



THE POST PATRIOT

KITCHEN'S OPEN!

- **Social Quarter Hours**
Mon. thru Thurs. 2pm—10pm
Fri. 2pm—1am
Sat. 12pm—1am
Sun. 12pm—10pm
- **Kitchen Hours:**
Every Day 4pm—9pm
- Mon: Mexican Food & Drink Specials
- Wed.: Made-To-Order Pasta
- Thurs: Wing Night
- Fri & Sat: Full Menu
- Sun: Football Menu
- **Karaoke! Sat. 8pm—12am**
Kitchen Open. Closing based on attendance.
\$1 Draft Specials

UPCOMING BANDS 8:00 PM—MIDNIGHT

Jan 2	Maxwell
Jan 9	Nomads
Jan 16	Flashback
Jan 23	Back In Motion
Jan 31	NO BAND—Meeting
Feb 6	Screamin' Daisys
Feb 13	Pocketful O'Soul
Feb 20	Roof Rockers
Feb 27	SYRPLUS
Mar 6	Love Haters
Mar 13	Mama Tried
Mar 20	Cheeze Brothers
Mar 27	RPM Band

COMMANDER'S NOTE

I want to thank all of our members and organizations for their hard work throughout this past year. No matter how big or small, your efforts are important! When we all pitch in and work as a Legion Family, we have shown that we can accomplish many great things. Let's keep up the good work!



We are looking forward to an exciting 2015! There are numerous events planned and we know that, with everyone's help, we will have another fantastic year making Post #34 one that all other posts can respect and aspire to.

I wish all of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! Stay safe, have fun and make it memorable!

Respectfully,

Jere Axe

American Legion Post #34 Commander
10th District

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eastern Section Vice Commander, Jim Vollrath, for assisting me in obtaining a Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) from the National American Legion for veterans in need. Also, many thanks to our Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary and Legion Riders. Between the TFA and financial support from our Legion Family, we prevented a family from becoming homeless. We also helped bring them current on utilities and transportation bills. This family was in their unfortunate situation due to a series of unforeseen medical emergencies. They were extremely grateful for our help. Please see their note of thanks on page 8.



This is our final Post Patriot for 2014 and we are looking ahead to 2015. I know we will be as successful next year as we were this year! Thanks to our sponsors who renewed their ads and to our 3 new advertisers. It is due to all of them and our members' support that our newsletter has received such reputable acknowledgements and awards. We are always looking for new ideas to enhance our Post Patriot. If you have any let me know and as always, please support our sponsors.

Be reminded that we are accepting donations of canned and packaged foods, toiletries, and

(Continued on page 12)

SAL CORNER



Merry Christmas!! Another great year has come to an end here at Post #34. I could fill multiple pages of this newsletter with praise of all of the people that helped our organization over the last twelve months. Then I could take even more pages reviewing all of the good we have done for our veterans and in our community. Instead, I would simply like to say THANK YOU to all for the dedication and assistance the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #34 receives year after year.

One thing that deserves special recognition is how our "Legion Family" grew stronger and closer this past year. The cooperation is unbelievable and it enabled us to help many veterans and members of our community in need.

That's a great segue to the photo below. We received another donation to the PA Wounded Warriors Project on behalf of our SAL from the ABC Auto Auction. That brings their total donation this year to \$8,000! I CANNOT THANK THEM ENOUGH FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL VETERANS.

We donated another \$500, as well as a large box of DVD's, to the Lebanon VA Medical Center. Please remember that these brave men and women are not far from us and always greatly appreciate some company to brighten their days.



Left: Todd Lovell and Bill Middleton accept a \$4,000 donation for PA Wounded Warriors on behalf of our SAL from ABC Auto Auction.

SAL OFFICERS

Commander Todd Lovell

1st Vice Commander: Dave Sloat

2nd Vice Commander: Gary Fickes

Adjutant: Gary Vollrath

Chaplain: Ken Deaven

Finance Officer Gary Wilson

Historian: Jeff Lane

Sgt. At Arms: Sam Ricketts

Jr. Sgt. At Arms: Christopher Foland

Going into the new year, we have some great things planned! In January, there will be a mouth-watering **Seafood Raffle**. There will be 10 prize packages with only 300 tickets available. Look for flyers soon! The main event in 2015 will be our first ever **"Sock Hop" benefit**. This will be held on **Saturday, February 28th** and will be a fundraising event you do not want to miss! More details on that to come soon also. Last but not least, we have started planning the annual **Legion Hop bus trip**. This year we will be hopping to 5 or 6 Posts along the Eastern Shore area with waterfront views. It is likely that Mid-May or early June will be the timeframe. As we continue to workout the details, they will be posted around the canteen. Anyone who has traveled on prior bus trips will tell you what a great time they are!

