



American Legion Lithuanian Post 154
For God and Country



Legionnaire

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Commander's Message

The lazy days of summer are just about over. Fall and the end of daylight saving time are fast approaching. The busy times of opening of school and getting back in the full swing of "normal" living are here once again. So, too, Legion life begins a new year with the installation of Post officers for year 2007 - 2008.

At the annual convention, the Department set the tone for the coming year; continued interest in community activities and a reminder for each Post to be fully aware of its obligations under our charter.

While cleaning up some old papers, I came across a document from 1969 which brings home the importance of adherence to our charter and preamble. I will quote some statements from the paper (author unknown).

"RULES FOR REVOLUTION"

In May 1919, the British army raided a Communist headquarters in occupied Dusseldorf, Germany. Among the papers seized was one entitled 'Rules for Bringing About a Revolution.' These rules, that make incredible reading in 1969 America are:

- Corrupt the young. Get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.
- Get control of all means of publicity and thereby: Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, other trivialities.
- Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
- Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding these latter up to ridicule, and contempt.
- Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
- By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
- Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.
- By specious arguments cause the breakdown of old moral virtues: Honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in a pledged word, ruggedness.
- Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view of confiscating them and leaving the public helpless.

Let's stop falling into the Communist traps. Why not defeat their tactics by - Going back to religion, self-development and living by the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

So be active in combating anti-American ideals; let us live by the principles of The American Legion as expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion: "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the

The American Legion Convention



Lithuanian Post 154 delegates to the American Legion Convention, Maryland Department. From left; Vitas Siaurusaitis, Joe Jankevicius, John Maskavich, Vince Dulys, Vacys Laukaitis

The American Legion Department of Maryland Convention was informative. There were classes, speeches, committee reports, elections and a bit of socializing mixed in. During the Community Services segment, we had "the parade of checks." Several hundred thousand dollars were donated to charities. The American Legion sponsored Boys State, gave out scholarships and sponsored sports teams to give our youth opportunities to learn citizenship and leadership.

Lithuanian Post 154 was

well represented. Each day, the meetings opened with a POW-MIA remembrance service conducted by our Adjutant Vince Dulys with Commander John Maskavich participating. They also participated in the Post Everlasting Service Wednesday evening.

For a second year in a row, our Post won the John Sloan Newsletter Award. Thanks to all who contributed articles and made suggestions to improve the *Legionnaire*. A special thanks goes to "Eagle Eye" Richard Seymour for applying his outstanding proofreading skills.

following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The forces that attempt to destroy our way of life take many shapes and names. Legionnaires of Lithuanian Post 154: REMEMBER WHAT WE ARE ABOUT!!

John Maskavich

Adjutant's Message

The new Fiscal Year 2008 is now upon us and our renewal membership is coming in steadily. So far, we have exceeded the Department's goal of 50% paid membership by September by having 75% paid. Needless to say the last 25% comes a lot slower and we still need to add a few more new faces to replace the six that we lost last year. We have gained two new members so far this fiscal year, Algimantas Siugza from North Point, Florida and Toivo Tagamets from Chevy Chase, Maryland. With a few more we should be able to reach Department level 3-star status and give a well deserved recognition salute to our Post and Commander John Maskavich who is taking on his fourth consecutive year and fifth overall as Commander of

Lithuanian Post 154.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in their renewals for fiscal year 2008 to help take us one step closer to reaching 3-star status. If your card does not have "2008" on top, you have not paid your current dues. Fiscal Year 2008 started July 01, 2007 and ends June 30, 2008 and your card is honored through December 31, 2008. If your card has "2007" at the top, your membership expires December 31, 2007.

If you should have any questions about your membership status please e-mail me or leave me a message on my home phone.

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Membership Chairman
Vince Dulys

Post 154 Installation

Lithuanian Post 154 Installation of Officers for 2007 - 2008 will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at Lithuanian Hall. Refreshments will be served from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM and immediately after the program. The program normally lasts about an hour. After the program our guests are welcome to stay for our complimentary hot buffet catered by Aldona Buda.

