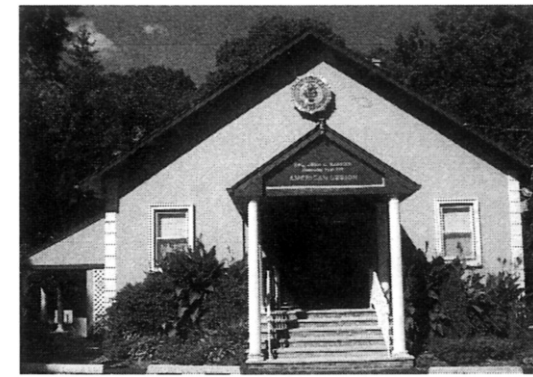


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you, and your families. Winter is upon us now so get ready for the snow in February. Let's get ready for our Super Bowl Sunday festivities, Feb, 5, at 5pm in the Dugout. May the better team win. Our Executive meeting will be on the Feb 7 because the 2nd Tues, is Valentine's Day. Our Post meeting is on Feb. 9, at 7:30. We have a lot of up-coming events, so please make it a point to attend as many as you can. Our Bingo at the Paramus Veterans home is a great night for the veterans living in the home. They need us there. We must not forget those in the home because some have no-one else to come see them. Bingo is the fourth Wednesday of each month, so come down and talk to the veterans in the home and let them see we care. We can always use the help. Our Boy Scouts Troop 334 will be having their Community Dinner Raffle at the Fieldstone Middle School on March 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM. We have tickets at the Bar. Ticket prices are: Adults: 8.00, Seniors: 7:00, Children: (under 12) 6:00. We also are hosting a county meeting at our Post on March 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

The American Legion Jersey Boys State program (for boys juniors in high school) will be kicking off soon, The dates for the program are June 18-23, 2017 and again it will be held at Rider University. You should contact John Lynch to discuss any delegates you may have in the school district. Lastly, we have the Nominations for Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Officers coming up.
Post Commander Joseph C Collery

The Invasion of Pemberton

You have heard of the Battle of the Bulge and the Invasion of Iwo Jima, but have you ever heard of the Invasion of Pemberton? I'll tell you about it.

It was the summer of 1954, I had just graduated from Montclair State Teacher's College and because I had received a deferment until graduation, I expected to be inducted into the Army. The call came in early August. At Camp Kilmer they were assigning us to different parts of the service. The Army was looking for a group of graduates to train for the Counter Intelligence Corps. Since we had to get a security clearance we were assigned to a full 16 weeks of infantry basic training at Fort Dix. It was during this training that we going to have a field exercise. Here we were a whole company of trainees loaded with a pack and our rifles. I think we even carried our gas masks with us. Luckily we weren't taking the big guns- the bazooka and 57 mm recoilless rifles which were a lot heavier. We were supposed to go out of camp to the field exercise grounds then hike back to camp.

Our officers had assigned a new Second Lieutenant to conduct this hike. Needless to say, we got lost as we left the field exercise area. We realized we were lost when taking a small lane into the woods and just came upon a famer's house. Next we arrived in the small farming village of Pemberton. Here we were an armed company of 200 men marching through the town. I found out that our leader had to stop in a gas station to get directions for returning to camp. We finally straggled back to our barracks at 8:30 that night, tired and hungry. That was a hike that was hard to forget.
Will Smith

Montvale Annual Community Dinner and Raffle

Friday March 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Fieldstone Middle School
Hosted by Montvale Boy Scout Troop 334



Come out and **JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY** for a fun filled evening of food, friends, music, a tricky tray raffle, and more! Dinner includes a full Pasta and Meatball entree including salad and fresh garlic bread. After dinner enjoy a dessert and coffee table, followed by the raffle. Prizes include Sports Tickets, a Sightseeing Flight over NYC for 3, and much more. Children will enjoy Balloon Art from our CLOWN!

Tickets at the Door:

Adults: \$8.00, Seniors: \$7.00, Children: (under 12) \$6.00

Pre-Event Tickets: \$6.00 for All Ages

For Tickets or Information:

Phone: 201-802-0252
E-mail: troop334mail@gmail.com

PO Box 641
Montvale, NJ 07645



Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 334 - Sponsored by American Legion Post 153

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT POST AND PARADE

Jim Miller and Dick Bozzone report the Memorial Day Parade which will be held on May 29, 2017, will now start permanently from Memorial Drive in Montvale. This will be implemented due to provide a safer environment for parade participants and will allow better access to the parade's starting point. The Montvale Police Chief, and the Mayor and Council have approved this much needed improvement.

