



LINDSEY-STREET POST #322  
25 UNION PLACE  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY 07901

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006

# NEWSLETTER

## 2006-2007 POST OFFICERS



*William Rapp*  
*Commander*



*Leroy LaMar*  
*1st Vice Commander*



*Adam Koblhof*  
*Adjutant*



*Lee Jefferson*  
*Treasurer*



*Robert Butler*  
*Sergeant at Arms*



*James Chester*  
*Chaplain*

Here are some of your Post's Officers. The rest of the officers will appear in future issues. Please attend our monthly meetings and talk to your officers. In this way, you can make your desires for Post projects known. The meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00PM at the Post Headquarters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend all meetings, The calendar appears later in this issue.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Your officers encourage all members to send in their current phone number and, if available, email address to the Post Commander as soon as possible. We are putting together an emergency notification list that will be used for meeting changes and special events. He can be reached at (908) 875-0511 or at [williamrapp@mac.com](mailto:williamrapp@mac.com) on the internet or a card to 31 Dale Drive, Summit, NJ 07901.



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Effective January 7, 2007, the cost of your American Legion membership will go up to \$25 from the existing \$20. This is the first increase in nearly 12 years. This increase is caused by an increased per capita charge decreed by the National office. Post #322 can not afford to absorb the difference. This increase will only affect those who have not paid their 2006-2007 dues by that time. Any renewal or new members who pay after January 1, 2007 will be affected by this change. We encourage everyone to renew as soon as possible for \$20 to avoid the increase for this year. This change does not affect PUFL (Paid Up For Life) members.

## ANTI-WAR RALLY IN SUMMIT



On September 16, 2006, there was an anti-war rally in Summit at the Village Green. The thrust of the rally was to try to force the government to bring the troops home right now, not when the job was completed. There were an estimated 200 people in attendance as names of the fallen members of the military were read. Interestingly, interspersed with these names, the protesters read the names of some of the "civilian" Iraqi casualties. Your Post was represented in a counter rally across the street by Commander William Rapp, Adjutant Adam Kohlhof, Union County Commander William Duffy and member Pat Hurley. We were joined by Julie Stymacks and Michelle Caputo, parents of Gulf War veterans. While our turnout was not as great, we had some favorable press in the form of newspaper and TV coverage. Some hecklers from the other side tried to harass us, but we held our ground.





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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Progress is being made on our renovation plans for the 2nd and 3rd floors of our building. Brand New Day, of Elizabeth, NJ will be our project manager. They have drawn up a preliminary plan for the space and have assisted us in applying for some pre-construction money. We plan on starting a construction fund raising campaign in February. It will take that long to get a committee formed and the fund raising process in place. We also do not want to compete with the Holidays.

Our goal is just over \$915,000. This will give us two apartments on each floor, a 1 bedroom and a 2 bedroom on each floor, a renovated bar area, and expansion of the building toward the alley, and a refurbished basement that will include an office for Social Services as part of the Summit Housing Authority. It will also have a small elevator to the top floor so as to make the building handicapped accessible.

This will take a concerted effort on behalf of all members of the Post. I am looking for fellow comrades to be on the Fund Raising Committee with

me. We will need all the help we can get.

In the next few months, the Post will be establishing a web page. This exciting development will enable us to get information out to our members in a more timely fashion. It will also be a source for information on benefits for all veterans. It will have links to the archives of all past newsletters. Watch future newsletters for more information.

Respectfully Submitted.

Commander

## TAX REDUCTION FOR VETERANS

Did you know that you may be eligible for an annual \$250 deduction on your municipal property taxes? If you own property and your name is on the deed, simply go to your local taxing authority with a copy of your DD214 and fill out a simple form. The important thing to remember is that your name must be on the deed.

## POST #322 HOURS

Sunday-Thursday 5PM-12M

Fri. & Saturday 5PM-1AM

## 2006-2007 Post Calendar

### November 9, 2006

7:30 PM Union County Meeting(Post # 322 Hosting in Summit)

### November 11, 2006

#### VETERAN'S DAY

### November 14, 2006

6:30 PM - Audit Committee

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### December 12, 2006

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### January 9, 2007

6:30 PM - Audit Committee

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### February 13, 2007

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### March 13, 2007

6:30 PM - Audit Committee

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### April 10, 2007

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### May 8, 2007

6:30 PM - Audit Committee

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting

### May 19, 2007

All American Fish Fry

### May 28, 2007

10:00 AM - Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

### June 12, 2007

8:00 PM - Post #322 Meeting



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### UNION COUNTY MEETING COMES TO SUMMIT!

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, Post #322 will host the monthly meeting of the Union County American Legion. They will be at our Post HQ from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. The bar area will be closed at that time. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting and show your support of our Post. Traditionally, the host Post has the most members in attendance. There will be refreshments and food served after the meeting. Let's have a great turnout and show the rest of the County that we are alive and well!

**DON'T FORGET: November 11, 2006 is VETERAN'S DAY!**



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