



**American Legion
Post 903
Mount Pocono PA**

**Next Meeting
October 8th
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**

October 2020

American Legion Post 903

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Monroe County PA Joint Veterans Honor Guard

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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) 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, October 8th, 6 Pm at 27 Fairview Avenue, Mount Pocono, PA.

Lyons Wreath Laying Ceremony: The Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. More Info forth coming

Veterans Day Parade: This years Veterans Day Parade is being held at the Pocono Raceway on Sunday, November 8th at 1 Pm. The Honor Guard will be conducting the Opening ceremonies in Victory Lane. There will be no food or cookout at the event. Everyone marching in the parade will be required to wear a mask. There will be no water at the raceway as it will be turned off for the winter.

Vetstock: The Honor Guard will be at Vetstock on October 10th at the Tommy Gun Warehouse in Greenly PA as the Moveable Vietnam Wall will be on display there. The Honor Guard will be posting the Colors. The event will start at 10AM.

Renovation Update of American Legion Post 903 Buildings:

We have been meeting every Thursday at Mario Scavello's office regarding the renovation of American Legion 903 Post Home. Last week we met with the Architect at the building to go over the plans. The Spec for new metal roofs are about to go out and we hope that will be completed before the winter.

We also hope that architectural drawings will also be completed soon so that we will be able to have a Media event and to start planning some serious Fund Raising activities.

We have been making some progress by ripping the carpet out of the church and also removing the tile in the basement hall, but that has been a slow process. John has been at hard work on a weekly basis trying to get that done. Paul and Dave also have helped out on that project.

Ernie, AL, & Rich have been trying to keep the grounds looking good as well.

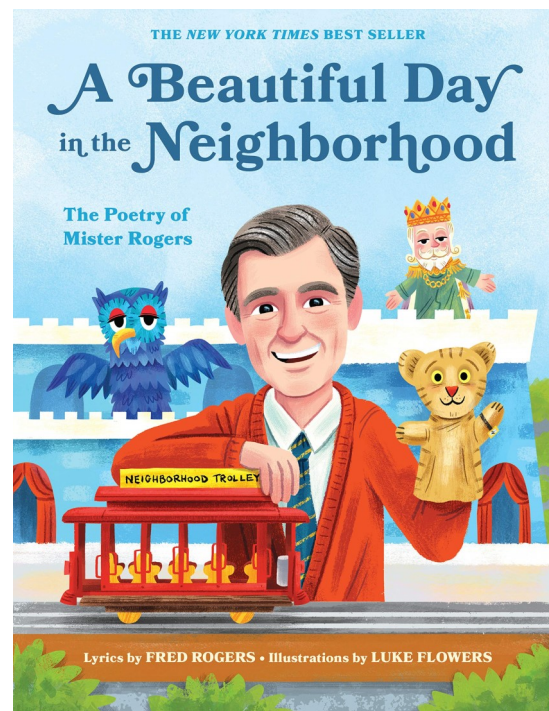
We have a bunch of the carpet that we ripped out on the side of the church so we will be in need of a dumpster soon.

We had or will have companies looking at our HVAC needs as well as the cost of installing a new commercial kitchen in the hall.

All the radiators need to be removed, and they are large and VERY Heavy !

We also need to remove the trees in front of the property as they are very large, dead, and could compromise not only the electrical lines but also the buildings.

Anyone wishing to help with any project, please let either Al (Adjutant) or Charlie (Commander) know. We will gladly open up the buildings. Just let us know what project you would like to work on.



Neighborhood Welcome:

Since we purchased the buildings at 25 & 27 Fairview Avenue in Mount Pocono, we have had many people living near by stop and ask about the building and what our plans were.

When they hear the American Legion purchased the building and that we want to keep the buildings architectural integrity and look, they were very pleased and happy.

They were even more pleased when they hear we were going to make the church into a Veteran Museum and Education Center and that the Rectory is going to house Veteran Service offices.

It's really nice, and important to have the support of the community as that helps and contributes to the success of our renovation project and once completed, will act as an anchor and focal point to the Neighborhood.

We hope it will not only be an anchor and focal point to the neighborhood, but also to the County !

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 are samples of the Flags.



Membership Dues:

We just received a report from District #30, and we as of right now are at 50% paid membership for 2021. We should be over 50% at this time of year.

If you have not paid your dues for 2021, please consider paying them so that we can be at 100% by the end of the year.

That also includes the Auxiliary and SAL as well.

You can mail in your dues to our PO Box or you can pay them on line at Legion.org.

Thanks !

Homeless Veteran Update:

OPERATION CHILLOUT helped out 8 Homeless Veterans in New Jersey and 1 Veteran in Pennsylvania last month.

Pocono Pub is continuing it's fund Raiser for Operation Chillout, so stop by and donate and have some great food at the same time!

Sick Call / Deceased



Since our last Newsletter, John Stagnito, a member of our Honor Guard passed away suddenly. John happily volunteered for most of the Funerals we provided Military Honors for, never complained about anything and always had a smile on his face.

R.I.P. John, were all going to miss you !

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

911 Ceremonies.



The Honor Guard participated in both the Elks of East Stroudsburg, and at the Tannersville War Memorial for 911 Events. We must never forget what happened on that Day. We would like to Thank Lorna, NYFD Paramedic, Honor Guard & Legion member who was there that day, for sharing her story.



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.

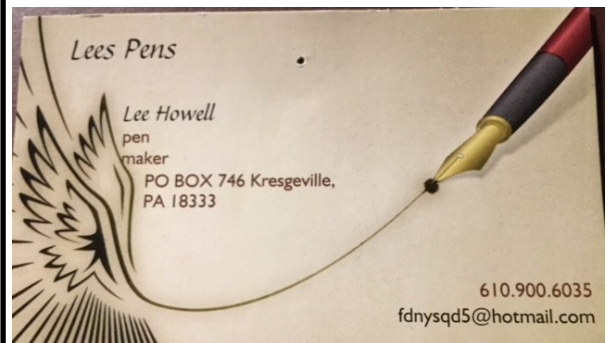
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