WANTED!



New or used musical instruments - any condition!
These items will be reconditioned by veteran Sean Barry for members in Veterans' Hospitals for patient therapy. Donate to Service Office Officer Leigh Hopper and he will take the instruments to Sean Barry!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1 Wed. Dinner at the Post.....5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Feb 2 Thurs. S.A.L. Meeting at Post.....7:00 PM
 Feb 3 Fri. Fish Fry Dinner5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Feb 5 Sun. SUPERBOWL Sunday.....5:00 PM
 Feb 7 Tues. Post Executive Board Meeting7:00 PM
 Feb 8 Wed. Dinner at the Post.....5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Feb 9 Thurs. Post Meeting7:30 PM
 Feb 13 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting7:00 PM
 Feb 15 Wed. Dinner at the Post.....5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Feb 19 Sun. Breakfast At The Dugout.8:00 AM-12:00
 Feb 22 Wed. Bingo at the Veterans Home in Paramus7:00 PM

Mar 1 Wed. Dinner at the Post.....WINTER FINALE!!5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Mar 2 Thurs. S.A.L. Meeting at Post7:00 PM
 Mar 3 Fri. Fish Fry Dinner5:30 - 8:00 PM
 Mar 4 Sat. Post 50/50 Building Fund Raffle7:00 - 11:00 PM
 Mar 11 Sat. St. Patrick's Day Dinner7:00 - 11:00 PM
 Mar 13 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting7:00 PM
 Mar 14 Tues. Post Executive Board Meeting7:00 PM
 Mar 16 Thurs. Post Meeting.....OFFICER NOMINATIONS7:30 PM
 Mar 19 Sun. Breakfast At The Dugou.....8:00 AM - 12:00
 Mar 22 Wed. Bingo at the Veterans Home in Paramus.....7:00 PM
 Mar 31 Fri. Boy Scout Pasta Dinner @ Fieldstone School, Montvale.....4:00 -8:00 PM

Apr 6 Thurs. S.A.L. Meeting at Post.....7:00 PM
 Apr 7 Fri. Fish Fry Dinner5:30 -8:00 PM
 Apr 10 Mon. Auxiliary Meeting7:00 PM
 Apr 11 Tues. Post Executive Board Meeting7:00 PM
 Apr 11 Tues. Bergen County Auxiliary Meeting at the Post.....7:30 PM
 Apr 13 Thurs. Post Meeting.....OFFICER ELECTIONS7:30 PM
 Apr 23 Breakfast At The Dugout.....8:00 AM - 12:00
 Apr 26 Wed. Bingo at the Veterans Home in Paramus7:00 PM
 Apr 29 Sat. Auxiliary Dinner5:00 PM



Dr. Robert G. Balentine of Park Ridge on January 4, 2017. Bob was an Army Veteran serving in Germany during the Army of Occupation in World War II. He was a member of the post for 14 years.

Edward J. Brown of Montvale on November 11, 2016. Ed was an Army Vereran serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Post for 27 years.

Ralph Cavalucci, Sr. of Park Ridge on December 11, 2016. Ralph was an Army Veteran serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Post for four years.

Harold (Hal) Pintak of Park Ridge on November 25, 2016. Hal was an Army Veteran serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Post for 26 years.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary members recently held their first meeting of the new year - 2017. Presided by Annie Whitney. Committee reports were given. Members will continue good works as usual; attending Bingo games at the Paramus Vets' Home, Maureen Demes and Monique Stroehle making monthly visits to the women residents at the Home bringing each a craft item, attending to homeless vets at the Alfred J. Thomas Facility, collecting each month for the Tri-Boro Food Center, collecting soda tabs for the Shriners Childrens' Hospital,collecting used eye glasses for Eyes For the Needy, attending various services at the Post. Maureen and Monique will also deliver new calendars to each resident at the Paramus home.

