

# The Brewster Bugle

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## From the Commander...

### Art Hanley

Commander, VFW Post 672

I hope that everyone had a great summer. As usual September is a busy month with numerous special events.

**Sunday September 10**, we will be heading to VFW District #2 Day at the NYS Veterans Home at Montrose. Ed Todd, a Past Post 672 Commander is our current District Commander. He has requested that comrades and Auxiliary members from across the District arrive at 1:00 PM. We will have a parade beginning at 1:30, immediately followed by a brief program and then visits with the Veterans who reside at the home. There will be refreshments served and the event is open to Veterans, Auxiliary members and their family members. The NYS Veterans Home is located on the VA Montrose Campus at 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose NY 10548. We will meet at the Post at noon to carpool to the event.

**Monday September 11** Jack Gress will host his annual 9/11 ceremony. The ceremony is held at **Someday Retirement Community** on Stone Ridge Road off of Peaceable Hill Road and begins at 8:30 AM. The Post's American Flag which has been flown numerous times in Afghanistan and Iraq will be raised and then lowered to half-staff on the Flagpole in the community's park. County Executive MaryEllen Odell is scheduled to speak. Please make every effort to attend and remember to wear your VFW cap.

Also on **Monday September 11** the Brewster Elks will be holding their annual Patriot Day Memorial Service beginning at 6:00 PM. Again, please be sure to wear your VFW cap.

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## Upcoming Events

*Below are this month's events. We look forward to seeing you there!!*

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm – Post 672 Monthly Business Meeting**

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – VFW District #2 Day at Montrose Veterans Home**

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – Someday Retirement Community 9/11 Ceremony**

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Brewster Elks 9/11 Ceremony**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Canteen is closed. Post is a polling site.**

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Auxiliary Meeting**

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm - County Council Meeting at Putnam Valley Post**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Founders Day**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Gold Star Mother's Day**



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I know that most of you will not be able to attend all three events. I ask that you make every effort to attend at least one.

**Sunday September 24** the annual Brewster Founders Day will be taking place on Main Street. Post 672 will be taking part using the event to raise awareness of Veterans issues, raise money for the Post and to recruit new members. **Your help, both VFW and Auxiliary, is needed!** We will be setting up at 8:30 AM. The event runs from 10 to 4. We will need volunteers to help setup, staff the booth and breakdown at the end of the day. Anyone who can assist at any time that day should email [hq@vfwpost672.org](mailto:hq@vfwpost672.org) or call my cell 914-261-4721.

**Sunday September 24** is also **Gold Star Mother's Day**. We will be joining with the other Veteran Service Organizations who comprise the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council at the **Gold Star Mothers Monument** in Putnam County Park to pay tribute to these women who lost a child in service to our Country. The time of this event is not yet set. We will notify you when the time of the event has been determined. Some of us will have to stay and man the booth at Founder's Day while others will go to the event at the park.

Please come out and join us at these events.

As always, should you have any suggestions, ideas, questions, constructive criticisms, etc. please feel free to call or text me at 914-261-4721 or email me at [ahanley@vfwpost672.org](mailto:ahanley@vfwpost672.org). Yours in Comradeship,

**Art Hanley**

## **Post Members on Active Duty**

Below are the Post members currently serving on active duty. Double asterisk (\*\*) and bold text indicate member is currently deployed.

SFC Samuel Bethea, US Army  
LTC Michael Burkott, USAF  
SSG Christopher Castelli, US Army  
LCPL Carl "Alex" Eckner, USMC  
PVT Robert W. Folchetti, USMC  
MAJ Brian Hanley, US Army  
MAJ Matthew Jordan, US Army  
MAJ Andrew Pesature, US Army  
**\*\*MAJ Daniel Pesature, US Army\*\***  
CPT Daniel Stephens, US Army  
LTCOL Michael Volpe, US Army

Below are mailing addresses for currently deployed Post members. Please note that rank may be purposely omitted from the address:

Daniel Pesature  
Unit 6060 Box 734  
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## **Veterans Crisis Line**

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

***"It takes the courage and strength of a warrior to ask for help."***

## **This Month's Member Birthdays**

JOHN FOLCHETTI	2
HARRY SHERBLOM	4
DANIEL WHALEN	21
BRIAN HANLEY	25
PETER PENNELLE	25
WALTER SIECK	25

## **Check Out Vet Tix**

Vet Tix \* provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. They support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

For more info, visit [www.vettix.org](http://www.vettix.org).

## **Exchange Privileges Extended to More Veterans**

The Defense Department recently announced that veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges. The policy change will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. The shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017.

## **Building & Grounds Update**

### **Rob Rottkamp**

Sr. Vice Commander, VFW Post 672

I would like to thank everyone from the Post team who helped to make the Annual Picnic at the Elks a success, including our Marine and American Legion partners who are always welcomed. Special note of appreciation to Matt Fosella who handled the barbeque grill, Barbara Evans from the Elks Organization and of course Jack Duncan who always provides his all! Thank You .

Also, I contacted Karl Macomber (Bill's refrigeration) regarding our ailing Ice Machine, he will be stopping by the Post to make his personal assessment of the machine. As I suspected the cost of a new machine would be in the 3.5 > 4 K (thousand dollar) range. Karl said he would also keep his eyes open for a good used machine but he mainly deals with NEW equipment.

## **Post Canteen Closed Sept 12th**

Please note that the Post canteen will be closed Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Post 672 is being used as a polling site for the Primary Elections.

## **Post Member Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel**

Congratulations to Post Life member Michael Volpe on his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. His promotion is effective September 1.

## Our Sponsors


Below are the businesses that support our Post.

Please support the people that support us. To advertise, contact Steven Mattson at 845/629-6925. A business card ad is \$50 for 6 months (6 newsletters).

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OFFICER OF THE DAY - Tom Silvestro  
ADJUTANT - Ed Todd  
SURGEON - Steven Mattson  
JUDGE ADVOCATE - Roderick Cassidy  
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