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

**17 CANNON AVENUE**

**STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314**

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

October 2020

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| BLAZING STAR POST 1574 CONTACT NUMBERS  Al Porto, Commander - 718-578-1242, albert.porto38@gmail.com  Paul Dietrich, Quartermaster - 718-698-5269, paul@the-dietrichs.com  William Alcock, Adjutant - 718-698-1923 |

**Calendar Events**

**October Meeting Information**

**Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 1000 (10AM)**

**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone**

[**https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/252854045**](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/252854045)

**You can also dial in using your phone at 1-408-650-3123**

**Access Code: 252-854-045**

**Opening (5 Minutes)**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer**

**Roll Call of Officers**

**New Members**

**Quartermaster Report (5 Minutes)**

**Service Officer Report (5 Minutes)**

**Comrade in Distress (5 Minutes)**

**Unfinished Business (5 Minutes)**

**New Business (5 Minutes)**

**Good of the Order (5 Minutes)**

**Closing (5 Minutes)**

**Prayer**

**Next Meeting**

**Meetings for the remainder of 2020 are as follows – these dates are changes from the original schedule.**

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| Date | Event | Location | Time | Remarks |
| 3 October 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 7 November 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 5 December 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |

**Membership**

REMINDER >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<REMINDER

IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS) CHANGES, PLEASE NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS FOR MEETINGS AND IMPORTANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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2. 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

3. Dues Renewal Reminder:

Long, Derek expired 4/30/2020

Rabold, Bruce C. current until 8/31/2020

Lawrence, Jay R. current until 9/30/2020

**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. DD Form 214 website. http://vetrecs.archives.gov. For assistance, contact post service officer, Doug Encarnacion.

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

4. Veterans Representative on Staten Island. Monique L. Rada Engagement and Community Services Coordinator

NYC Department of Veterans’ Services [1 Centre Street, Suite 2208](x-apple-data-detectors://1/0) [New York, NY 10007](x-apple-data-detectors://1/0) [917-628-8487](tel:917-628-8487) [mrada@veterans.nyc.gov](mailto:mrada@veterans.nyc.gov)

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

6. 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

**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)

**Bottom of Form**

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. Go to the Security Office with proof of military/veteran status. You will be given 12 parking stamps. Place them on parking ticket and no fee.

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 (driver’s

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 and return home of the following personnel:

**Navy Seaman 1st Class Carl S. Johnson,**20, USS West Virginia, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class George Gilbert,**20,USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Coxswain Layton T. Banks,**20, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Fireman 1st Class Frank E. Nicoles,**24, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**USMCR Pfc. Thomas F. Johnson,**18, Co B, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Nov. 23, 1943.

**USMCR Pfc. Frank L. Athon, Jr.,**29, Co A, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa Nov. 22, 1943.

**Navy Shipfitter 3rd Class Patrick L. Chess, 24,**USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Gunner’s Mate 2nd Class Harold L. Dick,**22, USS Colorado, Tinian Island, July 24, 1944.

**Navy Gunner’s Musician 1st Class Joseph W. Hoffman,**24,USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.  
**Navy Mess Attendant 3rd Class Isaac Parker, 17,**USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.  
**Army Pvt. Warren G.H. DeVault,**24,Co F, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf Regt, 4th Infantry Div, Hurtgen, Germany, Nov. 20, 1944.

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. Staten Island Community TV: Veterans TV Shows are available 24 hours a day via Youtube. To view, google "Youtube, Ed Salek, In Honor of" or go to Youtube.com and search for Ed Salek, In Honor of.

**Items of Interest**

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
52d ORDNANCE GROUP

             Constituted 20 December 1943 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Ordnance Group. Activated 27 December 1943 at Camp Hood, Texas. Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1946 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Ordnance Service Group. Reorganized and redesignated 20 December 1946 as the 52d Ordnance Composite Group. Inactivated 30 June 1948 in Austria. Redesignated 8 January 1952 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Ordnance Group and allotted to the Regular Army. Activated 28 January 1952 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Inactivated 16 May 1955 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Activated 2 December 1965 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Inactivated 20 October 1967 in Vietnam. Redesignated 1 October 1993 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Ordnance Group, and activated at Fort Gillem, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

Vietnam  
Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase II  
Counteroffensive, Phase III  
  
War on Terrorism  
Iraq:  
Iraqi Surge

(Additional campaigns to be determined)

DECORATIONS

            Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966

**Notable former member: Martin Satloff**