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F.W. GRIGG POST 68

“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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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Post 68 family,

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday evening February 11th at 7pm via ZOOM. Executive meeting will be prior to this at 6:30pm. The ZOOM link will be shared via email.

Election time is quickly approaching, I'm hoping you will consider running for office. We can go over the positions and responsibilities if you are interested in running. Please reach out and let us know!

2020 has been very challenging as you know with many Veterans organizations struggling to stay afloat. Membership is the strength that keeps things going, please reach out to Veterans you may know and invite them to a meeting. New faces are always welcome.

Stay positive and safe. Hope to see you on the 11th at 7pm. Hand Salute to all.

For God and Country,

John Brouse, Commander

US Army Gulf War Veteran



THE 4 PILLARS- THE FOUNDATION OF ALL WE DO AS LEGIONNAIRES

How does Post 68 translate these Pillars into actions?

VETERANS SERVICE

Each year the Post sponsors a PTSD Awareness walk to increase public awareness of the 22 a day, the number of veterans who commit suicide every day. Our honor guard participates in funeral services for local veterans. Post members volunteer at various Stand Downs to assist homeless and at risk Veterans. The Post has sponsored several DAV Claims Clinics to assist veterans with their claims with the Veterans Administration.

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UNIT 68

Hi Ladies and Legionnaires,

Another month has been here and gone. We will still continue to have zoom meetings until further notice. Our next zoom meeting will be Friday, February 12th at 7:00pm. If you have never had the opportunity to join us please try to join us in February. Please let Denise Brouse or myself know your email address so she can email you the information to get on.

Elizabeth Brouse was doing a drive to make thank you cards for frontline, essential workers and military personnel. Thank you, Elizabeth, for organizing this worthy cause and thank you to all who participated.

The Boscov's "Friends and Family" promotion was a great success. We made \$243.04. Thank you to all who came out and helped us achieve this amount. This will help us to continue supporting the Veterans, Community Services, Children and Youth and National Security programs.

I would like to welcome Emily Adams and Karen Whyte to our little family. Emily is the daughter of Lee and Rachel Adams who are devoted members to our Post and Auxiliary. Karen Whyte transferred from Unit 1000. Her family is a Gold Star family.

We are happy to have you both in our Unit. I hope everyone has a great February. Stay safe and enjoy your Valentine's Day. Any questions just give me a call.

Carol Weaver
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome our newest member and look forward to his participation.
Curtis Marshall-USMC, Vietnam Veteran
Curtis has previously served as a Camden County Vice-Commander



(PILLARS)

AMERICANISM

There is a collection box on the Maple Ave. side of the Merchantville Borough Hall where the community can dispose of unserviceable flags. Each Memorial Day the Post places flags on the graves of over 1,500 veterans buried in 4 local cemeteries. We provide support for 2 local Boy Scout Troops by awarding camperships to enable summer camp opportunities for scouts who otherwise might not be able to attend. Each year there is a coloring contest sponsored by the Dept. of New Jersey. A patriotic picture of some place of significance is distributed to 4th & 5th grades in local schools. Winners are selected at the Post level. The winners are advanced to the county level. There are monetary awards at each level. 2 high school juniors are sponsored each year to attend the week long Boys State program at Rider University, a program which teaches how government works.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

The third Friday of September is recognized as POW-MIA Awareness Day. In addition to holding an annual ceremony, the Post has presented the ceremony at various locations to increase public knowledge to the POW-MIA issue. An award is presented to an honor cadet at the Pennsauken High School's JROTC program. We also process the "American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award" with National Hq.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Post has established several awards to recognize students in the local elementary & high schools. The awards are named for past Post legionnaires who made significant contributions to the American Legion. The Frederick William Grigg Memorial Award, Dr. Irdell Wykoff, Joseph E. Fitzpatrick, Nicholas DiGrasso Memorial Awards are award on the established criteria for each award. Students are selected by the chief administrator of the school. Selected students receive a certificate recognizing the award, a monetary award and a congratulatory letter that explains the contributions of the awards namesake. We have also sponsored a local youth baseball team.