



American Legion Post 269
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Welcome to American Legion Patchogue Post 269. As a new member, you might not be familiar with what our Post does or with the events that we participate in. I would like to give you a quick overview of what our Post is about and what we do.

Our mission is to provide help and support to our fellow veterans, helping and assisting our community, and mentoring and supporting our youth.

To help and support our fellow veterans, we have the following programs:

1. We sponsor a monthly coffee hour along with the Joseph Dwyer Peer Support group.
2. We attend Missing In America Project interments at Calverton. The MIAP is run by the Greenlawn Post and provides an interment ceremony for veteran who has passed away and no family has claimed the remains.
3. We have an annual bbq get together in late summer for all members.
4. We have a "Salute to Departed Comrades" ceremony in December to honor all the members who passed away during the year.
5. We attend many of the "No One in Attendance" ceremonies that are done once a month and are sponsored by the Calverton National Cemetery and Patriot Guard Riders.
6. We perform the "Flags In" ceremony at the local cemeteries on the Saturday before Memorial Day.
7. We participate with "Wreaths Across America" for the placement of wreaths at Calverton National Cemetery in December.
8. We hold many events at the Post for the members to get together and socialize. These include the Army-Navy game party, Super Bowl Party, Long Island Ducks baseball games, and other activities.

To help and assist our community, we have the following activities:

1. We participate in all the parades in Patchogue.
2. We are an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.
3. We are present at the Alive After Five events, the Great South Bay Music Festival, and the Suffolk County Marathon.
4. We work with St Joseph's College and the Student Veterans of America group and attend their public functions.
5. We provide a Color Guard for several of the Special Olympics functions.
6. We provide a Color Guard and speech at local nursing homes, Blue Ridge Condos, Meadowbrooke Point complex, and other facilities around Veterans Day.
7. We provide a Flag Folding ceremony at one of the local churches around Veterans Day.
8. We hold Flag Day ceremonies at Blue Ridge Condos and Vineyards at Blue Point.

9. We hold a Flag Retirement ceremony every year to provide a dignified burning of old flags.
10. We are very active on social media and our website.

To provide mentoring and support for our Youth, we have the following activities:

1. We give school awards to the elementary and middle schools.
2. We attend the AFJROTC Awards dinner.
3. We hold “Vets in the Classroom” at both South Ocean Middle School and Saxton Middle School where we attend the classes and talk about our experiences and what they have meant for us.
4. We conduct a Flag Etiquette class at both South Ocean Middle School and Saxton Middle School where we present a class to the 7th grade on the meanings of the flag, flag etiquette and display, flag respect, and flag folding.
5. We work with “Our Community Salutes” to honor all seniors who are graduating and going directly to the military.
6. We hold an all day meeting with the AFJROTC at Pat-Med High School to talk with the cadets.

This is just a quick overview of some of the activities that we sponsor or are involved with. There are many other activities, such as the Veterans Art Fair, that we are active with.

Our Post provides the ability to get involved in projects that you might be interested in. We strongly encourage members to suggest and start new projects or activities that they are interested in.

We encourage our members to join one or more of the various committees and get involved.

The following is a list of the current committees:

1. Alive After Five and Music Festival Committee
2. Building Committee
3. Color Guard Committee
4. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
5. Firing Detail Committee
6. Flag Etiquette Committee
7. Flag Rewards Committee
8. Hall Rental Committee
9. Hundred Club Committee
10. Liaison Committee
11. Maintenance Committee
12. Major Fundraiser Committee
13. Nominating Committee
14. Post 100 Year Celebration Committee
15. PTSD and Dwyer Peer Support Committee
16. Public Relations and Social Media Committee
17. Vets in the Classroom Committee

We also have an American Legion Auxiliary Unit that participates in many of the Post activities. The Auxiliary also has their own set of activities and events, including activities at the State Veterans Home and Beacon House. The Auxiliary is an active supporter and sponsor for the Girls State program.

Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters of a Post member or a deceased honorably discharged veteran who would have been eligible for membership in the Post.

We have a Sons of American Legion Squadron. Although our Sons Squadron has not been very active, we are working on plans to generate more interest and activity.

Membership in the Sons is open to the male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of a Post member or a deceased honorably discharged veteran who would have been eligible for membership in the Post.

The Post is normally open from about 10:00 or 10:30 AM until 2:00 or 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday. We encourage members to drop down to the Post during the week. It is a good way to get to know what is going on. The Dugout social area is open Friday evening from 7 PM until 11 PM and Sundays from 3 PM to 7 PM.

We invite all of our members to come down to the Post and get involved. We get paid in satisfaction and the knowledge that we have made a positive contribution to our community, our fellow veterans, and the youth that we mentor and support.

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For God and Country
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