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Post meetings held the 1st Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
All members are invited to attend

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1st - American Legion membership year begins, you will receive a request for renewal soon.
- July 2nd - Independence Day, the Post Color Guard will present the colors at the City of Eureka Celebration.
- July 7th - Post Meeting at the Eureka Timbers Community Center 6:00 pm
- Sept 9th and 10th - Eureka Days, the post will have a booth both days and the Color Guard will lead the parade on Sat.

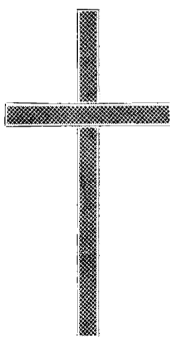
Heritage - Tradition O'Brien Post 177

Our 97th year of Serving Veterans, The American Legion, and the Eureka Community.

Sacred Heart Church

EUREKA, MO.

Rev. Daniel Dowling, Pastor



In Memoriam

MARINE PVT. ARTHUR F. WALLACH

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Sunday, October 28, 1945, 9:00 A. M.

MISSING IN ACTION

By M. Whitcomb Hess

Over his path the shadow
Of a deep night was laid;
Yet he went boldly through the dark
Unafraid.

No flowers from summer gardens
Will clothe a grave's green sod;
But where he sleeps, his spirit
Is safe with God.

For I who keep this vigil
On earth with Heaven above,
Keep it with One who loves him
And will love.



"FORGET - ME - NOT"

[To a Friend]

Forget-me-not! what sweeter words
Could friend or loved one say!
Remember me, tho' other thoughts
May claim thee thro' the day.

Forget-me-not, at early morn
Before the altar fair,
Remember me at even tide
When thou art bowed in prayer.

Forget-me-not, when far and near,
When in or out of sight,
Remember me thro' life's short day
And death's long lonely night.

Forget-me-not, when thou art bathed
In Heaven's golden light,
Remember me if I still live
And struggle in the fight.

Forget me not, when thou art crowned
Thy Jesus happy bride
Remember me till I, too, stand,
Triumphant at His side

In Memoriam



Marine Pvt. Arthur Francis Wallach

Marine Pvt. Arthur Francis Wallach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil L. Wallach, brother of Daniel, Marcella, Marine Pvt. Stanley; Raymond, Emil Luke, Alfred, Mary Ann, Rose, Wendell and Betty Jane, was born January 3, 1923 in Dozier, Mo. He was baptized in St. Bridget's Church in Pacific, Mo. He attended catechism at Sacred Heart Church in Eureka and received his first Holy Communion at the age of eight; later he was confirmed at the same church.

He attended Eureka grade school and the Eureka high school and graduated from both schools.

He entered the Marine Corps on September 8, 1943. He received his training at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, San Diego, California and Oceanside, California. He was sent overseas January 10, 1944 and assigned to the Fourth Marine Division as an amphibious tractor driver. On February 1, 1944 he was reported missing in action in the Marshall Islands and on August 2, 1945 he was reported as presumed to be dead. His life thus came to a close in his twenty-first year.

He leaves his father, mother, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends.

SACRED HEART CHURCH HONOR ROLL

Eureka, Mo.

Blomes, Glennon
Dailey, Edward
Devine, Claude
Devine, James
Freeman, Ray
Godar, Wilbur
Godar, Marvin
Kidd, Glennon
Keence, Bernard
Keence,
Keence, Rober
Galaska, Charles
Mason, Lester
Mason, Robert
Savory, Alfred Jackson
Schockley, Marvin
Sheerin, Richard
Sheerin, Daniel
Smith, John
Smith,, Owen
Schulze, Oliver
Trower, Ray
Weber, George
* Wallach, Arthur
Wallach. Stanley

* Gold Star.



50 CONTINUOUS YEARS MEMBERSHIP

Many of us in the American Legion are very proud of our continuous years of membership in the American Legion. What does this mean? These members have paid their membership dues every year for 50+ years. O'Brien Post 177 has agreed to pay there membership dues for the remainder of their life in gratitude for their previous dedication to the American Legion.

Please Honor them for their continued service to our Nation as members of The American Legion.

