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The Final Word

A word from the Post Commander

2008 was very busy for the Post. 2009 will be just as busy if not more. We have several special trips planned for spring and summer. They include a trip to Castle Point VA on the 22nd of March, and a trip to Walter Reed AMC in Washington DC (date to be determined). Memorial Day 2009 is quickly approaching. We have purchased new Flags to be placed on our Veterans graves and are preparing for another well attended Parade with speeches to follow from a 2 Star General, Division Commander, Brigadier General.(P) Steven Wickstrom. Attendance at the morning Salute in the local cemeteries this past year was over 100. We hope to have even better attendance this year.

On page 3 of this newsletter you will find information on our 2009 fundraiser. I'm asking for everyone's help with this drive. Our funds go directly back to veteran causes and to the needy Veterans among our ranks. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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The 2008 Veterans Day Dinner & Ceremonies

- *By Sean Klay - Post Historian*

On Monday evening November 10, th 2008, Legion Post 178, conducted its 2nd Annual Veterans Day Fundraiser and Awards Dinner at the Legion Home. This year's keynote speaker was US Army Lt. Col. Rick Van Arnam who was accompanied by his wife for the event. Legion member PFC Scott Klay, with the US Army's 1-69th Infantry was this year's Master of Ceremonies. Also in attendance was NYS Senator Vincent Liebell, NYS Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, North East Town Supervisor David Sherman and the American Legion Dutchess County Commander, Elva Girton.

Lt Col. Van Arnam graduated in 1984, from Norwich University and works there today as the Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations. He has an MBA in General Management from the University of Michigan, is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, and currently serves as the J-2 for the 86th Brigade Combat Team.

The dinner was filled with a multitude of events, to include a solemn description of the POW / MIA place setting, the cutting of the Marine Corps and Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Cakes, our keynote speakers address, and presentation of the evening's awards.

Harry Gop was selected as the Posts 2008 Legionnaire of the Year and presented with the American Legion Medal of Merit.

Al Andrews was awarded the American Legion Medal of Achievement for the outstanding execution of his duties as Membership Chairman.

NYS Senator Vincent Liebell and NYS Assemblymen Marc Molinaro were both recognized for their outstanding support of the American Legion and Veterans Affairs during the course of 2008.

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Post Scholarship

A final reminder to everyone that the Post Scholarship application deadline is **April 1st**. The revised application has been made available at the Webutuck High School Guidance office and is also available for download off of the Post Website. Please contact the Scholarship Committee with any question.

'The Forgotten Memorial'

Prior to Memorial Day 2009, we will be working on the forgotten monument which was moved to the Post home last year. Blue stone slate and flowers will be added.

"Veterans Park"

At Veterans Park we will be re-aligning and re-seating the stones with the names of our Veterans. The weather has taken its toll and they need to be fixed prior to Memorial Day 2009. We will keep everyone posted when the final date to repair these is decided.

"Whitetail Seminar, 29 August 2009 "

We will be hosting Charles Alsheimer, an award winning outdoor, nature photographer, lecturer, and whitetail consultant from Bath NY. This will be a new type of fund raiser. Details on this event are being finalized. Charles draws huge crowds all over the United States, we look forward to the event. He is the senior contributing editor for Deer and Deer Hunting magazine and host of their national television show, Deer & Deer Hunting TV, which airs on Versus Network. He is also a contributing editor for Whitetail News.

" Service "

It's about giving more then you get

DD 214's

Please mail a copy of your DD 214 to the Post. We are updating our records to ensure that all members are getting the benefits they are entitled to. Please mail your DD 214 and records to American Legion Post 178, Attn: 1st Vice CDR Bob Jenks or Post Historian Sean Klay, PO Box 22, Millerton NY 12546.

In Closing...

In closing, I would like to encourage our members to participate in meetings, events, activities and other post functions. With greater participation we will be able to increase services provided to our veterans and community.

