



Pocono Memorial American Legion Post 903



25 Fairview Ave. | Mt. Pocono, PA 18344

My Name is Charles Hamberger and I am the Commander of Mt Pocono American Legion Post 903 in Mt Pocono, PA. This is a letter of solicitation of funds or services to assist our organization in rebuilding two historic properties to help promote, assist and establish a long needed local Veterans center in Monroe County Pa.

Enclosed please find a packet of information showing the depth of the project we are undertaking and hope that you will consider assisting us in any means possible. Should you need to contact me please call 1-570-269-2971 or e-mail me at Charlesd.hamberger@gmail.com

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Commander American Legion Post 903

Mt Pocono, Pa

American Legion Post 903 post Home and Museum renovations

To whom it may Concern:

We are "Mt Pocono American Legion Post 0903". 10 years ago we were formed from the remains of post 425 in Tannersville Pa., who were disbanded because of lack of membership. Since our inception we have been living out of small mobile home as well as the garages from several members. We were instrumental in forming the Monroe County Joint Veterans Honor Guard. In the past 7 years we have performed over 500 funerals and maintained the flag changing at 12 different county cemeteries. We also maintain the War memorial on Route 611 in Tannersville, PA.

We have always been looking for a post home that we can call home. In May of this year we acquired a church and rectory in Mt Pocono, Pa. "Saint Mary of The Mount Parish, 25 and 27 Fairview Rd, Mt Pocono, Pa' The Church was built in 1908 and rectory sometime around 1912.

Our Current mission is to renovate both buildings turning the church into an indoor museum on the 1st floor and to add a mezzanine to house a woman's museum. The basement will be a hall for lease or Veteran meetings and education center. The Rectory will become Our Post home and will house several other veteran organizations, Monroe County Honor Guard, Operation Chill Out, Disabled American Veterans, Korean Veterans as well as Temporary rooming for veterans in need.

The Property shall be Known as "Thomas Bowditch Veterans Education Center and Museum", in memory of Thomas who was our Past Post Commander and one of the founding father of our Post.

The property is over 100 years old and has been abandon for over 7 years and its neglect has caused extensive damage too both buildings, calling for major repairs and renovations to be done to bring them up to code for Roofing, Masonry, electric, plumbing. We also have to meet ADA requirements and must add an elevator to both buildings as well as fire suppression systems and upgrade the heating systems in both buildings as well as adding insulation to both buildings. The church has an underground oil Tank that has to be removed and the parking lots have to be regraded and paved.

The Landscape has to be cleared of at least 7 trees that are over 100 years old and over 50ft high, that have died and now are a hazard to the neighborhood and buildings with major roof leaks and drainage issues we also need to regrade the foundations and water drainage. The church exterior needs to be resurfaced and the roofs on both buildings have to be replaced. There is extensive water damage in both buildings and both basements have mold problems which have to be resolved.



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

\$0 - \$999

Tom Bowditch Veterans Education Center and Museum Decal and special recognition on Museum's Facebook Page.

CORPORATE FRIEND

\$1,000 - \$2,000

Business listed in newsletter annually, sent to households and businesses in network, featured on the Museum's Facebook page and Handmade Rustic American Flag.

PARTNER

\$3,000 - \$5,000

Individuals or businesses receives 3x5 United States Flag, Handmade Rustic American Flag and listed on exhibition posters at museum and in advertising.

BENEFACTOR

\$6,000 - \$10,000

Plaque in walkway of museum displayed throughout the year, Handmade Rustic American Flag, company logo on museums website and all printed programs and brochures.

