



American Legion
Post 903
Mount Pocono PA

Next Meeting
January 14th
27 Fairview Ave
Mt. Pocono PA



NEWSLETTER



Monroe County PA
Joint Veterans
Honor Guard

All Meetings, Legion
SAL, Honor Guard & Aux-
iliary will be on 2nd
Thursday of Month

January 2021

American Legion Post 903

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 Meetings:6 Pm, 2nd Thursday of the month.
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Monroe County PA Joint Veterans Honor Guard

Commander:Charles Hamberger
 Facebook / Web Page Administrator.....Paul Compoly
 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) 3 Tax Exempt Organization as indicated by the IRS.



Up Coming Events

Next Meeting. The next American Legion / Honor Guard meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th. 6 Pm at 27 Fairview Avenue, Mount Pocono, PA.

Charlie has purchased 2 radiant heaters to keep us somewhat comfortable during the meeting.

We will also set up a Skype Meeting at the same time and date.

We are using Skype rather than Zoom as Zoom has more restrictions.

You can download the Skype App at the App store or at Skype.com (it's free)

Once we have finalized the setup for Skype, we will send out the log in information.

We have not had a big attendance at our meetings and we hope this will encourage members to get more involved in our Legion / Honor guard and the restoration and building of our Veteran Museum.

Up Coming Events

We do not have any upcoming events scheduled for ceremonies or events, but the Honor Guard is doing Military Honors for those Veterans who have passed on as we are informed by Funeral Homes and or Families.

We just did our first funeral of the new year on Saturday, January 2nd.

The following is a list of potential ceremonies that may or may not take place depending on any restrictions at the time.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Sunday March 21st, Stroudsburg (Date is not confirmed)

Vietnam Veterans Day, Monday, March 29th-Court House Square, Stroudsburg.

Law Day: 1st of May, Stroudsburg Court House, (Date not confirmed)

Armed Forces Day: Saturday, May 16th, Tannersville War Memorial.

Memorial Service: May 28th, Tannersville Memorial (Jr. High School)

Flag Replacement: Various Cemeteries, Saturday May 29th (Date is not confirmed)

Mt Pocono Fly in Breakfast Memorial Day Event: Sunday, May 30th, Mt Pocono Airport

Memorial Day Service: Monday, May 31st, Tannersville Memorial.

Flag Day: June 14th, Whitestone Care Center (Date not confirmed)

POW / MIA Recognition Day: Friday, September 17th. Wilkes Bare VA or at the Tannersville Memorial.

Vetstock Event: October, No date or venue indicated at this time.

Lyons Wreath Laying: Saturday November 6th, Pocono Lake Cemetery, (Date not Confirmed)

Up Coming Events Continued:

Veterans Day Parade: Sunday, November 7th or 14th (date not confirmed) Pocono Raceway, (Venue not confirmed)

Veterans Day Ceremony: Thursday, November 11th, Tannersville Memorial

Flag Replacement: Saturday November 13th, Various Cemeteries, (Date not confirmed)

Wreaths Across America: December 18th, Delaware Water Gap Cemetery.

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

2021 Meeting Schedule:

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th

April 8th

May 13th

June 10th

July 8th

August 12th

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

Dates and times may change due to various unforeseen circumstances or the membership decides on a different time and or date.

Please Note: During the June meeting, election of New officers for the post shall take place. Anyone wishing to run for a Post position, please inform the post prior to the June meeting. Positions include,

Post Commander, 1st & 2nd Post Vice Commander, Adjutant, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, & Sergeant at Arms.

Donate a \$1000 to the Legion Building Fund and receive a Free Rustic Flag worth over \$125.

Just a reminder, Anyone who donates a thousand dollars to American Legion Post 903's building Fund will receive a Free customized rustic flag which is made by our Adjutant Al Compoly. The Flag will be customized to the branch of service you served in or you can simply choose a regular or Betsy Ross Flag. Below is a samples of the Flag.



Membership Dues:

If you have not paid your dues for 2021, please consider paying them so that we can be at 100%

That also includes the Auxiliary and SAL as well.

You can mail in your dues to our PO Box 580, Mt Pocono PA 18344, or you can pay them on line at Legion.org.

Thanks !

Homeless Veteran Update:

OPERATION CHILLOUT Operation Chillout in 2020 has helped 208 homeless Veterans in NJ and PA, and has helped over 1,093 Veterans since 2017. This past month Operation Chillout helped a Veteran at Safe Harbor in Easton, delivered backpacks to Safe Harbor as well, and received backpacks from Troop 86 in Stroudsburg for distribution to the homeless and veterans in the Stroudsburg area. Thank you Troop 86 ! Operation Chillout has partnered with Post 903.

Sick Call / Deceased



Please pray for and check on any of our Legion & Honor Guard members & their families who may be sick or are feeling anxious or depressed during this difficult time. See if they need anything or if you can run any errands for them. I'm sure that would be greatly appreciated.

New Members: We would like to welcome all of our new members to both the legion and the Post. Presently we have over 60 members and hope that we will continue to grow. If you know anyone who is interested in joining please contact Charlie Hamberger or Al

Flag Retirement Ceremony:

Boy Scout Troop 85 conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony on December 1st back behind the Pocono Township Fire Department during their regular Scout meetings.

We would like to Thank Doug Monroe from Troop 85 and all the scouts for doing the ceremony.





Veterans Education Center & *MUSEUM*

We have been meeting on a regular basis at Mario Scavello's office regarding the Post's Renovation Project of the church and rectory for our new home and Museum. We hired a contractor to demo the former church hall and remove the old furnace, pipes, radiators etc.

We finalized the contract for a new metal roof on the church which we anticipate to be replaced in the spring if not sooner.

We have been looking into possible grants and other sources of funding in order to move forward with the project.

Paul Stinson, a local commercial artist did some renderings for us which depicts what we hope the museum will look like when completed. These renderings are pictured here on the right, and bottom.





American Legion Post 903 Family needs you. Are you eligible. Legion, Sons & Auxiliary. Call Charlie Hamberger at 570-269-2971



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



Veterans needed for the Monroe County Honor Guard.

Call Al at 570-369-3727 or E-Mail eagle55@ptd.net at

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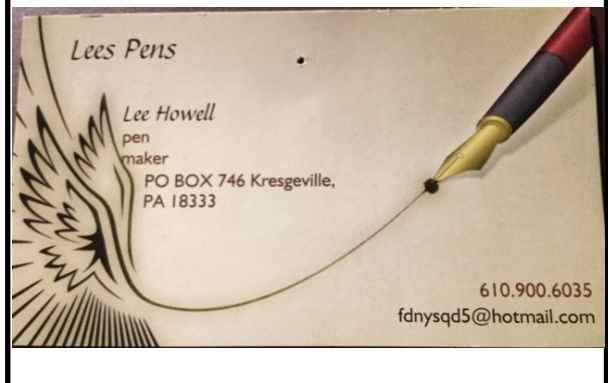
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