



THE POST PATRIOT

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Nov 20	Pocketful O'Soul
Nov 25	The Nomads
Nov 27	Cheeze Brothers
Dec 4	Soul Solution
Dec 11	Screamin' Daisys
Dec 18	Back In Motion
Dec 31	Roof Rockers

COMMANDER'S NOTE

With Fall upon us and the holidays right around the corner, I would like to take this time to say that I am proud of all that has or will be accomplished at Post #34. With all of our members' and employees' dedication, we can do great things. Please keep sharing ideas and suggestions on how we can become even better.

Also, a reminder that membership renewal time is upon us. If you haven't renewed for 2016 please do soon. You don't want to miss out on anything to come next year!

Respectfully,

Jere Axe

American Legion Post #34 Commander
10th District



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



I would like to start my letter by announcing that the Post Patriot has again been awarded 1st place by the Pennsylvania American Legion Press Association and 3rd place by the National American Legion Press Association for the 2015 competition. Thank you, as always, to our sponsors and contributors, and special appreciation to Ali Lovell and Cheryl Deaven.



More gratitude goes out to the newly formed Post #34 booster committee for our American Legion Baseball program. They are doing a great job supporting the McCaskey sponsored "Canes" team.

My final thanks goes to our Legion Family organizations—Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and

Home Association—for their support of a new emergency fund. Each group pledged \$250 in their respective budgets to help grow the fund. The purpose of the fund is to aid any Post #34 member or non-member Veteran and family in dire need of emergency aid.

Remember that we are always in need of canned goods, dry foods, household items and toiletry donations to assist local veteran families in need as well as the community at large.

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SAL CORNER



A History of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and

became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all time high national membership of over 356,000. The largest Detachment, Pennsylvania, has over 59,000 members. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership. Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and legionism.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide

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Jr. Sgt. At Arms: Christopher Foland

variety of programs. Sons assist their posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects and fund-raising. Since 1988, The Sons have raised more than \$5.8 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members have volunteered over 1 million hours to date in 2013 in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$2,000,000 that has gone directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment and clothing for the patients.

There are many men who are members of both The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion. Often, these individuals started out as young members of the Sons. Then, when they were old enough to serve the military, they also became eligible to join The Legion. Such individuals are known within our organization as dual members. The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. S.A.L. volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations.



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AUXILIARY ALLEY



A History of the American Legion Auxiliary

For nearly every man in World War I who endured the dangers and hardships of camp, shore and battlefield, there was a woman serving at home to help make possible America's victory—his wife, mother, sister, daughter, or granddaughter.

The war was won, and the men and women of the armed forces banded together in The American Legion to carry forward their services to the country in peacetime. It was only natural that the women of their families should desire to continue to serve with them. The result was the American Legion Auxiliary, the largest and most influential woman's organization of its kind in the world today.

The establishment of an Auxiliary to The American Legion was provided for by the first National Convention of the American Legion in 1919. The first National Convention of the Auxiliary was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1921. At that time the name "American Legion Auxiliary" was adopted and the first national officers elected. From the first year membership of 121,000 nationwide, membership now remains close to the 1,000,000 mark.

Founding Purposes

- Rehabilitation of Veterans
- Children and Youth Activities
- Serving the Local Community
- Disaster Relief Activities
- Peace and Security
- Patriotism Ideals and Principles



Mission and Purpose

To support the American Legion programs for veterans, young people, and community

To provide for today's needs while being advocates for a brighter future

To advance the understanding of patriotism and responsibility of citizenship

To promote individual integrity and family values

To ensure as volunteers, that Auxiliary members continue to be the leaders in all that is good in this nation today, tomorrow and for generations to come through serving others first and not self

The American Legion Auxiliary has one great purpose – "to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion."

The American Legion Auxiliary does not establish any policy that conflicts with those of The American Legion. Its activities are designed to enhance The American Legion's programs. Although often working independently on projects of its own, the Auxiliary has no purposes, which are apart from the aims of The American Legion. It is in every sense an "Auxiliary" to the American Legion. Its members serve side by side with the members of The American Legion in a spirit of unselfish devotion to the well-being of the American republic.

