



PAUL HERRICK POST 21

NEWSLETTER

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Christine Clouse and her family were presented with both the American and POW/MIA Flags that she saved during our Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day.

CALENDAR

Member Meeting – Oct 19 at 7pm
Veterans Day - November 11
Member Meeting – November 16 at 7pm
Open House – December 4th and 5th
Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Svc. - Dec 7
Member Meeting – December 21 at 7pm
2022
Member Meeting – January 18 at 7pm
Member Meeting – February 15 at 7pm
Chili Cook-Off (Tentative) – February 26
American Legion Birthday - March 15
Member Meeting – March 15 at 7pm
Medal of Honor Day - March 25
Vietnam Veterans Day - March 29
Prisoner of War Remembrance Day - April 9
Armed Forces Day - May 15
Memorial Day - May 31
Paul Herrick's Birthday - June 3, 1922



Randy Granger with his latest donation.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

No matter how you do it, I implore you to share Post 21's obligations to meet The American Legions vision for a strong America:

- A Strong National Security
- Taking Care of Veterans
- Mentoring Youth
- Promoting Patriotism and Honor

The Post may not be what it used to be, but the current leadership is dedicated to making it better and we are dedicated to these Four Pillars. We are also dedicated to each other. America needs you again now more than ever.

Commander Tom

POST 21 HONORS LOCAL PATRIOT

On Flag Day, June 14, at our annual flag retirement ceremony, we honored Christine Clouse for an act of patriotism she performed for Post 21 this past December. She was presented with the American and POW/MIA flags that were saved from hanging over the side of the building after a pulley failed. You can read more about the story on the front page of <https://alpost21.com>.

EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As veterans we have a lot in common. We all took an oath to protect and defend our nation and fellow countrymen. We all wore uniforms identifying our branch of service, and we all had a shot record. Service members got shots on enlistment and throughout our careers, to include smallpox and anthrax and the yearly flu shot. I'll bet some of you still have your shot records!

The Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J Austin III, has now mandated covid shots for the military to protect the Nations protectors. General Austin III, USA Retired, was a West Point graduate who served 41 years.

As veterans and as members of the American Legion can we do any less. Get vaccinated and encourage your families, your friends, and neighbors to do the same. The oath I took on enlistment is still binding, protect and defend. Get vaccinated.

Executive Board Chairman Larry Lewens

40 YEAR POST MEMBER DONATES ARTWORK

Randolph Granger joined Post 21 forty years ago to help a friend work Kenosha's 4th of July fireworks display which was performed by Post 21 at the time. He remembers those days fondly. He had been at the post previously, "as a kid" when the Post hosted teen dances.

At our August member meeting, Randy presented the post with a signed pen and ink drawing of the USS Arizona (BB-39) Underway. The work was created on the 40th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. In the past, he donated other items, including a framed picture of the Arizona Memorial, a picture of a funeral caisson, and a Legion Police Badge. The Grangers have a long legacy in the Legion as Randy's father wrote articles for The American Legion

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Meeting Information

Post 21 Member Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Auxiliary Unit 21 meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Sons of the American Legion meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

The meetings would be better if YOU were there!

Magazine.

Randy and his wife Lori, a US Army veteran herself, are currently downsizing and thought that Post 21 was the right place for it. Randy assured us he will come down from time to time to visit us and have a look at a favorite old picture.

NEWS AND NOTES:

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE KICKOFF NOVEMBER 9TH AT 7:00 PM

We are going to kick off the new Building Improvement Committee that is going to decide the future of Post 21 in many ways. First and foremost, we need to figure out how we want to use the building going forward, and what is do-able.

If you have any experience in building codes, property inspections, commercial building renovations, grant writing, or you are just interested in helping, please join us.

We believe having a strong American Legion presence downtown is important!

THINKING ABOUT JOINING POST 21

Besides the great things The American Legion does Nationally and in Wisconsin, here in Kenosha we want to make Post 21 the seat of patriotism in our great city. We want it to be a place for veterans to come for help, to have social events for the community and our families, and we want it to be a place to just gather and swap Sea/War stories.

