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NEWS FROM THE POST ~ **Flying InFormation** ~ NOV/DEC 2013

COMMANDER'S BRIEFING



Greetings! This issue highlights just some of the many activities our Post and Unit members have organized and participated in recently in our community. For those involved, job well done! Notable was the Beirut Memorial Ceremony that was preserved from being cancelled thanks to Charlie Masterson with an assist from Christine Hayward. Another spectacular success was the "Greatest Generation" themed Veterans Day Ceremony that focused on WWII and Korean War veterans. They received a Certificate of Appreciation and Proclamation from the Town of Portsmouth and a medal custom designed locally by Hodges Badge Company. We thank Carolyn Evans-Carbery for her tireless research ensuring all eligible veterans were recognized. Hope to see many of you at our next meeting (which happens to fall on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day) followed by a buffet lunch, comradeship and perhaps a showing of Tora! Tora! Tora!

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Local artist/Unit 18 member Paula Visnoski was commissioned by dual member Christine Hayward to create a painting showing a Vietnam veteran welcoming home a current service member. Being framed, the artwork will be raffled in 2014 to raise funds for a ceremony to honor Vietnam vets. For more info, see PG 5. Visit www.pmvart.com.



Post 18's Americanism Chair Dave Duggan presents 6' x 10' flag to Robert E. Littlefield, M.Ed., Principal of Portsmouth High School on 16 OCT 2013. Another flag was been purchased for future presentation for the Sisson Memorial Flagpole adjacent to the school's baseball field. Dave is currently Unit Commissioner for the Narragansett Council of BSA. Photo courtesy of Rose Escobar.



**POST & UNIT 18
HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER**

@ BEST WESTERN-MAINSTAY INN
151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, RI
SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2013
MEETING @ NOON; BUFFET LUNCHEON @ 1 PM

You and a guest are invited to stay after the December meeting and join us for a delicious buffet lunch. Cost: \$7 per person (pay at the door). We'll need a head count, so please RSVP to 401.556.5940 or ripost18legion@aol.com no later than 3 December with your name and name of your guest (if any).



POST EVERLASTING

We are saddened to report the passing of **EDWARD R. HURLEY** of Portsmouth on 24 OCT 2013. He served with the Civilian Conversation Corps (CCC) during the Great Depression. During WWII, he served aboard the USS HANSON in the Pacific Theater. Mr. Hurley retired from the Naval Underwater Systems Center (NUSC) in 1973. Here's hoping his family and friends are comforted by fond memories.

JUNIOR SHOOTERS MAKE US PROUD



Congratulations to Newport Rifle Club Junior Team members Alex Muzzioli and Rebecca Green on their 1-2 finish in the Ian Kerfoot Memorial Offhand match. This was the first time either has fired standing at 100 yards ... and Alex had a 198/200! A heart-felt thank you to the adult members for making them feel so welcome. Our Junior Shooters, Newport Rifle Club and Coach Makucevich are the best!



TREASURER'S REPORT

A few honorees were unable to attend our Veterans Day ceremony at Portsmouth Town Hall. Several folks have been very busy hand-delivering or mailing medals and certificates to the recipients. Carloyn Evans-Carbery, Carlton Johnson and I went to the Portsmouth Senior Center to present Ted Czech with his proclamation, certificate and medal while his wife and son looked on. Mr. Czech had a career onboard what we called Liberty Ships during WWII—very slow moving vessels that were sitting ducks for German U-Boats. With a Merchant Marine at the helm, the ship carried troops and supplies to Europe.

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Treasurer/Past CDR

"FLY IN"

Navy League National Director George Wardwell participated in the first Congressional Fly In on 14 NOV 2013. NL regions were asked



to send a team to make visits to Congressional leaders. 80 Navy League members volunteered to participate and the day was a resounding success. Over 100 Congressmen and women listened to a message centered on READINESS and the effects of SEQUESTRATION on our military assets. At a meeting with Congressman Langevin and Congressman Cicillini and their staff members, National Director Wardwell was able to reiterate that as ship assets continue to decline, it jeopardizes our ability to provide humanitarian assistance when our dwindling military assets are already engaged. Above: Congressman James Langevin (D) of RI and George Wardwell. Below: Max Miller (Austin, TX Council); Mary Virginia Pittman-Waller (Austin, TX Council); Congressman David Cicillini (D) of RI and George Wardwell.



ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Thank you to Tim Gray with WWII Foundation for providing some of the speaker gifts for our Veterans Day ceremony. The newest film, "Eagles of Mercy," recently premiered at Warwick's Showcase Cinema. To learn more about the series, visit www.wwiifoundation.org. Above, MUCS (SW) Don Chilton, USN (Ret.) with Bugles Across America performed taps. In the spirit of the Greatest Generation, I made the wreath from scraps of denim and an old shirt.



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VETERANS DAY

@ PORTSMOUTH TOWN HALL

Please visit our web site for link to the program with speaker/performer names and more photos of our ceremony and honorees. Special thanks to Scott Jamieson for photography.



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VETERANS DAY @ NEWPORT CITY HALL

Post 18 Co-Historian Tony Cercena at right; Mike Pine (Post 18 & Artillery Co. of Newport) as WWI dough boy with wife Leslie (Unit 18 & Artillery Co. of



Newport); and LCDR Shawn Stebbins, USN, with Post 18's Sgt.-at-Arms Walter Alves and Post 7's Edmond Lopes.



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Several members recently visited the **SEABEE MUSEUM & MEMORIAL PARK** in N. Kingstown, RI. The facility sports an extensive gift shop that's sure to satisfy your holiday shopping needs. Shop on-line, too! Visit www.seabeesmuseum.com.



On 27 OCT 2013, the **SGT BRIAN R. STGERMAIN FOUNDATION** hosted a fundraiser to support renovations to the West Warwick High School track. Post 18 sponsored a sign in the Walk-A-Thon, and several members of Post 18 walked the track, enjoyed the breakfast and donated items at the **TOYS FOR TOTS** collection station. Post 2's Michael Graichen and Post 18's David Hayward flank the Marines above.



We hosted our famous **HALLOWEEN THEMED BINGO** @ the RI Veterans Home on 26 OCT 2013. Special thank you to our volunteers. The residents appreciated the ditty bags, prizes and social time.



On 23 OCT 2013, members of Post & Unit 18 attended the **BEIRUT MEMORIAL CEREMONY** at Portsmouth Historical Society. The RI Patriot Guard Riders provided a flag line. Special thanks to Charlie Masterson and Christine Hayward. See full program and photo collage on our web site!



We were honored to be invited to speak at a **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY** @ the John Clarke Retirement Center in Middletown, RI on 7 NOV 2013. Left to right: Ken Williams, Chaplain, American Legion Post 18; Arthur Plymesser, Past CDR, American Legion Post 18; Carolyn Evans-Carbery, Project Blue Star Coordinator and Rosie; Christine Hayward, Adjutant/Past CDR, American Legion Post 18/President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 18 and Professor John P. Mangold, LtCol, USMC (Ret.), CDR, American Legion Post 18.

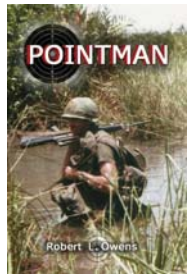


IN SEARCH OF: LOCAL VIETNAM VETERANS

As we did for WWII and Korean War veterans this year, we will be working with Project Blue Star Coordinator Carolyn Evans-Carbery and other local VSOs to honor Vietnam era veterans in 2014. A committee is forming to include Vietnam vets. We will cull a database of living Vietnam era veterans who reside in Portsmouth and/or are members of Portsmouth-based VSOs. One goal is to learn from the Vietnam era veterans how **THEY** would like to be honored in a meaningful way.

A painting has been commissioned (see story on PG 1) to raise funds for this project. We hope to collaborate mostly via e-mail, but there will be a few traditional meetings. If interested in participating, please e-mail ripost18legion@aol.com with VIETNAM in subject.

Highly decorated former combat medic Robert Owens, member of AL Post 204 in CA, just released *Pointman*, a fictionalized novel based on his war-time diary. He served in the Mekong Delta with the 9th Infantry Division.



Available on amazon.com, the R-rated book "pulls no punches" per a trusted review.

DISASTER PUZZLE

This month's word find puzzle focuses on disaster relief and preparedness. In the spirit of the holidays, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry to the next meeting. Some families have to chose between warming their homes and lining their cupboards. We can't control the weather, but we can help feed our neighbors!

WORD LIST

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| EFFORTS | WATER |
| NATURAL | HEALTH |
| DISASTER | EMERGENCY |
| FLOOD | SHELTER |
| TYPHOON | PERIL |
| HURRICANE | OUTBREAK |
| BLIZZARD | WASTE |
| DUST | AIR |
| STORM | QUALITY |
| TORNADO | RED |
| VOLCANIC | CROSS |
| ERUPTION | DOCTORS |
| EARTHQUAKE | WITHOUT |
| RAIN | BORDERS |
| HEAT | FOOD |
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2013-2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US!

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2013 @ NOON—JOINT HOLIDAY MEETING OF POST & UNIT 18 @ Best Western-Mainstay. Meeting followed by holiday buffet luncheon (see PG 1 for details). The luncheon starts at 1 PM. All members encouraged to attend meeting even if you don't want to stay for the meal.

NOTE: IN JANUARY, WE WILL BE "DARK" (NO MEETING OF POST OR UNIT 18) because our regular meeting night falls on the holiday.

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2014 @ 7 PM (weather permitting) - REGULAR MEETING OF POST 18 @ VFW Post 5390, Common Fence Point, 822 Anthony Rd., Portsmouth.

SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2014 @ 1 PM (tentative)—VALENTINE'S BINGO @ RI Veterans Home

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DEPT OF RI American Legion Auxiliary is requesting "elves" to assist at the **CHRISTMAS SHOPPES**. Help vets select gifts or volunteer in the wrapping room. This is a very rewarding, family friendly activity.

RI VETERANS HOME ON 7 DEC 2013 @ 8:30 AM
RI VA HOSPITAL ON 14 DEC 2013 @ 9 AM

VFW "Veteran of the Year" CAPT Richard Hartman, USN (Ret.) is congratulated by Ginny Hanson (WAVES 118 & Post 18) on 9 NOV 2013.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) **SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2013 @ NOON** **@ RI VETERANS CEMETERY**

On the way from the Worcester Wreath Company to Arlington National Cemetery, the WAA convoy made a pit stop at Ponagansett Middle School for the annual "**Remember, Honor, Teach**" ceremony. At right, members of the RI Patriot Guard Riders and students carry wreaths past a flag line. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Ziehl.



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In collaboration with our friends from the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5390, we provided poppies, the story of the poppy and poppy postcards for the 3rd graders at Hathaway Elementary School. The event included a flag folding demonstration by sailors from Naval Station Newport. Interim Superintendent RADM Barbara McGann, USN (Ret.) spoke about the importance of Veterans Day.



We need to vote on the By-Laws which were also distributed via e-mail to most of our members. I look forward to seeing you at the December meeting and luncheon.

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WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW/ TRANSFERRING* MEMBERS

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Do you know someone eligible for membership? Let us know so we can get them on board! Prompt renewal helps minimize the expense of reminders. Those funds can be put to better use supporting veterans, our troops and military families!