



# We Are What We Do

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## NEWSLETTER

### Commander Zoltan Horvath's column

The American Legion was founded in 1919 with the primary mission, "to take care of veterans". We Are reminded of this every time we recite The American Legion preamble and say, "To consecrate And sanctify our comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness".

**"\*Participation\*"**! Is not just a word but a way of life and an American Legion credo.

Proudly, Post #162 can boast of its long history of accomplishments - we have over 160 members and we are progressively getting bigger and better. We thank the diligent and hard work of those past and present officers and members whose dedicated participation has made this possible.

Yet, of the 160 plus members, it seems to be always the same few who do the brunt of the work and exemplify the meaning of "Participation", a few living up to and carrying out our missions and goals, the same few who show interest by attending our general meetings, the same few who help in our fund raising efforts that are so vital to our existence and our ability to help our needy and wanting veterans. Yes, we are all busy with our day to day lives, jobs and responsibilities, but we are also proud to be American Legion members and truly believe in the primary mission: "to take care of veterans" (each other) and is in fact the primary reason we joined the American Legion, "Our Credo" – has guided our actions in fulfilling our sworn responsibilities to our fellow veterans. We are all old enough to remember a famous quote: Ask not what your country can do for you. But, what you can do for your country. I pose the same question to you: what can you do for the betterment and aid to the American veterans and the post we represent?

Our post quote is: "We are what we do" and thus: It is not enough just to be a card carrying member! We need ACTIVE support from you

and every able bodied Legionnaire! You can help, even if you do JUST ONE THING this year.



1. Bring in Just one new member this coming year (if you don't ask -they wont come)
2. Devote a day to the poppy drive and other fund raising efforts
3. Help out at the post with clean up and maintenance
4. Devote a day as hut rental supervisor and overseer
5. Attend and participate in our public showings and events such as parades, flag burning's, shows of solidarity etc.
6. Attend our Post 162 general meetings
7. Help at bingo at the veterans home
8. Up! The Legion and post every chance you get
9. Pay your dues on time
10. Help with gift packages and books for the troops
11. Help with book sales at the library
12. Continually ask our own members and other veterans how we may be of aid and comfort to them.

In the next few weeks I, or one of our Legionnaires, will call you to see how you are and ask you for which one of these items you can volunteer! Thank you in advance for your help and support. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your suggestions and or recommendations at our next general meeting on September 5, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. At the Hut.

In life it is always better to choose than to be chosen. Zoltan Horvath Commander

### DATES

#### Regular Meeting:

(First Wednesdays)

Wed 5 Sept, 7:30pm

#### Agenda Meeting:

(Last Wednesdays)

Wed 26 Sept, 7:30pm

#### BINGO Dates:

- Thursday, Sept 6th '07,
- Thursday, October 4th,
- Monday, November 19th,
- Thursday, December 6th,

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!

### SPECIAL EVENT:

### POOL PARTY!

Sunday 16 Sept  
see page 3 for  
DETAILS

# 2008

## Membership DUE

## 2008 Membership

77 % as of August 27th. We have a total of 128 paid members so we ask the 23% of members that have not paid their dues to please do so as soon as possible.

**We thank all our members for their support.**

Please send the \$30.00 check, payable to "American Legion Post 162" to American Legion, P.O. Box 162, Hillsdale NJ 07642.

THANK YOU

Your 2008 membership card will be sent by return mail and your tenure in The American Legion will be retained.

To the six of you who did not pay for 2007— Please send \$60.00 to retain tenure or \$30 to start over.

MIKE GELA,  
Membership Chair,  
GEORGE DEROSA,  
Membership Committee

## MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

TO: Marie Hanlon for a generous donation to the Kitchen refurbishment!

TO: Elmo Hansen for a large donation to the "Hut"

TO: Vincent McCarthy for past hut rental responsibilities he handled so well!  
(We need a new Chairman)

TO: Joe Barret for all he has done in his short time here & have a Great Life in Ohio!

Legionaries, a sad time has come to one of our members. Phil Langer's son, Kevin Langer, has passed on after a courageous struggle with his long term illness. As comrades and friends we showed our sympathy and goodwill to Phil by 20 of us assembling to pay our respects at the Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, August the 28th At Phil's request: In leu of flowers please send donations to his Elks lodge.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Mathew Abraham, Visnu Gonzalez,  
Albert Papa, Gregory Toler

## Commander's Notices & Comments on 9-11

Commander Zoltan Horvath, of General Leonard E. Wood American Legion Post 162 Hillsdale, is encouraging all Americans to join our legionnaires in a **FLY THE FLAG** campaign on Tuesday, September 11th, 2007. Commander Horvath is suggesting that an American flag be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it his or her duty to display an American flag on this anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In Hillsdale Horvath reported that besides flying the flag that day there is also a **"silent tribute"** conducted at the south side of Veterans Park along Hillsdale Avenue in the center of town by the Fire Department and other EMS personnel to remember the Twin Towers being hit. All Legionnaires are invited to join this row in legion uniform. Meet at the Fire House by 8:30 AM. Observance starts at 8:36 (when 1st plane hit) till 9:02 AM (when 2nd plane hit).