Americanism Chairperson Dot Bozzone reported that the annual essay contest will soon be under way. She will be contacting schools with info shortly. Sponsored by the national Auxiliary, this has many participants and we realized many winners among our schools.

Several members have helped and continue to help at Post Wednesday dinners, Fish Fries and Breakfasts. They are waitresses and do the cleaning up.

Many thanks to Margie Behr for the beautiful job with the case exhibiting the Medal of Honor presented to our own Jedh C. Barker. She made everything clean and shiny and Jedh's medals are now in a beautiful frame. Thanks again—job well done!

Our Holiday Party in December was a success. Held at Bellissimo over 20 members attended.

A date has been set for our popular annual Steak Dinner. It will be held on April 29 and details will follow.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 7:00 PM. Please remember your donation to the Food Center.

Barbara Musso, Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary

REHAB

The monthly Bingo Party at the Paramus Veterans Home was held on December 28, 2016. PC Jim Donovan reports that the team consisted of Legionnaires Al Quackenbush, Joe Collery, Otto Stroehle, Jerry Alexander and Andy Demes: Auxiliary members, Annie Whitney, Dee Mackey and Maureen Demes. Also helping was our volunteer Sal Buda. The caller was Saboor Kelley. The 57 residents were served bananas. At the end of the evening, each resident received a Holiday Gift of \$10.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Klondike Derby Competition at Camp Alpine scheduled for February 4.

Super Bowl is February 5th.

Camping Overnight and skiing at Ski Plattekill scheduled for February 24.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is March 11th.

Montvale Community Dinner, fundraising event is scheduled for March 31 at the Montvale Fieldstone Middle school. Please join us and enjoy the food and basket raffles!

FINANCE OFFICER'S CORNER:

POST CHRISTMAS PARTY FUND RAISER

Our Post Christmas party was a social, gastronomical and charity success. Thanks to our Kitchen crew for a great meal, our bar staff for speedy service, the SAL for a great cocktail party, and the Auxiliary for visons of sugar plums deserts.

Your generosity helped us raise \$1000 for the Tomorrow's Children Fund at HUMC and the Post contributed another \$500 for a grand total of \$1500. We know this will make a difference in many children and their families lives in 2017. Thanks again for your support in assisting this extraordinary mission.

We received a letter from Lynn Hoffman, Executive Director of the Tomorrow's Children Fund at Hackensack University Hospital and Medical Center thanking us for our \$1,500 donation.

SENIOR/ VETERANS BENEFITS IN GAS TAX HIKE

VETERANS: Honorably Discharged Veterans can exempt \$3000 in wages from the state income tax.

RETIREEES: Allows exclusion of pension and retirement income from state income tax. Beginning on July 1, 2017, and rising annually for the next four years, exemptions grow from \$15,000 to \$75,00 for individuals, \$20,00 to \$100,000 for joint filers and \$10,000 to \$50,000 for married couples filing individually.

SALES TAX: Reduced to 6.875% on Jan 1, 2017 and 6.625% on Jan 1, 2018

ESTATE TAX: On Jan 1, 2017, relatives of people who die can exempt assets up to \$ 2 million from the tax (previously \$675,000). Spouses are still exempt from the tax. On Jan 1, 2018, the estate tax will be eliminated.

Gas Tax Hike, Continued The inheritance tax (11 to 16%) which applies to relatives who are not children, grandchildren and their descendants, will remain intact.

Please contact your tax adviser for individual information.

LEGION MEMBERSHIP STATUS 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you did not pay your 2017 dues by December, as of Jan 1 2017, you will be officially suspended by National and Department of NJ, not be eligible for any American Legion Benefits Discounts, Legion insurance and be dropped from the membership rolls as well as Pas-cackle mailing list after this issue. It would be a shame to lose membership continuity and the benefits that come with membership. USAA insurance policies through the National Legion may also be dropped

If you are unable to pay your fees for any reason, please advise the Commander in writing to the Post and we will do everything possible to have your fees paid. Only written requests will be considered.

TD BANK AFFINITY FUND RAISER (AH198)

If you bank with TD bank you may participate in a **no cost** to you or the post affinity fundraiser offered to 501c3 non profits. You must designate your accounts (business checking, personal checking, savings, money market, CDs, and retirement accounts) for inclusion in the American Legion Post 153 program. The program code is **AH198**. **TD Bank will provide an annual cash contribution to the Post as outlined below.**

You may designate your accounts for inclusion in the program by visiting the branch at 33 S. Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, or call them at 201-391-0505 and speak to Bill DeBenedetto or Josh.

