: PNVC Tom Marsden. Girl's State: PDC James Noble. Legislative: PDC Patrick Gallagher. National Emergency Fund (NEF): Dean Staknys. POW/MIA: Richard Hodum. Son of the Year: PDC C. David Page.

Each committee reflects the values and spirit of Americanism. We are looking for more members to develop and assist in many areas. Also, if you have an idea for another committee that you would organize and chair, I would like to hear from you. My email is mrthal@yahoo.com.

PDC Matt Thalasinios, American Commission Chairman

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ATTENTION SQUADRON AND COUNTY CHAPLAINS:

I am available if you need guidance or assistance in your current Chaplain position.

If several of you reach out to me I will schedule a meeting. The purpose of the meeting would be to share information about the duties and responsibilities of a Chaplain and the Detachment Chaplain as well if you are considering applying for the position in future years.

For God and Country, PDC Matt Thalasinios.

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YOUNG CITIZEN'S AWARD

The future of our country will be given to those who will diligently approach tasks that require an understanding about their own community, as well as have the fortitude and persistence to achieve goals to assist in the betterment of their community.

The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of New Jersey's Young Citizen's Award is awarded to a youth, up to and including those 17 years old, for outstanding achievement in their community.

Young volunteers who help their community in some way can be found, but to find one who makes the extra effort, to find someone who makes a real impact in a variety of ways is what the Detachment is looking for. To help us achieve this goal, every Squadron can submit two nominees for this award.

Contact me for information and application forms or if you would like to be on the committee.

For God and Country, PDC Matt Thalasinios, Young Citizen's Award Committee Chairman.

The Indianapolis NEC Conference, 5-7-May-2023:



ANEC/PDC Henry Hasselhan receives his certificate for graduating the third year course of the National Management Institute from National Commander Chris Carlton. Detachment Commander Mark Natale receives his certificate for graduating the second year of NMI from the Commander. Mark made a donation to the National SAL Commander including \$1020 from Waterford Township NJ Squadron 311 for the Child Welfare Foundation.



(Left) Mark discusses taking the NMI class. (Center) National Commanders Vincent J “Jim” Troiola and Chris Carlton. (Right) Jim Noble gives his report on Children and Youth.



(Left) Mark’s Certificate for NMI. (Right) Commander Chris Carlton and Chris Casey of Nebraska, chairman of the SAL National Americanism Commission, along with National Assistant Adjutant / NJ PDC Jeff Hicks.

Snapshots:



(Left) Award from the Passaic County Committee to Greg Shaffer (Commander 174) for his service to Children & Youth. (Right) Commander Mark found PNC Joseph W. Gladden at Indianapolis.



Henry (James) Hasselhan, SAL 311, was given a certificate for his participation in the Auxiliary's Poppy Contest through the County's Junior Auxiliary Program. He made a centerpiece and a corsage.



Festivities at Burlington Post 336's Father-Daughter Dance



PDC Patrick Gallagher and **SALute** editor Gary Crawford loading up donations at Neptune Post 346 for Veterans Haven North. Twenty-three air mattresses plus hats and gloves and other needed items were delivered by Patrick on 16-May. Winter hats and gloves were very inexpensive off-season.



Carl and Rusty from Belleville SAL 105 preparing for poppy sales at the Belleville Shop-Rite.



In Special Olympics News, Christopher Gray, grandson of PNVC Thomas Marsden, won two Bronze and one Gold medal at the 2023 Area 6 Track and Field event. Chris is a longtime Member of Brick SAL 348. If you have a Special Olympics athlete in your family, please send that information to Special Olympics Chairman Nicholas Wingler at nicholasjwingler@gmail.com so we can recognize all of their achievements as well.



Rockaway SAL 344 treated Veterans from Lyons to a Somerset Patriots game, and to meet service dogs.



Little Egg Harbor Post scholarship presentations. Keeping it in the Family: (Top L to R) Post 493, SAL Sq 493, Riders Chapter 493, (Bottom L to R) AMVETS 493, and Auxiliary 493.

22 a day is 22 too many.

Need someone to talk to? Call 9-8-8, then option 1 for help. Anytime.

Seeking help with addiction? Call 1-844-ReachNJ, 24/7 help is always there.

You are never alone.