Installation program is scheduled to start promptly at 2:00 PM. We start the program with a remembrance of our POWs / MIAs followed by recognizing our Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Teachers in our community and several other presentations of awards. Past Department Com-

mander Elbert White will install our newly elected Officers, followed by a short Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed comrades.

Since our last Installation in September 2006, we have had six Lithuanian Post 154 members report to the Commander of us all.

If you plan to attend the installation, it is essential that you **RSVP no later than September 6th** to Chairman Vincent Dulys or Commander John Maskavich. If you do not RSVP you may not have a seat during the program. I will have reserved tables for Department and special invited guests only. Any special requests must go through the chairman, otherwise there will be open seating, first come first serve.

Installation Chairman
Vince Dulys

Salute The Flag Amendment

Sen. James Inhofe's (R-OK) Bill S.1877 regarding non-uniformed Armed Forces and veterans saluting the Flag passed in the Senate on July 25,2007 and has been referred to the House.

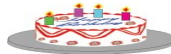


"SECTION 1. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking 'all persons present' and all that follows through the end and inserting 'those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.'"

Source -www.govtrack.us S.1877

Happy Birthday



September

- Vince Dulys
- Robert Liupaeter
- Gordon Matulonis
- Dena Norton
- Joseph Saurusaitis
- Vitas Siaurusaitis
- Carl Thomas
- Adam Zurowsky

October

- Charles Crovo
- Valentinas Drazdys
- Henry Gaidis
- Michael Jackonis
- James Laucht
- Robert Leonavicius
- Gerald Smith
- Vincent Velzis
- Frank Wojcicki

Post Everlasting



Eighteen members of Post 154 had the sad duty of conducting a Poppy Service for Legionnaire Vytautas Eringis. Lithuanian Post 154 expresses its deepest sympathy to the Eringis family.

Sick Call



Edmond Bartas
8 Robins Nest Ct
Randallstown, MD 21133

Patrick Dohlus
1920 Nipmuck Path
Hanover, MD 21076

David Gorrell
1179 Dicus Mill Rd.
Millersville, MD 21108

MS Challenge

To The American Legion Lithuanian Post 154 - Thank you so much for supporting team Viltis in the 50K MS Challenge Walk which will

take place Sept. 15 -16, 2007. Your generous \$100 donation, as well as other donations from individual Post 154 members, will be instrumental in providing hope to thousands of Mary-

landers living with Multiple Sclerosis. Eventually, there will be a cure, and it will be because of all of you. A big hug to every one of you!
Birute Gorrell
and Team Viltis

If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to MS Society and mail to:
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1179 Dicus Mill Rd.
Millersville, MD 21108

Truth About Guantanamo

Brigadier General Edward Leacock, Assistant Adjutant General, Maryland Army National Guard was Deputy Commanding General, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, February 2006—February 2007. He gave an excellent speech about conditions at GTMO at The American Legion Convention. After his speech, John Maskavich and I had an opportunity to chat with the general. During our chat, he mentioned that a released detainee, when recaptured, requested to be sent back to GTMO. Probably the best accommodations he has ever experienced. The average detainee gains 20 pounds while there. Herewith are the "Talking Points" General Leacock sent me.

Joe Jankevicius



Brigadier General Edward Leacock and John Maskavich

"Talking Points

- 1) Joint Task Force – Guantanamo Mission:
 - JTF-Guantanamo conducts safe and humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants.
 - We conduct interrogation operations to collect strategic intelligence in support of the Global War on Terror
 - We support law enforcement and war crimes investigations
- 2) Members of al-Qaeda and related terrorist organizations

- are detained at GTMO
- 3) Background of Terrorists: recruiters and facilitators, trainers, explosives experts, forgers, financiers
- 4) Some detainees have direct personal contact and knowledge of 9-11 attackers
- 5) All interrogations conducted in strict compliance with Army Field Manual 2-22.3 (released 5 Sep 06) and Detainee Treatment Act
- 6) Intelligence that has specifically supported combatant commanders
- 7) Detainee Meals: approximately \$1.0M annually
 - Meet cultural and dietary requirements
 - Approximately 4,200 calories a day offered
 - Four menus offered
 - Meal times adjusted during Islamic religious holidays
- 8) Opportunity to Worship
 - Korans provided in native