In closing, please remember to hold your dear ones tight, count your blessings, and say a prayer for all the men and women who cannot be with their loved ones this holiday season. It is because of them we enjoy our lives in freedom every day.

Proud to be an American.


Todd Lovell

Commander

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #34



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) SQUADRON #34 * TODD LOVELL, COMMANDER



931 Harrisburg Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603
Phone: 717.397.2828

This coupon entitles you to
10% off your next order!



INDOORCITY
FLOORING AND DESIGN
481 Harrisburg Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603
www.indoorcity.com

Robert E. Commerce
CEO
phone: 717-397-5234
cell: 717-278-9234
fax: 717-397-6528
email: bob@indoorcity.com

AUXILIARY ALLEY



Our Auxiliary has had a very busy fall/early winter. We hosted 55 Veterans from Coatesville VA Medical Center in September for their "picnic," provided food and drinks for the Children's Halloween party in October, December kept us busy with the Children's Christmas Party, and we hosted our Veterans from Coatesville VA Medical Center on December 15th for their annual Christmas Dinner. We would personally like to thank Troy Cunningham and Drew Nields for opening up their kitchen and ovens to us at the "College Corner Café" for Auxiliary member, Sherrie Rutherford and her husband, Mark, to bake Christmas cookies for the veterans Christmas Goodie Bags.

On December 3rd, we surprised Genevieve Malone with a 90th Birthday Party. Needless to say, she was quite surprised and very appreciative of all the beautiful cards with hand-written sentiments. Genevieve served as our President for over 10 years. Her dedication to our Auxiliary and our Veterans is beyond reproach. She also dedicates her time at her church with bereavement dinners. Personally, she has been my mentor and I am striving hard to fill her shoes.

Our Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraiser in October was very successful and we earned over \$700 more than last year! We will be participating in this fundraiser again next year.

Our December "Giving Tree" fundraiser is proving to be quite successful. The winner will take all of the \$921 worth of gift cards/certificates, making someone's Christmas very Merry!

Our Unit will be hosting the **Chester/Lancaster Council meeting on Saturday February 14th from 10am-noon**. Since the Post banquet hall is booked, the meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Long Community at Highland - Westminster Place Building, 600 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster. This is the building where I reside. I am looking forward to a good turnout of our Auxiliary members and I especially would like to see all of our Board members in attendance.

Please make sure that your 2015 memberships are renewed before the end of December 2014. Keycards for access to the bar area will be terminated as of January 1, 2015 until your dues are paid.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the **most influential patriotic women's organization in the world**. It maintains its own unique identity while achieving important goals for both the Post and the community.

We would also love to have transfers from other Units to ours. In order to do so we need a copy of your original qualifying documents (ie. DD214, obituary, etc.) and your original current membership card. Dept. of PA requires that we return your original card in order to issue a new card because you may not hold membership at more than one Unit.

Please remember that our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month except July and August. With 354 members, it would be great to see all of you, that are able, attend a meeting and help us with our veterans projects.

Wishing all of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

Yours In Service,

Marilyn M. Pew
President
Auxiliary Unit #34



A broken arm wasn't going to keep Genevieve from celebrating her 90th birthday at her surprise party on 12/3.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President:** Marilyn Pew
- 1st Vice President:** Ann Marie Fluke
- 2nd Vice President:** Alison Lovell
- Secretary:** Lisa Sanders
- Treasurer:** Karen Axe
- Chaplain:** Marian Walters
- Sgt. At Arms:** Helen Bunteman
- Sgt. At Arms:** Ann Ricketts

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #34 * MARILYN PEW, PRESIDENT



258 North Queen St
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 295-5411

10% of ALL purchases for Post #34 members!

Like us on Facebook!