We understand that the word out there is that if you go to the Post you are going to be "volunteered" to do everything, and maybe there is some truth to that. In my experience, you only do what you want to do. I have been doing a lot because I am retired, and I like to keep busy. Keeping this website running and Facebook updated is my idea of fun.

Cleaning the post after a rental is just a workout without gym fees to me, but we

understand if you don't feel the same way.

My advice is to come down and see for yourself. You don't have anything to lose, and we think you have a lot to gain.

Currently, we really could use some help in the following areas:

- Our Historian Gerry Jones could use some help cataloging the Post History we have been hunting and gathering recently.
- We are planning on a pretty big event for Pearl Harbor Day 2021 to Honor our Post's namesake Paul E. Herrick, a son of Kenosha, who was the first person from Kenosha to die during WWII on the USS Arizona. We could use some ideas for fundraising and planning.

What do you think we should be doing for our city and for our fellow veterans?

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What is Qigong?

Simply put, Qigong (qi=energy, gong=to work with) is working with your body's own energy to maintain emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

I have greatly reduced chronic pain...so can you!

Weekly Spring Forest Qigong Practice Group for Veterans

I am certified as both a Practice Group Leader and a Trainer by Spring Forest Qigong (SFQ). As my way of giving back to my fellow veterans, I lead a FREE 30 minute SFQ practice group for veterans every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Please visit SageHavenLLC.com to sign up and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It seems that there is always some twist to the membership process that gets us all confused. I recently asked 1st District Commander Karl Stuvengen for an explanation, and this is what I learned:

- 1) If you do not pay by December 31, The Legion Magazine subscription stops, the Badger Legionnaire subscription stops and the AD&D Insurance lapses, to name a few of the benefits you will lose.
- 2) The confusing schedule that is put out is because many people drag their feet paying dues. The Legion has to end up catering to people in order to keep membership up. Please don't be one of those guys.
- 3) The confusion really starts in the June 1 - July 31 time frame when the Legion starts their mailing campaigns. They are focused on the people that have not paid for the prior year, but the people that paid on time last year assume it is for them and end up paying twice! It's a real nightmare, and a big waste of time.

Here are some options to make everyone happy:

1. Try to Pay by Veterans Day each year but pay before December 31.
2. Think about paying as an early bird in September. My first Division Officer beat into me that it's better to be an hour early than a minute late. (He was right, that philosophy has served me well.)



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3. Consider auto-pay or PUFL (Paid up for Life) program as ways to avoid the notices altogether.

4. Be kind to our Membership Coordinator. It's a demanding job and it's volunteer work!

GUEST AUTHOR

THOSE LOVABLE "LIFERS"

Those Men and Women who dedicate their life to our nation's service.

by Joe Campolo Jr.

In each branch of the military, those individuals known as lifers are what I consider to be the straw that "makes it all happen". The group of commissioned and non-commissioned officers who choose to make the military a career, are the ones that keep the ships sailing, the aircraft flying, and the troops marching. Without them the rest of us would have been lost.

And like any group of people, among the lifers there were good ones, funny ones, and a few clunkers. Most of us who served have seen all three, but I am proud to say I came across many of the "good ones". (Many of the "funny ones" were also some of the "good ones")

As an enlisted man, my experience was primarily with the "enlisted lifers", so that's who I will discuss. I will also mention that at times there are some derisive remarks cast regarding the lifers. But on a personal level, I feel fortunate in crossing paths with almost all of them. They were some of the best people I have come to know in my lifetime.

