



# POST 1026



June

## Newsletter

2010

### Upcoming events/activities:

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is almost here. Please fly your flags with pride and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Next Month's meeting will be held on **July 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2010 at 7:30pm.



### SAL/Auxiliary News:



**AUXILIARY NEWS:** We had a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and reported netting \$233.00 from the Auxiliary "Spring Fling"! That was after a payout of 350+/- 50/50 raffle, \$50.00 second prize and \$25.00 third prize.

Poppy sales were a huge success with many thanks to Rita and Chris for the sales at the Post, but mostly for Elvira Mangles and Dorry Hagedorn who sold poppies at both the Hurley Ridge Market and Woodstock Meats. The total is somewhere around \$550.00 which goes directly to our Veterans! We will be issuing them (Woodstock Meats and Hurley Ridge Market) certificates of "Thanks".



We will not meet again until September and hope to have ideas submitted for a fund raiser and may ask to share one with the "SONS"; also thinking about having a fall barbecue. Will take any and all ideas for this also!

The Memorial Day parade was fantastic and the number of people who stopped by the Legion post afterward for hot dogs and salads was huge! It reminded me of when I was very young - so many years ago!!!

If anyone is interested in helping out or joining the Auxiliary please contact Jackie Earley at [jeearley2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jeearley2001@yahoo.com)

Auxiliary information provided by Jackie Earley.



## COMMANDER'S CORNER:



Well here we are getting another Memorial Day finished up. I want to thank everyone who helped out, starting with the Honor Guard, the Auxiliary, the Post members and guests. There is a great deal of planning that goes into the Parade and a special Thank You goes out to Chaplain Kevin Verpent for everything he took care of including power washing the Post prior to our big day. Then of course there is the setup and breakdown of the tables, chairs and serving line; thanks to everyone who pitched in. It takes a team effort to get it all done. Last but not least thanks to our kitchen crew Varick, Jim, Jackie, Carl, Steve, Jill, Dorry, Mickey, and all the rest who prepared and served 300 Hot Dogs, 40lbs of potato salad and baked beans, 35lbs of macaroni salad and gallons of ice cream and soda. You all made it happen, Thank You!

On another note for those of you who haven't heard we had a bit of a surprise when the Honor Guard went to the War Memorial at the West Hurley Park. There was a large group of Korean-Americans at the Pavilion and when they heard we were coming to do a ceremony at the Memorial they asked to take part. At the conclusion of our ritual our guests sang the National Anthem to us in Korean. Everyone who attended will always remember the crowd of 100-150 serenading us. All in all it was a Memorial Day to remember!

*Kevin Ryan*  
COMMANDER



## F.Y.I:



A Special Thanks goes out to Shea Cocks (Commander, Sons of the American Legion) for preparing the Cemetery for the Memorial Day Service and playing Taps for the Ceremonies. Thanks Shea!!



A Special Thanks also goes out to Jackie Earley and the Auxiliary for their successful Spring Fling Fundraiser, the Poppy Sales Fundraiser, making the wreath for the Memorial Day Service, and the Hot Dog lunch which followed the Memorial Day Parade.

## Memorial Day Message

...On Memorial Day, America reaffirms its duty to remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and for the security of our nation. Through our efforts to honor the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine service members lost throughout our country's history, we renew our commitment to uphold the democratic ideals they fought and died to preserve.

The noble sacrifices of our servicemen and women will not be forgotten. From the earliest moments of our country's existence to the present day, every life is a loss to our military and to our nation. Americans stand with the families who grieve, and we share in both their sorrow and their pride.

Liberty...freedom...and the search for a more permanent peace are ideals worth pursuing. Throughout its history, America has produced citizens who step up to safeguard the democratic values that are the hallmarks of our nation. The best elements of what we call patriotism and citizenship can be seen in their dedicated service and personal sacrifice. It is these men and women that we honor on Memorial Day...

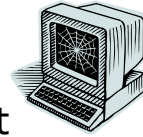
KURT J STEIN  
MAJOR GENERAL, USA  
COMMANDING

## **Congratulations Commander**

Kevin M. Ryan was honored by State Senator John J. Bonacic as our District's 2010 "Veterans Hall of Fame" Nominee.