Member of the "Thank A Vet" Discount Program!

Flowers by Paulette
www.flowersbypaulette.net



STEVEN T. HAHN
PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. *Fast Service*

Phone: 717-393-3026 Kitchen & Bath Remodeling & Repair
Fax: 717-393-5271 Water Heaters & Boilers
Registered Master Plumber

RIDERS ROAD



Dear Fellow Veterans and Supporters,

Merry Christmas to all!

It has been quite a year of fundraising and adventure! In October, the Riders made a road trip to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us that day, so some of us rode bikes and others drove cars. It was a privilege to see the memorial that honors those that lost their lives in that tragedy.



Looking ahead to 2015, the Riders are preparing for their **signature event** which is the **TV Raffle and Pro Bowl Buffet**. Tickets for the raffle are available now for \$10.00 each. The grand prize winner will receive a 55" Vizio TV with sound bar AND an Xbox One! Three other winners will receive a monetary prize of \$50.00! The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 25th** during the Pro Bowl Buffet. Tickets for that are \$5.00 each which includes a hot dog buffet, various sides and refreshments. The event will run from

12:00pm—5:00pm. We will also be running 50/50's and basket raffles.

Check your calendars and **keep May**

2nd open! The Riders are planning a bus trip to New York City. Details will be forthcoming over the next few months.

Here's hoping for a better riding season in 2015. Thank you for always supporting us as we continue our mission to support our veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

Dave Fluke

American Legion

ALR Chapter #34 President

RIDERS OFFICERS

President: Dave Fluke

Vice President: Curtis Rager

Chaplain: Sue Shellenberger

Sgt. At Arms: Dave Miller

Treasurer: Chet Buohl

Secretary: Ann Marie Fluke

Historian: Sherri Rutherford

Road Captain: Mark Shepherd

Road Captain: Dick Wilkensen

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #34 * DAVE FLUKE, PRESIDENT

MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

My name is George Lovell. I am a dual Legionnaire and SAL member of Post #34. Although I have lived in Lancaster over thirty years, my business and community activities kept me so busy I did not join our Post until about 5 years ago. I owe my ultimate interest to my son's, Todd Lovell, (SAL Commander), heavy involvement.

Over the last several years I have been active with the SAL as a way to support my son and, more importantly, help veterans. My goal for the upcoming year is to become more active with the Legionnaires.

I very much enjoy the events, fundraisers and support efforts for veterans and members of the community, as well as the social side of the Post, having met many wonderful people. Our Post deserves to be proud of all they do and know that they make a difference!

As in all organizations, to succeed you need involvement from your members. I plan to increase my involvement and hope others will too.

George H. Lovell, III

Legionnaire & SAL member

American Legion Post #34

LEGION UPDATE

FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND OUR VETERANS



Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

Quinton Diets served our country honorably in the Gulf War. However, like many warriors, his wounds were invisible to many. He suffered from depression, a result of his post-traumatic stress disorder. In his own words, Mr. Diets says he "feels guilty for coming back when others stayed there."

Mr. Diets received the help he needed from American Legion Service Officer Gary Roach, who immediately recognized the PTSD issues that were troubling Mr. Diets.

His story is one of several you might see on television that will be part of a nationwide American Legion awareness campaign. The Legion has been involved with providing resources to servicemembers returning from war for nearly a century. And that effort continues today as servicemen and women return home from war, often bringing with them PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury).

Our hope is for every single veteran to get the treatment he or she requires. These TV spots will help bring awareness to the situation and raise money to help assist those who served with honor.

As part of the campaign, all donors who contribute just \$19 a

month, or a one-time gift of at least \$228, will receive a special commemorative coin. Donations can be made easily and securely by visiting www.supportlegion.org. You may call (888) 991-1131 with questions.

Your kind donations will help The American Legion provide assistance to our veterans like Mr. Diets. Now, he is doing better, saying he personally has much to look forward to. "I wish all the men and women coming home today would come forward to realize that organizations like The American Legion are there for them."

While the enemies and war wounds have changed since The American Legion's founding, our support of veterans and active-duty troops will not waver. Please join me in making a kind contribution to help today's generation of wounded warriors.