The Flag Man by Gary S. Crawford

He comes in late April or early May. Quietly, with no fanfare, he comes in and does his annual job. He places small American flags on the graves of veterans, what the military calls “decorating the graves”. What was formerly called Decoration Day came from this term.

Each veteran’s grave gets a flag, measuring 12 by 18 inches, fastened to a 30-inch wooden dowel. Some years the finial is painted gold, other years it’s black. The county Department of Veteran Affairs provides the flags.

Most cemeteries are assigned to a local Veterans’ Post. The Post in turn would have its members help place the flags in time for Memorial Day. But some Posts have closed, leaving their respective cemeteries with no one to decorate the graves.

This man places flags at two such cemeteries. At one, he had served on its board of trustees and began placing the flags because no one else was doing it. The Post that once took care of flag placements lost its charter and closed.

At the other cemetery, its assigned Post had also closed. Since the man had many relatives interred there, he took an interest in making sure the graves were decorated. Veterans Affairs keeps a listing of Veterans in each cemetery and provides flags for that amount, even though many grave locations are unknown or lost. After placing flags for over twenty years, he has amassed a surplus, handy when having to replace those damaged or soiled.

The man takes his time. He knows where most of the graves are located without consulting maps or other paperwork. He goes to each grave, places a flag at the marker of the Veteran buried below, and then recites the name on the marker and hand salutes each one. Old flags that may still be there are gathered and retired at his American Legion Post at ceremonies on Flag Day.

He places almost 800 flags between the two cemeteries. Taking his time, one cemetery takes about six hours to complete, the other about four. He works a few hours each day, enjoying the peace and quiet of the cemetery. He seeks no help as no one seems to have the time. He’d rather work alone. He knows the job will be done right.

He doesn’t see a cemetery as a macabre and sinister place to avoid, but a welcoming place of love, respect, dignity, and honor. He takes the opportunity to meditate while in the company of some very special people. He likes how it makes him feel.

People see the flags placed in so many cemeteries each May. They just assume that “they” put them there. This man is one of those called “they”. The Flag Man.



Decorating the Graves:



Decorating and cleaning. Marty Widmer, Audubon SAL 262, cleaning away 90 years of grime.



Decorating the bridges too. Bridge over NJ Transit rails decorated with flags courtesy of Lincoln Park SAL 279.



(Left) 8-year-old James Izquierdo, SAL 346 at Mt. Prospect Cemetery in Neptune. He's the grandson of *SALute* Editor Gary Crawford. (Center) Larry Davis and Jim Clanton, SAL 346 at work. (Right) Mt. Prospect, one of six cemeteries decorated by Post, SAL, Aux, and Color Guard of Post 346, along with volunteers from Neptune High School ROTC.





(LtoR) St Anne Cemetery, Wall NJ; Wayside Cemetery, Oakhurst NJ; and Hamilton Cemetery, Neptune NJ, all decorated by the Neptune 346 crew, along with St. George Greek Cemetery in Neptune, and Glendola Cemetery in Wall, over 1500 flags in all.



Mount Holly Post 11: The Mount Holly Joint Veterans Memorial Committee would like to thank the many volunteers who endured today's rain to properly place flags on the Veteran's Graves to honor them in preparation for Memorial Day. Of the many community volunteers were members of VFW Post 2692, members of American Legion Mount Holly Post 11, Rancocas Valley JROTC, DAV Department Inspector/Pemberton Township Mayor Jack Tompkins, Presidential Lakes Civic Association, Wawa Veteran's Alliance, Convention of States District 8, Hibernian Volunteers of Major Tommy McGuire Division 1 of Burlington County, the 8th Legislative District Staff; including Senator Jean Stanfield, Assemblyman Brandon Umba, Legislative Aides Kristin, Amy, and Darshan. This year we were joined by the Wawa Veterans Alliance who not only helped to place flags, but also provided "Shortie" Hoagies to the many volunteers who placed nearly 1,600 flags on the graves of Veterans. Thank You for your commitment to the Veterans Community. Thank You to the many members of the community who were also part of this endeavor to honor our interred Veterans. We truly appreciate everybody's efforts.

Need flags for your next graves decoration project? Most counties have a Veterans Affairs Office. Contact them about the listings of veterans' graves and cemeteries in your area, and availability of flags.

This is a great community project. Schools, churches, Scouts, businesses, and many other groups and your Legion Family are ready to help. All you have to do is ask.



