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“THE LITTLE POST THAT DOES”

ADDRESS LABEL

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. To those who have not, please remember to renew your membership for the new year. Your membership is important to allow us to continue our work to provide programs to help our fellow veterans and work with the youth in the community

MAIL CALL

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail please consider sharing your email address so you can receive it electronically. This will help us control cost.

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Have you renewed your membership yet? Legion dues should be paid by January 1st to remain in good standing. Don't jeopardize your years of continuous service by allowing your dues to lapse.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

. Greetings Post 68 family,

Our next meeting will be held on ZOOM Thursday evening July 9th at 7pm. I hope everyone is well and staying safe following the Governors guidelines. Hopefully next month we will be back in the MCC, currently working with our Borough leaders. As of now the building is not open for meetings or events. I hope to get an update soon.

We have a lot to go over so please try to attend if you can, if you need assistance with Zoom, reach out and I will assist you the best I can. The link to access is provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88389699180?pwd=TU5yUWhVT24vYnFXWFhmWmVBWjBaUT09>

Meeting ID: 883 8969 9180

Password: 149648

Our new Honor Guard had its first meeting and practice this past Saturday. Everything went extremely well, the team is energetic and working hard to represent our historic post. More on that at the July 9th meeting. (Cont. Pg. 3)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

One of the four founding pillars of the American Legion is Children & Youth. Post 68 supports this pillar in many ways.

Although we don't sponsor a Boy Scout troop, we work with the 2 local BSA troops, Troop 119 at Trinity Methodist Church and Troop 118 at Grace Episcopal Church. Both troops have provided logistical support at numerous Post events. Each year each troop is presented with a monetary "Campership" which assists with the cost of their annual summer camp.

As of part of The American Legion Department of New Jersey's Americanism program, we sponsor a coloring contest for students in 4th & 5th grade. Students are provided a picture of a patriotic nature to color.

Post 68 Children & Youth Chairman Bruce Weaver, assisted by member Andre Jackson, distributes the pictures to the various elementary schools in Pennsauken & (Cont. Pg2)

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UNIT 68

Hi Ladies and Legionnaires,

I hope everyone is still doing well. It has been a long time since we have been together. Last month we had a video chat. Unfortunately, there were only 4 of us, but it was good to see everyone. We discussed the winners of the essay contest. Thank you to Sue Kofoet for doing the certificates and Janice Schott for taking charge of the contest and taking the certificates and awards over to Merchantville School. We also discussed doing projects on our own while we are quarantined. If you would like to participate I have a book with crafts you can look at. If you would like to have another video chat please let me know and I will check with Denise to set up another time to meet. Enjoy your summer. Stay safe and thank you for all you do!

Carol Weaver

President, Auxiliary Unit 68

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(Children & Youth)

Merchantville, collects the numerous submissions and then select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each school, as well as an overall 1st place winner. Students receive a small monetary award as well as a Certificate recognizing their accomplishment. This year's Post overall 1st place winner was Soksomalin Thach from Pennsauken Intermediate School. Her entry was submitted to the American Legion Camden County, where she was the 1st place winner.

The **Frederick W. Grigg Memorial Award** is presented to 1 male & 1 female student at both Pennsauken High School and Merchantville students attending Haddon Heights High School. The award is named after Post 68's name sake. Selection is done by the chief academic officer at the respective school based on criteria adopted by the Post. This year's recipients from Pennsauken High School were Christopher Moyet and Kayla Brown. The recipients from Haddon Heights High School were Allen Nickoloff & Hannah Tran..

The **Dr. J. Irdell Wycoff Memorial Award** is presented to 1 male & 1 female student at Merchantville Elementary School. (Cont. Pg. 3)

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Please know the current situation and racial injustice going on has no place in the world as well as Post 68. We as Veterans have to set the example and show our community that we work together regardless of race, color or creed. Please reach out if there is a situation I need to be aware of. All of you are valued members and we need to work together as a team...there is no "I" in team. Please stay safe, remember our active Guard, Reserves and those serving in harm's way in your prayers. God bless each of you and Hand Salute to all.

For God and Country,

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(Children & Youth)

Dr. Wycoff was a dentist in the Army in both WWI & WWII. Dr. Wycoff was a past commander of Post 68, a past commander of both the American Legion Camden County and American Legion Department of New Jersey. He was also a Councilman and Mayor of Merchantville Borough. The selection process is the same as previously mentioned. This year's recipients were Siral Aikhtib el baayni abou & Katherine Junay-santos.

The **Joseph E. Fitzpatrick Memorial Award** is presented to 1 male & 1 female student at St. Cecilia's Elementary School. Mr. Fitzpatrick was a WWII Navy veteran who served the Post in many positions, most notable as Americanism Chairman. He was also very active in numerous activities at St. Cecilia's Parish. There was only 1 selection made by the school. The selection was Benjamin Williams.

All awards consist of a small monetary award, a letter explaining the contribution of the person for whom the award is named and a certificate recognizing the students accomplishment.

Post 68 congratulates all the recipients and wish them well in their educational futures.