SPONSOR A STATUE

\$11,000 - \$20,000

Plaque with company/individual name on a quality made concrete statues; please choose one or more of the following:

*Marine in Dress Blues : Air Force Pilot : Navy Sailor : Coast Guard Sailor with Life Vest :
Vietnam Era Soldier : Korean Era Soldier : Civil War Era Soldier : Modern Freedom Fighter :
Female Soldier : WWII Nurse : Leave No Man Behind Statue*

**For more information, please contact Charlie Hamberger 570-269-2971
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Church Repairs:

1. New Metal Roof and gutters.
2. Repair or replace outside facing of building.
3. Repair water damage to outside foundation.
4. Repair all window leaks.
5. Remove all carpet and damaged sub floor in in chapel.
6. Remove all radiators on 1st floor and remove all old piping.
7. Repair all walls and re-paint interior of Museum.
8. Repair basement hall and remove all wall coverings and ceiling tiles.
9. Remove all kitchen equipment and flooring
10. Remove old heating system and prep the floor in the basement hall for new tile.
11. Remove old heating system oil tanks as well as old piping for the system.
12. Remodel Basement Hall with new kitchen counters and hall area, to include Ansel and exhaust system for kitchen, dishwasher, refrigerator, oven, fryers and grill.
13. Install new water connection to city for drinking and fire suppression systems
14. Install new elevator for basement 1st floor and mezzanine, ADA compatible.
15. Install new mezzanine to house women's museum.
16. Install new heating system for the building including garage area and 4 bathrooms.
17. Install fire suppression system for building.
18. Install 2 bathrooms on 1st floor and 2 in the hall area (location to be determined).
19. Upgrade entire electrical system thru out the building.
20. Upgrade entire building for ADA compliance.
21. Design and implement Museum details, displays, statues and artifacts to include a small video room for CD viewing.
22. Install phone and computer services
23. Replace outside sign for events.

Post 903 Current Home



Rectory Repairs:

1. New Metal Roof and gutters.
2. Remove all carpets thru out the building, Basement, 1st floor, 2nd floor and 3rd floor
3. Repair floors as needed.
4. Gut all exterior walls and interior walls as needed on all floors.
5. Remove all existing electrical and heating system devices.
6. Remove current heating system
7. Remove all molds as located.
8. Replace all windows to match 1st floor new windows as well as a 5 window Bay window.
9. Install all new plumbing and electrical to meet current codes.
10. Install new water connection to city supply for drinking and fire suppression.
11. Install an Elevator from basement to 3rd floor. ADA compliant.
12. Insulate entire building
13. Rewire entire electrical system to conform to current codes with 1 sub panel on each floor.
14. Install 1 electric heater in each bathroom with thermostat for that room.
15. Remodel 9 bathrooms
16. Upgrade and Install all ADA compliant devices.
17. Install a fire suppression system
18. Install computer and phone services to all offices
19. Install a building interconnected 4" pipe between rectory and church for phone and data interconnect.
20. Install 5/8 sheet rock on all exterior walls.
21. Repair all ceilings and walls where needed.
22. Replace all old moldings.
23. Repair all stairwell spindles and add hand rails where needed.
24. Remodel complete basement with kitchen and meeting hall.
25. Repaint entire building interior.
26. Install a property installation surveillance system for buildings and surrounding property access.
27. Install a card access system, interconnecting the Museum and Post Veterans center.

Exterior Veterans Center and Museum Repairs:

1. Remove all Trees in front of buildings
2. Remove Trees next to Veterans Education Center, both sides
3. Remove all shrubbery around both buildings
4. Repair exterior of Veterans center as needed to include steps and hand railings and screens
5. Replace all black top sidewalks with concrete.
6. Replace paver brick in-between front of vet-center and museum with concrete.
7. Install River rock circular wall with Flag Poles and service branch emblems as well as the property Name: "Thomas Bowditch Veterans education Center and Museum " .
8. Relevel front of buildings to expose corner stone of Museum dated 1908.
9. Regrade adding sidewalks and curbs to the right side of museum.
10. Replace blacktop sidewalk alongside of museum.
11. Remove 2 concrete block walls to Museum doorway to Hall.
12. Replace Basement single door with a double door with ADA ramp and steps with auto open feature.
13. Replace Overhead door with a higher door for van access to garage.
14. Replace rear museum door with a metal emergency exit door.
15. Install concrete steps for rear door with steel hand rail.
16. Clear out center garden area, relevel and add barbeque area.
17. Repair rear support wall and steps as needed.
18. Level left side of veteran's center and establish 4 handicap spaces close to building.
19. Install ADA entry door for handicap into basement for elevator access.
20. Repave driveways and parking lot.

















