



**American Legion
Post 903
Mount Pocono PA**

**Next Meeting
February 17th
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**

February 2024

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 !

Next Meeting, February 17th- 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

St Patrick's Day Parade: Sunday March 24th Stroudsburg, Time to be there, 11 Am, Step off at 1:15 Pm (No Confirmation)

Vietnam Veterans Day, Friday, March 29th Court House Square, Stroudsburg. (No Confirmation)

Firemen's Memorial: March 21st,(St Pauls Lutheran church Tannersville. Time to be there, 1:30 Pm (No Confirmation)

Law Day: No date Stroudsburg Court House, (No Confirmation)

Airport Fly In: May 26th (No Confirmation)

Memorial Service: May 27th, Tannersville Memorial (Jr. High School) (No Confirmation)

Flag Replacement: Various Cemeteries, Sunday, May 25th (No Confirmation)

Up Coming Events (Continued)

911 Ceremony: Elks Lodge East Stroudsburg.
11 Am (No Confirmation)

Prospect Cemetery: Saturday Nov 2nd
Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 Am (No Confirmation)

ESU Veteran Day Ceremony Friday November 11th, 2 Pm (No Confirmation)

Flag Replacement: No date yet. Various Cemeteries, (No Confirmation)

Veterans Day Parade: Sunday, Nov 10th 1 Pm
(No Confirmation)

Veterans Day Ceremony: Saturday, November 9th, Pocono Lake Wreath Laying
(No Confirmation)

Wreaths Across America: December 17th,
Delaware Water Gap Cemetery. 11:30 Am
(No Confirmation)

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

Events will be added and updated for 2024 as we become aware of them.

Renovation Update

We have received an estimate for HVAC in both the church and for the rectory. The plan is to install about 6 min-split ductless units in the church & one or two ductless mini splits in the lower level of the church. We intend to replace the boiler in the rectory but all the lines will have to be air tested and repairs will be made accordingly. The next step is to seek out grants, donations and or other sources to pay for the installations.

We also have someone who is going to do demolition work in the rectory as well as rebuild services. This will probably cost us a dumpster or two for that particular work.



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 (7171) 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.

Membership Dues:

The 2024 membership dues began on July 1, 2023, 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 35 members in our post. 24 members have paid for 2024 putting us just over 68% paid. If you do not pay your dues by January 1, you are delinquent, by February 1 you are suspended, and by June 30th you are dropped from the membership roles.

Letters were sent out in December reminding members to renew for 2024 which we did get responses from.

Membership Dues for 2025.

We just received word from National that there will be a dues increase for 2025. Presently dues are \$35, Current per capita to Department is \$27, \$18.50 to National and the Department gets \$8.50

2025 dues will be increasing from the \$27 per capita rate to \$34, national portion will be \$23.50, with the Department receiving \$10.50 .

This means that we will have to raise our dues by \$7 since the national per capita rate is increasing with an additional \$2.0 to the Department. 2025 dues will be raised from \$35 to \$42 beginning July 1, 2025

Valor Stand Down

This Sunday, February 11th, Valor will be conducting a stand down at Dansbury Park. St Johns Knights of Columbus will be handing out sandwich's, come volunteer and help out.

9:30 Am to 1 Pm

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"

District 30

David Siegle, Senior Vice Commander for Monroe County, District 30, attended our last meeting and will be attending future meetings on a quarterly basis.

David will be assisting us with any problems or issues as it relates to the post or district.

David's contact info can be found on the first page of this newsletter.



WEST END MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION POST 927
- WELCOMES -

**AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF PA
DISTRICT 30 COMMANDERS
BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024, 1PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 927
646 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, GILBERT, PA

ALL DISTRICT 30 'A' MEMBERS WELCOME - LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

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.

Veteran's Educational Assistance Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined approximately 96,000 Veterans may be eligible for a refund of their unused Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) contributions totaling up to \$2,700, but VA only has contact information on for 25% of them. We need to reach the other 75% and need your help. While we search and cross-reference other VA databases for contact information on, you can notify those of your members who might be eligible so they can reach out to us and request a refund of their VEAP contribution. To read the full article go to this website: You Can Help Post-Vietnam Veterans Get Their VEAP Refund (govdelivery.com)

February 21, 2024 - Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Job Fair -

Please join us for the Job Fair being held on Wednesday February 21st from 12pm to 6pm at the Wilkes Barre VAMC 1111 East End Blvd, Wilkes Barre, PA 18711. Located on the 2nd floor Recreation Room C2-14A. All Veterans interested in Federal work are recommended to attend. What to bring: Resume | DD214 (if you are a veteran) | Clinicians: bring college transcripts, along with appropriate licenses/certificates related to job applying for. Please contact WB HR SBU with any questions: (570) 824-3521 Ext: 27209

February 23, 2024 - Permission to Speak Freely

Veterans Breakfast/ Community Outreach -

A Veterans Breakfast will be held on Friday February 23rd, from 8am – 10am at the Beacon 443 located on 35 Blakeslee Blvd Dr. E, Lehigh, PA 18235. \$5.00 per person/ Bring info to share/ Military ID required/ Walk-ins welcome.

RSVP by email: HAYSO@moravian.edu

Battle Borne's Veterans Drop-In Services

Held Every Tuesday from 9am – 2pm in Monroe County at 1 Quaker Plaza #108 Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Battle Borne is delivering a unique level of support and guidance to service men and women who have emotional and psychological wounds. They offer support directly and indirectly in collaboration with other organizations in the community. Services offered: Referrals to Veterans Service Officer, Referrals to Community Resources, Vet to Vet Support, Recreational Activities, Community Events, and Case Management Services.

For more information, call 484-265-1262



American Legion Post 903 & Honor Guard Need You. Sons (SAL) & Auxiliary as well.. Call Charlie Hamberger at 570-269-2971

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

SMP Computers
Computech
570-218-9664

Drop off location: 552 Main St.
Tobyhanna, PA 18466

All Computer Repairs.



A Veterans Perspective
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United States Congressman

Matt Cartwright



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Proudly supporting all our Veterans in Monroe County



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

Effort Location: 2785 Route 115 Suite 103