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A Note from the Press Club PRESIDENT



OFFICERS 2005-2006

Dear Press Club Members,

The purpose of the American Legion Press Club is to "Get the Story Out." All newsletter editors are the frontliners when it comes to American Legion news, and we are thankful for them. Keep up the good work!

I know many of you have asked about the Press Club holding an informational seminar.

I was trying to set up a Press Club Seminar that focused on dealing with the media. I had a conversation with the Personal Assistant for Lori Stokes, ABC News Anchor. Her Assignment Producer offered to do a onehour seminar, dealing with public relations, and Lori was going to make a personal appearance. Unfortunately, after many emails back and forth, we could not come up with a convenient date for the Producer without conflicting with Post and County meetings. He could not be available on a weekend due to family obligations, and he was only available one evening during the week. Therefore, as of this date, we are unable to schedule this seminar. We are determined and will keep trying. This is one example of how difficult it is to work with the media.

Also, regarding the New Jersey Legionnaire, all members should be aware of the new guidelines when submitting articles for consideration. First, articles must deal specifically with a New Jersey American Legionrelated story or event. Poetry will no longer be accepted due to the great volumes and repeats received. The Legionnaire will no longer cover Post / County elections or installations as these are common throughout the State. Suggested items of interest would be veterans benefits, Post activities related to Operation Enduring Freedom, Youth Programs, etc.. Second, any photo accompanying an article must have a caption and the people in the photo must be identified on the back. Picture submissions alone will not be accepted without a news article.

I will be addressing the Department Convention in Wildwood on Friday, June 9, and we will have our table set up to receive your dues. Scholarship applications will be available at the table, so please pick up a few and distribute them to your Posts. The application is also available online from the Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170 at

See you in Wildwood!
For God and Country,
Frank Calandrillo

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Don't  **FORGET**
Your 2007 Dues

From the American Legion Web Site, Public Relations, Message Points 2005-2006

Issue -- Pledge of Allegiance

Message Points:

Ø The American Legion supports the Pledge of allegiance in its current form and is adamantly opposed to any and all attempts to revise it beyond the version that was approved by the Congress of the United States in 1954.

Ø The American Legion is opposed to the ruling by certain liberal federal judges who have declared the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in our nation's schools to be unconstitutional because of its references to God.

Ø The American Legion, in 1983, spearheaded a national effort to teach and encourage all U.S. citizens to recite the Pledge of Allegiance correctly. The campaign also called on Legionnaires to introduce the necessary information into the public schools and to other youth groups to ensure that future generations of Americans are able to recite the Pledge of Alliance correctly.

Ø Both Houses of Congress begin their sessions by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. It is customary in the opening of public meetings to also recite the pledge, particularly on Flag Day, June 14, as part of a national show of respect to Old Glory.

Ø The American Legion is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on proper display, care and respect for the United States Flag. The American Legion, along with more than 140 other organizations, are involved in a campaign led by the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. to give Congress the authority to protect the flag from acts of physical desecration.





The American Legion Press Club of New Jersey

Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____ Birth Date: _____

Full name and current American Legion, Auxiliary or S. A. L. card number through whom you are eligible to compete for the scholarship: _____

Name and address of secondary school you will graduate from in June: _____

Name and address of college to which you have been accepted: _____

Indicate honors or recognition you have received for outstanding academic and/or extra curricular work: _____

List clubs you have been active in both in and out of school: _____

Highest ranking in scouting: _____

Did you attend either Jersey Boys or Girl State? _____

What vocation or major in college do you expect to follow: _____

This application must be accompanied by a ***500 word essay as to why you have chosen the field of communications as your vocation.*** These two items must be returned with all questions answered and with all signatures in order, by July 1 to:

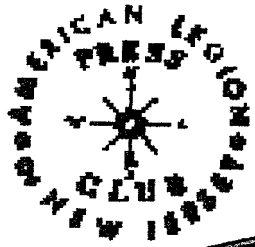
Dorothy Saunders
33 Lewis Street
Wayne, NJ 07470

Applicant's Signature: _____

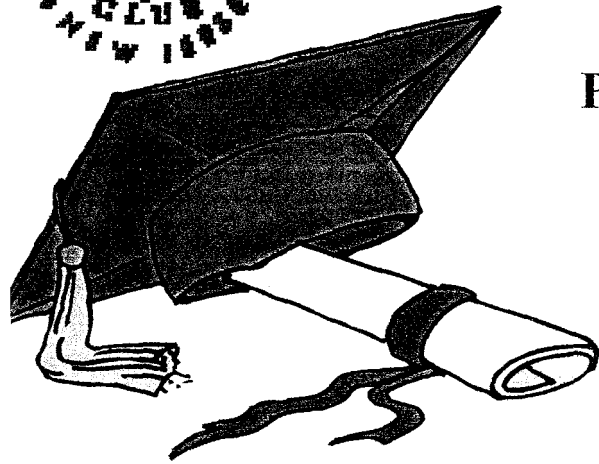
Commander or Unit President signature: _____

Adjutant or Secretary signature: _____

Home number and address of Post or Unit: _____



THE
AMERICAN LEGION PRESS CLUB
OF NEW JERSEY
AND
POST 170 - ARTHUR DEHARDT
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The American Legion Press Club of New Jersey makes available, on an annual basis, a \$500.00 cash scholarship to two students entering their freshman years in an accredited four year college. The applicants must be residents of New Jersey.

To be eligible, the applicant must be either the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a current, card holding member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, the survivor of one who was a member of either organization at time of death, or a member of the Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary Juniors and starting college as a freshman, all of New Jersey.