NEW Post website is now online. Please visit

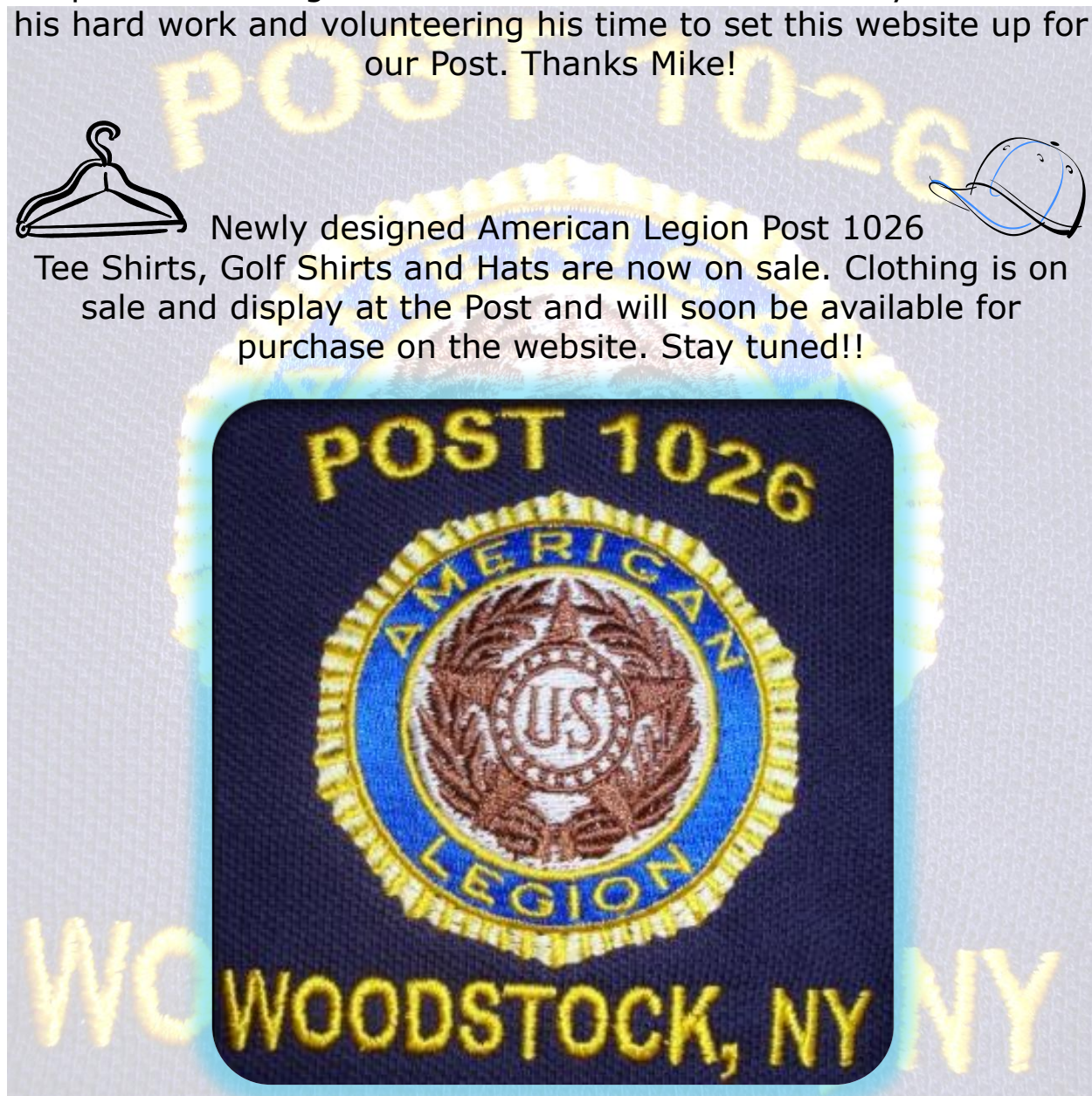
<http://www.woodstockamericanlegionpost1026.org>

A Special Thanks goes out to our Webmaster Mike Szyszka for all his hard work and volunteering his time to set this website up for our Post. Thanks Mike!



