

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY POST IR-03

Dear Comrades

17 September 2016

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting, scheduled for 2nd October 2016 will be held at 3:00 PM at the Dalton Inn, Claremorris, Co. Mayo. This is our AGM where we elect new officers for the forthcoming year. A good turnout is expected.

POST EVERLASTING: Sadly, two of our esteemed members reported to Post Everlasting this year. Comrade Richard Casey, a Marine Veteran from Eugene Oregon, departed this life on 1 March 2016. Military tributes were afforded Richard at his funeral by the USMC Honor Guard from Eugene. Following a prolonged illness, Comrade Jack Geraty from Newport, Co. Mayo passed away on 30 August 2016. Legionnaires Gerry Solon; Tom Kelly; Mike Slyman; Jerry Duignan; Mike Noone with VFW Colm Walsh and Royal Australian Army Ed Sommers all Vietnam Veterans rendered Military Honours at Jack's funeral. The following compliment from Jack's daughter, Kathleen is quoted: "On behalf of my family, I want I want to thank you and other members of the American Legion who participated in Dad's funeral last week. It was very good of you to organize the ceremony at such short notice. We know many members had to travel a long distance to Newport, so very much appreciate the effort everyone made. Dad would have been very happy that the ceremony went to well. He was very proud of his involvement as a Military Policeman in the US Army and the American Legion." **May they Rest in Peace.**



IRISH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: To coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Patriot Patrick Pearse at the GPO in Dublin on Easter Monday 1916, our Irish sister Veterans group, the Organization of National Ex-servicemen & Women (ONE), Boyle Branch, Co Roscommon, supported by seven Legionnaires From our Post conducted a re-enactment ceremony at the old Courthouse in Boyle with ONE Boyle Branch Chairman, John Murphy reciting the Proclamation. Wreaths were laid by ONE and The American Legion.