The American Legion Auxiliary enriches the quality of life for those we serve and our members.

(Source: "Unit Handbook of the American Legion Auxiliary"; Revised January, 2009)

Since the previous issue of the Post Patriot was published, Marilyn Pew resigned her position as Auxiliary President for personal reasons. At our September meeting, Ann Marie Fluke officially took on the role as new President. Kim Kirchner was nominated and elected to serve as our new 1st Vice President. The remaining officers remain the same.

Thank you to our members for their continued support of our Unit #34 Auxiliary and our worthy causes.

Yours In Service,

Ann Marie Fluke

President

Auxiliary Unit #34



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- President:** Ann Marie Fluke
- 1st Vice President:** Kim Kirchner
- 2nd Vice President:** Alison Lovell
- Secretary:** Lisa Sanders
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RIDERS ROAD

The Riders

American Legion Riders nationwide have been known for their charitable works which include raising monies for local children's hospitals and schools. Their most notable charity is the Legion Legacy Run which raises money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in October 2001 by The American Legion National Executive Committee, triggered by the events of September 11, 2001. The fund provides college scholarships to the children of our U.S. military personnel that have been killed during active duty before or after that fateful day in September. American Legion Riders (ALR) Chapters have donated thousands of dollars to our severely wounded and to veteran homes on a continuous basis.

The Conception

During the fall of 1993 a shared love of motorcycles brought Commander Bill "Polka" Kaledas of American Legion Post 396 and Chuck "Tramp" Dare to come up with the idea of creating an association of motorcyclists within the American Legion organization. Longtime riders themselves they wanted to create an environment where Legion family members who also shared a love of riding could come together and ride in fellowship.

So began a humble beginning in Garden City Michigan during the year of 1993. Kaledas and Dare wrote a letter to Hubert Hess, Michigan Department Adjunct explaining their idea and hope for Legion support. His response was positive and encouraging, supporting the idea of an association within the organization. Hess instructed them on how to gain Membership's backing and get approval for the American Legion emblem to be used. Hess was also insightful on how they could gain support beginning at their Post level. During a regular meeting at Garden Post 396 a resolution was passed for the new program. From that day forward the association would be

recognized as the "American Legion Riders." Kaledas and Dare along with nineteen other's became the "founding chapter."

Evolution

Recognized by The National Executive Committee and officially adopted. The American Legion Riders are known as a national program. Owing thanks to Resolution 35 (October 2007) and amended Resolution 32 (May 2011.) From a very humble beginning that started with a love of country, love of family and motorcycles, they have grown too approximately over 106,000 members. Consisting of Legion family members that are in good standing and comprise of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and The Sons of Legionnaires (SAL) in over a thousand chapters, and in at least three foreign countries.

Present Day

AL Riders have grown and evolved with local and national programs that include, escorting Military Units arriving home from combat tours, and also created the Patriot Guard who are the protectors of the sanctity of military funerals.

AL Riders abide by The American Legion Constitution and By-Laws, Department Directives, and Post rules. Managing their programs at Post level AL Riders are true to tradition, knowing home is where the best ideas are born.

The American Legion recognized Garden City Post 396 in the year 2007 with a commemorative plaque, as its "founding chapter."



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LEGION UPDATE

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

Legion family members will have no trouble remembering newly elected American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett's motto. The Department of Georgia Legionnaire made sure to have it placed on this year's membership shirt.

"Duty, honor, country – these three words have great meaning to my life, and I hope this year will have great meaning to you," Barnett told Legionnaires on Sept. 3 at the 97th National Convention in Baltimore. He then broke down what each word means to him.

Duty. "The first lesson of basic training was to know your job and do your job to the best you could," Barnett said. "Your life depended upon it, and the life of your buddies. In The American Legion, people depend on us each and every day to do the right thing. To get them to appointments. To mentor the youth. To help families in need."

Honor. "It was an honor to wear the military uniform, and I'm sure many of you still have your uniforms and you're proud to share those stories," he said. "But I'm also proud to wear the uniform of The American Legion. It's an honor to be in this organization and to serve alongside you. I guarantee you your communities respect what you do, and they understand what you do each and every day. That makes their communities a better place."