Newly designed American Legion Post 1026

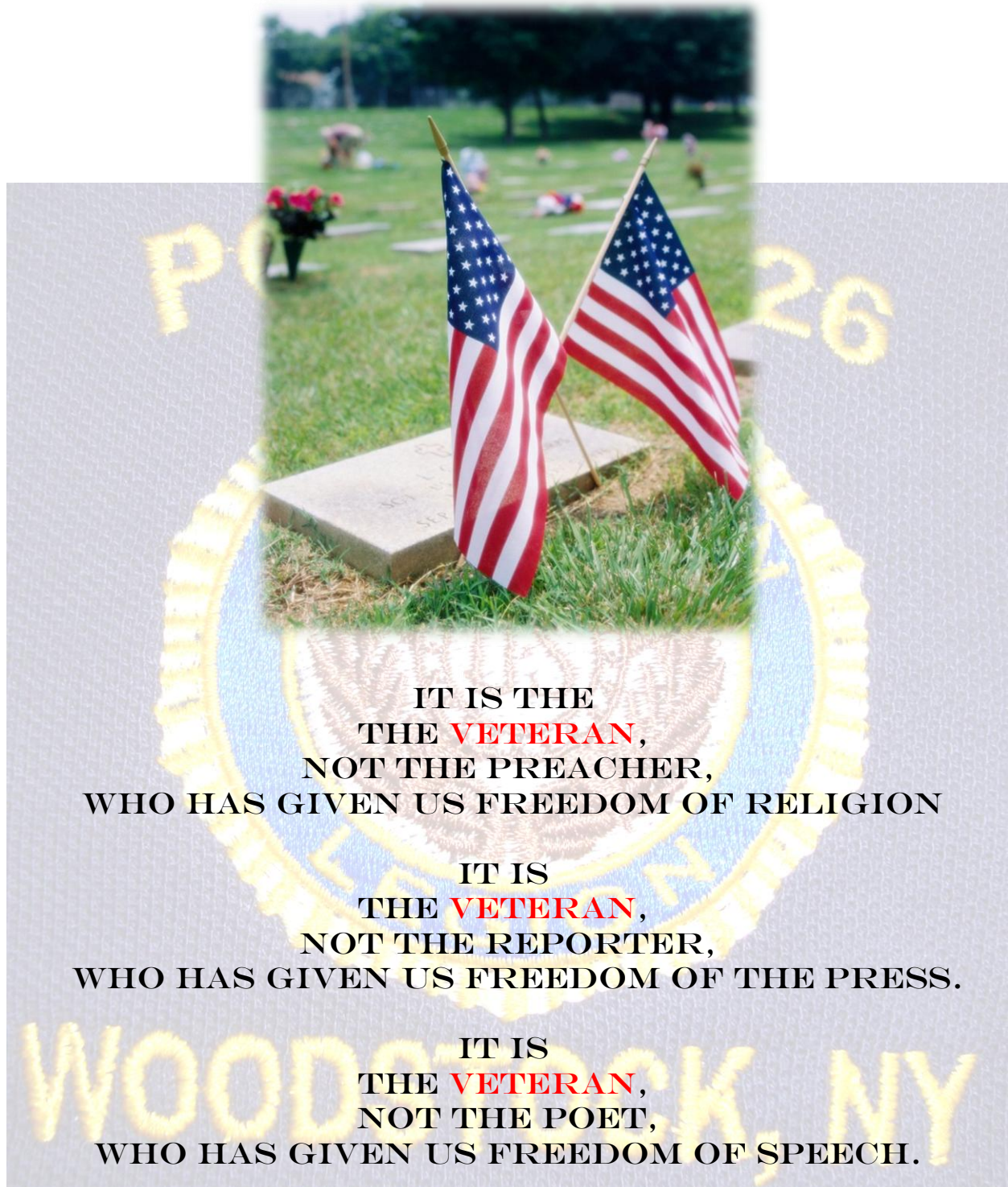
Tee Shirts, Golf Shirts and Hats are now on sale. Clothing is on sale and display at the Post and will soon be available for purchase on the website. Stay tuned!!



If there is any information that you would like to see in future newsletters please e-mail Donny Haberski at:

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IT IS THE  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE PREACHER,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF RELIGION

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE REPORTER,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE POET,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE CAMPUS ORGANIZER,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE.



IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE LAWYER,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL.

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**,  
NOT THE POLITICIAN,  
WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**  
WHO SALUTES THE FLAG.

IT IS  
THE **VETERAN**  
WHO SERVES UNDER THAT FLAG.

Thanksgiving  
is a day when we pause  
to give thanks for  
the things we have.



Memorial Day  
is a day when we pause  
to give thanks to the  
people who fought for  
the things we have.



# **THIS MONTH IN LEGION HISTORY**

## **JUNE 30, 2008**

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH SIGNS INTO LAW THE POST 9/11 VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, A NEW GI BILL STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE LEGION. THE BILL RENEWS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO VETERANS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER EDUCATION BENEFITS. THE LEGION REMAINS AT THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS. THE POST 9/11 GI BILL TOOK EFFECT AUG. 1, 2009, AND SENT AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF VETERANS TO COLLEGE.

## **JUNE 11, 1997**

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND SURPASSES THE \$1 MILLION MARK IN CASH GRANTS GIVEN TO FLOOD VICTIMS WHO BELONG TO THE LEGION FAMILY. MOST GRANT RECIPIENTS RESIDE IN THE FLOOD PLAINS OF OHIO, KENTUCKY, INDIANA, MINNESOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA.

## **JUNE 22, 1944**

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SIGNS INTO LAW THE ORIGINAL GI BILL, OR SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT", USHERING IN MONUMENTAL CHANGES IN U.S. SOCIETY. HIGHER EDUCATION BECOMES DEMOCRATIZED AFTER 8 MILLION VETERANS GO TO SCHOOL ON THE GI BILL, GET BETTER JOBS, BUY HOUSES IN THE SUBURBS AND RAISE FAMILIES. FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON EDUCATING VETERANS, THE U.S. ECONOMY EVENTUALLY GETS \$7 BACK.

## **JUNE 1, 1938**

THE FINAL ROUND OF THE AMERICAN LEGION'S FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST IS CONDUCTED IN NORMAN, OKLA. TODAY, MORE THAN 25,000 HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY COMPETE ANNUALLY IN THE CONTEST, WHICH PROMOTES A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. WINNERS RECEIVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

## **JUNE 15, 1923**

THE FIRST "FLAG CODE" IS DRAFTED DURING A LEGION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. CONGRESS ADOPTS THE CODE IN 1942. TODAY, THE LEGION IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO PASS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT THE U.S. FLAG FROM PHYSICAL DESECRATION.

## **JUNE 9, 1919**

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTS THE LEGION EMBLEM.