- language
 - Call to prayer sounded five times daily
 - Prayer beads, prayer rugs, prayer caps provided
 - Uninterrupted prayer time
- 9) Medical and dental support
 - 20 beds - Expandable to 30
 - Operating Room (1 table – expandable to 2)
 - Total medical surgeries: over 300
 - Dental: Over 5,700 procedures, including cleanings, cavities, root canals, and oral surgeries.
- 10) JTF-Guantanamo cares for dangerous men humanely... but we don't forget that they are dangerous men.
- 11) American men and women are doing a terrific job in a dangerous place . . . much to be proud of.
 - Edward Leacock
 - BG, MDARNG
 - Assistant Adjutant General"

A Look At A Book

"Absolutely American"
by David Lipsky



Motherhood, apple pie, and baseball are, of course, as we know, the truly absolutely American things. Some doubt has crept in about baseball with claims it's been replaced by football. Apple pie, too, was OK for our Founding Fathers, but now is getting crowded out by pie newcomers. Maybe even Motherhood isn't what it used to be. So it seems a fair tag to put on something like our military academies, in this case, West Point.

Candidates for admission to West Point are, usually, very numerous. The prize is an outstanding education which provides one with super credentials for the rest of life. In the last century, however, there were spells through which, from the Point's view, the pickings were not so good. Furthermore, the world had be-

come a complicated place.

Once the bastion of future generals, West Point was pressed into broadening, willing or not, its mission. It had to include a broader mix of students compatible with the philosophy of diversity. Most prominent of this aspect was that lady cadets became part of the scene. When MacArthur was there, you didn't have young ladies who were heading for high command. And we here in Maryland could see the same happening at the USNA. How is it, we asked ourselves, that we are now seeing women middies in their sharp whites strolling in Annapolis with hair-dos much less military than the men's?

It was from these lean

days that action was needed to prop up the pool of applicants. What was the Point to do?

This book is one of the steps that was taken. The administration of the Academy developed the idea of having a book published about the United States Military Academy. The fascinating elements of the project are masterful. For starters, they made the offer to David Lipsky, Contributing Editor for Rolling Stones. Hardly carrying the expected resume. Next, he got an unprecedented offer: stay at the Academy as long as you like, go wherever you wish, talk to whomever you want, to discover why some of America's most promising young people sacrifice so much to become cadets.

Lipsky did just that. At first he lived at a nearby motel. Before long, however, the Academy and Lipsky realized the goal would not best

be achieved this way. So he moved into residence with the cadets- 24/7. Four years at West Point. It is a tremendous story. How the Point reflects our society and produces great military leaders who go on to be great civilian citizens after their careers.

You will share tears and laughs; you'll be proud of America. You'll be sure to agree with President Teddy's words that Lipsky shares with us: "Of all the institutions in this country, none is more absolutely American, none in the proper sense of the word, more absolutely democratic than this.....Here you come together as representatives of America in a higher and more peculiar sense than can possibly be true of any other institution in the land.." (At West Point centennial, 1902")

Ed Budelis

Lithuanian American Legion History

By Henry L. Gaidis

Not all American Legion Posts are the same nor do they all share a common founding history. Surely Lithuanian Post 154, Baltimore, Maryland, due to its strong ethnic ties is unique. The American Legion was founded immediately following the end of World War I in March of 1919 by American soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F) in Paris, France to promote camaraderie and improve morale among troops. All soldiers of the A.E.F were considered members. On May 9, 1919 at the caucus in St. Louis, "The American Legion" received its official name. The Legion's draft constitution was approved, and so was its preamble, which begins: "For God and Country we associate ourselves together. . ." The preamble, with its heartfelt dedication to freedom and democracy, is still recited today at official gatherings of The American Legion.

Prior to the forming of The American Legion, before the war, the Baltimore Lithuanian immigrants had formed fraternal military organizations such as the Knights of Saint George and the Knights of Saint Casmir. Each member had vivid recollection of what it was like to live under a foreign occupation that even attempted to impose a foreign language and religions upon them. President Wilson's call for the restoration of freedom to all of the peoples of Europe was heard by every immigrant across the United States. Most were recent immigrants or the sons of first generation immigrants who had fled their homeland occupied by Imperial German or Czarist Russia armies. For this reason, the Lithuanian Americans quickly rallied behind the Colors and flocked to join the American armed forces in 1918. The small Baltimore Lithuanian community numbering about 2500 men, women, and children, provided over 150 able bodied soldiers to the cause.

