



We Are What We Do

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NEWSLETTER

New Commander: Zoltan Horvath

Post Officer Elections for 2007~2008 were held in June and installation of Officers was conducted by Past County Commander Robert Talbot on July 3rd. The only new officer is the commander.

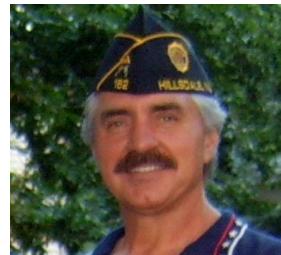
Commander Horvath began by canceling the August 'Regular' meeting (this is historically done). He then commended George DeRosa on his excellent job as commander and committed himself to doing as well.

Zoltan began the July 24 'Agenda/Exec' meeting with: "I look forward to everyone's comments, suggestions and recommendations" and presented a comprehensive plan for the upcoming year to include:

Post uniforms and members compliance, Uniforms for color guard, Uniforms for Honor representatives.

Fund raising & revenue generation:

Donation containers, Web site advertising, Newsletter advertising,



Book sale, Town solicitations, Hut rental, Flag sale, Donation solicitation on our web site, Garage/ yard sale.

Hut improvement:

New kitchen, Handicap ramp, Decoration to increase ambiance, Decorative fire place, Office area, Memorabilia display, Storage area, Light fixtures [continued on Page 2]

** Past Commander George DeRosa **

Many Thankyous to our outgoing commander for the many programs he started and those he continued to support and improve during his 2 year reign!!!

Leading us to Rebuild and Rededication after the fire!

Recliner chairs at Veterans Home, Continuously increasing membership, Bingo cards for Vets, Luncheon for Legionnaire's widows & Gold Star Mothers, Operation Paperback books, Gift boxes to armed forces, 50/50 raffle, Town

solicitations, Increasing Poppy Drive, Uniform legion shirts, Blue Star Banners, Trips & Tours, Memorial Day and Veterans Day Programs, Dignified Flag Disposal, Bingo for Vets, Etc. AND being a **Good Administrator.**

DATES

BINGO:

- Thursday, September 6th '07,
- Thursday, October 4th,
- Monday, November 19th,
- Thursday, December 6th,
- Monday, January 7th '08,
- Thursday, February 7th,
- Monday, March 3rd,
- Thursday, April 3rd,
- Monday, May 5th,
- Thursday, June 5th,
- Monday, July 7th.

6:45 PM at Paramus Veterans Home Ending by 8:15. We need about a dozen legionnaires to help run each evening, come on over, it's FUN!

Agenda Meeting: WED 29 AUG
Regular Meeting: WED. 5 SEPT

2008

'Early Bird' Registrations

DUE



2008 Membership Off To A Great Start!

Mike reports on membership stating that with the PUFL members we now have over 65% paid members for 2008 including the 2 transfers of Papa & Toler for a total of 108 paid members in the first month of re-registrations!!!.

It is the desire of the Membership committee to reach 110% of last years numbers...the minimum goal is 100 %. Membership is the responsibility of all members...whom can you recommend today ? Give us their name and telephone number...we will follow up...call

Mike at 201-406-2290. Thank you. We have three new members , Albert Papa (L. Loefler), Greg Toler (M. Gela), and Visnu Gonzalez (Z. Horvath).

Your Post just paid the membership dues of 19 active duty members: D. Bogart, J. Bogle, B. Bordo, F. Bordo, D.

Butler, M. Collier, S. Decaro, C. Famoso, G. Ford, G. Gallagher, D. Germakian, J. Heller, D. Heyliger, T. Lagatol, K. Maalouf, C. Petruzzello, E. Post, T. Sapanara and S. Werner.

MIKE GELA,
Membership Chair,
GEORGE DEROSA,
Membership Committee

Commander's agenda, continued.

upgrade (as proposed by George Kritzler), Bathroom Venting?
Increasing our public presence: Listing on town web site, Listing on chamber of commerce web site, American Legion signs in Memorial park & direction signs in key locations, Uniform advertising on town youth sports teams (as sponsor), Open house.

