

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## COMMODORE JOHN BARRY POST IR-03

Dear Fellow Legionnaires

20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**NEXT MEETING:** Since our regular meeting (First Sunday in April) falls on Easter Sunday, we are obliged to move our spring meeting to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 3:00 PM at the Dalton Inn, Claremorris.

**POST EVERLASTING:** Regretfully, since our last newsletter, our Post has suffered the loss of two more of our dear comrades. **Chris Reynolds**, a Korean War era veteran from Mohill, Co. Leitrim, passed away in the loving care of his family in October and **P.J. McGowan** from Ballinfull, Co Sligo departed this world in December. Our Post members were present at both occasions to render Military Honours. May they Rest in Peace.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

1. Our Post has been invited to attend and participate in the Listowel Military Tattoo in Co. Kerry from 1 – 3 May. This is a three day event dedicated to objects and affairs of a military nature. A parade involving veterans from ONE, American Legion, United Nations Veterans, Permanent Defence Forces, Munster Fusiliers and others will take place on Sunday. A display of vintage military vehicles and about 400 reenactors in all types of uniforms will be of special interest. A Hangar Dance on Sunday evening featuring to Bombshell Belles rounds off Sunday night. We will discuss this matter at our next meeting.
2. On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at approximately 3:00PM we are expecting a party of 54 Americans from the general Boston area to visit Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (Beside Coffee's Pub on the N-61 about half way between Roscommon Town and Athlone). The purpose of the visit is to unveil a granite memorial bench in memory of the late **Brigadier General William J. Gormley III**, Commander, Massachusetts National Guard, (US Army) whose ancestors hailed from Lecarrow. Gen Gormley died suddenly in Hawaii on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. The event is sponsored by Gen Gormley's brother, Richard, Mayor of West Roxbury, MA and, also Commander of the local VFW Branch. The American Legion is invited to participate in the ceremony. We will sound TAPS and present a folded flag to his widow.
3. Castlebar, Co. Mayo has declared Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 as America Day and invites the American Legion and families to a fun packed day. We have been asked to help with the dedication of a beautiful bench at 18:00 hours in the Garden of Remembrance, Mayo Peace Park in honour of **Cpl Joseph A. Clancy** a native of Westport, Co Mayo who was killed in an aircraft accident in Vietnam. We will pay TAPS at the ceremony. A large turnout, involving family members and visitors from the U.S is expected.. After the dedication, we are invited to march through the town to Cox's Bar near the Linenhall for a

Texas style BBQ, Blue Grass Music and I'm told that Elvis is expected to make an appearance. Y'all come now for a memorable evening.

4. Don't forget the National Day of Commemoration on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin. Although the ceremony is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM, we advise those attending and hoping to secure a seat, to be in place by 9:30 AM. Bring an umbrella.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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