Even before the noise, horror, and smoke of the battles of the First World War had been forgotten, Lithuanian American war veterans returning home began to seek ways to liberate their ancestral homeland. As a result, most Lithuanian American veterans chose to then avoid the newly founded American Legion in favor of forming their own veteran organizations with the objective of not only caring for their fellow comrades, but helping in the struggle for Lithuanian independence. From these small groups of veterans several larger organizations evolved the most notable being the Freedom Guards (Laisves Sargai), the American Lithuanian Legion (Amerikos Lietuviu Legionas) and the Alliance of American Lithuanian Soldiers (Amerikos Lietuviu Kareiviu Susiveienijimas).

Though these veterans anticipated full support from the American government for their venture, the administration hesitated in favor of establishing a joint allied military policy for Eastern Europe. With this delay, the Lithuanian American community took it upon itself to go to the aid of Lithuania. In early 1919, Julius Bielskis was appointed by the Lithuanian American Congress as the chief organizer of the proposed brigade. Bielskis was soon joined by Colonel William N. Swarthout, a career American military officer, sent from Lithuania to help in this endeavor. Within a few weeks, Bielskis estimated that approximately 10,000 volunteers were ready to go to Lithuania, but due to the existing political situation in the United States their travel to Lithuania would have to be arranged in a clandestine manner. A plan was soon devel-

oped for these volunteers to travel to Canada as laborers and from there sail to Riga, Latvia, from where they could safely proceed to Lithuania. A contingent staff consisting of Colonel William N. Swarthout, Major Oscar F. Newkirk, Captain Julius Bielskis, and Captain Vladas Lazdynas, traveled to Lithuania in the fall of 1919 to coordinate the arrival of the volunteers and the establishment of the Brigade in Lithuania. Upon their arrival, the Brigade contingent soon learned that the Lithuanian Minister of Defense, fearing that the arriving Americans posed some imaginary threat to the new government, refused to allow the Brigade's formation. He was happy to receive the American volunteers, but demanded they be disbursed among existing Lithuanian Army units. Due to the resulting dispute between the Brigade contingent and the minister, the actual formation of the Lithuanian American Brigade never came to fruition. Fighting in Lithuania soon terminated and only about 500 of the Lithuanian American volunteers actually took part in the struggle for the nation's independence.

Though the idea of the proposed Lithuanian American Brigade ceased, these established Lithuanian American veterans units soon evolved into traditional veteran organizations. On February 16, 1930, some seven of the larger organizations consolidated and formed the Lithuanian Legion of America. The organization was officially incorporated in the State of New York as a patriotic, nonpartisan organization of former soldiers and sailors of Lithuanian extraction. One of the major differences between the Lithuanian Legion of America and The American Legion was that the former organization admitted anyone who had served in either the American or Lithuanian armed forces. Most of the founding members had served as American military in World War I or in the Lithuania War of Independence (1918-1920). A few of these veterans had also served in the Spanish American War or taken part in the Philippine Insurrection. The one binding strand of the organization was a love of country both ancestral and adopted.

The Lithuanian Legion of America was founded and organized by Constantine R. Jurgela who formulated its statutes and served as the organization's staff adjutant from 1930 to 1938. The first Commander of the Lithuanian Legion of America was American born Dr. John A. Bucnis who was followed by Commander Petras Jurgela who held the position for many years.

By 1938, the Lithuanian American Legion had nine posts with several hundred members. The larger and most active posts could be found in New York, Chicago, Boston, and Baltimore. The nucleus of the organization was the New York Post. Among its members were Stepas Darius and Stasys Girenas, the two early transatlantic pilots who lost their lives in 1933 in the crash of their aircraft "Lituanica". The New York Post and several others were later renamed the Darius and Girenas Post in their honor.