The Post receives \$50 for every new checking account and \$10 for existing accounts. Savings and CD deposits receive 1/10 of 1% of average annual balances.

Information on enrolled accounts is kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with our Post.

This is a win-win for our members and the Post. Do not pass it up and enroll today. Thanks again for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LONG TIME POST 153 MEMBERS

Fifteen members of Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial Post 153, Park Ridge American Legion have completed 837 years of continuous membership in the world's largest veterans' organization according to Lyle Garcia, post membership chairman. The following members in order of seniority are:

MEMBER NAMES	YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP
Edmund Abdelhak	65
Robert Doxey	65
Leon Sitek	63
John Doyno, past commander	59
Daniel Hynes	59
Dick Bozzone, past commander	58
Paul Romasco	58
Vernon Palmateer	57
James Halstead	55
William Chapman, past commander	54
Mary Hynes	52
Clifford Conway	51
James Gelinsky	51
Edward Barboni	51
Frank Coppola	50

One of the few siblings who belong to Post 153 are Daniel and Mary Hynes formerly of Park Ridge now residing in Florida. Sadly, only two years ago the total number of post members combined for a total of over 1000 years of continuous service. Four members have passed away since then.

BOY SCOUTS ACTIVITIES Fall Activities - Boy Scout Troop 334:

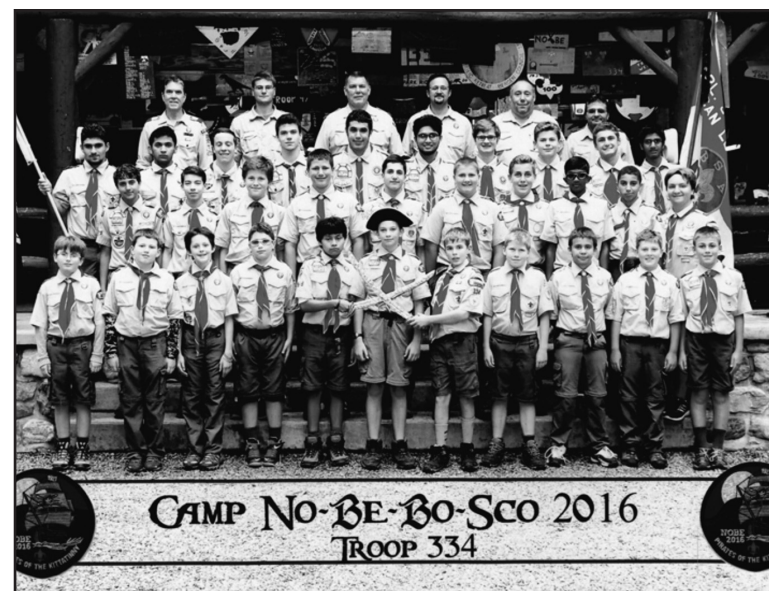
Over this summer, Evan Michales completed his Eagle Scout project and earned the Eagle Scout rank. His project was the construction of a bocce ball court behind the Montvale Community Center. More than 900 hours of labor was put in by Evan and his volunteers to complete the court. The end result was a 60'x10' court with two accompanying benches as well as landscaping. The project was finished in time for Evan to become an Eagle Scout just before his 18th birthday. During the second week of September, Troop 334 scouts went spelunking at Clarksville Caves, located in Clarksville, NY. The cave is 4800 feet long and the boys learned the skills needed for safe spelunking. At the end of September, the scouts attended an orienteering overnight workshop hosted by The United States Military Academy Orienteering Team in West Point. Scouts participated in various exercises and practical applications, culminating in a troop-level orienteering competition.

Boy Scout Activities, Continued In October, the Troop hosted their annual camp out at Camp Bullowa where they taught the Montvale Cub Scouts, Pack 336 skills ranging from First Aid to Fire Building. The Cubs had a blast building and launching bottle rockets and roasting marshmallows.

