

The Brewster Bugle

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From the Commander...

Art Hanley

Commander, VFW Post 672

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. A Federal holiday in the United States that fewer and fewer people and businesses observe. It is to most, just another day. Just another day to go on about our lives, taking our freedoms for granted, forgetting that these freedoms and protecting them, come at a cost. A cost covered by those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Those who went to war and those who served during time of peace but were at the ready to do what was required should the need arise.

Luckily we live in an area of the Country where there is no doubt that the citizenry understand and appreciate the sacrifices our Veterans made during their time in service. Gratitude is shown in so many ways throughout the year but especially this month.

The County has already lined the shores of Lake Gleneida with hundreds of American Flags known as the "Row of Honor". These Flags were purchased by individuals, businesses and organization to memorialize or honor those who have served. All of the proceeds go to Veteran projects in the County.

PFC Joseph P. Dwyer VET 2 VET Program of Putnam County is hosting a Veterans' Art, Writing and Music Gala at the Studio Around the Corner in Brewster during the month of November. Drawings, paintings, sculptures and photographs will be on display and there will be musical performances and readings all done by Veterans from the area. The Grand Opening is Friday November 3 from 7 – 9 PM. For a full schedule of events throughout the month, see the flyer included in this newsletter.

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Upcoming Events

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

Nov 3rd 7-9pm – Veteran's Art Gala opens at Studio Around the Corner

Nov 6th 730pm – Post Aux. Meeting

Nov 7th 9am to 11am – Election Day, Post Canteen Closed

Nov 8th 630pm – BHS Veterans Day Concert

Nov 9th 8am – H.H. Wells Veterans Day Event

Nov 10th 8pm – Post 672 Monthly Business Meeting

Nov 11th 11am – Veterans Day Ceremony at Electrazone Field

Nov 12th 9-11am – Post 672 Breakfast

Nov 12th – Marine Corps Ball

Nov 12th – K of C Bingo

Nov 15th – VFW County Council Mtg. Held at Brewster, hosted by Somers

Nov 18th – Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 18th – Post 1374 75th Anniversary Dinner & DJ

(From the Commander, continued from page one, left column.)

Brewster High School is once again performing their "Salute to Veterans" concert. It on Wednesday November 8 at 6:30 PM in the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center.

On Thursday November 9 we are invited to H.H. Wells Middle School for their annual Veterans Day program. We meet in the school lobby for coffee and donuts at 8 AM and from there we will meet with students in the auditorium.

This year Brewster American Legion Argonne Post 71 will be taking the lead for the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. It will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday November 11 at Veterans Park on Railroad Avenue. (formerly Electrazone). Following the program there will be a light lunch served at the Elks Club.

To all of you who served, I salute you! I thank you for your service. It is because of your service America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am proud to call you Comrades.

Happy Veterans Day!

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

Yours in Comradeship,
Art Hanley

Mark Your Calendars for Post 672 Christmas Parties

The details are still being worked out, but we have dates for the Post Christmas Party and Kid's Christmas Party. The adults' party will be Saturday, December 2nd and the kids' party will be December 3rd.

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
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****
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
DPO AE 09870-073

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

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families with qualified, caring Dept 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/year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Post 1374 75th Anniversary Dinner

You are invited to Dinner & DJ on Sat Nov 18th 7-11pm. \$25 per person, plus a cash bar. 7-11pm. Held at the Carmel Post at 32 Gleneida Ave in Carmel. RSVP by Nov 10th at mtiren@verizon.net or 845-225-9092 (Pete) or 845-225-2972 (8 rings)

This Month's Member Birthdays

FRANK FORTE	2
JOHN SMITH	16
KEVIN FITZGIBBONS	20
EDWARD McQUADE	22
JOSEPH CIOCCOLANTI	23
JOHN BROGGY	24
WILLIAM BERGEN	25
MICHAEL CURTIN	29

Sacred Heart Parish Veterans Event

Sacred Heart Parish invites all veterans and their families to join them for a special blessing on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Light refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. For more information, contact Deb Lawlor (845) 278-4271.

Post Canteen Closed for Election Day, Being Used as Polling Site

The Post Canteen will be closed all day on Tuesday, November 7th while it is being used as a polling location.

