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**Post No. 155 Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month – 1:00 PM
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 8:00 PM**

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Commander: Roland Frank

1st Vice Commander: Robert Holecek

2nd Vice Commander: Joel Meyers

3rd Vice Commander: Fred Tartaglione

Judge Advocate: Raul Jimenez-Cintron

Adjutant: Fred Tartaglione

Sergeant-at-Arms: Dominick Golio

Chaplain: Mark Herba

Historian: Robert Holecek

Finance Officer (Interim): Robert Holecek

Post Service Officer: Fred Tartaglione

Membership: Fred Tartaglione

Compliance Officer: Robert Holecek

Directors: Paul Attard, Tom Bissell, Raul Jimenez-Cintron, Michael Lewis, Ed Teller

TAPS – IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES

John A. Johansson, William Raymond Mytko (Bill), Frank J. Engelbert, Bill Boukias, Angel Chevrest Sr, Frank Torchaino

Ed Teller, Director: We need your help! American Legion Post 155 is facing some very crucial decisions over the next few months and we would like to hear the opinions of as many members as possible on a host of different topics. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, try to attend one and let your voice be heard and your vote be counted. As always, meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Finally, from my family to yours, we're wishing you good health, good fortune, and much happiness. Hope to see you soon!

Roland Frank, Commander: It seems like June was last week. Since I became commander in June, we have been very busy. We had our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, Ronkonkoma Street Fair, Memorial Day, Post 155 Annual Picnic, etc. I would like to thank everyone who helped in making these days special. Post 155 has taken some giant steps forward, but we have a long road ahead to get us back to where we need to be. I would also like to mention that we had our septic system inspection. The rest of 2022 has some more challenges for us, which I know we will meet. I have been under the weather fighting Covid for the last ten days, so I am going to keep this brief. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred and Bob for making my position a Commander easy, you are both an example of what an American Legionnaire should be. Let's all pitch in, because we have a lot to do for the rest of 2022 and for 2023. Again, thanks to all.

Fred Tartaglione, 3rd Vice Commander, Webmaster, Membership Chairman: As one of the newest members of the Post, I want to extend my deepest thanks to our membership for accepting me into your midst. I have experienced a warm and accepting atmosphere without conflict or prejudice. I hope other members who have stopped coming to the Post will take this as an affirmation that the officers and members of the Post are welcoming and non-combative. I would like to invite all the members of our Post to examine and explore our new website. You will find current information, events calendar, and coming attractions at the Post. The website is updated and reviewed weekly with the latest information added as soon as it is needed to inform the membership. The website address is: www.americanlegionwilliamhallockpost155.org. Please explore the website and email me with any suggestions or comments!! As a reminder to all members, to maintain our Post and keep your active status, your membership dues renewal is due every year. Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. For you to maintain you active status, you should pay your dues by December 31, 2022 for the year 2023 membership. If you are behind on your membership dues, please contact me at your earliest convenience to plan to catch up. Feel free to call me at 631-495-6779 or email me at membership@americanlegionwilliamhallockpost155.org.

The following events are coming up:

- October 18, 2022 - General Meeting at Post -8:00 PM
- October 21, 2022 - Division Meeting at Post-7:00 PM
- November 1, 2022 -General Meeting at Post-1:00 PM
- November 11, 2022 -Veterans' Day Ceremony at Raynor Park
- November 15, 2022 -General Meeting at Post-8:00 PM
- November 18, 2022 -Division Meeting at Post-7:00 PM
- December 6, 2022 -General Meeting at Post-1:00 PM
- December 17, 2022 -Holiday Party at Post-1:00 PM
- December 20, 2022 -General Meeting at Post 8:00 PM

