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**THIS NEWSLETTER IS
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WHOSE DEDICATION
TO SERVICE AND THE
GENERAL PUBLIC
MADE CLEAR WHO
THE GOOD GUYS ARE.**



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As your Commander for another term, I am looking forward to another exciting year at the Post. But first I would like to thank Unit 281 President **Leslie O'Neill** for once again serving another term, and our new SAL Commander **Skip Lowe**. I wish them both the best in the coming year. I know that the three of us will work hard to support our Legion Family, one that you will all be proud of.

I would like to welcome this year's officers, a dedicated group of Legionnaires who will work hard to continue to make Post 281 one of the best in the state:

Ken Bausinger- Sr. Vice Cdr.
Bob Chorobski- Jr. Vice Cdr.
Bill Holmes- Financial Officer
Charlie Donohue, Sr.- Adjutant
Chip Roach- Judge Advocate
Jim Russ- Sergeant-at-Arms
Frank Carroll- Historian
Lou Heck- Chaplain
Jerry McAllister- Service Officer
Jim Barrett, Al O'Neil, Ed Kehoe, Tom Wister- Executive Committee.

We have just finished our busiest, yet most rewarding season for our Legion Family. From the Triton HS Memorial Day service (honoring its students who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam) to our Memorial Day ceremonies (honoring all our fallen comrades), to the county Locustwood Memorial Day ceremony, to the Department Convention in Wildwood, and finally to our flag disposal ceremony, our Legion Family was proudly represented. It was especially rewarding to see that the people in this community recognized that our flag should be disposed of honorably and not just thrown into the trash. Thanks to our flag disposal box (an old US mailbox) in front of our Post, the number of flags that we received for proper disposal tripled this year.

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Post during this time, your dedication and tireless support has done the Post proud once again. I am especially proud of the Honor Guard, who as always gave their all and whose faces you will see supporting every Post event. Our Honor Guard is recognized throughout the community and South Jersey as one of the best and most professional and is held in very high regard.



It is important to remember that during this time, our service and dedication to the community does not go unrecognized. We are truly viewed as an asset to the community.

Although our busy season is over, remember that the Post is planning quite a few events during the summer. Please visit the canteen, our website and this newsletter to find out what's planned. But remember that you are welcome anytime at the Post. Relax with your friends and watch a ballgame or play some pool.

Once again I am setting up our annual trips to a Phillies game and a fishing excursion out of Sea Isle City. Tickets are limited, so sign up soon. The costs include transportation and refreshments. Please stop at the Post and sign up, or call for the following dates:

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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- 1) Phils vs. Mets— Tuesday Aug. 15. Leaving Post at 6 PM. Est. cost- \$30-35; need \$15 deposit by July 23.
- 2) Fishing Trip— Friday, Sept. 22. Leaving Post at 6:30 AM. Est. cost- \$80; need \$25 deposit by Aug. 18.

While enjoying your summer, please take a moment and remember that we still have men and women serving our country. Please offer a prayer for their safe return to family and friends.

The 2007 membership drive will be starting shortly. Give your Sr. Vice Commander a break, be an early bird. Please renew your membership as soon as you get your renewal notice. Our Legion is only as strong as its membership, so please try to recruit a new member.

With your help, it is my goal this year to continue to help Post 281 and the Legion Family grow and to continue its reputation as a strong and viable Post. But I also aim to make it more of a fun place for our Legion Family to come to. Post 281 is always looking for new activities. I am asking you to come up with some new and fresh ideas to make our Post a more fun and exciting place, preferably in the canteen. Please contact me at our website (on masthead) if you have any suggestions. Have a great summer.

For God and Country,

FRAN McGOVERN
COMMANDER

POST 281 NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

In January, 2006, Comcast installed a broadband connection with cable modem to the Post computer. The Post now has internet access with our primary e-mail address as njpost281@comcast.net. Yet of the 1,153 family members in our database, our records indicate that we only have 136 e-mail addresses, which represents only about 8% of our membership. According to a recent Nielsen/NetRating survey, nearly 77% of US households have interact access at home, and nearly 58% of those enjoy a high-speed connection with the remaining 42% still using dial-up connectivity. It is predicted that broadband adoption will reach about 84% of on-line US households (70 million households) by 2010.

