



**American Legion
Post 903
Mount Pocono PA**

**Next Meeting
March 21, 2026
25 Fairview Ave
Mt. Pocono PA**



NEWSLETTER



**Monroe County PA
Joint Veterans
Honor Guard**

**Legion and Honor Guard
Meetings take place on
the 3rd Saturday of the
month. 12 Pm**

March 2026

American Legion Post 903

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Monroe County PA Joint Veterans Honor Guard

Commander:Al Compoly
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Honor Guard Web Page: <http://monroecountyhonorguard.com>
The Joint Veterans Honor Guard was Certified by the Department of Defense on April 11, 2011
The honor Guard is a 501(c)(19) - Veterans Organization as indicated by the IRS
American Legion Post 903 is a 501 (c) 19 Tax Exempt Organization as indicated by the IRS.



Up Coming Events

**Next Meeting. Please NOTE !
Saturday, March 21, 12 Noon**

The following is a list of potential ceremonies that may or may not take place, based on confirmation of each event. This will be updated monthly, Dates are NOT confirmed unless noted

Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29th (No Confirmation)

Firemen's Memorial: Law Day: Stroudsburg Court House, (Sunday April 12th)

Flag Replacement: Various Cemeteries,

911 Ceremony: Elks Lodge East Stroudsburg. American Cancer Society Benefit, ESU, KO-LAR HALL (Indoor Track)

ESU Veteran Day Ceremony November 11th,

Flag Replacement: Various Cemeteries,

Memorial Day Ceremony War Memorial

Up Coming Events (Continued)

Veterans Day Parade: Sunday,

Veterans Day Ceremony: Saturday, Pocono Lake Wreath Laying

Wreaths Across America: Delaware Water Gap Cemetery.

Note: Military Funerals take precedent over any scheduled ceremonies or events.

Events will be added and updated for 2026 as we become aware of them.

Military Honors

The Monroe County Joint Veterans Honor Guard provided Military Honors to three Veterans during the months of January & February, and participated in “Heroes on the Mountain” at Jack Frost Skiing resort. Anyone who would like to join the Honor Guard, please contact me at

eagle55@ptd.net.



Military Share Food Distribution Program

Monroe County – Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11am – 1pm at Gilbert American Legion Post 927/ 646 Fairground Road, Gilbert PA 18331. Registration is required by contacting: Faith Bigelow at faith.a.bigelow.civ@army.mil or (717) 525-2696

Nutritious Food:

While the specific items distributed will vary, each registered family typically receives fresh produce, one quart of fresh milk, one dozen eggs, cheese, and a box of pantry staples such as soup, pasta, sauce, and cereal. When available, meat, fish and poultry products may also be included.

Museum Update

We purchased 3 propane heaters for the lower level of the church and received an estimate of \$10,000 for the installation of those heaters including propane installation.

Once we raise funds for that installation, we will be able to get water to the church and begin work on the Café.

We are continuing to explore various Grant options that are available.

We did receive a \$50.00 donation from First Keystone Bank. We thank you and appreciate the donation.

Andy Sterner and his crew have been moving a lot of those medical supplies in the basement over to the Rectory in anticipation of getting the area ready for the Café. Thank You Andy.

Membership Dues:

The 2026 membership dues began on July 1, 2025, lets try and get 100% membership this year. You can pay on line, at one of our meetings or by mail.

If you did not pay dues last year and you pay for this year, your number of years with the Legion will start from 1.

Presently we have 26 members in our post.

Membership dues for 2026 is \$42.

Games Of Chance License.

We have applied for a Game of Chance license through the Legion since the Legion owns the building.

However in addition to the Legion, the Honor Guard, Auxiliary & the Tom Bowditch Foundation will fall under this license as well.

The license will afford us the opportunity to hold 50/50's & Raffles (Legally)

Once we have the license, we will be raffling off a commemorative 250th anniversary rustic flag which will display many of the symbols that our nation was founded on.