In November, the scouts explored Freedom Trail, a 2.5- mile-long path through downtown Boston, Massachusetts, that leads to 16 historically significant sites. They explored museums and meetinghouses, churches, and burial grounds. During the trip, the Scouts learnt about the brave people who shaped our nation and understood the rich history of the American Revolution, as it began in Boston, where every step tells a story.

During the first week of January the scouts camped at Camp WahWahTaysee mainly to hone outdoor skills in preparation for the upcoming Klondike Derby competition.

At the Troop 334 Fall/Winter Court of Honor in January the boys were recognized for nearly 150 merit badges and 7 rank advancements including a 5th Eagle Palm by Michael Sawitz. They will also receive patches from summer camp at Camp NoBeBoSco and other trips over the past 6 months.



BSA Troop 334 this summer at Camp NoBeBoSco in Blairstown NJ

Top Row Leaders from Left: Bob Hanrahan, Chris Volk, Bob O'Neill, Chris George, Dan Sawitz, Mukesh Amin

Third Row, from left: Peter Nicolas, Krupal Sharma, Justin Duffy, Colin Hanrahan, Michael Sawitz, Vivek Gogineni, Evan Michales, Frank Scott, Matteos Celikel, Pranav Tripuraneni

Second Row, From Left: Ryan Amin, Calvin Kistler, Colin George, Andrew Ratnecht, Noah Mandelman, Christian Ratnecht, Alex Moss, Varun Gowthaman, Dean Qasem, Nick Volk

Front Row, from Left, Grant Linardic, Jack McGarity, Evan George, Michael Frangos, Christian Lanius, Tommy O'Neill, Liam Hill, Sean Kearns, Pablo Carstensen, Charlie Hutchinson, Daniel Catafumo

S.A.L. REPORT

The S.A.L. sends out our deepest condolences to the family of Ralph Cavalucci on the passing of his Dad, Local Coaching Icon and American Legion member Ralph Cavalucci Sr.

We would like to thank all who attended our annual shuffle board tournament in late January, with our friends from the American Legion Post 1600 in Pomona New York. A great time was had by all.

The date for this year's St. Patrick's dinner dance is Saturday March 11th. You will see flyers up in the Dugout. \$25.00 a ticket for a spectacular event, so "Save the Date". You can sign up in the "Dugout" with the bartenders. Please make checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion #153. We always sell out this event, so get your tickets early. We will need all our available volunteers to come together as in past years, and make this a St. Pat's party for the ages.

The S.A.L. finalized its charitable donations by supporting the N.J. State Commander's project which supported P.T.S.D. clinics for returning Veterans. We also made a significant donation to the County Commander's project which supported Boys State in Bergen County. These donations were made possible from our successful Charity Golf Outing this past fall. Thank you to all who volunteer for our projects, your support is deeply appreciated.

We urge all Squadron members to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the upstairs hall of the Post.

God Bless America, and God Bless our Service Men and Women, and our Veterans

Dennis Cosgrove - Squadron 153 Adjutant

SICK CALL

During the first week of November, Service Officer Lee Hopper had lunch with Post member Fred Parodi. Fred is doing very well and 'Thanks' the Post for all of his get well cards and calls.

Legionnaire Jim Ewings, who had been ailing for a while, is continuing to gain strength and is looking forward to the Holidays. He, too, Thanks all!

On 11/16/16, word was received that Bill Back was in Valley Hospital. At our press time, Bill had completed his hospital stay and had already returned home. He has been back to the Post with his wife, Joanne, and seems to be well on the road to recovery from an operation.

Well Wishes and Speedy Recoveries to All.

SATURDAY MAR. 4, 2017 7-11PM

ONLY 100 TICKETS SOLD @\$25 each at Dugout. Checks payable to the post.

1ST PLACE- 25% OF PROCEEDS (MAX \$625)*
2ND PLACE- 15% OF PROCEEDS (MAX \$375)*
3RD PLACE- 10% OF PROCEEDS (MAX \$250)*

TICKET INCLUDES 1 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK AND A BUFFET CORNUCOPIA OF EPICUREAN DELIGHTS. NON TICKET HOLDERS MAY ATTEND FOR \$10.00

THE KITCHEN CORNER

With everyone's support, the Wednesday Dinners, the Fish Frys and the Sunday Breakfasts have been a great success. We, the Kitchen Crew, would like to thank everyone for their participation. Our goal to bring legion members together and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Vets, Auxiliary and S.A.L. is working. These events help offset operating expenses so that more money is left for charity and Veteran donations. Thank you all.