It is understandable that our Post's use of the internet and e-mail would be lower than the national average since the majority of our members is made up of WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans, but I personally believe the percentages given are erroneous. I'm positive that many more members have e-mail addresses than is currently reflected in our database. So this is an appeal to all of you who have an e-mail address to send us an e-mail at njpost281@comcast.net so that we may add your e-mail address to our database. It's imperative that the Post utilize

current technology in order for us to communicate in a timely manner with our membership. Wouldn't it be great to be able to receive instant notification that we are having crabs and shrimp on a particular Friday; or perhaps we unexpectedly get a bunch of tickets to an Eagles game? With e-mail, you could respond instantly to our sometimes flexible schedule. Sending our Newsletter and other Post literature via e-mail would eliminate the costly labels, stamps and time required to send that material via the US Post Office (aka "snailmail").

Many of you may not know that Stetser-Lamartine Post 281 won first place in the annual National American Legion Best Websites Award contest for 2006 and is again in contention for the same award this year. Our URL is: <http://njlegionpost281.org>. Take a look at the site. It's a tremendous honor for Gloucester Twp.'s Post 281 and for its webmaster, **Carolyn Bausinger**, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 281.

If any one of you don't have computer access and still wish to see the website, just step in the Post and ask to be shown the site on the Post's computer. In the meantime, please don't forget— if you do have an e-mail address, please send us an e-mail and get your e-mail address in our database.

Thanks.

FRAN McGOVERN

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION

The Courier-Post newspaper believes in the education of our local children and that is why it developed its Newspapers In Education (NIE) program. NIE has a long and successful history, providing newspapers to students since 1930, although we at Post 281 have only been involved for a few years. Studies have shown that classrooms that participate in an NIE program score between 10-30% higher on standardized tests than other students.

Our Post sponsors the 3 township middle schools by providing newspapers for one class per school, one day a week. The teachers then work with the students,

building their lesson plans around the use of the newspaper.

The NIE program also sponsors *Student Voices*, a monthly contest for grades 7-12 students. Three winners are chosen in each grade in 2 separate categories: grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. The categories consist of essay, poster, cartoon and photo essay contests.

Please take the time to read the *Student Voices* section of the Courier. You will be amazed at some of the insight and maturity that is present in some of our local students. And remember that Post 281 is a proud sponsor of this progressive and inspirational program.

JERRY McALLISTER

Chairman

HONOR GUARD MARCHES ON

The Honor Guard of Stetser-Lamartine Post 281, despite dwindling ranks of physically capable and available members, continued to fulfill its obligations this Spring.

In addition to the less than desirable services provided for viewings and funerals, the guardsmen posted and retrieved colors at several important functions, such as the County Legion meeting held at our Post, our annual Awards Ceremony and the annual service at Locustwood Cemetery, where they provided the required firing squad duties. Before that,



they had convened a special meeting for rifle maintenance, changing blank adapters for more reliable firing.

Memorial Day services called out the troops again for firing squad details at many local cemeteries for "flagging." The next day, the men in black, white and gold visited several monuments in the Township to again provide services for the fallen.

The Honor Guard then teamed up with the Auxiliary and the SAL's for the annual parade at the Department Convention held in June in Wildwood.

The Honor Guard welcomes any able-bodied member or SAL who has the time to attend these activities. Honor Guard meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday each month in our Post hall at 7:30 PM. If you have the time and are interested in becoming a member of the best Honor Guard in South Jersey, please see either **Major Roach** or one of the officers.

KEN BAUSINGER

POST 281 HELPS LOCAL FIRE COMPANY

The "jaws of life" is a device that fire companies use to save lives. Thanks to a donation by Post 281, one local fire station stands better-equipped to help when a life is on the line.

On Friday, April 14, 2006, Post 281 presented to the Chews Landing Fire Company a new state-of-the-art jaws of life, which looks like a giant pair of shears. By all accounts they were ecstatic that they can now add this tool to their heavy rescue rig.

Fire Chief Joe Reichert stated that they already have an older "jaws of life" but now they have a more modern and versatile model to work with, one with stronger cutting

power. It can exert about 156,000 lbs. of pressure, significantly more than the older model. Reichert says the jaws are mainly used for car entrapment. They are also used in cases where a child may have his or her head caught in a railing, and that happens quite often, according to Reichert.

Typically, the Chews Landing Fire Co. is the first on the scene when there is an accident on State Rt. 42, which is a major artery linking Gloucester Twp. with Philadelphia. With a new jaws of life in service, they will be able to respond with a much better life-saving tool.

