



Nyack Legionnaire



January 2010

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January Meeting Notes (17 Members present)

1. Financial Report Rcts: \$1,388, Exp: \$1472
2. Holiday Party attended by 38. Net Income from party was \$240 plus \$150 from the 50/50 donated back to the post by Sonny White.
3. House - Furnace was repaired
KT asks that those who borrowed Tupperware containers return them as soon as possible.
Scout project currently stands at \$100 in donations.
4. Sick Call - Nick Donato remains in the hospital.
5. We will present a plaque to John Tucker in recognition of his many years of service to the post.
6. Discussed inviting the public to a meeting/presentation on veterans problems.
7. Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 1900 Hrs, 1/14/2010.
8. Discussed the need for all veterans organizations to do a better job of coordinating efforts.
9. Thanks to KT Wanamaker for preparing dinner for January meeting.
10. Frank Pappalardo and Fred Graziano volunteered to prepare dinner for February meeting.

Adjutant's Call: I offer my most humble apologies to Ken Wanamaker., Ken did probably 80% of the work in planning and executing the event. I was thinking Ken and my fingers typed another person's name. So to give credit where credit is due, thank you to Ken Wanamaker for his efforts for our holiday party.

Thanks to R. Callanan and P. O'Donoghue for renewing their memberships. We now stand at 66% renewal. Lets get up to 100% soon. If you have not renewed please take a moment to do so right now.

I recently signed the Post up for a membership at the Restaurant Depot in Blauvelt. Those of you who prepare dinners for the Post or for other functions are welcome to use our membership. Call Ken Wanamaker to get a membership card for you to use while shopping.

We are still collecting toys for the Christmas in July project. We fell flat last summer but those toys that were donated are carried forward and we will do this in July 2010. Our thanks to Everett Swann for spearheading the effort.

If you have items of general interest, announcements, war stories, photographs (current or past), that you can contribute to this newsletter, please send it to the Post Adjutant by email aumrichin@optonline.net or snail mail arrive by the last day of the month.

Next Meeting
4 February 2010
1930 Hrs.



January 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Post Meeting - 4 Feb 2010, 1930 Hrs.
4 Mar 2010, 1930 Hrs.
Dinner before meetings beginning at 1800.

2. RCAL meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month.
Next Meeting is at 2000 Hrs. on 18 January at the Thiells Post. All members are invited to attend county meetings.

3. The Rockland County American Legion Annual Four Chaplain's Service will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the New City Jewish Center located at 47 Old Schoolhouse Rd. in New City. Formation for the Service will begin at 8:30 AM and the service will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will follow immediately after the service at the Jewish Center. This year's Memorial Service will be hosted by the William E. DeBevoise Jr. Post 1682 located in New City, NY.

4. The post is planning to hold a yard sale in April/May. We will be looking for any items that you wish to donate to the effort.

5. Plans for a St. Patrick's Day bash are being made.

MILESTONES:

1 Jan – Happy New Year

6 Jan 1838 – Samuel Morse conducts a successful demonstration of his telegraph near Morristown, NJ.

8 Jan 1825 – Battle of New Orleans, last Battle of the War of 1812 which solidified the United States as a sovereign nation.

10 Jan 1946 – A radar beam from a US Army laboratory at Belmar, NJ, bounces off the moon and returns to Earth in 2.4 seconds.

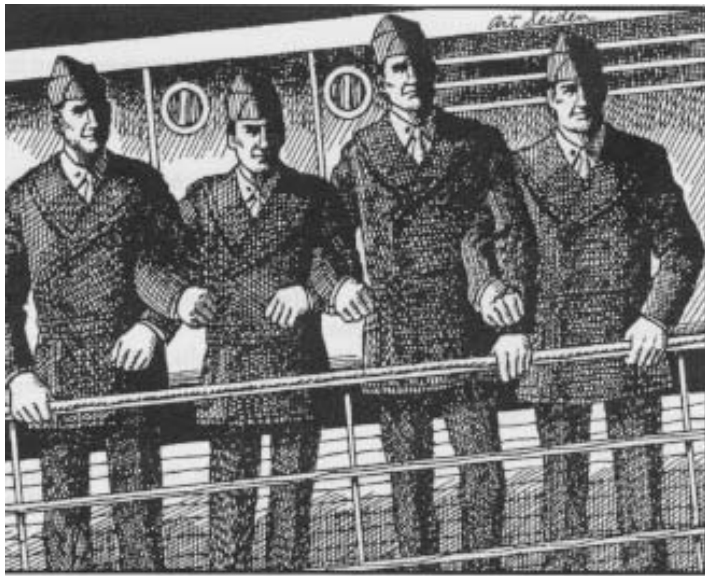
14 Jan 1784 – The Continental Congress ratifies the Treaty of Paris, officially ending the Revolutionary War.