Stanley Wallach, 67 year member, Honorary Life member
Emile Luke Wallach, 66 year member
Harold "Bud" Lowe, 64 year member, Honorary Life member
Al Wallach, 63 year member
Ray Wallach, 58 year member
John Pemberton, 58 year member
Wayne Pemberton, 58 year member DECEASED 2016
Kenneth Rhoads, 59 year member
Jerry Cierpiot, 50 year member

I've mentioned HERITAGE & TRADITION, if you will notice Pvt. Arthur Wallach, MIA WW2, has 4 brothers that are still 50+ year members of O'Brien Post 177. Well, Emile Wallach Sr., WW1 era veteran, and 50+ member of O'Brien Post 177 deceased 8/4/1992, was their father. Emil Wallach Sr. was also a prominent member of our post and the Eureka Community. For GOD AND COUNTRY the members of O'Brien Post 177 thank the Wallach family and their descendants for dedication to our country and our community.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As my term as Commander comes to close I'd like to thank the membership for supporting me for the past two years. With that being said, I also want to encourage all members to continue to be pro-active in recruiting new members, as they are the key to our Post's future. All of us at sometime served our Country, at home or abroad, in harm's way or not. As members of the American Legion we can continue or service to our Country, our community, and our fellow veterans. It's been a real honor to serve O'Brien Post 177 and The American Legion and I look forward to continuing to serve in my new position.
Commander Mark Schmiedeskamp

Did You Know

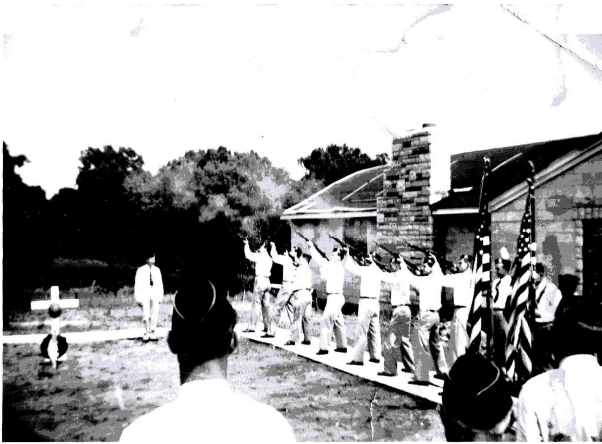
Law Now Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans' service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2009.

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**Post Color Guard
Photo Color Guard Ca 1953**

- Led the Eureka Day's Parade – 50 years+
- Post Colors at the Independence Day Celebration
- Post Colors at the Eureka High School Alumni Dinner for 10 years
- Posted the Colors and provided a rifle salute for the Eureka Pacific Elks Focus Marine military fund raiser event for 2 years.
- Led the Parade for the City of Eureka New Years 2

FINANCE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

As a post, we can be proud of the support we provide to individual and various veterans organizations. During the past twelve months our post has provided support to the following Veterans Organizations:

- USO
- St. Louis Veteran's Home
- St. Louis Veteran's Consortium
- Elks – Veteran's Casualty Fund
- Pacific High School (MCJROTC)
- Jefferson Barracks Christmas Fund
- Missouri Boys State
- Jefferson Barracks – POW/MIA Museum
- **Avenue of Flags, JB National Cemetery**

In addition to support provided to organizations, throughout the year the Post provided assistance to several individuals.

Our total support and assistance equaled \$2,917

During the past twelve months we had receipts/donations of \$3,545. (Not including member dues – see note below).

The funds were received from the following:

- Poppy Sales (Memorial Day)
- Poppy sales (Veteran's Day)
- Eureka Days Event
- Individual donations

I have a few words about your annual membership dues. Did you know that **the** only 10% of your annual dues actually go to the Post? Here's where your \$25 goes:

- National \$16.00
- State \$ 6.50
- Local Post \$ 2.50

Finance Officer – Ron Kurtz

TAPS

Thomas A. Bauman, 24 year member
William T. Brown, 65 year member
Earl Couey, 24 year member
Dennis Dodson, 7 year member
Charles Gudermuth, 58 year member
Harold Jefferies, 46 year member
Edward Krshul, 14 year member
George Weber, 66 year member
John Broadhead, 20 year member
Wayne Pemberton, 58 year member

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