



## *Newsletter*

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*October 2002 Manny Bacon Post 1758*

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### *News from Last Meeting*

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*Alec said that the poppies should be here in time for Veterans Day. The post will be selling them at 2 locations starting at 10 am on Veterans day. The locations are the Cumberland farms on 376 and the Stop & Shop on Beekman Rd. Any member who wants to help just go to either location and bring your hat.*

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*The post will give any member who brings in 4 new members an American Legion Jacket with embroidered logos, post name and town, on front and back and your name on right front. These jackets go for about 100.00, I have one and can tell you they are really nice. You have till Sept 1 2003. Can you do it?*

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*At the meeting the post rolled all the money in our savings account into the building fund. This was looked upon as a contribution from ALL our older members and those that have transferred to post everlasting.*

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*The winner of the 50/50 was Mike Friery of Kent. He won \$380.00. The post made \$110.00 at community day. Thanks to John Boyle and John Lyons for helping.*

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*Please welcome our newest member Bill Dematte. He is an USN Vietnam era veteran.*

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*It seems lit is offering \$1000.00 in free life insurance to members of the legion. Ready to sign up? So was I. Then I found out that this is offered in 45 states and NY is not one of them. Our state and department doesn't pay into it. I'm trying to find out why that is. Stay tuned.*

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*The DOD is offering cold war recognition certificates to all veterans that served in the cold war. September 2 1945 to December 26 1991. I have the form you need, if you cant make the meeting leave a message at 226-8246 I will mail you one. You will have to send a copy of your DD214 or form 50 with the form. The certificates are nice and it basically just thanks you for your service. For those that were at the meeting here is the address again:*

**CDR, PERSCOM  
Cold War Recognition, Hoffman II  
ATTN: TAPC-CWRS, 3N45  
200 Stovall Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22332-0473**

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### *Don't Throw That Out!*

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*The post is collecting all Hewlett Packard printer or toner cartridges. The post will get \$2.50 per printer cartridge and \$5.00 per toner cartridge. Get the folks at work to save them for you. Maybe your wife or someone you know works in a school or office. Get them to save them. Put them in a plastic bag and bring them to the meeting. If you cant make the meetings call me when you get 3 or 4. I will come get them or meet you to pick them up. My number is 845-226-8246 ask for Dana. If no answer be sure and leave a message.*

## *Good Advise*

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This is really good info...do it before your wallet/purse is **GONE**. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc, you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company. I pass it along, for your information.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed us in your name, address, SS#, credit, etc. Unfortunately I (the author of this piece who happens to be an attorney) have first hand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week the thief (ves) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know. As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this) - Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks. The numbers are: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 ; Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742 and Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289 ; Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271. Do think about passing this information along. It could really help someone.

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## ***HAVE YOU PAID FOR 2003?***

***If the answer is no then you are one of the remaining 9 unpaid members.  
Please get the renewals in as soon as possible.***

## *Status Change*

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*The United States has changed the status of a missing pilot downed on the opening night of Desert Storm. Lt. Cmdr. Speicher status has been changed from MIA.*

*Navy Secretary Gordon England on Friday changed Speicher's official status to Missing/Captured.*

*Iraq claims Speicher was killed but has not turned over any remains.*

*Two senators suggested there is new, classified evidence indicating Speicher is alive inside Iraq.*

*"I have no evidence to conclude that Captain Speicher is dead," England wrote.*

*"While the information available to me now does not prove definitively that Captain Speicher is alive and in Iraqi custody, I am personally convinced the Iraqis seized him sometime after his plane went down. Further, it is my firm belief that the government of Iraq knows what happened to Captain Speicher."*

*Sen. Bill Nelson D-Fla., said an Iraqi defector told officials that 11 years ago he drove a wounded American pilot to a hospital.*

*"He was a credible witness," said Nelson, who said the man had given information on other topics that was correct. He had also passed a polygraph exam, Nelson said.*

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## *Christmas Party*

*It's not that far off. December 10th cocktails at 6-pm dinner at 7pm  
Price is \$30.00 for members and spouse comes free. Greenbaum &  
Gahoolies (I know I butchered that) on Rte 9.*

*If you would like to RSVP Commander Lyons at  
845-226-6018. Thanks to Larry for handling the arrangements.*

*On a related subject please do some of your Christmas Shopping at the  
on line mall at our web site, our post gets \$5.00 for every person who  
joins and shops plus a percentage of purchases made. So far my wife and  
I have raised over \$30.00.*

*Not a single member has joined let alone shops besides us. It's a very  
simple way to help out your post. It's a simple way to do your Christmas  
shopping and avoid the crowds at the Galleria. Just click the shopping  
bags on the links page.*

*Our web site address is*

*["http://americanlegion1758.tripod.com/index.htm"](http://americanlegion1758.tripod.com/index.htm)*