Country. "Our country needs us," he said. "It's the greatest country on earth. I'm so proud to be an American, but I'm so proud to be standing before you today to say I'm part of the greatest organization that, since 1919, has been fighting for the principles that have made this country great. We will continue to fight for those principles. Our country needs us, and we must step forward now."

"So this year, when you see those words, I want to challenge you," Barnett added. "When you see them with your eyes, I want you to live it in your heart, and I want you to execute it with your body and soul."

A member of Post 105 in Fayetteville, Ga., and past Department of Georgia commander, Barnett was raised in central Indiana and attended Whiteland Community High School, where he was student body president, captain of the track and basketball teams and president of the Whiteland United Methodist Youth Basketball Team. He also attended Hoosier Boys State in 1969, which he said was the determining factor in his decision to attend the U.S. Military Academy.

"The American Legion has shaped my life," he said. "When I went to Hoosier Boys State in 1969, it planted for my attendance, and it was only because of The American Legion and

Boys State that I think that I was selected to attend the Military Academy. It led to an opportunity of service

Barnett was an Army infantry officer from 1974 to 1996, and served from 1990 to 1991 as the battalion executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. After retiring as a lieutenant colonel, he taught high school social studies and coached basketball, baseball and cross country.

Walk of Veterans

The former coach is introducing a new initiative this year: Walk of Veterans. Barnett said the walks will take place in communities throughout the nation and are aimed to raise awareness about the Legion's impact on its communities. Barnett wants the walks to include Legion family members, Legion youth program participants and their families, Scouts and local high school JROTC units, as well as community leaders and anyone else interested in participating.

"We walk for veterans each and every day in our communities," Barnett said. "We mentor our kids, we do things for our community. I want to walk with all the people we touch, and that's a lot of people. I want you to walk, and I want you to tell your story about why you joined The American Legion and why you stay a member in The American Legion. I guarantee ... that when people in your community walk with you and walk with us, and learn about what we're doing, we're going to see people join this organization. We're going to see goodwill with public relations. And we're going to get the message of The American Legion out to the communities."

VA health care system a priority

Caring for those who have worn the nation's uniform – and monitoring the health-care system designed to care for them – will be a priority for Barnett.

"I want each and every one of you to know that I pledged to the (Department of Veterans Affairs) secretary – you have pledged to the VA – that it is a system worth saving, and we're in it together," he said. "We're going to do everything possible to make the VA health-care system provide the best health care in the world to our veterans because they have earned it and they deserve it.

"We will continue to look at the timeliness of VA claims, appointments and services, as well as the accuracy of that reporting. We will continue to partner – through our network of service officers,

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VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

PENNSYLVANIA STATE VETERAN'S BENEFITS

State Veterans Homes

The Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Philadelphia
 The Gino J. Merli Veterans Center in Scranton
 The Hollidaysburg Veterans Home
 The Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Erie
 The Southeastern Veterans Center in Spring City
 The Southwestern Veterans Center in Pittsburgh

An applicant shall be an eligible veteran, spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran. An "eligible veteran" is defined as an individual who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Pennsylvania Military Forces and was discharged under honorable conditions. An applicant shall be a bona fide resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the eligible veteran or spouse of an eligible veteran for whom the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is his/her home of record upon entry into the Armed Forces of the United States or the Pennsylvania Military Forces. Current residents have priority, however, in admission. A resident of a state veterans home shall be required to make monthly payments against maintenance fee liability in accordance with the resident's ability to pay.

Pennsylvania Financial Assistance Benefits

Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Bonus Program

The Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Bonus pays eligible Pennsylvania residents \$75 per month served in the Persian Gulf Theatre of Operations (maximum benefit \$525) during the Persian Gulf War, August 2, 1990 to August 31, 1991. The deadline for submitting applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Program is August 31, 2015.

