



**Willitts - Hogan - Tonne American Legion Post 39**  
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Abrams Brothers Scholarships, Boy Scout Troop 3, Cub Scout Pack,  
School Awards, Boys State, Dept. Coloring and Oratorical Contests,  
Outstanding Citizens Awards, Community Service

## **Post 39 Newsletter**

Editor: Steve Anderson

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### **Commanders Column**

This is my second year as your commander for 2011-2012. I have just finished my term for 2010-2011. We, as a post, need all our members to turn out for our regular meeting and all functions of the Post.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month. Attendance is not good, a total of 11-15 members show up out of a total of 192. When Post 39 was in its heyday we had a total of 435 members.

A special thanks goes to SAL member Frank for all the maintenance repairs made in the past year. Also a thank you goes to Mickey Lubick for all his help.

Thanks to Michael Sawka we have our own web site → [www.njlegionpost39.org](http://www.njlegionpost39.org)

Thanks also go to John Andraz and Al Mirutkin for their help in setting up the tables for Shrimp night.

Pavers - Anyone who would like a Paver block placed on front to the Post Home Memorial walkway contact Commander Lou Wargo at 609-298-6653. This walkway is dedicated to all members living or deceased. The cost for the block is \$50.00. There are currently 75 paver blocks installed.

The Chaplain has a map of all deceased members buried in the various Florence Township Cemeteries.

Memorial Day Post 39 no longer places flowers on the Grave sites of our deceased members. Flags and grave markers are replaced. The flowers placed in front of the Post Home on Memorial Day are made a donation from the Township Committee. Thank you for that donation.

Hall Rentals - We now have hall rentals available. Contact the Post Commander at 609-298-6653.

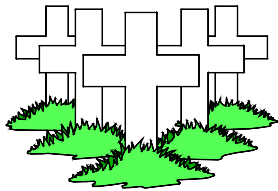
There will be a chance to win a free Shrimp dinner. Fill out the stub with your Name and Phone Number.

## Adjutants Column

As your Post Adjutant I would like to take this time to thank all who helped me make the Super 50/50 a success. We, as a Post raised \$1,600 for the Post. The winner, Barry Roberson from California received \$800.00.

Included in this news letter is a roster of the Post and Unit Officers for 2011-2012. Your support for all post and Unit projects is needed for the coming year.

## Chaplains Corner



Summer is definitely here. With it brings the taste of hamburgers and hot dogs sizzling on the grills. The trips to the sea shore with our family and Grand Children and those “lazy, hazy days of summer we enjoy so much.

Unfortunately, serious illness and even death takes no summer vacation.

We recently lost three of our comrades. They were transferred to Post Everlasting. Members of the post performed a ritual service for all.

Comrade Ernie DelCasino has been battling Arterial problems and is undergoing rehab at Virtua Hospital to regain his strength. Ernie is a “fighter” and with God’s help and all our prayers, he’s going to win.

Thank you for keeping me informed of our sick and hospitalized comrades. Have a blessed and a healthy summer and I hope to see you all at the next meeting at Post 39.

Chaplain Thom



**James Sahol**  
66 Year Member

**Franklin Le Munyon**  
64 Year Member

**William Stickle**  
25 Year Member

## MEMBERSHIP



Return your membership renewals ASAP. Try to get some new members to help the Post go over the top. Return your Membership renewal cards to American Legion Post 39 at P. O. Box 203, Roebling, NJ 08554. Membership renewals are now available online. At present we have 71 members Paid for 2012.

The following members have not paid dues for 2010-2012:

Martin Csercsevsits  
Bryant Eckman  
Robert Foga  
Andrew George  
Charles Hunter III

Leonard Jacoby  
George Kennel  
John Lampe  
John Loftus  
John McCarren

Edward Smith  
John Turley  
Donald Umstead  
William Walsh

Contact Phil Foga regarding reinstatement.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 18th - Post Meeting  
August 28th - Dinner Honoring 60 + members from 2:30 – 3:30  
September 9th - Shrimp Night  
September 15th - Post meeting  
October 7th - Shrimp Night  
October 20th - Post meeting  
November 4th - Shrimp Night  
November 17th - Post meeting  
December 2nd - Shrimp Night  
December 15th - Post Meeting  
December 18th - Children's Xmas Party

## UNIT 39



### Presidents Message

I can't believe that I am into my second year as Unit President. Thank you to my officers last year for all of their hard work. I hope that we have as good a year as last year if not better. Thank you to the delegates that attended the Department Convention in Wildwood. The weather was certainly hot, but we did get to use the pool this year.