Post 281 began working to acquire the new tool for

the Fire Dept. about 3 months ago when we discovered the need, according to Commander **Fran McGovern**. It will better equip them to save lives and it is our way of giving back to the community. We donated \$5,500 for the entire cost. The Chews Landing Fire Co. answers in excess of 100 car entrapments a year, so it is money well spent. We have always been big supporters of the Fire, Police and EMT services in our area as well as our schools. Our donations and scholarships for last year range in the area of \$80,000, a fact that we are very proud of, according to **Cdr. McGovern**.

JERRY McALLISTER

STAND DOWN

Stand Down is an annual one-day event and this year it is to be held on Friday, Sep. 22, 2006 at the Cherry Hill Armory. It serves homeless veterans and their families. Federal, state, public and private support agencies offer a broad array of free services and assistance such as: VA benefit counseling; welfare; Social security; Food Stamps; counseling; legal services; addiction services; housing; medical; dental; employment; haircuts; clothing provisions; and a hot meal.

Volunteers are always needed in a specialized field as well as general help, which takes in clothing distribution, food services and veteran's escort which is what I am. **Roy Rever** and I have been volunteers for the past few years in that capacity and we will do it again this year. **Bill Crane** has been knocking on doors of some of the local retail stores to gather clothing and he is slated to help us out at the next Stand Down. This year, for the first time, we will have our own table set up so we can distribute items to the vets and their families. Our Auxiliary is already planning to assemble some items to distribute. If you would like to volunteer this year, please see me asap so I can get you registered. The Stand Down starts about 8AM and finishes between 3 and 4PM. Let me know by Aug. 15. Call me at 939-1461. Thanks.

JERRY McALLISTER

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR



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THE BAN ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES: THE DEMISE OF THE CIGARETTE

This past April— the 15th, income tax day, a day already deemed evil since the passage of the 16th Amendment—smoking in public places was outlawed in the state of New Jersey. While many non-smoking Jersey Folk greeted the law with applause and satisfaction, many others, folks like me who look at any law with a cynical eye, greeted the new law with suspicion. Oh yes, on one hand we're happy that our lungs will no longer be assaulted by second-hand smoke, but on the other hand, we are very leery about what other future bans our shifty-eyed, perpetually unwise lawmakers in Trenton have up their collective sleeve. I for one lump politicians with the scum of society. I have no apologies to make there. I do believe I have a lot of company...

Though I don't smoke anymore, I sure used to. Though many ex-smokers are sometimes the most adamant and crusading anti-smokers today, I'm not. Though I don't like second-hand smoke blown in my face, I do fear what bodes for us all in the future. A total ban on smoking? A return to alcohol prohibition? Outlawing McDonalds, Burger King and pizzerias because of the high fat content of their food? Don't laugh— an attempt was already made to ban Oreo Cookies back in 2003 when another "scion" of society, a lawyer named Stephen Joseph, unsuccessfully tried to sue Nabisco. Scary stuff. What will be next?

Though cigarette smoking has been proven to be disastrous to one's health, I can't

help but think of the culture of smoking also being a victim to all this banning mentality. Think of it. "Having a smoke" was a rite of passage to all of us, especially those over the age of 35. And anyone over the age of 40 has to have some memory of the cigarette commercials on television. We knew back in the '60s that smoking was bad for you but we figured that if they advertised them on TV, how bad could they really be?

Those TV cigarette commercials with their slogans and jingles were truly some of the best the Madison Avenue advertisers ever conjured up. I will forever have im-



printed in my memory (at least I hope it's a long time) slogans such as "I'd walk a mile for a Camel." Well, when I was 13 I only had to walk two city blocks in East Camden to the M&H to buy my first pack of Camels, the first ones I ever smoked. I took them into my bedroom and smoked one— I actually liked it and didn't cough like the typical rookie did. It was all part of growing up at that time, something we all did. Like smoking in the boys lavatory at high school, getting caught, then serving detention. A sign of the times today is that now when a student is caught smoking a

measly old cigarette, the cops are called and the kid is arrested. No fooling. I'm a teacher, and I'd seen it happen. That's going a bit too far if you ask me. But no one asked me, or the rest of us— only the "wise" old lawmakers were consulted.

To prove how our society has changed for the worst, in its attempt to become a virtual utopia at the expense of our already endangered freedoms, consider that when the cartoon series *The Flintstones* debuted in 1960, the show was sponsored by Winston cigarettes. For the first 2 years, there were scenes at the end of the show that showed Fred and Barney and also Fred and Wilma, lighting up. Now granted, that may not have been an appropriate thing to show in a cartoon, but *The Flintstones* was actually a show designed for adults too. Can you imagine a scene like that on television today? No way.

