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

**17 CANNON AVENUE**

**STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314**

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

September 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**

**On 2 September at 1300 we will have our September meeting.  The post will NOT be open as Paul Dietrich will be on quarantine for 14 days.  All members should either log in with their computers to the website to participate in the meeting or call in at the phone number listed to participate.  In either case please mute your phone or mike so as to prevent feedback interference.  Take the opportunity to either log in or call in so we know that you are ok.**

**Join the meeting from your computer or tablet by logging on to** [**https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/493930485**](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/493930485)**.**

**You can also dial in using your phone. 1-872-240-3212, Access Code 493-930-485**

**Modified Meeting Order of Business for On-Line Meetings**

**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**

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| Date | Event | Location | Time | Remarks |
| 2 September 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 7 October 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 4 November 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 2 December 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |

**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.

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

1. Post member Adam Scher was promoted 17 August 2020 in a ceremony at the White House to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel USA. Adam, a White House Fellow who has been serving as Special Assistant to the Program Associate Director for National Security Programs, will be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army. He is a 2004 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Adam was born and raised in New York City. As an Infantry Officer, he has led soldiers in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, serving in the 101st Airborne Division, the 82nd Airborne Division, and in Germany. Adam previously served as an Assistant Professor and Debate Coach in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point, where he taught courses on American government. Following the Fellowship, Adam will leverage the lessons learned at OMB to support the Army budget office. Congratulations, Adam!!!

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

Karnbach, Lawrence R. current until 10/31/2020

**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)

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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. 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:

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

**USMC Sgt. George R. Reeser**, 25, Co A, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Division, Tarawa, Nov. 22, 1943.

**USMCR Pfc. Charles D. Miller,**19, Co A, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Division, Tarawa, Nov. 22, 1943.

**Army Sgt. James N. Stryker,**20,Co L, 3rd Bn, 23rd Inf Regt, 2nd Inf Division, Han’gye, South Korea, May 18, 1951.

**Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Charles G. McMackin,** 26, 44th Bomb Group (Heavy), Ploiesti, Aug. 1, 1943.

**Army Sgt. John E. Hurlburt,** 26, 105th Infantry Regt, 27th Inf Division, Saipan, July 7, 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**

**2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment**

 

**LINEAGE AND HONORS**

Constituted 23 May 1836 in the Regular Army as Second Regiment of Dragoons and organized with Headquarters at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Redesignated 5 March 1843 as Second Regiment of Riflemen and concurrently dismounted. Remounted and redesignated 4 April 1844 as Second Regiment of Dragoons. Redesignated 3 August 1861 as Second Cavalry. Assigned 15 August 1927 – 15 July 1942 to the 2d Cavalry Division. Inactivated 15 July 1942 at Fort Riley, Kansas; personnel and equipment transferred to the 2d Armored Regiment. Redesignated and activated 15 January 1943 as the 2d Cavalry, Mechanized at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Regiment broken up 22 December 1943 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Cavalry Group, Mechanized, and the 2d and 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons, Mechanized. Above units converted and redesignated 1 May 1946 as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Constabulary Regiment and the 2d and 42d Constabulary Squadrons respectively. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Constabulary Regiment reorganized and redesignated 2 February 1948 as Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Troop, 2d Constabulary Regiment.

Above units converted and redesignated by elements 16 November 1948 as elements of the 2d Armored Cavalry (Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Troop, 2d Constabulary Regiment as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Armored Cavalry). 2d, 776th, and 19th Tank Battalions consolidated 8 January 1951 with the 2d Armored Cavalry. (Battalions and Companies redesignated 23 May 1960 as squadrons and troops, respectively) Redesignated 1 July 1992 as 2d Armored Cavalry (Light), restructured from men and equipment of 199th Light Infantry Brigade. 1st Squadron from 1-33 Armor; 2nd Squadron from 3-47 Infantry; 3rd Squadron from 2-1 Infantry. 4-17 Cavalry Squadron redesignated 4-2ACR(L) 15 January 1994. Relieved from attachment to XVIII Airborne Corps April 2005. 4th Squadron deactivated, men and equipment transferred to 4th Bde, 10th Mountain Division. Regiment reflagged June 2006. 2CR redesignated 4/2 SBCT. Simultaneously 1-25 Infantry redesignated 2SCR.

**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

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| **MEXICAN WAR**  Palo Alto  Resaca De La Palma  Monterey  Buena Vista  Vera Cruz  Cerro Gordo  Contreras  Churubusco  Molino Del Ray  Chapultepec  Nuevo Leon  Tamaulipas 1846  Texas 1846  Vera Cruz 1847 | **INDIAN WARS**  Seminoles  Little Big Horn  Nez Perce  Bannock  Cheyenne  New Mexico 1852  New Mexico 1854  Wyoming 1866  Wyoming 1867  Kansas 1869  Montana 1870  Montana 1872  Montana 1879  Montana 1880 | **SOUTHWEST ASIA**  Defense of Saudi Arabia  Liberation of Kuwait |
| **CIVIL WAR**  Peninsula  Manassas  Antietam  Fredericksburg  Chancellorsville  Gettysburg  Wilderness  Spotsylvania  Cold Harbor  Petersburg  Shenandoah  Virginia 1863  Virginia 1864  Maryland 1863 | **WAR WITH SPAIN**  Santiago  **WORLD WAR I**  Aisne-Marne  St. Mihiel  Meuse-Argonne  **WORLD WAR II**  Normandy  Northern France  Rhineland  Ardennes-Alsace  Central Europe  Leyte (with Arrowhead)  Ryukyus |  |

**DECORATIONS**

**Presidential Unit Citation** (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE (2d Tank Battalion cited; WD GO 17, 1945)

**Presidential Unit Citation** (Army) Operation Iraqi Freedom from 6 April 2003 to 15 June 2004

**Valorous Unit Award**, Streamer embroidered IRAQ.

**Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm**, Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE; cited in the order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at BASTOGNE (2d Tank Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1950 and DA GO 27, 1950)

**Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, and Troops A, B, and C** each additionally entitled to:

**Philippine Presidential Unit Citation**, Streamer embroidered 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945 (776th Amphibious Tank Battalion cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

**1st Squadron** additionally entitled to:

Army Superior Unit Award, Haiti from 1 January 1995 - 22July 1996 (DA GO 15, 1997 & 25 dated 8 June 2001)

**2d Squadron** additionally entitled to:

Army Superior Unit Award, Haiti from 20 August 1997 to 21 October 1997 (DA GO 15, 1997 & 25 dated 8 June 2001) Presidential Unit Citation (Army) Operation Iraqi Freedom from 30 March to 1 May, 2003

**3d Squadron** additionally entitled to:

**Army Superior Unit Award, Haiti** from 20 August 1997 to 21 October 1997 (DA GO 15, 1997 & 25 dated 8 June 2001)

**Army Superior Unit Award - Bosnia 1997** (20 Aug 97 To 21 Oct 97, DAGO 2001 - 25)

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Troop E, Troop F, Troop G, 2d Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry

Headquarters And Headquarters Troop, Troop I, Troop K, Troop L, 3d Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry

**Notable Former Member: Lieutenant Colonel Adam A. Scher**