Mike Helm
American Legion
National Commander



VA NEEDS TO IMPROVE ACCURACY OF DISABILITY CLAIMS

The American Legion submitted testimony for the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation's hearing, "Metrics, Measurements and Mismanagement at the Board of Veterans Appeals." Zachary Hearn, the Legion's deputy director for benefits, was among the panelists who testified. Through Sept. 1 of fiscal 2014, American Legion employees working at BVA handled 8,366 claims appeals. Of those, 2,330 previous denials were overturned and benefits were awarded; another 3,904 appeals were sent back (remanded) to VA regional offices for further development. Thus, the decisions made for 74.5 percent of appeals the Legion worked on were deemed to be incorrect by BVA. While many denials were overturned, more were remanded because they were inadequately developed and prematurely denied by VA claims adjudicators. Hearn told the subcommittee in his prepared remarks that veterans' claims appeals "are often remanded two, three or even more times prior to having a claim finally adjudicated. Quite simply, this is unacceptable. As has been widely discussed, veterans are having to wait extended periods of

time for original decisions. Combine this fact with years of waiting for a claim to be adjudicated by the BVA, and it is understandable why veterans become frustrated." The American Legion has repeatedly testified to Congress regarding the need for VA to improve its accuracy in the adjudication of VA disability claims at the regional offices. The Legion's Regional Office Action Review (ROAR) program evaluates annually the quality of VA claims processing. The accuracy rates determined by ROAR are typically much lower than the 90th-percentile accuracy rates posted by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). In its testimony, The American Legion recommended that Congress pass a bill that would require VA to provide more specific information on the status of benefits claims and appeals in its online Monday Morning Workload Report. Data from the BVA needs to be broken down into grant, remand and denial rates per each VBA regional office. "It is evident we must continue to press to ensure that VA improves its accuracy of disability claims," Hearn said. "For the errors made today have long-lasting, deleterious effects upon our nation's veterans and their families."

VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

ARE THERE SCAMS I SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR WITH VA PENSIONS?

As a veteran, beware of pension advance products that offer to pay military retirees a lump-sum payout in return for their monthly retirement payments. The products may amount to payment of only pennies on the dollar and the advances are reported to carry interest rates from 27 percent to 106 percent, which can threaten a safe retirement. There are many pension advance companies on the Internet, often with patriotic-sounding names and logos. If you're offered a pension advance, stay away from arrangements that allow a creditor to access the account where you get your benefits. Instead, get trusted financial expert advice if you need emergency funds.

Additionally, some individuals and companies use VA's Aid & Attendance pension benefit as a hook to sell services. The Aid & Attendance benefit is for eligible disabled veterans who require the aid and attendance of another person, or who are housebound. Individuals or companies looking to sell their services may offer to help veterans obtain Aid & Attendance benefits, but they often require customers to sign up for financial ser-

vices first, then they move assets into irrevocable trusts for qualification. When being solicited, watch out for:

- A lawyer or veteran advisor who offers to get the Aid & Attendance benefit for a fee. Federal law prohibits VA accredited advisors from charging to assist with VA claims. However, at times a "consultation fee" is charged up front.
- A claim from a paid advisor stating that they can get the benefit for you more quickly than anyone else. All VA claims must go through the standard evaluation process, which no one can bypass to get it done faster.
- A offer to help a financially secured veteran qualify for Aid and Attendance by taking control of their finances and moving assets into an inaccessible trust. This may disqualify a veteran from other benefits. Retirement homes using the lure of Aid & Attendance to get veterans to move in on the implied promise that they will get the benefit. If the claim is denied, the veteran may not be able to afford to remain in the facility.

HOW CAN I KNOW IF MY DISABILITY IS SERVICE-CONNECTED?

There are five ways to establish if a disability is service-connected. They are:

- Direct service connected. This is the most straightforward way that a veteran can establish service connected for his or her current disability. The best approach is to provide medical evidence of your current disability and evidence that the disease or injury occurred in service.
- Pre-existing injury aggravated by time in service. With this claim, normally a veteran would have some evidence, such as an entrance examination, that a condition existed before entering military service. And then accompanied by evidence of an incident occurring in service and again, linking evidence between the two.
- Service connection by legal presumption. That is certain diseases or injuries presumed to be service-connected. An example would be a veteran developing cardiovascular disease due to service-connection amputation of a lower limb.
- Secondary service connection. This is when one disability is the result of another service-connected disability.
- Connection due to injury caused by treatment in the VA healthcare system. If a veteran is injured because of VA hospitalization, treatment, rehab or therapy that is not the fault of the veteran, then the injury is treated as service-connected.