Audubon Post, SAL, and Aux 262 at Peace Cemetery in Lawnside. (Right) Marty Widmer cleans a Veteran's headstone.



Detachment Commander Mark Natale with wife Department Chaplain Lisa placing flags at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Middletown. Both are from Leonardo SAL and ALA 338.





Cherry Hill Post 372. Thank you to all the volunteers who came together to honor our local Veterans at Locustwood Cemetery on Sunday, May 21, 2023

This long standing Legion tradition has grown into a great community effort and we thank all who support this! Cherry Hill Police Department, Cherry Hill Fire Department, Cherry Hill Professional Firefighters Cherry Hill Township, Camden County Government, Ted Gallagher, Melinda Hopkins Kane, BSA Pack 252 of Cherry Hill, NJ American Legion Post 372, Cherry Hill NJ Jewish Family and Children's Service - JFCS of Southern New Jersey.



Chester Post 342 placing Flags on 13-May





(Left) Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 Lodi NJ was joined on Saturday by Mayor Scott Luna, Lodi Girl Scouts, and members of Paramus Boy Scout Troop 138 to place flags on the graves of deceased Veterans at Lodi and St. Nicholas Cemeteries. This is done each year in advance of Memorial Day. (Right) Old flags on their way to a dignified retirement.



Hopewell Legion Family Post 339 grave decoration crew on 14-May. From Mark J. Marotta: "Hopewell Post 339 Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Members, I am happy to announce that Accent Banner Company, the company that made our new flag, is finished and both old and new flags are being shipped today and should be received by me on Monday the 15th. I hope at least 18 of us are excited to carry it in the parades."



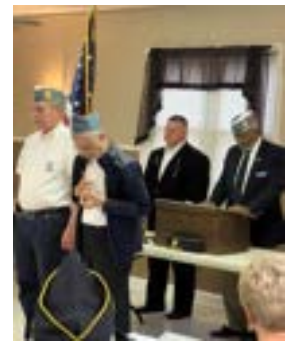
North Trenton Post 458 and Scouts in action.



Officer Installations Around the State:



Brick SAL Squadron 348 Installation. Detachment Vice Commanders Bill Murphy (348) and Rich Hodum (166) in background handle the details.



(Left and Center) Blackwood Squadron 281 Installation. (Right) Magnolia Squadron 370 Installation. Outgoing Camden County SAL Commander Myran Jones (473) officiated at both events.



Audubon Squadron 262 Officers are installed by NEC/PDC Bob Phillips Jr. (262)

Congratulations to all the Incoming Officers!



Detachment Vice Commander Rich Hodum and PDC Nick Wingler watch as Post 166's incoming officers are sworn in. Rich installs the incoming SAL officers at his home Squadron 166, Lakewood.



Woodbridge SAL Squadron 87 is installed.



Oaklyn Squadron 74 installed by ANEC/PDC Henry Hasselhan.



Installation at Mystic Island Squadron 493



Brooklawn Squadron 72 Installation. NEC Bob Phillips Jr. handled the honors.



Camden County SAL Officers are sworn in at Audubon 262: (LtoR) Outgoing Commander Myran Jones, Vice Commander Bernie Kofoet, Incoming Vice Commander Matt Carr, Adjutant Jay Gillman, Incoming Chaplain Marty Widmer, and Incoming Commander Chuck Ross. (Right) Little Ferry Sq 310 Officers.



Toms River Squadron 129's new Officers.

Installation at Clark SAL 102.



Swearing in at Stone Harbor 331.

Saddle Brook SAL 415 Officers. Charles Taylor II and Keith Barnes.



(Left) PDC and Monmouth County Commander Carl Alber Jr. swears in the new Officers at Neptune 346. (Center) Carl explains the duties to incoming Commander Gary Crawford. (Right) Incoming Squadron 346 Officers PDC Patrick Gallagher and Paul Williams look on. Gary also serves as Monmouth County Adjutant and *SALute* editor.

Gathering of the Chapters of the Legion Riders:



The Annual Gathering of the Chapters on 21-May, meeting up at Somerset Post 253. Addressing the attendees were (LtoR) Department Commander Steve Fisher, Auxiliary President Colleen Breen-Lopez, and Detachment Commander Mark Natale.