I am not in favor of cigarette advertising on television by the way, but I am just contrasting the mentality of the past with today. The 1960s, no doubt, was the golden age of cigarette advertising before the ban finally came on Jan. 2, 1971.

We all remember the cigarettes and the image each brand had— the macho cowboy outdoorsman wannabe smoked Marlboros. The rugged loner smoked Camels. The feminists smoked Virginia Slims.

CIGARETTES

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The daredevils all smoked Camel non-filters and Chesterfields. The smooth dudes smoked Kools and the sophisticates smoked Salems. The thrifty and cheap smoked cigarettes that offered redeemable coupons found on the back of Raleighs and Bel-Airs. The list goes on and on.

Back then we didn't know what gave cigarettes their different flavors. Nor did we care. Now we know that very deadly and poisonous additives and chemicals are added that are enough to keep one off cigarettes forever, if one really did his homework.

Sadly, the dangers of second-hand smoke were not yet studied and even considered. Most of us who smoked at one time had parents who smoked. Sometimes the second-hand smoke smelled fragrant, sometimes it did bug you a bit but unfortunately, it was always deadly and we weren't even aware of it. In the meantime, the cigarette advertisers still sold their deadly wares in pursuit of the almighty buck.

Watching our parents or other adults smoke made us want to be "grown up" and we imitated those adults in so many ways. For those who remember the days of penny candy, they even sold candy cigarettes, for pete's sake. The white candy, made out of a substance I still can't identify, even had a fiery red end to simulate the lit end of a

cigarette. Yes, the brain-washing came early to us all.

Then, as soon as we felt like we were almost adults, we smoked— in school, at the bus stop, in our bedrooms. In the 1950s, '60s and '70s, nearly everybody did it. You weren't "cool" if you didn't smoke.

Hollywood and Madison Avenue advertisers tried their best to make cigarette smoking seem glamorous. Bette Davis was often photographed with a dangling cigarette and for guys like Humphrey Bogart and John Wayne, a cigarette seemed to be a permanent part of their facial anatomy. Geez, even after John Wayne lost a lung to cancer, he still puffed away. And who can forget the ultra-cool Clint Eastwood, the "man with no name" in all of those spaghetti westerns? He always seemed to have a cheroot-like cigar dangling from his lips, especially when he squinted his eyes, contemplating where he would shoot the next bad guy.

When the US Surgeon General issued a report on the hazards and dangers of smoking in 1964, warning labels were put on cigarette packages for the first time. But still, the phrase "second-hand smoke" was not yet a part of our vocabulary. And even so, cigarette advertising was still going strong on TV.

Going back to the days of "rolling your own" was even advertised when the

"Laredo Cigarette-Making Machine" debuted in 1970. Remember them? Of course one could always substitute other types of natural ingredients instead of tobacco. I'm sure many folks did...

Once cigarette advertising on TV was outlawed in 1971, advertising in the printed media and on billboards was still legal, still a big part of the American culture. But it wasn't quite the same. Restaurants now had smoking and non-smoking sections and anti-smoking campaigns, from various sources, were now a very common part of our culture. And finally, studies were conducted on the dangers of second-hand smoke. And the findings were not good.

It was now apparent that all aspects of tobacco usage was deadly, even when it was chewed, as oral cancer rates skyrocketed. But some people still smoke, in spite of all the dangers. Yes, the old Tareyton slogan of "I'd rather fight than switch" could now be twisted to "I'd rather die than quit."

Yes, cigarette smoking is certainly deadly and the progression of its demise should not be lamented. But the slow death of the cigarette culture and its impact on our lives, for good or bad, should not be forgotten. It's part of our past. It's part of the American culture. But clean air sure is good!