*From the Kitchen Crew,
Jerry, Al, Otto*

COUNTDOWN TO 100!

American Legion Post 153 "Ahead of the Curve" Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial Post, Park Ridge, prides itself on sponsoring patriotic events with special significance according to past commander and current historian, Dick Bozzone. With a background associated with zeroing in on such projects, he has been named by commander Joseph Collery to head up the centennial project that will celebrate the nation-wide observance of the birth of the American Legion. The American Legion is the largest veterans' organization in the world.

All veterans who served in World War II have been designated as "the greatest generation" and in May, 2015, Post 153 created a special award known as "The Greatest Generation Citation" that was presented to all members who served at that time.

Post 153 has also partnered with the Borough of Park Ridge, among other activities, to hold a "9/11" observance each year on the anniversary of the attack on America in 2001 by Islamic terrorists and this has become one of the largest events in Bergen County.

Now, this latest endeavor has the potential to be one of the biggest ever carried out by Post 153. Collery said, "We are off to the races and determined to be among the foremost posts supporting the centennial birthday of the American Legion." In the past five years post members have held a "countdown to one hundred" with a birthday celebration highlighting the date that the national unit was chartered on September 29, 1919, by World War I veterans.

The official schedule for the nation-wide observance of the mother organization lists events that will begin in September, 2017, and continue for fifteen months culminating on the one hundred anniversary of the first armistice, November 11, 1918, which was the date that the four year blood bath of the "Great War" ended.

-Dick Bozzone, PC and Post Historian

VETERAN'S DAY POST ATTENDEE

Ninety one year old Japanese - American War Hero Montvale resident Kazuo Yamaguchi, a second generation (neisi) US Army infantryman who served with the famous one hundredth infantry battalion, part of the 442nd regiment during World War II attended the Veterans' Day observance at post 153. Welcoming him to the event honoring US war dead from the attack on Pearl Harbor was Dick Bozzone, a past commander and historian. Bozzone is one of the very few non - Pearl Harbor survivors who are honorary members of that organization. Yamaguchi's regiment was one of the most decorated outfits in the history of the US Army. They fought in France and other European battles in 1944 - 45.

POST 153 HONORS THREE LOCAL LADIES AS "CENTENNIAL WOMEN"

The Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial Post 153, Park Ridge American Legion, honored three local women as "centennial women" as part of the upcoming one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Legion which is the largest veterans' organization in the world. The Park Ridge post will observe its one hundredth anniversary on September 29, 2019. The national unit was organized in March of 1919.

This "centennial women" project was developed by Dick Bozzone, past commander and current historian along with Commander Joseph Collery; post 153 is the first to organize such an event in the United States.

These women, Martha Grodman, who is 104, Ruthea Kraker who is 102 and Alma Muaczewski who is 100, have seen and been part of history as long, and actually several years prior to the formation of the national organization. These ladies have seen 15 Presidents elected, one was born two months after the ill fated ocean liner, the Titanic, was sunk, witnessed President Woodrow Wilson begin his first term and the oldest lady was born the year (1912) that the state of Arizona joined the union together with many other hundred years of history making events.

These residents of the Atrium Senior Living facility in Park Ridge were honored on January 6th. They were presented with framed citations and bouquets of flowers and a reception followed. A large cake decorated with " 100th Anniversary American Legion" was served to the many relatives and friends who attended as well as other well wishers.

The members of American Legion Post 153, Park Ridge, have chosen these deserving ladies for having contributed to what is now the world's greatest nation. It is with a certain envy and admiration that these women will receive the accolades of their fellow citizens. They are no longer "an asterisk" on the pages of history; they are, in effect, history itself!

. According to Cathy Ferrero, activities director, Martha Grodman who was born in Poland on June 15, 1912, two months after the sinking of the Titanic will be honored along with Alma Muaczewski who was born on October 3, 1917, who will be 100 on her next birthday. The third woman is Ruthea Kraker, formerly of River Vale, who was born on September 11, 1916, celebrated 100 years on the anniversary of 9/11, 2001. Between now and the end of the centennial celebration whoever reaches 100 years of age will also be honored. The family members will be present along with Bozzone who is coordinating the events and Joseph Collery, commander. Citations and bouquets of flowers will be presented to these ladies after a short review of the centennial observance.