With their rich cultural and historical background the various Lithuanian American Legion posts prospered. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, quickly changed the independent way of thinking by Lithuanian American veterans. Though all members continued to be very proud of their national heritage, they were all Americans first and foremost. As a result, most post members immediately

Lithuanian American Legion History - continued

gathered together to support the war effort. Among the very first steps were to disband their honored Lithuanian American Legion organization and seek membership in the American Legion. Baltimore Lithuanian American veterans received a temporary American Legion charter on March 19, 1943. To their added joy and pleasure, these old veterans were delighted to learn that the Post would be authorized to bear their traditional name Lithuanian Post in honor of their nationality and former organization. It is believed that Lithuanian Post No. 154 is the only American Legion Post bearing an ethnic designation in its official name.

Dr. Adalbert Zelwis a former member of the Lithuanian American Legion served as the first Commander of The American Legion - Maryland Lithuanian Post 154. The post members worked diligently and within a year their membership increased from fifteen members to fifty two and they received their permanent charter on June 19, 1944. The new post realized that in order for them to successfully participate in the various American Legion programs, they would need help. They encouraged their wives, daughters and sisters to form an Auxiliary Unit. The response to their suggestion was indeed a pleasant one. The very popular and active Lithuanian Auxiliary Unit 154 was formed and chartered in 1946. The unit was of invaluable assistance to Lithuanian Post 154. Unfortunately, due to dwindling membership, the Auxiliary turned in their charter and disbanded in 1997.

As the years passed, those who chartered the post began to fade away. New and younger legionnaires who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam took their places. Now you will find members who have served in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. These younger veterans continue the post work with the same dedication displayed by the older legionnaires. They promote religion without bigotry, charity without prejudice, and are always prepared to defend the ideals and freedoms of this country.

Though its membership has never been large, Post 154 has been led by dedicated Commanders many of whom have served as officers of State and National American Legion Programs. Deeply concerned about the future of their country and knowing that the leaders of tomorrow are the youth of today, the post continually seeks to instill a positive manner in the hearts and minds of our youth. To encourage excellent scholarship and good citizenship, the Lithuanian Post annually presents scholarships and awards to local students, teachers, fire fighters, and police officers. To keep alive the memory of past post members, the Post Everlasting Service is performed at all installation ceremonies. Members regularly visit Veteran's Hospital, donate blood, support charities and provide Christmas assistance to the needy.

In all their activities, the members of Lithuanian Post 154 have never forgotten God. When the splendid "Back to God" movement was initiated by The American Legion, this post not only encouraged their fellow members to take part in praying in the church of their choice, but every year since take part in a Post Mass at Saint Alphonsus Church. Post 154 also hosts the Department's "Four Chaplains Service" every year at St. Alphonsus Church. This service was started by our Post member Father Tony Dranginis when he was Department Chaplain

and has become an annual tradition.

Foremost, the post never forgets those brave men and women who gave their lives in battle. The founding members of Post 154 took part in its first Memorial Day service on May 30, 1943, and their successors continue this activity to the present time.

Today Lithuanian Post 154, Baltimore, Maryland, stands proud alongside its fellow comrades in The American Legion in keeping the tradition of God and Country. They are worthy successors to their forefathers in the Lithuanian Legion of America.

Keeping Us Safe

Lithuanian Post 154 has two members in Iraq. Send them a note or an e-mail and thank them for keeping us safe.

SFC William Cherneski
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— E-Mail from SFC Cherniski in Baghdad —

Greetings !!

Guess what , it is still hot but down to the mid 120's and even in the mid 80's early in the morning (YEA!!!!) We take it when we can get it. Looking forward to the end of August, that is supposed to be the hottest period here, as I am told by others who have been here before.

Not much news around here, pretty much status quote for the most part. Although two weeks ago we had a unit here on our base lose 3 soldiers and had a bunch wounded during a patrol. Hit pretty hard, they were scheduled to go home in about 3 weeks.

I reflect back to our history of other conflicts our country has been involved in over the past 80-90 yrs, WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam and realize how fortunate we are here in not having the casualty count as those of past times . Not negating that even one death is tragic. This reminds me and should all of us our freedom comes with a dear price. It should make all proud to know that the men and women serving over here that I have come into contact with, are professional decent warriors. From my personal experience, they lean the utmost respect to their fellow comrades and superior officers. You can feel and see the brotherhood and sisterhood that develops among those who serve in a combat zone. I must also include the civilian workers over here helping in this conflict, a brave professional group to say the least. The attitude is that we are all in this thing together and we all work together. I wish more of America could really see what is really going on over here. The news media has things so jaded.