The Legion on TV:

On 25-May, The New Jersey Legion Family was featured on Fox & Friends First on the Fox News Channel. Leading Department Commander Candidate Larry Bishop, SAL Detachment Commander Mark Natale, and ALA President Colleen-Breen Lopez were interviewed on the significance of Memorial Day and what the Poppies mean. Many Legion Family members attended, answering the 1:45 am call.



Larry, Colleen, and Mark. Lisa and Mark Natale with Fox personality Brooke Singman. On the set of Fox & Friends.

Memorial Day Around the State:



Ceremonies at Brig General Doyle Cemetery. (LtoR) Richard Hodum (116), Mark Natale (338), Henry Hasselhan (311), William Murphy (348), Dave Page (455), and Robert Phillips Jr (262). (Center) Governor Phil Murphy greets Dept VC Brian Hagal and Mark Natale.



(Left) Commander Mark Natale served as Grand Marshall at the Middletown NJ Memorial Day Parade. (Center) Mark with active duty sailors from the USS Cole and USS Oregon, in town for Fleet Week. (Right) Past NJ Dept Commander Mike Babli and Past NJ ALA Dept President Jane Babli, along with other Legion Family Members, provided 75 chicken dinners to the residents of Vet Haven South.



Brick Post and SAL 348 in Brick Township's annual Memorial Day Parade



Belleville 105 Post, SAL, and ALA Family

Toms River 129 SAL in the annual parade



Atco 311 Memorial Day Flag Crew



Cherry Hill Post and SAL 372



Ewing 314 Color Guard



Multiple ceremonies all over Belleville by Legion Family 105 and the Chapter 366 of the Military Order of Purple Heart and the 716 Quartermaster Co.



Hopewell 339 SAL and their new big Flag.



Hopewells' Cemetery Ceremony



339's Bugler Carson Schooley



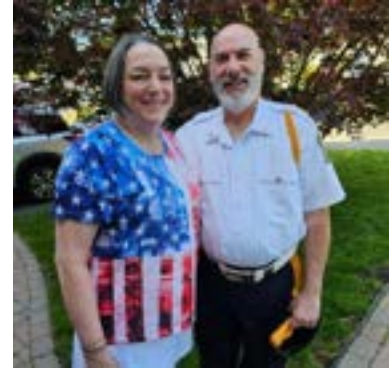
Lakewood SAL 166 Ceremony



Mystic Island Post and SAL 493 at their parade



Annual Memorial Day Cookout at Toms River Post and SAL 129



(Left) Union Beach SAL 321 Color Guard. (Center) Wayne SAL 174 Color Guard. (Right) SAL 174 Commander Greg Shaffer and his wife Leslie.

The Legion at Indianapolis:



National Commander Vincent J "Jim" Troiola salutes behind Legion Indy Car driver Alex Palou. Jim poses with The American Legion car #10. Alex finished an impressive fourth in the 500, in one of four cars from the Chip Ganassi racing stable.



Meanwhile . . . at Neptune 346:



(Left) Neptune Post 346 Commander John Warhurst welcomes the attendees to the Memorial Day Ceremony, as Acting Chaplain Gary Crawford waits to give the opening prayer. (Center) Crawford hoists and lowers the Flag to half-staff as the Color Guard stands at Parade Rest. (Right) PDC Carl Alber Jr prepares to play TAPS.



(Left) Neptune 346's Color Guard at Ocean Grove Memorial Day Ceremony at the WW1 and WW2 monument. (LtoR) John Skislak, Mike Kennedy, Carl Alber Jr., Matt Confrey, Dan Sanford, Greg Thompkins, and Paul Williams. (Right) Neptune Legion Posts 266 and 346 along with VFW Post 1333 share annual "Host Post" duties, hosting a cookout for the Memorial Day parade participants. This year was 346's turn. **SALute** Editor Gary Crawford and two-thirds of his SAL grandsons Connor and James enjoy a burger and a hot dog.

Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage...

National Commander Jim Troiola's Visit to Morris County:



(18June) (Left) MCAL and Morristown Post 59 welcomed American Legion National Commander Jim Troiola's Visit to Morris County. It started in Morristown at the Headquarters of General Washington. Then they went to All Veterans Memorial at Turkey Brook Park at Bud Lake. Then off to MCAL and Post 342 Chester Township.