STUDY CONFIRMS EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE

Military veterans who say they were sickened by lingering amounts of the herbicide Agent Orange aboard repurposed airplanes after the Vietnam War now have some strong scientific support for their claims. A new study has found that veterans who were exposed to aircraft that had previously sprayed Agent Orange over Vietnam during the war may have been exposed to dioxin levels above Department of Defense (DoD) standards for maxi-

mum permissible exposure to poisonous chemicals. U.S. Air Force and VA policies do not currently recognize "dried residues" of herbicide and dioxin as harmful. The study, "Post-Vietnam Military Herbicide Exposures in UC-123 Agent Orange Spray Aircraft," was published Feb. 21 in the scientific journal *Environmental Research*. An abstract of the study is available on the Environmental Research website—<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/>

A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
 In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.
 I had come down the chimney with presents to give
 And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
 No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
 No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
 On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind
 A sober thought came through my mind.
 For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
 I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more
 So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
 And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
 Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
 Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
 Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
 Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
 I soon understood this was more than a man.
 For I realized the families that I saw that night
 Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
 And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
 They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
 Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
 On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
 Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
 I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
 "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
 I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
 my life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
 I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
 I watched him for hours, so silent and still,
 I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
 And I covered this Soldier from his toes to his head.
 And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,
 With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
 And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.
 I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,
 This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,
 "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
 One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
 Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!

-Written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan



LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

To the American Legion Post #34:

I would like to take this time to thank you for your assistance with our financial need. It is with great pleasure from my family and myself to say Thank You. I know there are a lot of families that are in need and we would be on the street if we hadn't had the assistance from the Legion. I would recommend to anyone that is in a similar situation, that has service time or is retired from service, to seek and reach out to your Post or ancillary for information to get the help they need in these times.

We are very appreciative of the services that were provided to us along with Bill Schulz, as our representative and advocate, who saw that our issues were addressed. Bill also followed up throughout the process until all was satisfied.

From my family...thank you.

Kevin Robinson

Retired SGT Army Reserves
Pennsylvania



Above: The Robinson family is presented with a financial gift from Bill Schulz and Charles McDonald, District #10 Commander, on behalf of the American Legion.

Hello,

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1008, I would like to thank you for including our information [regarding our events] in your newsletter. We try to constantly get the word out about our chapter. This is a big boost in helping us let everyone know what we are all about.

Sincerely,

Ken Ford

Secretary
Vietnam Veterans of America & Associates Chapter #1008



A FUNNY THING...

As the sun rose over Paris Island, a senior drill instructor realized that one of his recruits had gone AWOL. A search party was dispatched immediately. After a few hours the recruit was discovered hiding in some bushes nearby. He was sent back to base and promptly escorted to the drill instructor's office.

The instructor asked the young recruit, "Why did you go AWOL?"

The recruit replied, "On my first day here you issued me a comb and then proceeded to cut my hair off. On the second day you issued me a toothbrush then sent me to the dentist who proceeded to pull out my teeth. Finally on the third day, you issued me a jock strap...I wasn't going to wait around to find out what would follow that, Sir.



MEMBERS' MEMORIES



Above Left: Cohen Dunkle, grandson of bartender Robin Caffey, is happy to tell Santa what he wants for Christmas at the Children's Christmas party.



Above Right: His sister, Taryn, not so much.



Left: Santa listens intently to Marty, grandson of bartender Ann Marie and Dave Fluke. I wonder what he asked Santa to bring him on Christmas?!



Left: More scenes from yet another successful Christmas party at Post #34. Thanks to everyone who contributed to its success!



Left: Auxiliary Unit #34 participates in another successful "Country Fair" at Coatesville VA Medical Center.



Right: The Auxiliary created a welcoming and patriotic setting for the Coatesville vet's annual "picnic."