Sorry for getting on my soap box



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Post Meeting
 8 PM every 2nd Wednesday
 of the month at
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Executive Comm. Meeting,
 7:30 PM on the 4th
 Wednesday of the month at
 J-Ray's Cafe
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 and articles to :

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Calendar & Reminders

September

- Sun 02 VJ Day (request churches to ring their bells symbolically)
- Mon 03 Labor Day
- Thu 06 **RSVP to Vince Dulys or John Maskavich if you will attend the Installation. We need to know how much food to prepare and how many tables to set .**
- Sun 09 Grandparents Day
- Tue 11 Patriot Day
- Wed 12 Rosh Hashanah
 Post 154 General Meeting Lithuanian Hall – 8 PM
 Lite fare served prior to meeting 7 PM
- Thu 13 First Baltimore District Meeting F.Y. 2008 at Northeastern Post 285
- Sat 15 POW / MIA Recognition Day
- Sun 16 Post 154 Installation of Officers – Lithuanian Main Hall 1 PM
- Mon 17 Constitution Day
- Tue 18 United States Air Force Established 1947
- Fri 21 Yom Kippur
- Sun 23 First day of autumn
- Wed 26 Post 154 Executive Meeting – J-Ray's 7:30 PM
- Sat 29 VFW Established 1899

October

- Sun 07 Baltimore Lithuanian Athletic Club 100 Club Party – Lithuanian Hall 1 PM
- Mon 08 Columbus Day Observed
- Wed 10 Post 154 Gen Meeting Lithuanian Hall – 8 PM / Lite fare served 7 PM
- Fri 12 Columbus Day
- Wed 24 Post 154 Executive Meeting – J-Ray's 7:30 PM
- Wed 31 Happy Halloween

November

- Sat 03 Baltimore District 4 Frenchmen Service – St. Mary's Cemetery 10 AM
- Sun 04 Post 154 – Back to God Mass – St. Alphonsus Church – 8:30 AM
 Daylight savings time ends / move clocks back an hour
- Tue 06 Election Day
- Sun 11 Veterans Day – Baltimore District Service at War Memorial
- Wed 14 Post 154 Gen Meeting Lithuanian Hall – 8 PM / Lite fare served 7 PM
- Thu 15 Baltimore District Meeting – location TBA
- Sun 18 3rd DEC Meeting – Goldstar Post 191 – Mount Airy
- Thu 22 Happy Thanksgiving
- Wed 28 Post 154 Executive Meeting – J-Ray's 7:30 PM

For Adults Only

Do not let your kids or grand-kids read this. If you do, you will have a hard time convincing them that learning to spell is important.

“Fi you can raed this, you have a sgrane mnid, too. I cdnuol't blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid, aoccdrnig to rseearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a

taotl mses and you can siltl raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh? Yaeh and I awlyas tghuhot spleling was ipmorantt! “

Source unknown

The above text was floating around the internet. I was unable to verify that Cambridge University did any research on our reading abilities as is claimed in the text. It is amazing that we can read this mess.

Joe Jankevicius

TAPS Correction?

I was informed that the “Origin of Taps” published in the last issue of the Legionnaire was false. There is another “true” version floating around the internet. Since I do not want to be responsible for you missing a \$1,000,000 trivia question on a TV show, I am publishing that version also. It is hard to believe in this “true version” that a wounded General, after seven days of battle, would concern himself with composing a song. If you are asked for the origin of Taps on a TV show, “poll the audience” or “call a friend” who knows

rather than believe either internet version.

Joe Jankevicius

“The true story is that in July 1862, after the Seven Days battles at Harrison's Landing (near Richmond), Virginia, the wounded Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, General Daniel Butterfield re-worked, with his bugler Oliver Wilcox Norton, another bugle call, ‘Scott Tattoo,’ to create Taps. He thought that the regular call for Lights Out was too formal.”