17 Jan 1781 – Battle of the Cowpens with a decisive victory against the British proves the resolve of American volunteers.

19 Jan – Martin Luther King Day

22 Jan 1944 – Allied Forces land at Anzio.

30 Jan 1968 – Tet Offensive begins in South Vietnam.



The Four Chaplains – Service 7 Feb.

Heart Health Presentation - Sandi Jeannette from Good Samaritan Hospital will be at our Post on 4 February to offer a presentation on Heart Risk Factors and Signs and Symptoms of Heart Disease prior to our monthly meeting. We invite members of other veterans groups to attend and invite members to bring any family members interested. Presentation will begin at 1900 Hrs.

Liam Vermazen has taken on the task of re-landscaping the back yard of our Post. If you would like to help Liam defray the estimated \$1,800 cost of this project you can send a donation to:

**Liam Vermazen
32 Tallman Pl.
Nyack, NY 10960**

If you have any question please call (845)358-9027

All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation.

John Adams

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau...Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau(BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information.

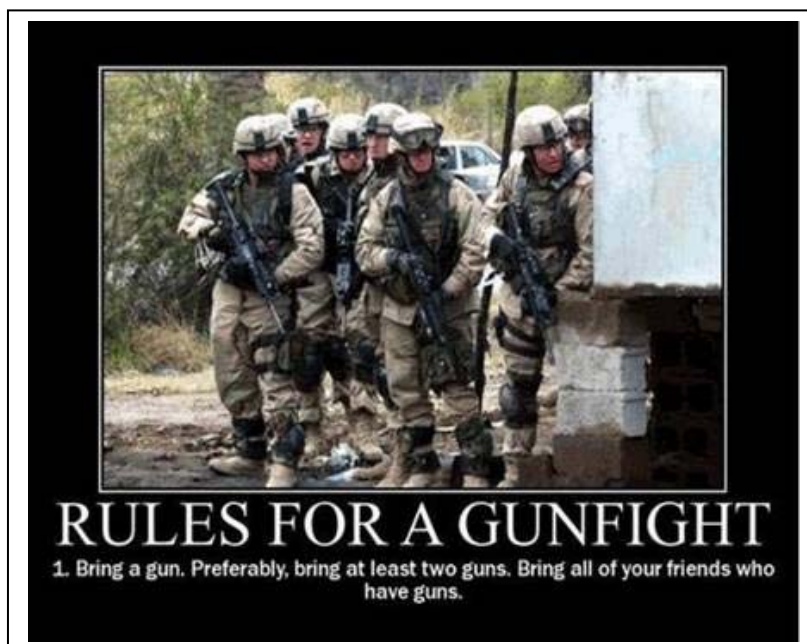
** Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS..

** While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.**

** The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

ND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau **will not** contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. **Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**



PERCEPTION. . .Something To Think About. . .

Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx. 2 thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

4 minutes later:

The violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

6 minutes:

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

10 minutes:

A 3-year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

45 minutes:

The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

1 hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this, but the violinist was **Joshua Bell**, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before **Joshua Bell** sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

The questions raised:

- *In a common place environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?
- *Do we stop to appreciate it?
- *Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this:

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made.

How many other things are we missing?

How many special persons pass us by and we do not MAKE ANY EFFORT TO get to know them?

Sick Leave

I urgently needed a few days off work, But, I knew the Boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that maybe if I acted "Crazy" Then he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside-down on the ceiling and made funny noises.

My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb, So that the Boss might think I was "Crazy" and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked, "What in the name of good GOD are you doing?"

I told him I was a light bulb.

He said, "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days."

I jumped down and walked out of the office...

When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss asked her, "And where do you think you're going?!"

She said, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."