In addition, those residents of New Jersey, also entering their freshman years and who have graduated from either American Legion Boys State or the Auxiliary Girls State Program, shall be eligible.

Each applicant will be required to show proof of the above requirements upon filing the application, in addition to a *typed essay of not less than 500 words* as to why they chose their particular major course of study.

Those desiring to compete for the scholarship must also intend to work toward a degree related to the *field of communications*. Examples are public relations, journalism, computer graphics, or other fields accepted by the scholarship committee upon application.

Applications must be returned with a photocopy of Boys or Girls State graduation certificates or a photocopy of the DD-214 or honorable discharge of parent or grandparent from whom eligibility is obtained. Applications may be obtained by writing to the address listed below. *Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope.*

Dorothy Saunders
Scholarship Chairman ALPC of NJ
33 Lewis Street
Wayne, NJ 07470

Applications are to be returned to the Chairman no later than *July 1*, of the graduating year. All questions must be answered and all required documentation submitted. Financial need or class standing information is not required.

From the desk of Jeanne Fugee - Secretary

The following is a summary of our Annual Awards/Dinner Meeting, October 23, 2005:

Meeting called to order by President Frank Calandrillo.

Formal opening was observed; Roll Call - All officers present with the exception of Sgt.-At-Arms.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Presently 125 paid-up members (Chairman Jeanne Fugee)

Scholarship - 4 Entries received - (Chairman Jack Kuepfer)

Contest - 11 Newsletters entered; Judged - winners to be announced (see page)

Introduction of Guests:

Department Commander: Joe "G" who introduced his fiancée;
Department Auxiliary President - Debbie Noble - introduced 1st Vice President Shirley Fabian

Further introductions included: Past Department Commanders Jack Kuepfer and Billy Mack, Past Department President Dorothy Saunders, Department Public Relations Chairman Bob Nevill, further introductions included Past Presidents of the ALPC of New Jersey Frank Tomczuk, Joseph Quade and Jeanne Fugee -also the parents of Scholarship Winner Mr. and Mrs. Csigi and Mr. Smith.

New Business:

Scholarship Chairman Jack Kuepfer asked that his resignation as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee be accepted after many, many years of service. President Frank accepted same and thanked Jack for his service of so many years. At this time the President appointed Past Department President Dorothy Saunders as Scholarship Chairman. It was accepted. PP Dorothy, who is currently serving as Chaplain for the Press Club, tendered her resignation as Chaplain, and Brenda Calandrillo accepted the Office of Chaplain.

Member Mary Ann Doherty, who served as P/R Chairman of Girls State, motioned that we should recognize the Editors of the Girls State Paper as well as the Editors of the Boys State Newspaper; as these Editors (high school juniors) do an almost professional job in the preparation of the newspapers. It was voted on and accepted; that recognition would be given to the editors and they would be guests at our next dinner and presented with a citation. Tom Marsden will also assist with Boys State.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting. Closed with a prayer and hand salute.

Luncheon is served.

Awards:

Scholarship : Winner Miss Kristi Csigi of Rochelle Park and Mr. Jonathan Smith of Paramus. Both were entered by Rochelle Park Post 170.

Miss Csigi attended West Paterson High School, she will be attending Hackensack Art School, majoring in Arts and Photography. Mr Smith attended Paramus High School and will attend Pace University studying Communications.

Each winner received a check in the amount of \$500.00

ALPC of New Jersey 2005 Publication Contest AWARDS

**1ST PLACE
BEST LAYOUT APPEAL
Clark Post 328
Thomas Locker - Editor**

**1ST PLACE
EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE - POST NEWSLETTER
SERIES - 'IN IRAQ'
Lawrenceville Legionnaire Post 414 Newsletter
Robert Scheuerman - Editor**

**1ST PLACE
BEST 'ALL ROUND' NEWSLETTER
ROCHELLE PARK POST 170 LEGIONNAIRE NEWS
Robert Salvini - Editor**

**1ST PLACE
NORMA BRIGLIADORO MEMORIAL AWARD
Editorial - Watchfire
PROGRAM - SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Submitted by: Thomas Marsden - Editor**

**1ST PLACE
JERRY DWYER MEMORIAL AWARD
Unit 43 Florham Park News Letter
Maryann Doherty - Editor**

**1ST PLACE
SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. LETTER
THE SALUTE
Thomas E. Marsden - Editor**

**HONORABLE MENTION
John W. Lupo Post 306 Newsletter
Clyde G. Hood - Editor**

**HONORABLE MENTION
William Vanderbilt Post 129 Newsletter Sound Off
Rev. William Vanderbilt - Editor**

**HONORABLE MENTION
John H. Lookhoff Post 242 Newsletter
James Parker - Editor**

Awakening a sleeping giant
9-11

MacFadden
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"Why I'm Not A Member? No One Ever ASKED!"



Return the form below with your check for \$10.00 AN

DUES made payable to ALPC of NJ to:

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Remember Our Veterans



THE AMERICAN LEGION PRESS CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

POST/ UNIT/ SQUADRON #: _____ PUBLICATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ (CIRCLE ONE) NEW RENEWAL

CITY, STATE, ZIP + FOUR: _____

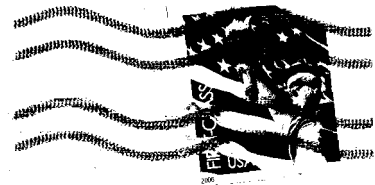
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