- ML



The VA Hospital Visit is well attended by both the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary

POST OFFICERS FOR 08-09

Post Commander: Lee Garay
1st Vice Commander: Robert Jenks
2nd Vice Commander: Dick Spencer
3rd Vice Commander: Sean Klay
Post Treasurer: Sid Byron
Adjutant: Stan Chase
Post Judge Advocate: Sabastian Amato
Post Service Officer: Steven Valyou
Post Chaplin: Herbert Day
Post Historian: Sean Klay
Post Membership Chairman: Al Andrews
Sgt. at Arms: Tyson Klay
Homeland Defense Officer: John Boice

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2009

WHAT: S.A.L. MEETING

DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 25TH 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 26TH 2009 AT 7:00 PM

March 2009

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

Date & Time: March 12th 2009 at 7:00 pm

WHAT: VA CASTLE POINT TRIP

Date & Time: March 22nd 2009, meet at Post by 12:00.
Leaving for Castle Point by 12:15.

WHAT: S.A.L. MEETING

Date & Time: March 25th 2009 at 7:00 pm

WHAT: POST MEETING

Date & Time: March 26th 2009 at 7:00 pm

2009 Memorial Day Fundraiser

- By Post Historian Sean Klay

Last Spring the Post conducted its Spring Fundraising raffle with the raffling of a Bush Hog Off-Road Utility Vehicle, which raised over \$4,000 for the post after expenses were deducted. Following this success the post has set a more ambitious goal to clear \$6,000 after expenses in the raffling off of a T1110 New Holland 4x4 Compact Tractor, with a 210 Quick Attach loader and 48" Bucket, retail value \$17,500.



T1110 New Holland 4x4 Compact Tractor, with 210 Quick Attach Loader and 48" Bucket.

Tickets for this raffle are \$20.00 each. Enclosed with this month's news letter is one ticket. Any member not interested in purchasing or selling this ticket is encouraged to return it to the post for future use.

I can not stress enough the importance of every post member assisting in this important fundraiser. If every post member bought just ONE ticket we would be just over 20% to our goal, and if every member sold FIVE tickets we would more than surpass our goal.

At our next post meeting we will be having a sign up sheet for post members who plan to help us out with fundraising events. There are a number of events coming up this spring where we will have an excellent opportunity to sell tickets for this post fundraiser. Everyone's contribution regardless of its size is incredibly important to the overall success of this post.

If you would like more tickets to sell please contact the Post Commander. The final drawing will be Memorial Day, May 25th 2009. - ML

Veterans Day 2008 Cont...

APRIL 2009

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 9TH 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: COUNTY MEETING AT POST 178

DATE & TIME: APRIL 15TH 2009

DINNER AT 6:30 PM, MEETING AT 7:30 PM.

WHAT: S.A.L. MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 22ND 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 23RD 2009 AT 7:00PM

MAY 2009

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 7TH 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: S.A.L. MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 20TH 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 21ST 2009 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE

DATE & TIME: MAY 24TH 2009 AT 5:00PM

WHAT: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

DATE & TIME: MAY 25TH 2009 AT 10:00AM

JUNE 2009

WHAT: WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER & WASHINGTON
D.C. TRIP (TENTATIVE)

DATE & TIME: TBA

*For a more detailed view of these and other events check
out our Post Website at www.legionpost178.org*

Other individuals recognized with Certificates of Appreciation were; Harry & Julie Schorder, Stacy Moore of Moore and Moore Printing, Dr. Richard Johns of the Webutuck School District, Amenia Sand and Gravel, Pine Plains Ford Tractor, Dave and Mary Underhill of Dave's TV, Ed Herrington, and Charles Tanner.

Alex Murphy and Richard Katan were our 2008 Boy State Representatives and were presented with their \$500 scholarship awards from the Legion by Post Commander Lee Garay.

Once again the Post wishes to thank everyone who made this year Veterans Day Dinner such a resounding success. - ML



Our 2008 Veterans Day Keynote Speaker LTC Rick Van Arnam



POW / MIA Place Setting