TOM LOWE Editor

TAPS



**James Conway
Peter Lisun
Michael Massa
Arthur Neild
Matthew Pomianek
George Zumpf**

UPCOMING POST 281 EVENTS

**PHILS GAME
AUG. 15 at 6 PM**

**FISHING
TRIP
SEPT. 22 at
6:30 AM**

**CRABS &
SHRIMP
EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER 4 PM
THIS SUMMER**



**EVERY
THURSDAY
IN SUMMER:
DART LEAGUE
NIGHT. 7:45**



**SEPTEMBER 11,
2001**

Fatalities:

World Trade Center:

Towers– 2,595

Flight 11– 92

Flight 175– 65

Pentagon:

Building– 125

Flight 77– 64

Shanksville, PA:

Flight 93– 44

Total Deaths: 2,985

**The Reaction From
President Bush:**

***“America Will Never
Run... And We Will
Always Be Grateful
That Liberty Has Found
Such Brave Defenders.”***

***“If America Shows
Weakness And
Uncertainty, the World
Will Drift Toward
Tragedy. That Will Not
Happen On My Watch.”***

***“We Will Not Tire,
We Will Not Falter,
We Will Not Fail.”***

THE BRAVE NYPD & NYFD

Every day when we go to work, most of us clock in to begin another mundane and run-of-the-mill routine that usually doesn't entail putting our lives on the line. Sure, postal workers and teachers put their lives on the line at times, but deaths are in reality few and far between. But imagine being a cop or fire firefighter in New York City, and reporting to work the morning of September 11, 2001. In a job that was already high-risk, the risks were about to increase exponentially. The World Trade Center was about to be attacked.

At 8:46 AM, the first hijacked jet, American Airlines Flight 11, crashed into the north side of the north tower of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. All hell broke loose. Trapped in floors above the crash site were hundreds of people who just reported to work. There was already little hope for many of them, but the New York City Fire Dept. and the New York City Police Dept. responded promptly.

It didn't take long until news crews from all the major networks were on hand to train their cameras on the burning structure. Then, incredibly, on live TV, the south tower of the World Trade Center was seen hit by United Airlines Flight 175 at 9:03 AM. When the first tower was hit, it wasn't clear why the jet crashed. Was it an accident? Was it terrorism? But the second crash made it obvious just what it was.

But that wasn't all. In Alexandria, VA, another jet, American Airlines Flight 77, crashed into the Pentagon at 9:37 AM. Lastly, American Airlines Flight 93 crashed into a field in southwestern Pennsylvania at 10:03 AM, right outside of Shanksville.

No one aboard all 4 hijacked planes survived. It was quite apparent that as for Flight 93, irate passengers tried to wrest control of the plane from the terrorists, resulting in the plane crashing many miles off target. It was probably headed towards Washington, DC.

In all, 19 radical Muslim terrorists hijacked 4 aircraft, resulting in the deaths of 265 people, most of them innocent passengers.

Eventually, both twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed. A total of 2,595 people were killed at the Twin Towers (not including the hijacked airline passengers), most of them innocent people who just went to work as they did every weekday morning. But about 400 of those killed at the World Trade Center were people who were not initially in harm's way. These were the police and firefighters who were simply doing their jobs, becoming additional victims of the worst terrorist attack in US history. These were the brave men and women of the NYFD and NYPD.

The events and images of 9/11 will forever be etched into our memories, thanks to television and radio. The day is reminiscent of other tragedies in our lives, such as the assassination of JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the sense that we will never forget where we were that day and how we found out about the unfolding tragedy. We all know what happened that day and who was responsible. But what many of us may not have considered are the sacrifices so many people made that day in lower Manhattan as smoke and debris billowed across the sky.

Immediately after the first tower was hit, local Fire and Police departments rushed to the scene. Decisions were made and volunteers were asked to ascend the stairways of the burning tower as workers who were able to, descended the stairs past them. But there were hundreds of people trapped above. Later, after the second twin tower was struck, the scenario replayed itself nearby as firefighters and police ascended its stairways too. They were able to save hundreds of people. But when both towers collapsed, 400 brave men and women of New York City's finest firefighters and police, were killed.

When we were all young and innocent and planning for our futures, most of us chose relatively safe jobs. But there are many who chose to put themselves in jeopardy when they opted to be firefighters and police. Being a cop or firefighter in a 1-horse town in Idaho is one thing— being one in New York City and any other big American city is another. I take my hat off to the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice that day, people who had not just lost their precious lives but who left their families behind. The NYFD and NYPD did their jobs that fateful day. **TOM LOWE**

CANTEEN & BAR

For all of you who haven't been to the Post bar recently, we are now smoke-free, but if smoking is still your thing, we have a canopy and chairs outside so you can legally smoke in comfort.

We have light lunches available at a very reasonable price for all you mid-day visitors, including Tombstone personal pizzas and a full line of snacks. Crabs and shrimp are available every Friday after 4 PM and other seafood specials throughout the rest of the summer which will be posted on the blackboard at the bar.