(Right) Thank you to Chester American Legion Post 342, The Legion Riders Post 342, Legion Auxiliary, Chester NJ Boy Scout Troop 139, and all of our friends and family for coming out today to help us meet and greet our American Legion National Commander. We were honored for National Commander Troiola visiting our Post today.

And at Ocean County:



Ocean County Sons of the American Legion Commander Jeff Kleinow presents National Commander Troiola with a 25th Anniversary Coin & Pin



Annual Convention at Wildwood, 8-9 June, 2023.

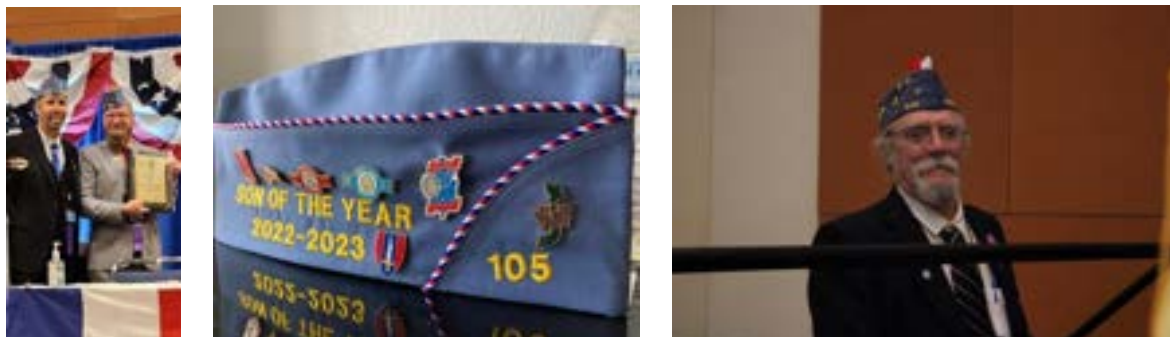


(Left) Commander Mark Natale presented his friend Scott Baker and his wife Lori each a Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) award for their great work taking in a homeless Veteran in his 80s off the streets during Covid and helping to take care of him and getting him into a great Veterans' facility. This is what amazing people do. Always help if you can and make a difference in someone's life.

(Right) Henry J. Hasselhan, Atco SAL 311, grandson of ANEC/PDC Henry F. Hasselhan, was given a Distinguished Guest Medal for the work he had done collecting for COTA (the Children's Organ Transplant Association). Young Henry was dangerous with that challenge coin! At last count, he collected an astounding \$2478, \$1160 at the Convention and the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Wildwood alone.



Awards presented at the Convention: (Left) Union Beach Squadron 321 for Special Olympics per-capita collected. (Center) Detachment Commander's Award for Outstanding Dedication to the Legion Family to Mark J. Marotta of Post 339. (Right) Belleville Squadron 105 once again received many awards.



(Left) Rusty Myers from Squadron 105 was unanimously voted Son of the Year. (Center) Rusty's new cover. (Right) "Pay no attention to that man behind the screen!" *SALute* editor Gary Crawford ran the video for the screen.



The Buddy Check Walk on the Wildwood Boardwalk on Wednesday 7-June. Commander Mark with PDCs Joe Korba and Jeff Hicks take part in the Walk.



NJ ALA President Colleen Breen-Lopez addresses the SAL Delegates. PDCs escorted the Ladies. (LtoR) Tom Marsden, Bob Bascou, Nick Wingler, Matt Thalasinis, Dave Page, and Jay Gillman.



Mark Natale.



Adjutant/PDC Carl Alber Jr.



Ass't Nat. Adjutant/PDC Jeff Hicks



PDC Kent Hehl.



Mark with PDC Mike Arner.



PDC Carl Alber plays TAPS.

TAPS was heard next door at the Legion's Convention.



Changing of the guard. National Vice Commander Ernie Laberge charges Incoming Commander Keith Barnes with his duties. Outgoing Commander Mark pins his successor Commander Keith.



Newly-installed Commander Barnes addresses the Delegates. Keith's family congratulates him on his new position.



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(Left) NEC/PDC Bob Phillips Jr, Commander Keith Barnes, SAL Chairman Tony Gladden, and ANEC/PDC Henry Hasselhan lead the procession. (Right) Outgoing Officers Commander Mark Natale, President Colleen Breen-Lopez, Commander Steve Fisher, and NEC Berley Hanna wave from the reviewing stand.



