



The American Legion

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Newsletter – Spring 2013

1. We remember our fallen comrades: Today, Monday May 27th is Memorial Day.
2. Department of France Conference is June 14, 15 & 16 in Wustenrot, Germany, hosted by Post GR-79. We will be represented by 4 delegates from our Post.
3. The John Barry Maritime Festival and Ceremonies at Statute of Commodore John Barry, Wexford take place on June 21 – 23, 2013. Post members will be part of ceremonies on Sunday to honour WWI vets from Ireland, Britain and the U.S., plus 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's visit to Wexford. Parade at 10:00 AM Sunday, ceremonies in the afternoon and dinner provided by Borough of Wexford in the evening. Caps/suits/blazers required. **Please confirm your attendance to Post Adjutant John Shanahan by Monday, June 3rd, 2013.**
4. We will have our Spring Meeting at the Garda Social Club, 8-10 Harrington Street, Dublin 8 on Monday evening, June 24th, 8:00 – 9:30 PM. Note that this date follows on immediately after our gathering in Wexford. The meeting will feature a presentation to the Social Club and a report on the Spring convention. It will also lay out plans for upcoming events, many of which are listed below, and look to involve more members in the work of the Post.
5. We celebrate American Independence Day, July 4th. Freedom is never free.
6. We participate in the National Day of Commemoration ceremonies at Royal Hospital Kilmainham, with Post members in place at 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 14th, 2013. Mark your calendars for the event. Caps/suits/blazers required.
7. We attach an updated membership list and contact details for members. Please review and check your entry for accuracy. Also -- please supply an e-mail address for timely contact information. Replies are to be made to the Post Adjutant, John Shanahan. John's contact details are noted above.
8. We invite you to take an active role in YOUR post and call for volunteers:
 - a. **Post programs officer** – organize programs & speakers for Post meetings.
 - b. **Post services officer** – identify and support member needs/services.
 - c. **Post public relations officer** – communicate Post activities & events to the public and maintain/support our new Facebook site, shown below.

Please reply to Post Commander and/or Adjutant with your expression of interest.

9. Please note that we now have a new Post Facebook site:

<http://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionIRL>

Members are cordially invited to log on, supply information of interest to fellow members and to the Legion generally, and stay abreast of new developments. Also, you can see what other Irish posts are doing and use this tool to keep your Legion calendar up to date. Welcome aboard!