Basic Training

For most of us, basic training was our first serious meeting with career military personnel. And, again, for most of us, it was a memorable one. A bunch of loud individuals stomping around in Smoky the Bear hats. I had three Training Instructors (TI's) during my

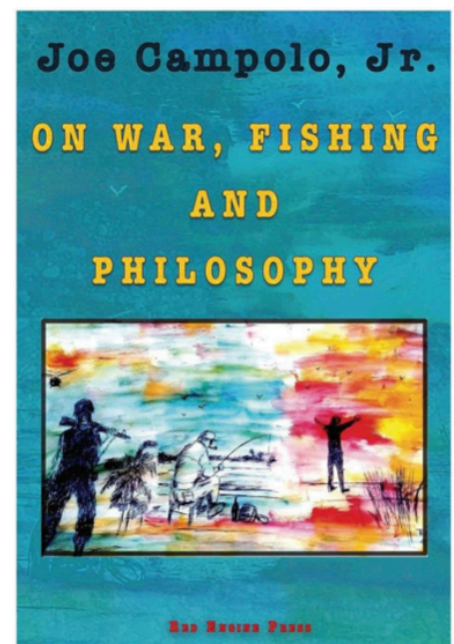
basic training in Amarillo, Texas in August of 1968, and each one was different from the other. (Yes, even the Air Force had tough TI's in 1968)

Sgt. Dirk was a man who never smiled. He was so transparent in his cruelty, it seemed to us that this was a "nasty TI" character he worked at and mastered. A roll he portrayed while on duty. Nobody could be that mean! His favorite activity was to make us stand at attention under the hot Amarillo sun and watch him slowly drink a cold crisp bottle of Coca Cola from the cooler in the TI's quarters. He wouldn't even let us get a drink of the tepid water in our canteens until the drill session was over.

Sgt. Dirk wore a pair of mirror sunglasses like the sadistic warden in Cool Hand Luke. We called him Sergeant No Eyes.

To read the rest of this article and many more, visit Joe's website here:

<https://namwarstory.com/2020/07/the-lifers/>



Joe's Next Book Signing will be on Veterans Day at the Pollard Gallery on 518 56th Street, Kenosha, WI 531

Joining him will be Post Finance Officer and Local Author, Steven Tindall

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Social Media Information

§ Veteran owned businesses can advertise free in our Red, White, and Blue pages. on alpost21.com.

§ We accept veteran focused articles on our website

§ We would like to hear your ideas about helping Veterans

§ Our Party/Banquet Hall can be rented for businesses team events as well as social events. Bring Your Own Catering!

Email to know more: socialmgr@alpost21.com

Legionnaires make a positive difference for veterans and their communities.

Visit legion.org to join the team.



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PEARL HARBOR DAY 2021 CONTEST

This year is the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, an event which pulled the United States of America into World War II. It is also the anniversary of the death of Kenosha native, Paul E. Herrick who was aboard the USS Arizona during the attack.

Post 21 will be remembering the loss of Paul Herrick, and everyone who died that day by hosting an essay contest for middle and high school students residing in the American Legion, 1st District. Prizes will be 1st place: \$500.00 / and the American Legion Medal, 2nd place: \$300.00, 3rd place: \$200.00.

See <https://alpost21.com/contest/> for contest rules and information.

The essay question is:

“Why is it important for America to remember events like Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941) and the sacrifice of citizens like Paul Herrick?”

Open House

On December 4th and 5th, Post 21 will host an open house. On display will be the winning entries, and 1st Vice Commander Carl Bogar’s museum quality military exhibit.

For those that didn’t know, Carl is the owner of **Historic Military Impressions**, and **Kenosha Military Surplus** located on 39th Avenue. Carl provides Authentic Military Surplus, History Classes, Exhibits, and Lectures. Call (262) 654-5335 for more information. Or email him at cbogar@hmihistory.com

FINAL THOUGHTS

A BIG Thanks to all who helped with the annual Pancake and Porky breakfast! I appreciate everyone’s contribution no matter how big or small. It was a very successful event, and we had a lot of fun. It is going to be one of the first of a long series of proud moments for this old and storied post.

As the summer comes to a close, we are gearing up for some important events...

- Veterans Day – November 11
- Pearl Harbor / Paul Herrick remembrance / essay contest.
- Renaming of 58th St from Sheridan Rd. to the lake; Paul Herrick Blvd.

To learn more about these events and much more, visit <https://alpost21.com>.

Commander Tom

If you are getting this special edition, we do not have your email address. Please contact us so we can add you. You will receive meeting minutes, newsletters, and important information about our activities and events.