



THE AMERICAN LEGION

NUNO ALVARES PEREIRA POST - PO 01

April 5, 2013

NO COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to heart attack of Adjutant Wells on 17 February followed by one week in hospital, insertion of 3 stents into his heart and order of doctor not to drive for a month there will be no committee meeting.

2013 MEMBERSHIP

This year it is possible to pay your dues online by visiting the following website:
www.legion.org/renew

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PAID

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RBL WAR STORIES

While I was Secretary of the Royal British Legion in Portugal prior to 2000 a request went out to collect war stories and experiences dating back many years. I volunteered and have been collecting them. The Treasurer of the RBL, Stewart Austin, requested that these stories be posted on the RBL Portugal Branch website and this was done by the Chairman of the Portugal Branch, Desmond Briggs, with some help from RBL HQ in London.

Since there may now be others out there who also have interesting war stories to tell or just stories relating to military service or RBL service the RBL website has an additional page at the website called "Membership Forum".

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The website is below:

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/portugal/membership-forum>

Among the War Stories you will find the report of Lewis T Watty who was rescued from the Los Banos Camp outside Manila on February 23, 1945 along with 2000 other allied prisoners of the Japanese by the 11th Airborne Division.

Gilbert Wells, Adjutant PO 01, WW II member of the 11th Airborne Division.

PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL

FARO, PORTUGAL

On November 30, 1943 a US Liberator bomber crashed into the sea some miles from Faro in the South of Portugal. Five of the 11 man crew were killed in the crash and six survived.

The crash occurred close to a 5 meter fishing boat manned by Jaime Nunes, Jose Mascarenhas and Jose's 13 year old son, Manuel. They immediately abandoned their nets and went about rescuing the six survivors, two of whom were badly injured.

Conditions were bad on the moonless night but Nunes and Mascarenhas provided what succour they could to the drenched and shattered crew. They gave them what they had on board. They were obliged to wait for the incoming tide that would permit them to row their heavily laden craft to shore. They reached the fishing harbor in the early hours of December 1st. In 1999 Jaime Nunes' courage was recognized through the award of a plaque presented to him by an official of the American Embassy.

For further information and instructions for donating to the proposed memorial go to:

www.portuguese-fishermans-memorial.org

or contact

piscatoramicus@gmail.com

EMBASSY YARD SALE

The Embassy Yard Sale will be Saturday May 4, 2013 in Birre from 10 am to 2 pm.

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DD-214s are NOW Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s

online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

USAA

Membership in USAA is now open to American Legion Veterans and their families. For those of us living overseas this means we can insure our automobiles and personal property with USAA.

For more information go to:

www.legion.org

To join USAA online go to:

www.usaa.com/legion

TAX ASSISTANCE IRS PARIS

IRS Foreign Bank Account and Financial Records (FBAR) regulation requires US citizens at home and abroad to disclose any and all accounts held in foreign financial institutions over \$10,000. This requires the filing of IRS form TD F 90-22.1 for applicable US citizens.

For assistance see the IRS Paris website

<http://france.usembassy.gov/irs.html>

Most forms and publications are now available on www.irs.gov

Filers should be encouraged to use the website to download forms and publications.

US Tax Preparers

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HEALTH CARE

Dr. Anthony Maia (US Internist), Av. Nossa Senhora do Rosario, Lote 1212, 2750-178 Cascais Tel: (351 21) 482 6860

VA CLAIMS FROM OVERSEAS VETERANS ARE MADE TO

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BRITISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PORTUGAL
WWW.BHSPORTUGAL.ORG

BHS HISTORICAL TOURS

The 200th anniversary of the Napoleonic invasions of Portugal and Spain is being commemorated during the period up to 2013. Events are breaking out all over the Iberian Peninsula and two gentlemen from the British Historical Society of Portugal are organizing tours of the battlefield sites.

www.bhsportugal.org/tours

RBL PORTUGAL BRANCH WEB

www.portugal.legionbranches.net

**Room for a few American Retirees in:
THE BRITISH RETIREMENT HOME
ESTORIL**

Founded in the mid-1980's, the British Retirement Home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac near the beach, within easy walking distance of the centre of Sao Pedro do Estoril, on the Lisbon-Cascais railway line. Open to residents of all nationalities, it comprises 10 unfurnished apartments with a kitchenette and an en suite bathroom as well as 8 individual rooms with private bathroom for those who are less independent. 24 hour Care Support is provided by a bi-lingual team, headed up by a registered Nursing Sister. Links with the local community ensure a steady flow of volunteers to help with outings, shopping trips and social events. Non-residents are welcomed on a daily basis or for short-term stays for recuperation or holiday periods.

For more information contact 214 688 694 during working hours, or visit www.brhportugal.com

LISBON CASUALS

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HOLLYWOOD GRILL

Mario Cordova, USN-Ret has just opened another restaurant and the dishes comprise Portuguese food, such as fresh fish : robalo, dourada, sardines, espada, and all grilled on charcoal. Also bacalhao abraz, bacalhao com natas, arroz de marisco, arroz tamboril and much more. He also has filipino dishes: adobo, pancit, tilapia, lumpia, etc.

Name: HOLLYWOOD GRILL

Rua de Paraiso, 74-76 sta. Apolonia

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University of Massachusetts in Lisbon, Study Abroad Program
(<http://www.portstudies.umassd.edu/lisboa/>)

Program Description

UMass in Lisbon, sponsored by the UMass Dartmouth Center for Portuguese Studies with the support of the Luso-American Foundation, offers American students the opportunity to spend a summer, semester or year in the vibrant capital city of Lisbon learning about the vast Portuguese-speaking world and European Union. As the only residential study abroad program in Portugal managed directly by a major American university, UMass in Lisbon provides unrivaled access to one of the world's most strategic centers of language and culture. Through our partnership with The University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) and the Technical University of Lisbon's Superior Institute of Economics and Management (ISEG-UTL), students will have a wide array of curricular choices in both English and Portuguese, including UMass courses taught on site by both UMass and Portuguese faculty and language/culture study at all levels. A significant number of field trips will complement classroom learning, and living accommodations will be shared with European ERASMUS and Portuguese university students. Internships, home-stays, and service-learning opportunities are also planned, with administrative assistance available 24/7. Students may study for a semester, a year, or during the summer