DATES TO REMEMBER



- ◆ **December 20th, 1983**—Panama/Operation Just Cause
- ◆ **January 27th, 1973**—Vietnam Cease-Fire
- ◆ **February**—Americanism Month
- ◆ **February 1st**—Four Chaplains Sunday
- ◆ **February 11th**—President’s Day National Membership Target Date (85%)
- ◆ **February 24th, 1991**— Start of Operation Desert Storm
- ◆ **February 28th, 1991**— End of Operation Desert Storm

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ◆ **Sunday, January 25th—12:00pm—5:00pm:** Chapter #34 Legion Riders Pro Bowl Buffet and TV Raffle Drawing at Post #34. Hot dog buffet, various sides and refreshments. Raffle tickets \$10.00, Buffet tickets \$5.00.
- ◆ **January 2014:** SAL Seafood Raffle. Look for flyers soon!
- ◆ **Saturday, February 14th—10:00am—12:00pm :** American Legion Auxiliary Chester/Lancaster Council Meeting. Long Community at Highland, Westminster Place Building. 600 E. Roseville Rd, Lancaster.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 28th:** Squadron #34 SAL “Sock Hop” benefit at Post #34.
- ◆ **Mid-May or early June:** 3rd Annual Legion Hop on the Eastern Shore. Planning is underway. Details to follow. Look for flyers at Post #34 canteen! You don’t want to miss this!
- ◆ **Saturday, May 2nd:** Chapter #34 Legion Riders Bus Trip to NYC. More details will be forthcoming.

ACTIVITIES

- ◆ We continue to collect old and/or broken phones at Post #34 for **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. Each phone donated provides **1 hour of free call time to an American soldier**. To date we’ve collected **over 900 phones**. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get us to this point. Keep them coming!!

TAPS



*“All is well, safely rest, God is nigh...”
Remembering those we’ve lost.*

- **Michael J. Keating**—Passed September 9th
US Navy veteran of Vietnam & American Legion member
- **Dale E. Braithwaite**—Passed September 17th
US Marines veteran of WWII & American Legion member
- **Dr. Merton W. Steele**—Passed September 16th
US veteran of WWII & American Legion member
- **Alfred A. Crawford, Jr.**—Passed September 18th
US Marine veteran of the Korean War & Post #34 member
- **Francis P. Miller**—Passed September 20th
US Air Force veteran of WWII & Post #34 member
- **Patrick A. Baxter**—Passed October 7th
Post #34 member
- **George E. Fessler, Jr.**—Passed October 11th
US Army veteran of the Korean War & American Legion member
- **Richard D. Empson**—Passed October 14th
US Navy veteran of the Korean War & American Legion member
- **Michael P. Bransby**—Passed November 13th
US Navy veteran of Vietnam & Post #34 member
- **George S. Smith**—Passed November 18th
US Marines veteran of WWII & Post #34 member

OUR THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



HORSE INN HOURS:
 Tues—Thurs
 4:00pm—12:00am
 Food served
 until 10:30pm
 Fri—Sat
 4:00pm—1:00am
 Food Served
 until 11:00pm
 New entrance on
 540 E. Fulton St.
 Lancaster, PA
 (717) 392-5528



30 Years Experience
 Licensed & Insured
 Estimates & Inspections

Riehl Improvements, LLC
 Residential / Commercial
 Roofing / Painting / Carpentry

Ron Riehl
 General Manager / Owner
 Office: (717) 475-6869

Fax: (717) 390-8862
 riehl improvements@verizon.net
 riehl improvements.com

REALTY SETTLEMENT SERVICES, INC
 INDEPENDENT TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY

WWW.REALTYSETTLEMENT.COM

CLOSING AGENTS: 1550 LITITZ PIKE
 ROBERT HORST LANCASTER, PA 17601
 DOROTHY HORST PH: (717) 295-5400
 BARBARA NIXDORF FAX: (717) 295-4511

TODD ESHLEMAN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR



TODD ESHLEMAN
 148 PARK PLACE
 LANDISVILLE, PA 17538

Phone: 717-898-7209
 CELL: 717-475-7209
 E-mail: ESH7209@GMAIL.COM

Quality Service in Refrigeration & HVAC



Artic Zone

Bob Wilk
 EPA Certified
 Insured

Phone: (717) 475-9576
 Fax: (717) 569-6766
 PA LIC. # 059687

GABE LAFOREST LANDSCAPING
 127 St. Thomas Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601
 Phone 717-569-9394 Cell Phone 717-615-0514
 gabelaforest@comcast.net