Veterans Emergency Assistance

Provides financial aid in an emergency and temporary basis (not to exceed three months in a 12-month period) to veterans, their widows, infant children or dependents who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, dairy, shelter, fuel and clothing). An honorably discharged veteran must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during established war service dates or during peacetime hostile fire or terrorist attack as determined by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Upon the recent death of a veteran, his widow or orphan children are eligible provided the veteran would have qualified prior to his/her death.

Real Estate Tax Exemption

Any honorably discharged veteran who is a resident of the Commonwealth shall be exempt from the payment of all real estate taxes levied upon any building, including the land upon which it stands, occupied by him as his principal dwell-

ing, provided that as a result of wartime military service the veteran has a 100% service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; that such dwelling is owned by him solely or jointly with his spouse (an estate by the entirety); and that the financial need for the exemption from the payment of real estate taxes has been determined by the State Veterans' Commission. Upon the death of the qualified veteran, the exemption passes on to the unmarried surviving spouse if the financial need can be shown.

Blind Veterans Pension

Provides for a pension of \$150.00 per month for a person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, or women's organization officially connected therewith, who gave the Commonwealth as his/her place of residence when entering the military and while performing duties connected with the service, suffered an injury or incurred a disease which resulted in loss of vision so that the visual acuity with the best correcting lens is 3/60 or 10/200 or equivalent, or less normal vision in the better eye. Less normal vision than 3/60 or 10/200, or equivalent, includes circumstances where the widest diameter of the visual field of the better eye has contracted to such an extent that it subtends an angular distance of not greater than 20°. The term does not include a person separated from the military or naval forces of the United States or a women's organization officially connected therewith under other than honorable conditions.

Paralyzed Veterans Pension

Provides for a pension of \$150.00 per month for any person separated under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States, who gave the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as his or her place of residence at time of entering the military or naval forces of the United States, and who currently resides in Pennsylvania. Veterans qualify for the pension if they suffered an injury or disease resulting in the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities (arms/hands or legs/feet).

Educational Gratuity

Payment of educational gratuities are for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having wartime service-connected disabilities rated as totally and permanently disabled or children of veterans who die or have died of war service-connected disabilities or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict. Children must be between the ages of 16 and 23, living within the Commonwealth five years prior to application and must attend a school within the Commonwealth to be entitled to this educational gratuity. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, the maximum gratuity amount is \$500 per semester.



Our department began in 1865. Since then, many men and women have proudly served our great city by joining the ranks of a well-respected police force. Our sworn and civilian employees are devoted to serving the diverse communities of Lancaster. The mission of the Lancaster Bureau of Police is to provide outstanding service with professionalism and integrity. Our motto is straightforward: Duty, honor, courage and commitment.



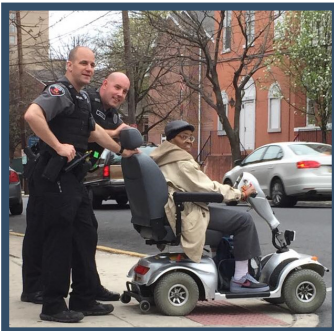
In 2015, our department will continue to build on the many successful partnerships already created with our citizens, various community organizations, business leaders, clergy and other groups. We also look to forming many new and challenging relationships in the upcoming years.

This year we have started many new programs, including the Citizen's Police Academy, the Police Cadet Program. We have also joined forces with the Mix at Harbor Place to open the very first Police Athletic League (PAL) in Lancaster.

Our success can only be measured by the level of confidence and support that we receive from Lancaster's proud citizens. This can only happen when all residents obtain a decent quality of life.

Help us reach our goal!

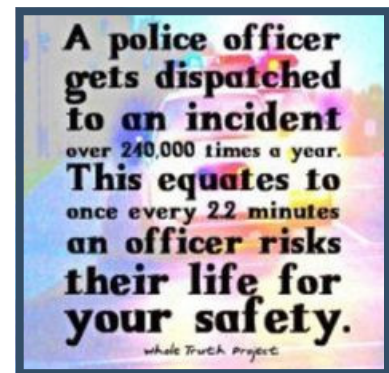
Keith R. Sadler
Chief
Lancaster City Bureau of Police



Above: Sgt. Stoltzfus and Off. Hatfield push a city resident home after her scooter battery died, leaving her stranded.