## Department Convention

The only representative from Post 39 was Steve Anderson. The delegates from Unit 39 were: Margo Mattis, Maryann Lathrop, Pat Stojinski, Betty Wargo, Joan Horn, Cindy Scott and Terry Coulter. Lisa Weldon arrived Wednesday night with daughters, Junior Members, Brittany and Samantha Logan. They were there for Thursday's session. Thank you to Margo for providing lunch for the delegates on Thursday afternoon. The memorial service which was held on Friday morning was beautiful. The names of our deceased members from last year were all mentioned during the service.

C&Y: Joan Horn is also the County 2nd VP and she was in charge of the annual Children & Youth dinner held on April 21st. The dinner was at the Dolphin in Burlington. Those attending from the Unit were Maryann Lathrop, Pat Stojinski, Judy Horn, Margo Mattis and Joan Horn.

County Officers: Unit 39 has for many years been involved with the Burlington County American Legion Auxiliary Executive Board. Taking leadership positions again this year are: Joan Horn 2nd Vice President, Maryann Lathrop Chaplain and Pat Stojinski Treasurer. Elsie Weedon from Pemberton Unit 294 is the County President for 2011-2012.

Juniors: Brittany Logan, a Junior Member of Unit 39, was introduced to the Auxiliary at the Dept. convention in Wildwood. Brittany is the first Burlington County member to become Dept. Junior Auxiliary President.

Brittany also received a \$4000 scholarship from The A.L. Dept. of NJ.

Girls State: Unit 39 sponsored two (2) girls from Florence High School. Both the Girls State Governor and Lt. Governor came from Burlington County. The Governor was from Unit 336 and the Lt. Governor was from Post 156.

Membership: Chairman Maryann Lathrop reports that we made GAOL at the end of the year with 124 members. Good Job Maryann!!! Now we have to start all over again. Get those member ship dues sent in to Maryann and as soon as you can.

National Security: Chairman Pat Stojinski reports that from Sept. to May 17,364 coupons with a value of \$25,752.40 have been sent out to the Military base for use by military families. Thank you to all who are sending those coupons to Pat. Also, a big thank you to Phil & Eileen Foga for delivering them to the base.

## **Abrams Brothers Scholarship**

The scholarship started in 1966 in honor of Past Post Commander Howard E. Abrams. After the Death of Past Commander W. Robert Abrams the scholarship was named "Abrams Brother Scholarship".

The Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is a relative of a veteran who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the USA.

Candidates must finish high school within the top twenty percent of the class and must show prospects for continuing and completing higher education.

The current recipients are: 2008- Hila Lutz; 2009 - Meghan Wiesner; 2010 - Lorraine Perri; and 2011 - Brittany Logan.

### **Remember When**

The Year was 1927, when a group of WWI Vets got together and started Post 39 in Roebbling. The Original Charter dates back to November 14 1927. The Original name of Post 39 was Willitts-Hogan after two WWI vets who had died during the Great War. After WWII James Tonne's name was added and now the Official name is Willitts-Hogan-Tonne Post 39.

In December 1977, Post 39 celebrated its 50th Birthday. Commander at that time was Lawrence Anderson. Past Commanders helping out were John Dimon, Bill Mcgrath, Charlie Arnao, and Cliff Dallman.

Friday night Bingo was a big attraction. Committee Members were Bob Abrams, Jasper Nagy, Alex Wargo, Al Santee, and Cliff Dallman to name a few. The last Bingo Committee consisted of members: Jack Anderson, Jack Foster, John Lord, Barnie Brigg, Bung Drangula, Ernie DelCasino and Steve Anderson.