- *Mowing Contractor
- *Landscaping
- *Edging/Bed Shaping
- *Snow Removal
- *Aeration
- *Mulching
- *Pruning
- *Stump Grinding

FULLY INSURED

FRANK WILE & SONS
 BUILDING & REMODELING

Bill Wile

255 Mt. Hope School Road
 Willow Street, PA 17584

Tele: (717)284-4616
 E-mail: fwsbr@comcast.net
 HIC No. PA013392

MICHAEL S. CLARE
 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
 717-898-6304



INSURED • LICENSED • PA 027973
 2510 NOLT RD. LANCASTER, PA 17601




George H Lovell, III
 Account Executive

1200 Corporate Blvd
 Suite 20A
 Lancaster PA 17601

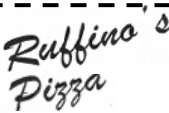
717-285-5722
 800-444-7851
 717-285-5733 fax
 george.lovell@kingbros.com

Insurance at Work



1642 Lincoln Highway East, Suite #1, Lancaster
 Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 1:00pm—8:00pm
 Nouveautattoo@gmail.com; facebook.com/nouveautattoo

10% off for American Legion Members!!



HOURS
 MONDAY - THURSDAY
 10:30AM - 10:00PM
 FRIDAY - SATURDAY
 10:30AM - 11:00PM
 SUNDAY
 12:00 NOON - 8:00PM

572 CENTERVILLE ROAD
 LANCASTER, PA 17601

Vets & American Legion Members
Get 10% OFF with this coupon!

For Fast Pick-Up Call
898-0212

PROVIDING QUALITY PRINTING SINCE 1922



The Art Printing Co., Inc. of Lanc. • 446 Lafayette Street
 t 717.397.6029 f 717.397.4294
 artdept@apc446.comcastbiz.net M-F 8-4:30

- Stationery Packages
- Logo Design & Development
- Flyers • Posters
- Postcards • Booklets
- Programs • Brochures
- Business Forms
- Calendars • Tickets
- and much more!

PROFESSIONAL GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES • OFFSET & DIGITAL PRINTING

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRINT SPONSOR, ART PRINTING!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS.
MAKE YOUR
MEETINGS!**

EVERY MONTH AT POST:

Legionnaires

1st Wednesday—7:00pm

SAL

2nd Wednesday—7:00pm

Auxiliary

1st Wednesday—7:00pm

Legion Riders

3rd Sunday—11:00am

EDITOR: *continued*

(Continued from page 1)

paper products to replenish the inventory of the organizations that provide for our veterans and community families in need. Please continue to support us in this effort with your donations. As members of American Legion Post #34, let us never forget our responsibility to aid those less fortunate than ourselves.

Bill Schulz

American Legion
Post #34 Veterans Service Officer
Post Patriot Editor



**YOU MAY BE ELIBIGLE TO ENROLL IN
THE VA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM!**
**TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY VISIT WWW.VA.GOV.AMIELIGIBLE
CALL 1-877-222-VETS OR SEE BILL SCHULZ**

BINGO Every Tuesday At Post #34!
Doors Open at 4:00pm ♦ Games begin at 6:30pm

AMERICAN LEGION POST #34 * LANCASTER,

1388 Arcadia Road
Lancaster, PA 17603
Phone: 717-392-9350
Website: www.al34.com

JOIN THE CLUB!

The American Legion is the largest veterans organization and **WE WANT YOU!** Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Has your parent, grandparent, sibling or spouse served? We have 4 membership types available to you.

The Legion Family

- Legionnaires:** Veterans & Active-Duty Members
- Sons of the American Legion:** Male family members
- Auxiliary:** Female Family Members
- Riders:** Legionnaire, SAL or Auxiliary member or legal spouse of a Rider in our Chapter

Don't fit one of these categories?
Get your Social membership today!

Feedback Welcomed!

Have an idea, suggestion or something to contribute to a future issue?

Bill Schulz, Editor
Post #34 Veterans Service Officer
Alison Lovell, Layout & Design



Enjoy your Freedom... Thank a Veteran for their service!