Above: The star in the center of the wreath is made of individual roses. Each rose represents the name of a law enforcement officer that died or was killed in the line of duty in 2014. There are 133 red roses in that wreath.



Below: Officer Kirk Wolfe is the TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) officer assigned to the School District of Lancaster. He teaches a variety of safety lessons to many elementary school children.



Above: Left to Right. Offi. Graczyk, Off. Snader, Off. Flurry, Off. E. McCrady, Sgt. Mendez, Chief Sadler, Sgt. Hickey, Sgt. Berkeheiser, Off. Hagy and Off. Wolpert



MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

My name is Lisa Sanders and I am Unit #34 American Auxiliary Secretary. I have held this office for about 10 years and it is an honor to be part of this great organization. The Auxiliary does so many wonderful things for our veterans throughout the year. One of my favorite activities that we participate in is called the Country Fair. This event is held the first Tuesday in July at Coatesville VA Medical Center from 12:30pm—3:30pm. During this event approximately 200 veterans walk through the room and are able to choose two items from the participating Legions' tables to fill their goody bags. We have everything from toiletries, DVD's snacks, socks, underwear, shirts, pants, shoes, bathing suits, beach towels...you name it, we usually have it! At this time, volunteering Auxiliary members get to socialize and visit with our veterans, share stories, thank them for their service, or maybe just give them a big smile and a hand shake. The gratitude shown to us is heartwarming and makes you feel like everything you do, no matter how big or small, really makes a difference in their lives. I also like the personal touch. We are giving these items directly to veterans, not just putting things into a box hoping they get to those that need them or mailing money away and never really knowing if it's reaching the people it's intended for. At this year's Country Fair there were only three Legions from our whole district who participated. I was quite saddened by that and hope that other local Legions start supporting this worthwhile event.

I want to thank all of the Auxiliary and Post #34 members who volunteer and support our fundraisers throughout the year. Through your generosity we are able to provide many brand new items for our veterans to choose from.

Yours in Service,

Lisa Sanders
Secretary
Unit #34 Auxiliary



NEW COMMANDER: *continued*

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volunteers and town hall meeting – to monitor and to work with VA to ensure timely delivery of health care.”

Barnett said VA employees must perform their responsibilities in an acceptable manner or deal with the consequences. “We will continue to support further empowerment of the VA management to hold people accountable in the VA system who do not perform and provide that quality health care to our veterans,” he said. “The American Legion wants to build bridges with the VA, and I will guarantee you I will do that, and I will be your spokesman in that area. Goal to raise \$1 million for NEF

The National Emergency Fund, which provides financial help to Legion family members impacted by natural disasters, will be Barnett’s fundraising project this year. “It has unique meaning in Georgia,” he said. “Our state was hit by floods in 1994, and it was the NEF that came to the aid of many in Georgia. We need to continue to support this. I would like to see us raise \$1 million this year for the NEF because it does so much for so many people.”

Focusing on membership

Barnett’s own Legion post has grown from 81 to 307 members in the past 20 years. He used that example to encourage Legionnaires to continue to focus on bringing in new Legion family members, as well as the need to share the narrative of the nearly 100-year-old organization.

“All of us need to encourage growth,” he said. “We need to capture our histories. We need to tell our stories to our communities. Our communities want to know more about the history of The American Legion and how your post fits into it. And of course, always ask them to join this great organization.”

“I challenge all our posts, (Auxiliary) units and (SAL) squadrons to grow this year, to know and execute our five-year strategic plan,” he said. “Our communities need The American Legion now more than ever. Do not hesitate to ask someone to join our great organization.”

In closing, Barnett asked the organization’s member to make the most of their time as Legionnaires. “I challenge each of you today to dedicate yourself to the principles of duty, honor, country,” he said. “Don’t count the days. Make the days count.”

MEMBERS' MEMORIES



Above: A group of Legion Riders and other members took a bus trip to NYC on May 2nd to explore the Big Apple, specifically Ground Zero.