Later at 7:30 p.m. there will be a candlelight service in the Veterans Park near the gazebo. Rich Curran, Boy Scout Commissioner and Post 162 Adjutant noted there will be "No speeches - only **moments of silence and candle lighting for each of the 6 tragic events of that morning.** Bring a candle, reflect on the memory of those events and remain to recall privately or with friends & neighbors the lives affected by that attack."

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

"Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11, and join in the other observances if you are able," Horvath concluded. If you'd like more information about these events, the Legion, or if you have a need for help with service related problems call 201-664-2884 or e-mail: [commander@americanlegionpost162.org](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost162.org).

## Family Picnic & Swim Day - Sunday - Sept 16 - NOON till 6 PM

**WHAT: First Annual Post 162 Picnic ...** FOOD, FUN, SWIM (food to be catered.)

**WHERE:** Stonybrook Swim Club, Cedar Lane, corner of Piermont Road, Hillsdale, N J

**WHO:** All Legion members together with their spouses, children, grandchildren, **and guests.**

**WHY:** To foster more camaraderie among our senior members, younger members and their families.

**COST: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per Child under 12 & over 4.**

**BRING: BYOBeverages (beer & wine OK); Bathing Suits & Towel**

**CONTACT:** Legionnaires Louisa & Fernando Toledo to register head count:  
 Phone (H) 201-666-4405, (C) 201-421-5455,  
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This area could hold your 'Letter-To-The-Editor'

Or your committee report

Or your advertizement

## Corrections & Omissions

- The commander's address should have 2 m's:

Zoltan Horvath                      [commander@americanlegionpost162.org](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost162.org)                      201-679-6666

- Our Publicity Chair & Membership entries overflowed the space, Sorry:

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### Adjutant's Notes:

I would like to have the e-mail addresses of everyone who has one. This would be used to send this 'Newsletter' IN COLOR as a .PDF file.

We would like to include on our website the military bio. and an old service photo to show who we were and what we did for our country! E-mail the info or mail to the (address on back page).

Visit our web site

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often for current news such as:

Plans for Hut improvement like:

New Kitchen , New Office , New Fire place.

Post 162 public awareness things To do:

Street signs directing people to the 'Hut';

Our listing in Town and community web sites ; Hut Rental publicity  
 Town program participation such as:

**Hillsdale Town Day**  
 ~ Saturday 15th September,  
 1 PM to 5 PM ~  
 at Beechwood Park, Hillsdlae Ave  
 Please help 'man' our booth where we offer to sell U S Flags

And hand out information.

Did you read the "New Jersey Legionnaire", August 2007, page 8: "A New Way To Save On Prescriptions"? If you are not on a Medicare Plan 'D' this may help. If on Plan 'D' look into getting the 20% discount card on ALL other purchases.

Some interesting facts on who is a POST 162 LEGIONNAIRE

106 in Hillsdale (35 come to meetings)  
 If you need a ride just ASK.

Elsewhere in New Jersey:  
 9 in Westwood; 7 in Wash. Twp; 5 in Old Tappan; 4 in RiverVale; 4 in Park Ridge; 3 in Woodcliff Lake;  
 1 each in: Emerson, Montvale, Northvale, Oradell, Paramus, Ringwood & Saddle River.

Out-of-State:

VA=5; FL=3; NY =2, NC=2; 1 each: CA,DE,NV,RI,TN,VT,WA

# Invitation from Scott Garrett, Member of Congress, NJ

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be hosting a Veterans Expo at the Paramus Veterans Home from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for area veterans and their families to come gather information on programs and benefits available to our nation's veterans. I have invited representatives from a wide variety of agencies and organizations that serve our nation's heroes. You will be able to:

-Learn more about health and other benefits available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, - Get glaucoma and blood pressure screenings, - Talk to representatives about Social Security and Medicare, - Meet other local veterans and find out about local veterans service organizations, - Get involved with efforts to help local military families with loved ones in Iraq, and—Find out more about the Paramus Veterans Home.

If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a veteran, I hope that you will be able to join me and my staff at the Expo on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to spread the word to other veterans you know as well.



‘Three O'clock Club’ —NEWS RELEASE - by Chairman Vince McCarthy

Come join us (at the ‘Hut’) on Friday’s for: Snacks  
fine spirits and Great Conversations from ‘A to Z’,  
You Won’t believe how much fun we have!



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