Sick Call / Deceased



Please keep all of our Legion members in your prayers, especially those who cannot get out due to weather or other circumstances. Also remember families of members who recently had their loved one transferred to "Post Everlasting"

Joe Clampet
Charles Hamberger

Reminders

A few Reminders:

We have a used clothing bin on the property in the parking lot, the Legion gets a certain percentage each month depending on the amount of clothing in the bin.

We continue to seek Military artifacts for the Museum, please contact us if you would like to donate items.

We are not accepting anymore medical items at this time as we are somewhat overloaded, but may do so in the future.

If you would like to help out in the museum or help start the Missing Man Café, please contact us.

Remember also that we have an Auxiliary, so any ladies who would like to join, please let us know.

DAV (Disable American Veterans)

For those that don't know it, the basement of the church has many, many medical devices and supplies available just for the taking and or a donation to the DAV, veteran and non-veteran. We have wheelchairs, walkers, and many other items. Please contact Andy Sterner at andy.peace17@gmail.com for more info.

Charlie Hamberger's Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday, March 10th, after a very long wait, Charlie Hamberger received his Military medals & ribbons which were inadvertently neglected to be submitted during Charlie's some 30 years of military service.

Those awards included: Army Accommodation Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster Bronze Large, Army Achievement Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster Bronze Large, National Defense Service Medal, & Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Badge & Machine Gun Bar, Marksman Badge & Recoilless Rifle Bar, & Korea Service Medal.

Thanks To former Representative Matt Cartwright, and our present Representative Robert Bresnahan for following up and pushing through all the red tape and paperwork in order for Charlie to receive his well earned medals & Ribbons.

Representative Rosemary Brown, Representative Maureen Madden, and representative from Mr. Bresnahan's office presented the medals.



Jack Frost Ski Resort

On January 31st, the Monroe County Joint Veterans Honor Guard assisted in the very first “**Heroes' on the Mountain Event**, held at the Jack Frost Ski Resort.

This event honored those who served in the military including those who presently serve on the Ski Patrol at Jack Frost. The Honor Guard assisted with the raising of the flag at the beginning of the event. The event lasted all day with the military and various vendors attending.



Operation Chillout Receives Donation from the Pocono Pub.

Thanks to the Pocono Pub and Rick DeFino (Owner) and Steven Bongiovanni (Manager), they raised \$3,000 for Operation Chillout and their Homeless Veteran Outreach.

Thank you Rick & Steven, Job well done!



Eagle Scout

On Saturday, March 21st, American Legion Post 903 will be making a presentation to an Eagle Scout Candidate at an Eagle Scout of Honor in Brodheadsville. The following is a picture of the presentation in addition to a customized challenge coin.



250th AMERICA PATM
MONROE COUNTY
2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE
JULY 4TH @ 10AM
Stroudsburg High School to East Stroudsburg



**6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF
 & HUGE FLEA MARKET
 EVERYTHING MUST GO**

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 132
 & AMERICAN LEGION POST 903 AUXILIARY
 25-27 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, MT. POCONO, PA**

Hosted by Disabled American Veterans #132 & American Legion Post 903 Auxiliary

FLEA MARKET BEGINS 9AM-4PM

COOK OFF BEGINS AT 12:00PM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

50/50, TRICKY TRAY & MANY PRIZES!



ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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THERESA HAMBERGER @ 973.460.5897

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American Legion Post 903 & Honor Guard Need You. Sons (SAL) & Auxiliary as well.. Call Matt Denico at 570-807-9843

For the Honor Guard call Al at 570-369-3727 or email: eagle55@ptd.net

OPERATION CHILLOUT
HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH



OPERATION CHILLOUT is an all-volunteer outreach dedicated to ending to the crisis of homelessness for veterans, men and women throughout New Jersey and parts of NE Pennsylvania & Rhode Island: Phone 570-369-3727

Operationchillout.org

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State Representative Jack Rader

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Visit either our Blakeslee or Effort Offices

For Veteran assistance

Blakeslee location: 395 Route 940 Suite 104

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