Our expert bar staff is skilled at concocting mixed drinks, old and new, including the newest martini craze. Margaritas are back, so get come on in, relax with your favorite drink and listen to our awesome jukebox. The bar is open 7 days a week at 11 AM, except 1 PM on Sunday. Hope to see you soon.

RON, GLENN & CHARLIE
Bar Chairs

THE ADMIRAL & THE CHIEF

In the past few weeks, 2 legends at Post 281, both old sailors, have packed their sea bags one last time to sail that vast blue ocean in the sky. These 2 old tars would be **Art Neild** and **Jim Conway**.

Both **Art** and **Jim** were lifers. **Art** started out as an enlisted man but retired as an officer. No, he didn't get as far as "Admiral" but that became his nickname. His combined intelligence, know-how and energy were enough to pull him through the ranks very quickly. He attended Damage Control and Boilerman Schools in his enlisted days and retired as a Lieutenant-Commander after 25 years of active service. He at different times served as Ship's Engineer, Executive Officer and Ship's Captain.

Oh yes, "the Admiral" had been around the block a few times— let's make that "the world!" He was a World War II veteran.

Art could hold a conversation for hours on end, even in his last years. He was always very interesting to talk to, but he did have a way of steering the conversation. That's only because he was just so intelligent. **Art** was a "piece of work" as they say, but always in a good way. He died at the age of 83.

Jim Conway was a retired GMGC or Chief Gunner's Mate. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Jim had a growling kind of delivery in his voice but was truly one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. He had a great sense of humor and though he

3rd ANNUAL POST 281 MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 23, 2006
\$20

Meet at Post at 4 PM. Open Bar and Snacks until 6. At 4 PM we will pick 2-person teams. Don't worry guys, you will not be stuck with your wife or girlfriend— you'll be stuck with somebody else's wife or girlfriend. Singles welcome!

6:00– 7:30 PM– The tournament- 18 holes of golf at the Little Pond Golf Center on Chews Landing Rd.

After the round— back to the Post for 2 more hours of open bar, food, awards and prizes. Good times to be had by all, so come on girls, beat that husband who didn't want you as a partner, and all this for a measly \$20!!!

Sign up now! Limited spots! See **RON** or **CHARLIE** for more details. Call 232-8844.

500 CLUB

Please support the next round of the 500 Club. It is one of our main fundraisers and it helps fund Post improvements. The next round begins in October.

DICK MAYLAND



LET'S WELCOME POST 281's NEW MEMBERS

Charles Barletti
Sarah Carroll
Gerald Carter
Shane Daly
Kenneth Hall
Regina Kelley
Sean McBride
Vincent Mento
Jack Reader
Anthony Santanello
Gerald Straub, Sr.
Richard Teter
Daniel West



had an unorthodox way of getting things done (and said), he still got it done.

Jim was generous and though rough around the edges, always gave credit where credit was due. He was an honest man.

Jim was Past Commander of Post 281 (1999-2000) and he had been suffering poor health for a number of years. His presence in the Post during that time was intermittent, and when he was absent for a while, things just didn't seem the same. They certainly won't be the same anymore, that's for sure. **Jim** died at 64.

The seas of the earth were once spiced with the presence of these two old salts but now they belong to the ages.

TOM LOWE

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, EST. 1919
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September 22*

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the food is great and the
camaraderie is too. And
the jukebox is awesome!
We have rock and roll,
easy listening, and some
good old country!
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country rock, heavy
metal and every other
conceivable type of
rock— but no rap. And
that sure is good...

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POST 281 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Functions Are at the Post Unless Otherwise Notated.

AUGUST 1	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
AUGUST 2	Regular American Legion Meeting 7:30 PM
AUGUST 9	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
AUGUST 15	Phillies Game vs. Mets; Group Trip. Leave Post 6:00 PM
AUGUST 16	Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM
AUGUST 30	Executive Board Meeting 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 5	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 6	Regular American Legion Meeting 7:30
SEPTEMBER 13	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 20	Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 22	Autumn Begins: Newsletter DEADLINE for Articles & Reports
SEPTEMBER 22	Fishing Trip 6:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 27	Executive Board Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 3	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 4	Regular American Legion Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 11	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 18	Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 25	Executive Board Meeting 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 31	Happy Halloween
NOVEMBER 1	Regular American Legion Meeting 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 7	SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 8	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM