**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BLAZING STAR POST #1574**

**17 CANNON AVENUE**

**STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314**

**Website. http://blazingstarvfwpost1574.org/wp**

**April 2018**

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**Calendar Events**

2018

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| Date | Event | Location | Time | Remarks |
| 7 April | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 12 April | Richmond County Council Meeting | Labetti Post | 1100 | Brian Wallace |
| 26 April | SINY Women's Health & Wellness Fair | Hampton Inn | 1000-1700 |  |
| 1 May | Purple Heart University Ceremony | CSI | 1030-1130 |  |
| 2 May | 9th Annual Evening to Honor Dinner | Staaten |  | $65.00 pp |
| 5 May | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 5-6 May | District 2 Convention | Middletown, NY |  |  |
| 10 May | Richmond County Council Meeting | North Shore Post | 1100 | North Shore |
| 12 May | Poppy Distribution | Shoprite | 0900-1500 | Saturday |
| 18 May | Poppy Distribution | SI Ferry | 0700-1000 | Friday |
| 18 May | Annual KWVA Dinner Dance | Staaten | 1930-2330 | $60.00 pp |
| 19 May | Oceanview Ceremony | Oceanview Cemetery | 1100 |  |
| 19 May | SI Welcomes Our Heroes | Gold Star Post | 1330 |  |
| 26 May | Travis Memorial Day Mass & Ceremony | Travis | 0900-1100 |  |
| 28 May | Forest Ave Memorial Day Parade | Forest Ave | 1200 |  |
| 2 June | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 9 June | Poppy Distribution | Stop and Shop | 0900-1500 | Saturday |
| 10 June | Poppy Distribution | Stop and Shop | 0900-1500 | Sunday |
| 14 June | Richmond County Council Meeting | Ollis Post | 1100 | Ollis |
| 7 July | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 4 August | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 5 September | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 3 October | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 7 November | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 5 December | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |

**Membership**

1. Consider Life Membership. You save money over the long run and eliminate the need to renew yearly. Below are the membership rates for Life membership and Installment Plan Life Membership.

**Age on 31 Dec             Payment in Full             Installment Plan Option                               
                         Total:                   Initial Fee:        11 payments of:**

Through Age 30               $425.00                $45.00                $38.64

31-40                                  $410.00                $45.00                $37.27

41-50                                  $375.00                $45.00                $34.09

51-60                                  $335.00                $45.00                $30.45

61-70                                  $290.00                $45.00                $26.36

71-80                                  $225.00                $45.00                $20.45

81 and over                        $170.00                $45.00                $15.45

2. Dues Renewal Reminder:

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| Curry, Albert | Unpaid | 12/31/2017 | EXPIRED |
| Maloney, Brian T. | Unpaid | 12/31/2017 | EXPIRED |
| Robinson, James A. | Unpaid | 6/6/2017 | EXPIRED |
| Sheinwald, Abe | Unpaid | 3/30/2018 | EXPIRED |

**Service Officer**

1. Veterans are encouraged to enroll in the VA health care so they are on record should they ever need it.  No cost to apply.  Apply on line at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility/vfw](file:///C:\Users\Albert\Documents\VFW\Newsletters%202011\www.va.gov\healtheligibility\vfw) or call 1-877-222-8387.

2. Tri-Care Dental. Tri-Care dental isn't free. You must enroll to be covered. Tri-Care dental web site, [www.trdp.org](blockedhttp://www.trdp.org)   
Delta Dental Tel #. 888-838-8737. The Tri-Care number for NY, is 1-877-874-2273.

3. DD Form 214 website. http://vetrecs.archives.gov. If you need assistance, contact the post service officer, Doug Encarcion.

4. Survivor Outreach Services. The website has a lot of information for those left behind when a service member or veteran passes. <http://www.sos.army.mil/> or <http://www.westpointmwr.com/acs/survivor_outreach_services.html>

5. To someone going through a difficult time, one simple act has the power to make a difference. Reach out to veterans and service members in your life today – <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ThePowerof1.aspx>.

6. Online Health Care Application.[www.vets.gov](https://www.vets.gov/).  or call 877-222-VETS (8387).

7. Veterans Representative on Staten Island. Matthew Basile, Borough Hall, Room G-15 and at CSI Campus Center, Room 216. **(646) 799-2743** or emailing [**mbasile@veterans.nyc.gov**](mailto:mbasile@veterans.nyc.gov). Also at NYC Department of Veterans' Services  
1 Centre Street, Suite 2208, New York, NY 10007, DVS General Phone: (212) 416-5250

8. [Vets.gov](http://vets.gov/) Connects Veterans to Services.

9. John Bartow, Assistant VSO, Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687.

10. The following web site is the medical providers close to your house who have accepted the VA Choice program and are registered to do so.  Quite a few here on SI.  It gives a map where you can see them in relation to where you live or work.  You can also get contact information to reach out to them. <https://www.va.gov/opa/apps/locator/>

11. A VBA Representative at the Staten Island Vet Center every Wednesday.  **There are no walk-ins everyone must call  (718)816-4499 to set up an appointment.**  All services are free. Samuel B. Cottes, Jr., Veterans Outreach Specialist, Staten Island Veterans Center, US Department Of Veterans Affairs; Readjustment Counseling Services, 60 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301 Tel:   (718) 816-4499 x 7747 Cell:  (929) 359-2449 Fax:  (718) 816-6899

12. Discharge Upgrade Online Tool.

<http://www.ourveterans.nyc/discharge_upgrade_online_tool?utm_campaign=180129&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nycveteransalliance>

**Employment and Education**

1. Looking for a job? Need quality employees? USE VETJOBS! [www.vetjobs.com](http://svarialce.vfwemail.org:81/CT00004002MzA1OTA1NDk=.HTML?D=2011-08-26)

2. Vets looking for jobs, the website: 100000jobsmission.com. Go there to apply and search for available jobs specifically held for veterans.