Free Haircuts Offered Locally

Donato Vaccaro, owner of Great Clips of Somers Commons & Monroe ShopRite Plaza is offering free haircuts. As part of their GREATful4VETS campaign they are once again offering their Veteran's Day Promotion. Veterans who come to Great Clips on Nov. 11th can receive either a free haircut or a card good for a free haircut to redeem at a later date (while supplies last). The Veteran will have until Dec. 31 to redeem their free haircut card. Military ID is requested. For more information, you can call us at 914 519-6040 in Somers or 845 3295-0567 in Monroe.

Building & Grounds Update

Rob Rottkamp, Sr. Vice Commander, VFW Post 672

We were contacted by Home Depot regarding possible Post maintenance assistance. I responded immediately with a detail of a number of work items we could use assistance with:

- 1.) New toilet for the men's room.
- 2.) Missing and broken screens on porch (previously fixed by them).
- 3.) Fencing around septic field.
- 4.) Gutter cleaning.

I did not receive a response to my e-mail so I called response was they will contact me on Sunday the 22nd...so we will see.

Additionally, I am staying on top of our formal request to Senator Maloney for the Post Bathroom renovation but nothing to date and my expectations are low.

K of C Bingo to Benefit PFC Dwyer Vet2Vet Program

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Coucil 6318 is hosting a Cash Bingo Night on Sunday Nov 12th. All money raise will go to support the PFC Joseph Dwyer Vet2Vet Program. Admission is \$40. House rules are read at 5:45pm and the first game starts promptly at 6pm. Limited to the frirst 100 people. RSVP and payment due by Nov 10th. For info and payment details email ladieskofc@gmail. There will be information flyers at the Post.

Brewster High School Veterans Day Concert

The BHS Choir, BHS Band, NJROTC and Semper Fi are hosting the Veteran's Appreciation Concert this year the the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center (PAC), where it always is, on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30pm. It should end around 8:30-9:00pm. All are welcome. Admission is Free. Coffee and desert will be provided.



VFW 1374 75TH Anniversary Dinner & DJ

Dinner Free for Members & One Guest!

Others Welcome at \$25 per Person

Cash Bar

Where: VFW 1374, 32 Gleneida Avenue (Route 52), Carmel, NY

When: Saturday 18 NOV 2017 Time: 7pm - 11pm

Must RSVP By 10 NOV 2017 at:

mtiren@verizon.net or 845-225-9092 (Pete) or 845-225-2972 (8 Rings)



Brewster High School Choirs
present

A SALUTE TO VETERANS

A concert honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 6:30PM
Brewster High School Performing Arts Center
Admission Free



Putnam County PFC Dwyer Vet 2 Vet Program Proudly Announces:

Veterans Art, Writing and Music GALA

Please join us for our **first Gala event** during the month of November at the *'The Studio Around The Corner'*, 67 Main Street in Brewster New York, highlighting the artistic talents of our local Veterans.

On display during the month will be artwork created by Veterans of Putnam County including paintings, photographs and sculpture. During the month there will be readings from poetry and other written works by our Veterans from our Writers workshop as well as from our book **Hero's Highway**. Music by local Veterans will also be performed.



ARTISTS

Are you an Artist?
Writer? Photographer?
Submit your work and
be noticed! Join the
Dwyer Vet 2 Vet
Program.



PFC Joseph P Dwyer of Putnam County
Make It Matter, One Veteran at a Time

Putnam Dwyer Program
P.O. Box 574
Brewster, NY 10509

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Email: JBourges@mhaputnam.org

Friday Nov. 3rd: **Gala Grand Opening**, 7PM-9PM

Saturday Nov. 4th: ARTWORK Display, 12PM-2PM

Saturday Nov. 11th, MUSIC with Gil, 12PM-2PM

Saturday Nov. 18th, POETRY & READINGS from 12PM-2PM

Saturday Nov. 25th, ARTWORK REMAINS UP FOR VIEWING,
12PM-2PM

Sunday Nov. 26th, Art work comes down. Showing closes.

7th ANNUAL VETERANS THANKSGIVING DINNER

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Suzi McDonough,
VP Board of Directors,
Councilwoman

Disabled American Veterans
(DAV) Chapter 137 NY

Eugene Parrotta,
CEO, Executive Director

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

Seating Times: 11:30am and 2:00pm

Putnam County Golf Course: 187 Hill St., Mahopac

If you would like to place an ad for our journal, make a donation, volunteer, or RSVP, please contact:
Suzi McDonough at suzi5mcdonough@gmail.com or (914)403-8463


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