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POSTER

"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"
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CELEBRATING OVER 60 YEARS OF
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, STATE & NATION
"VETERANS SERVING VETERANS"
August ~ September 2014

1 September 2014

I hope everyone's summer has been enjoyable. Our Post 1700's ME Baseball team was in the 3rd Bracket to play in the 6th District Tournament having lost to Vestal's Post 89 at a 5-4 game this past week on 24 July at Conlon Field . They played very well all season!

Ray, Barb Beebe and I attended the Department Convention in Albany in mid July. Our new Dept of NY Commander is Frank Peters. One of the resolutions that was passed and forwarded for the National Convention dealt with veterans suffering with PTSD. There is a new form of treatment that uses oxygen in a pressurized chamber. Apparently it has worked quite well in treating veteran's illness. Just like anything medical, it's expensive and the VA is slow to recognize this type of treatment. If the resolution passes at the National Convention it will be forwarded to Congress.

At the Post we've had a few Grilling on the Deck Fridays; check out the dates on our website calendar or scrolling messages on the TV at the bar.

Family Picnic will be Sunday August 24th 1:00-5:00 pm. Just remember this is **free** to all approximately 600 Legion Family Members! Guest Donations are appreciated. If you want to assist in setup or cleanup contact the Post and leave a message.

Save the date for the annual ***Pete Cawley Memorial Golf Tournament*** on **August 13th** at **Pleasant Hill CG, Owego,** tee time 9:00 am. Signup sheet is inside the front door, slots are filling up fast.

Spaghetti Dinners are still going on, next one will be **August 4th,** you can't beat the price for what you get.

Next Legion meeting will be September 2nd at 7:00 pm. Post Pig Roast is set for Sept. 13th, 2-6 PM, tickets are .$15.00 available at the bar.

POW/MIA Remembrance Day ceremony will be on Friday September 19th at 6:00 pm at the Post 1700 POW/MIA Monument.

For God and Country,
Robert F. Wood - Commander

Dear Ladies of the Auxiliary,

Can you feel it? Summer is in the air, it's summer, it's summer!

Even during the long, often hot days of summer, things are continuing at the Post. Spaghetti Dinners happen on the 1st Monday of the month and "Grilling on the Deck" occurs throughout August.

On **Sunday, Aug. 24th,** the Post will host the **Family Picnic**. Ladies, if you could please bring a desert to share that would be wonderful. Also, remember that we put together baskets to be raffled off at the Picnic!

Membership renewals for the 2014-2015 year will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Please **send your renewals to the Post c/o of Sandy Denmon- 305 Maple St., Endicott, NY, 13760.**

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 7pm will be our next **regularly scheduled meeting at the Post.** Please come and join us to share ideas for the next year.

The Post will honor POW and MIAs on Friday, Sept. 19th. Come and join the Post family to remember those who are still missing at war.

Looking forward to **October** - our **Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday the 5th from 8 - 11am.** Please enjoy the rest of the summer.

For God and Country,
Marie Williams

NEWS FROM SQUAD 1700

I hope all are having a safe and enjoyable summer. Also, I'd like to thank all who have supported our Meat Bundle Raffles so far, and, do want to remind you that our **Labor Day Meat Bundle** tickets are now on sale at the Post with the drawing to be held on Friday, **August 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM**. Remember only 100 tickets are being sold and they are only $5.

I am continuing my challenge and invite all **SAL** members to become more involved, not only with the **SAL**, but also with supporting the many and varied Post activities and fund- raisers, including Friday Dinners, Sunday Breakfasts, and many others. I also do want to thank all those that do volunteer in support of our Post.

This year Squadron 1700 supported one boy to **New York Boys State in Morrisville** and I would like to congratulate the ***2014 New York Boys State graduate: Nate Wetzelberg.***

In addition there are other events such as the ***Pete Cawley Memorial Golf Tournament at Pheasant Hill*** **Country Club, Wednesday, August 13th** and the **Legion Family Picnic on Sunday, August 24th, 2014.** There will also be other opportunities to participate in fun activities such as the Pitch Tournaments, Shuffleboard League, to name a few. We have a beautiful and well maintained Post that should be supported proudly. If anyone wants to contact me for more information or anything else; you can leave a message at the Post or send an email to **SAL@GFJPOST1700.ORG**

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 at 7:00 PM

God Bless our Troops! John Van Wezenbeeck, Commander Squadron 1700

As our Summer days soon end and our Autumn days begin, we reflect on the happy days of warmth, sun, swimming, picnics & fun. It's back to school for our children & back to work for those who've been on vacations with safe traveling from where ever you've been! Let us be thankful for our "God given rights and living in the LAND OF THE FREE" as we see in our daily news broadcasts of those who don't. We thank our US Military men & women for keeping us safe and so when you see a Veteran & or a serviceman or women, please, put your hand out and give him/her a handshake & say Thank you for your service! "Who knows you may have just made their day!" Every person has a story—a life story. Even as we mourn those whose stories ended far too soon, we are jolted into deep, sometimes uncomfortable thoughts. Have you ever stopped to consider how your story weaves together with God's story to become the greater Story of Life?

We pray for all those who have gone before us and as September 11, rolls around, We Remember Those whose Life Story was ended way too soon 13 years ago!

ALR
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

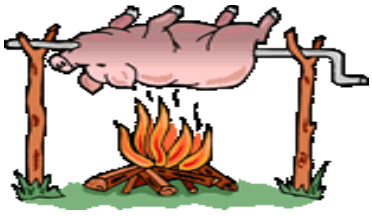
Hope you are all enjoying your summer. The Post 1700 American Legion Riders will be having 2 more Friday night cookouts. They will be held on August 1st and September 5th from 530-730pm. We hope to see you all there.

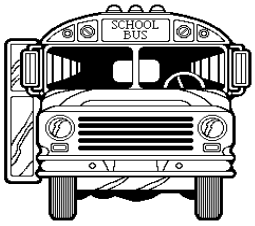
If you have interest in becoming an American Legion Rider, we meet year round on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Our only qualifications for membership are that you belong to the Legion family (Legion, Sons, Auxiliary) and own or are the spouse of someone who owns a motorcycle that is 500cc or larger. For more information see our website: www.alr-post1700.com or our Facebook group: "American Legion Riders Post 1700".

Hope to see you all soon,
Doug Adams, Director, Post 1700 American Legion Riders

August 2014

1 ALR Grilling on the Deck 5:30-7:30 pm
1-2-3 NY State Dept Baseball Tournament
6 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm
6 -10 Mid-Atlantic Baseball Tournament
7 ALR Poker Run
14 Bd of Directors Mtg 6:30 pm
24 Family Picnic 1:00-5:00 pm
29 SAL Meat Bundle Drawing 6:00 pm





September 2014

2 Legion & Auxiliary Mtg 7:00pm
3 ALR mtg 7:00pm
4 OVV Mtg 6:30 pm
5 ALR Grilling 5:30 - 7:30pm
9 SAL Mtg. 7 pm
11 Sad Anniversary of 9-11-2001
Square Deal Homeowners 6:30 pm
Sub Vets 6:30 pm
13 Pig Roast 2:00 - 6:00 pm
18 VVA & AVA Mtg 7 pm
19 POW/MIA Remberance Ceremony 6:00 pm

Always check the website for upcoming events and or cancellations!

A little bit of History
2 September 1945

President Truman appointed MacArthur to head the Allied occupation of Japan as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. For the site of Japan's formal surrender, Truman chose the USS *Missouri,* a battleship that had seen considerable action in the Pacific and was named after Truman's native state. MacArthur, instructed to preside over the surrender, held off the ceremony until September 2 in order to allow time for representatives of all the major Allied powers to arrive.
On Sunday, September 2, more than 250 Allied warships lay at anchor in Tokyo Bay. The flags of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, and China fluttered above the deck of the *Missouri*. Just after 9 a.m. Tokyo time, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signed on behalf of the Japanese government. General Yoshijiro Umezu then signed for the Japanese armed forces, and his aides wept as he made his signature Supreme Commander MacArthur next signed on behalf of the United Nations, declaring, "It is my earnest hope and the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past." Ten more signatures were made, by the United States, China, Britain, the USSR, Australia, Canada, France, the Netherlands, and New Zealand, respectively. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz signed for the United States. As the 20-minute ceremony ended, the sun burst through low-hanging clouds. The most devastating war in human history was over.

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LET US REMEMBER

Joe Irons, our Past Post1700 Cmdr wants to know if there are any of you, our , GFJ Post 1700 Family members who fly the POW/MIA flag at home and if so, please call POST 1700 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIM & give your name & address and he will contact you in time for you to be present at our the POW/MIA Ceremony at 6 pm. He will be honoring those with the American Legion's POW/MIA Certificates to those who sent in their names.