Inducting new members: Mathew Abraham, Visnu Gonzalez, Albert Papa, Greg Toler. **Award, certificate and thank you presentations:** Robert

Hewitt, Steve Moshac.
Veterans home projects: Bingo, Party, Entertainment, Gifts. **Veterans outreach and aid programs:** Present new computer to Visnu, Letters and packages to active and over seas members, **New Post 162 member recruiting**

program.
Post 162 entertainment and fun activities: Holiday parties, Trips and tours, B.B.Q, Musical entertainment nights, Family movie nights, Pot luck dinner nights.
Americanism.
Committee assignments and reassign-

ments.
Work distribution for general hut maintenance and operation.
Replacement of Hut rental responsibilities (Vincent McCarthy stepping down in September)
Other issues, projects and/or suggestions ?

Our 2nd Annual 50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle drawn on 07/07/07 went well. We would like to thank all the members that helped to sell the raffle tickets and the members that purchased tickets for themselves. The first prize (last ticket) of \$1,500.00 went to Peter

Lake (son of Charlie Lake, one of our members), second prize (next to last) of \$900.00 went to John Oberg and third prize (third to last) of \$600.00 to Lee Meyers. There were also a dozen consolation prizes for the first ticket and every

25th ticket drawn, they were an A/L 'coffee' mug or a bottle of champagne. There were 300 tickets offered at \$20.00 each. If you didn't get one, watch for next years sale. Thanks Mike for another success story!!!

\$\$\$\$ Donations and Award ****

A Computer was donated to the Post by Joyce and Steve Moshac for use by the post. THANK YOU, it will be put to good use to bring us into the 21st century.

A donation of matching funds was made by Bob Hewitt for the book sale. THANK YOU.

Anonymous benefactors:

A generous cash donation. to support the many charitable activities the Post does was THANKFULLY received.

The cost of the newly ordered Post 162 'parade and function' banner was underwritten by a member, THANK YOU!

The Bergen County 'Legionnaire-of-the-Year for 2007 was presented by Bergen County Vice Commander Bob Talbot to Richard Curran. The 'traveling' plaque was presented to the Post 162 Commander to hold for the year. This is the second time Post 162 has held it—George DeRosa was the recipient in 2004.

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PUFL = Paid Up For Life- Is it for you, now?

This is to inform you and urge you to consider PUFL.

Especially if you are at a age of a multiple of 5 years old I.E.:50, 55, 60, 65, 70, etc. This is because the cost decreases every 5 years (if you are 59, wait till you turn 60.

You pay once or monthly amounts over a year.

The cost is based on your Post Dues and your age.

You never get a bill again, you never pay again.

You are PUFL !!

What does it cost:

1 -Post 162 dues are \$30.

2 -Check the chart for your age, that is what you pay!

3 -Ask our Adjutant or Dept of NJ or Download from National—the application to become PUFL.

4 - Fill out the form and send a check (full amount or partial) to National.

5 -You will receive your permanent PUFL card after full payment.

Rate Chart for \$30 dues.

Age:	One time Cost:
85 & +	\$175
80 ~ 84	\$217
75 ~ 79	\$278
70 ~ 74	\$348
65 ~ 69	\$422
60 ~ 64	\$501
55 ~ 59	\$582
50 ~ 54	\$662

Future Dues raises NEVER affect you!



Vishnu Gonzalez (holding his laptop) with Past Commander George DeRosa on left and Commander Zoltan Horvath at presentation ceremony.

General Leonard E. Wood, American Legion Post 162, Hillsdale recognized Iraq War Hero Marine Corporal Vishnu Gonzalez prior to an agenda meeting last night by presenting him with a state-of-the-art Dell Laptop Computer, including a 19 inch monitor screen.

Gonzalez, a U.S citizen who grew up in the Dominican Republic, spent some of his carefree summers with an uncle in Hillsdale, even working in the local ShopRite.

Homes for Our Troops, a non-profit organization, is attempting to construct a custom home at no cost for Gon-

zalez, who was wounded in the fighting in Fallujah, Iraq a little over three years ago. In the meantime when Post 162 heard of his plight, Commander Zoltan Horvath and Past Commander George DeRosa felt the need to do something immediate for him so they arranged a meeting with Gonzalez, Maria Baez (his mother) and Haydee Dominguez (his aunt), to ask him what he needed.

He indicated that he would like to go to school and major in Computer Science. As a result of that meeting Post 162 decided on the Dell lap-top. At the presentation he was so excited that he tested it out right on the spot and it got a thumbs up!

The Legion Post will also make Gonzalez a PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) member of Post 162.



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