Right: SAL Commander, Todd Lovell, and 1st Vice Commander, Dave Sloat, hosted an info table at a Lancaster Barnstormers game, spreading the word about the Chevy Truck Raffle and the impact and benefits of joining the SAL and other Legion organizations.



Below: This group of happy travelers hopped on the 3rd SAL Legion Hop bus bound for Maryland in June. Stops included Post #182 in Whiteford, MD, Post #47 in Havre De Grace, MD, Post #135 in Perryville, MD and Post #194 in Rising Sun, MD.



Left: A group of Vietnam Veterans gathers for a photo and round of grateful applause during our Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program in March.



FROM THOSE WE'VE HELPED

American Legion Post #34,

I wanted to thank you for providing myself and other boys from across the state the opportunity to attend Boy's State. It was an awesome experience for all of us and we gained knowledge in not only law and government, but also on leadership and cooperation. Thanks again for covering the cost. It was a week that definitely opened my eyes.

Thank you,

Tom Monahan

Thank you for helping me with my application for VA widows benefits. You are so lucky to have Bill Schultz as your Service Officer. He is a very special person. American Legion Post #34 is one of the very best and you are certainly Lancaster County's finest. Your help and support has surely been appreciated.

To old friends and new—thank you.

Rita L. Burgess

My name is Jeramie McLaughlin. I am a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Homesale Realty and a US Army Reserves Vet. I just wanted to say "thank you" to Bill Schulz, Veteran Service Officer with the American Legion Post #34. With his help, I was able to submit my paperwork for both my disabilities and health insurance. His knowledge and guidance allowed me to move forward without any problems. He is a great asset, and as I help more veterans with the home buying process, I will definitely be referring Bill to anyone that needs assistance.

-Jeramie McLaughlin

DATES TO REMEMBER



- ◆ **October 23rd, 1983**—Beirut Bombing
- ◆ **October 25th, 1983**—Grenada Invasion
- ◆ **November 3rd**—Election Day
- ◆ **November 11th**—Veterans Day & WWI Armistice (1918)
- ◆ **December 7th, 1941**—Pearl Harbor Day
- ◆ **December 15th, 2001**—End of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ◆ **December 20th, 1989**—Panama/Operation Just Cause

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ◆ **Saturday, October 17th—12:00pm—6:00pm:** Lanchester Harvest Festival & Powwow. Salisbury Park in Gap, PA. \$5.00. Free to veterans and children under 12. Benefits veterans and local charity.
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 20th:** Boscovs Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass Day. Passes still available for \$5.00 behind the bar or from any Auxiliary member.
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 21st 2:00pm—6:30pm:** Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Meet & Greet. Oak Leaf Manor, Landisville.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 25th 1:00pm—3:00pm.** Children's Halloween Party at Post #34. Sign up today!
- ◆ **Friday, November 13th—9:00am—2:00pm:** Veterans Expo & Job Fair. Spooky Nook Sports, Manheim.

TAPS



*"All is well, safely rest, God is nigh..."
Remembering those we've lost.*

- **Elaine Joan Brown**—Passed April 7th
AL Post #34 Member
- **Francis J. "Frank" McGrath**—Passed April 30th
US Army Air Corps veteran & AL Post #34 Member
- **Ray D. Gunzenhauser**—Passed July 5th
US Navy & Army veteran & AL Post #34 Member
- **Albert C. Lutz, Jr.**—Passed July 6th
US Army veteran & AL Post #34 Member
- **John Henry Carpenter, Sr.**—Passed August 7th
AL Post #34 Member
- **Irvin Lowell Wolf**—Passed August 8th
US Navy veteran and AL Post #34 Member
- **Gerald L. McCracken**—Passed September 1st
US Army veteran and dAL Post #34 Member

DO YOU KNOW THIS VET?

Do you recognize this Post #34 member and Vietnam veteran?



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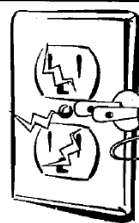
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In conclusion, I would like to announce that I have been appointed by the Lebanon VA to serve on their Veterans Advisory Council. This appointment will afford me the opportunity to keep up with any new programs and changes as well as enable me to be an advocate for our veterans. We meet bi-monthly.

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