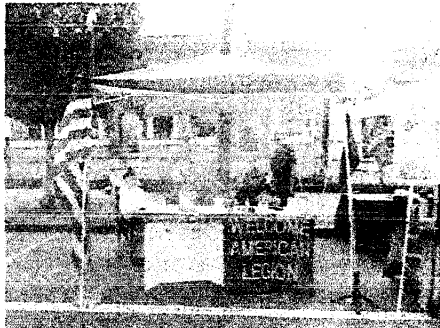
Robert Holecek, 1st Vice Commander: Normally, I try to be only optimistic in my comments to the Post; however, this time I feel I need to point out where the Post stands at this time and how we got here. We are working on the problems we are facing and I will talk about them at the end of these comments. The Post has gone through a series of changes the past few years. In the process we came to find out what it took to keep the post running. No matter how much we did, we always seemed to be reacting to things that kept coming up. We were never able to get ahead of what was happening. Then Covid hit! In dealing with problems created by Covid, a number of things happened to lapse. That included several permits needed to allow the Post to function. We also had several inspections take place while we were trying to renew our permits. One of the safety inspections we failed; a number of items in the Post needed to be fixed and others corrected. Luckily we had a new member transfer into the Post. Fred Tartaglione had contact with a locksmith and an electrician. They made the repairs at a good price. This brought the Post up to code. The Post was then able to pass the inspection. Since that time, we received two of the permits we needed. We were told by the County Health Department that we needed to have our cesspools inspected and certified, as well as a site survey. Commander Roland Frank got the name of an engineer who was able to do that and contacted him and arranged for the work to be done. They came and did the work and provided us with a report and certification. Fred took these to the County and was told they didn't know why these had to be done. Fred then arranged a meeting with the County Health Department. After several hours, it was determined the Post did not ever file for the permit. We had a site plan done to see what comes next. On the bright side, we had a successful day at the Ronkonkoma Street Fair. Paul Attard and Mike Lewis have done a great job raising money with poppies and flags. We also had a nice barbeque in September. Over all, everything was done well and a relaxing time was had by all. We are getting ready to keep moving forward and get better organized. Hoping to see more of my comrades at upcoming meetings and the holiday party in December.

Michael Lewis, Director: First, I would like to thank our Officers for planning a great barbeque! We had an enjoyable day, including a raffle, and great weather. We have a lot to accomplish as a Post, so try to attend a meeting. Hope to see you at the Post Holiday/Past Commander Dinner. Stay well!

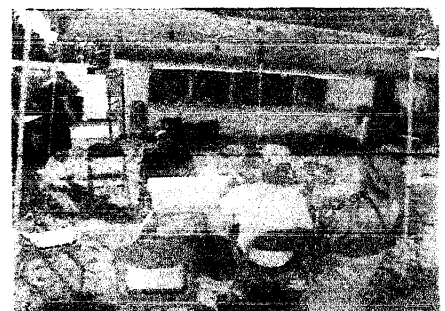
Paul Attard, Director: My fellow comrades, I have been a member of our Post for 50 years; a Post Commander twice and Legionnaire of the Year; during this time I have had the privilege of enjoying the company of several members, some are still here, some have moved out of state, and some have passed away. We have had good times at our Post; our parties always had a great turnout of members, families and friends, usually 65 to 100 people. With your help, we can still have a good gathering at our next Holiday Party being held December 17, 2022 at no cost to you. There will be food and raffles! Come and enjoy; spend some time with your comrades.

Post 155 Event Photos

Ronkonkoma Street Fair, 9/2022



Post 155 Annual Barbeque, 9/2022



Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post, 6/2022



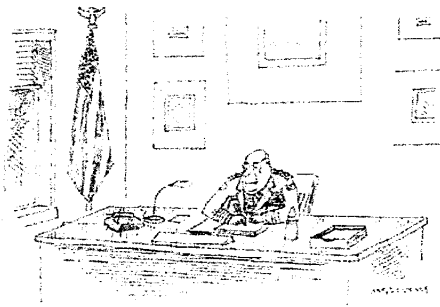
A little Humor:

- What does a patriotic chicken say? Yankee Doodle doo!
- A patriotic needle said: Don't thread on me.

Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker



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