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General

1. Staten Island University Hospital's Military Appreciation Program. This program entitles active duty members and veterans free parking 12 times per year at the SIUH parking lot. Call 718-226-4325 for an application.

2. Free parking for veterans at Richmond County Medical Center. Veterans can park for free in the visitors parking lot where tokens are required. Stop at the main reception desk or security post, show proof you are a veteran (drivers license with vet on it, retired ID card, VA card or similar) and they will give you a free token for the parking lot. Get it on the way in as the reception/info desk is not manned all night. Use the token to exit the lot. Saves you $4 per visit.

3. The Defense POW/MIA Office announced the identification of remains belonging to the following personnel. Returned

home are:

**Army SFC Pete W. Simon**, 34, Co G, 2nd Bn, 8th Cav Regt, 1st Cavalry Division, Pusan, South Korea. Sept. 5, 1950.   
**Army Cpl. William C. McDowell**, 20, Co D, 1st Bn, 32nd Inf Regt, 7th Inf Division, Chosin Rr, North Korea, Dec. 2, 1950.   
**USAAF 2nd Lt. William H. Harth, Jr.,** 22, 93rd Bomb Group (Heavy), Ploesti, Romania.  
**USMC Pvt. John M. Tillman,** 21, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Nov. 20, 1943.

**Army Cpl. Roy J. Hopper,** 21, HHC, 2nd Bn, 19th Infantry Regt, Chinju, South Korea July 31, 1950.

**USAF Col. Edgar F. Davis,** 32, 432nd Tactical Recon Wing, over Laos, Sept. 17, 1968.

**USMC Pfc. Lyle E. Charpilloz,** 19, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Nov. 20, 1943.

**USNR Avn Ordnanceman 2nd Class Ora H. Sharninghouse, Jr.,** 22, VT-18, Palau, Sept. 8, 1944.

**Navy Radioman 3rd Class Jack R. Goldwater** USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Porter L. Rich** USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**USAAF Capt. George Van Vleet** 30th Bomb Group, Tarawa, Jan. 21, 1944.

**Army SFC Harry E. Harkness**, 22, Co L, 3rd Bn, 8th Cav Regt, 1st Cavalry Division, Unsan, North Korea Nov. 2, 1950

**USMCR Pfc. Manuel Menendez**, 20, Co K, 3rd Bn, 2nd Marine Division. Tarawa Nov. 20, 1943.

**Army Staff Sgt. David Rosenkrantz** Co H, 504th Prcht Infantry Regt, 82nd Airborne Div, Netherlands, Sept. 28, 1944.

**Army Cpl. James I. Jubb** Co E, 2nd Bn, 19th Inf Regt, 24th Infantry Div, Naktong River, South Korea, Aug. 10, 1950,

**Army Sgt. Julius E. McKinney** Heavy Mortar Co, 32nd Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div, Chosin River, North Korea, Dec. 2, 1950.

4. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking the public’s help to find and encourage more MIA families to donate a DNA sample to help speed the identification process of recovered remains. Each military service and the State Department has a service casualty office that can explain how to donate.

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| Army: 800-892-2490 | Navy: 800-443-9298 | State Department: 202-485-6106 |
| Marine Corps: 800-847-1597 | Air Force: 800-531-5501 |  |

5. Senator Savino and The New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators Announces 2018 Scholarship

 The New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators is now accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. Two Academic and Two Athletic Scholarships are offered in the amount of $3,000 each. The winners will receive their awards at this year’s Italian American Day on June 4th, in Albany and recipients must be present to accept them. Requirements for the Academic Scholarship are the student’s grade point average, higher education interest and goals, community involvement and individual need. Students who apply for the Athletic Scholarship have to demonstrate athletic involvement, achievements and interest in continuing those activities in college. The Conference of Italian American State Legislators has awarded these scholarships for 15 years. The dream to pursue a higher education should not be marred by the inability to pay, and it is truly my honor to commend such well deserving students from my

district. To obtain an application, please call District Office at 718-727-9406. Applications are due no later than April 13th, 2018.

6. SCALES OF JUSTICE ACADEMY, INC***.***

• The purpose of the program is to provide underserved high school young women with

the early life skills necessary to succeed academically in law school.

• A three week program **(NO FEE) July 9 - 27, 2018** – weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• Program held at the campus of **Fordham University School of Law, 150 W 62nd Street, New York, NY 10023.**

• Several lectures on legal subjects per day.

• Distinguished Guest Speakers including law professors, attorneys, judges, and elected officials.

• 50 high school females from the New York City area.

• A day trip to Washington, D.C.

• Breakfast and Lunch will be provided to each participant. **\***Public transportation passes may be available to students who demonstrate a need.

• Must submit most recent report card with academic achievement.

• Must submit a personal statement to include your interest in this legal educational program (one page). Be sure to include your name on this statement.

• Must submit a letter of recommendation from school guidance counselor or teacher.

• Must provide all completed application documents.

• Must complete Understanding of Expectations form.

The deadline by which to submit the application has been extended to April 30, 2018 Please submit the completed application to: HON. LA TIA W. MARTIN, J.S.C. EMAIL: SCALESOFJUSTICENY@GMAIL.COM ONLINE: CALESOFJUSTICEACADEMY.ORG

If you have any questions, please contact Dafina O. Cobbinah-Pinckney, Esq. at scalesofjusticeny@gmail.com or (646) 244-0364.

**Items of Interest**