Chuck Ross and Marty Widmer from SAL 262.



Belleville 105's marching unit.



(Left) Cooling their heels after the parade. (LtoR) Bob Phillips Jr., Carl Alber Jr., Matt Thalasinis, Lenny Free, Mike Arner, Mark Natale, Lisa Natale, Rich Hodum, Steve Sangemino, and Bill Murphy.

(Right) Tony Gladden and Charles Taylor II.

And the Traditional Wrecking...



(Left) “The Joker” Natale meets the new Commander. (Center) The Joker tugs on the whiskers of last year’s outgoing Commander Henry Hasselhan. (Right) A year before, Henry and his grandson Henry’s wrecking outfits.



Our Joker in front of Post 184 enjoying a taste, and meeting up with Steve “Mr. Ice Cream Cone” Fisher.



Be The One

And maybe a party or two afterward...



(Left) 346's Rick Trail, Carl Alber Jr., and Amanda Trail at Leonardo 338's open house.
(Right) Neptune 346's Danielle Bertini, Commander John Warhurst, DEC Wil Fetherman, Unit President Amanda Trail, Mike Kennedy, and Gary Crawford at their soiree.



Why just be great, when you can be the Magnificent County of Monmouth? (Kaw-KAW!)



Belleville 105 in the house! With Rusty Myers and Ed Hall, and a little "God Bless America".

And a Good Time was had by all.

14-June Flag Day Around The State:



ANEC/PDC Henry Hasselhan assists the Scouts in preparing the flags for retirement at Atco 311.



Stetser-Lamartine Post 281 Honor Guard fires a volley as the flags burn honorably.



(LtoR) At Neptune 346, Acting Chaplain Gary Crawford reads a blessing for the retiring flags as Commander John Warhurst and DEC Wil Fetherman bow their heads. The Color Guard's seven rifles fire twenty-one shots in salute. Carl Alberm Jr plays "To the Colors".



Food Drive Collection – Great Falls Military Pantry, Drop Off Mon-Fri 4-7, Sat-Sun 12-6, West Milford Post 289.
Every Tues: Free Clam Night - While They Last, Little Ferry Post 310.
Every Tues: Cornhole League, Tuckerton Post 493.

July 01: Annual Independence Day Picnic, Toms River Post 129.
July 01: Pancake Breakfast, Stone Harbor Post 331.
July 04: 4th of July Parade With A Purpose, Audubon ALA 262.
July 04: DJ & Karaoke July 4th Celebration, Union Beach Post 321.
July 07: July Birthday Bash, Rochelle Park Post 170.
July 08: Fundraiser for Billy Martisch, Union Beach Post 321.
July 14: Two Pound Party, Woodbridge ALA 87.
July 15: Christmas In July Tricky Tray, New Egypt Post 455.
July 16: Christmas In July, Belleville Post 105.
July 16: Spaghetti Fundraiser, Lakewood SAL 166.
July 22: Annual VetDogs Year-end Picnic, Wayne Post 174.
July 22: Fishing Trip, Edison Post 435.
July 23: Jersey Tones Band, Belleville Post 105
July 23: Mega 50/50 Raffle Drawing, Mystic Island Post 493.
July 30: SAL and ALA 21st Annual BBQ, Veterans Haven South, Hammonton.
Aug 13: Country Cousins Band & BBQ, Belleville Post 105.
Aug 18: New Egypt Post 455 Golf Outing, Gambler's Ridge GC.
Aug 19: Riders Annual Country Western BBQ, Toms River Post 129.
Sep 09: Special Needs Kids Barbeque, Brick VFW 8867.
Sep 22: South Jersey Stand Down, Army National Guard Armory, Cherry Hill.

Having an event? Let us know at njSALute@gmail.com.

Coming in the next issue of The *NJ SALute*:

Highlights of the High Point Pilgrimage – The “22” Challenge Walk - July 4th Celebrations - The Carranza Memorial – and much more



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This issue has more contributors than ever before. Our Legion Family's busy season of May and June had so much going on, and so many Posts, Squadrons, and Units shared their activities with the ***SALute***. Please keep it up, show us what you are up to. We won't know if you don't tell us. Send your news and pictures to njSALute@gmail.com, and please identify people in the pics. .jpg and .png photos work best for reproduction. Thank you to all who sent in news and photos.