*Please note: within a few weeks we will be honoring additional women residing locally. Details will follow.

-Dick Bozzone, PC and Post Historian



The "Centennial Women" left to right: Martha Grodman, Ruthea Kraker and Alma Muaczewski

75TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVATION OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7, 1941

Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial Post 153, Park Ridge American Legion, joined with Sunrise Assisted Living, WCL, to observe the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. On that day 2,380 Americans died; on December 7, 2016, all resident veterans received certificates of appreciation from Post 153 for their service.

-Dick Bozzone, PC and Post Historian



Pictured left to right are Jim Miller, Jack Sadlon, a World War II veteran, Dick Bozzone and Frankie Scott who played "Taps" to conclude the program.

Photo by Dot Bozzone

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, Mar. 11
7:00 'til Midnight

Corned Beef and Cabbage





Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial
Post 153
118 Ridge Ave., Park Ridge, NJ

Irish Soda Bread and Desserts



Beer & Wine

Music for Dancing



Good Food And Fun



\$25.00
Per Person

BOYS STATE & GIRLS STATE 2017

Just a quick reminder to all that in the next few weeks all area high schools will be receiving applications for this year's Boys State Program and this years Girls State Program.

Boys State and Girls State both run from June 18-23, 2017. There is an open application period followed by interviews and selection.

There are also several Orientation Nights to attend.

It is a once in a lifetime experience for these deserving high school students.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

There are several New Jersey Department Scholarships available to current high school seniors who will be attending College next year. All of these can be found on line at bcjnal.org. These Scholarships are quite generous and worthwhile. Applications are being taken now and must be submitted by Feb. 15th.

We also have our Post Scholarships which are awarded annually at our June Meeting. The Post Scholarships are awarded to children and grandchildren of all of our Members. Applications will be available in the Dugout in the Spring 2017. The filing period for post scholarships will be April 1st thru May 15th.

DENOYELLES DUGOUT NEWS

ATTENTION ALL!! Current News. Beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, including fresh coffee, are always available. Come in and spend some time with fellow Legionaires and guests. There is something for everyone at The Dugout. Hope to see you soon! Thank you for your support!!

Hours Monday thru Friday
4 PM - 11 PM (Thurs 3:30 PM)

Note: Bar will close at 10 PM if no patrons are present

Saturday 1 PM - 8 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 8 PM

Happy Hours Monday thru Friday 4 PM - 6 PM

FISH FRY SUPPERS

Our virtuoso kitchen crew continues their monthly 1st Friday Fish Fry Supper. Service starts at 5:30 PM and goes until 8:00 PM. There's no standing in a buffet line waiting your turn; as you place your order with our skilled wait-staff, sit back and enjoy a beverage refreshment while your food is being prepared, and then, delivered to you. The volunteer staff is outstanding as usual, and a great, simple meal awaits all who attend!

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2017 POST OFFICER ELECTION SCHEDULE

It is time for the post election season to begin. The schedule for nominations, elections and officer installations for the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and the S.A.L. is below.

The nominating committee of each organization will present the names of the nominees on March 9th, however any member in good standing (those who have paid their dues for 2017) may nominate candidates for any office. To nominate someone, the candidate's name should be submitted in writing, along with the names of five other members in good standing who support the candidate's nomination. The nominations should be sent to the attention of the Post Commander at the post.

Nominees PresentedMarch 9th
Officers ElectionApril 13th
Officers InstallationMay 11th

SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR POST DONATIONS

Cpl. Jedh C. Barker Memorial Post 153, American Legion, Park Ridge, has been supporting New Jersey Special Olympics for many years. This past week a commendation was received from Heather Anderson, President/CEO of the Special Olympics New Jersey thanking us for a Winners Circle gift of \$100.00. The post has been awarded Bronze level contributor status and was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for 2016-2017.



Pictured left to right: John Lynch, first vice commander, holding the certificate, Joseph Collery, commander and Dick Bozzone, a past commander.

Photo by Dot Bozzone

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