



*Post 432 Newsletter*  
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*Spring Lake American Legion Post*  
*432*  
*Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762*

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### **Greetings from Post 432**

The meetings for 2009 are listed below. You are encouraged to participate in the upcoming activities and attend the upcoming meetings in the Spring Lake Municipal Building.

Keith Kology, Commander  
John Patterson, Senior Vice Commander  
Dick Hendrickson, Junior Vice Commander  
Pat Malloy, Adjutant  
Boris Gontcharenko, Finance Officer  
Bob Nesbitt, Sergeant-at Arms  
Jim Roche, Chaplain

### **Schedule of Meetings for 2009**

|      |      |      |       |       |       |
|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1/21 | 2/18 | 3/18 | 4/15  | 5/20  | 6/17  |
| 7/15 | 8/19 | 9/16 | 10/21 | 11/18 | 12/16 |

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM sharp in the basement of the Spring Lake Municipal Building, located at the corner of Fifth and Warren Avenues in Spring Lake.

### **Upcoming Events for 2009**

2/1 For God and Country Service, Cathedral of the Air, Lakehurst, 2:00 PM  
4/11 Fishing Contest, Spring Lake, 8:00 AM  
5/17 M-1 weapons training, Sea Girt Army Camp, 9:30 AM  
5/23 Posting American flags at veterans' graves, Wall Methodist Church and Lake Como, 10:30 AM  
5/23 Atlantic Wind Ensemble Concert, Ocean Grove Great Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
5/24 Memorial Day Remembrance Service, St. Andrews Church, Spring Lake, 9:30 AM  
5/25 Memorial Day Ceremony and parade, Spring Lake, 10:00 AM  
6/13 Department of NJ Convention Parade, Wildwood 10:00 AM  
6/15 Flag Disposal Ceremony, Spring Lake Heights Borough Hall, 7:00 PM  
8/8 Spring Lake First Aid Golf Outing, Fairway Mews, Spring Lake Heights 8:00 AM  
9/11 September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony, Spring Lake Heights Borough Hall, 6:00 PM  
9/18 Annual Awards Dinner, Breakers Hotel, Spring Lake, 7:00 PM  
11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony, Spring Lake, 11:00 AM  
11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony, Freedom Park, Spring Lake Heights, 6:30 PM

### **Recent Post Activities, 2008**

Since our last newsletter, Post members participated in Veterans' Day ceremonies in Spring Lake Heights and Spring Lake. As we look forward to the New Year, we look to continue our Post activities



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in our community. We mourn the loss of members during 2008 and early 2009 and we welcome new members who joined our post in the past year. Please consider getting involved in the activities listed for this year and becoming a member of our Color Guard. Your involvement will help us to carry on the rich traditions of Post 432.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES.**

**Sick Call**

Warren Cochran      John Haulenbeek      Bud Sisti      Boris Gontcharenko      Eileen Steele

**Taps**

Vincent Bonner      Lee Francis

**From the Commander**

I'll begin by thanking you for your support and confidence in electing me again this year. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as Post Commander during our 63<sup>rd</sup> year here in Spring Lake.

This year the American Legion will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, chartered by Congress in 1919. Worldwide we now have over 3 million members in nearly 15,000 Posts. I hope you can make time to attend our annual dinner this September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake. We will continue the traditions at our dinner like the POW / MIA Remembrance Day service, swearing in of our new officers, 50 and 60 continuous years of service awards, honorary Legionnaire and Legionnaire of the year awards, and ending with a celebration for our 90<sup>th</sup> year of service to Veterans.

Special thanks is extended to Boris Gontcharenko for his hard work again this past year in recruiting new members, collecting dues, and keeping our finances in check. Thank you, Boris, for a job well done. Your thoughts are needed so we can fulfill our mission at the Post. Please call me at 732-449-3950 or E-mail me [kkology@verizon.net](mailto:kkology@verizon.net) or go to our Post website [www.americanlegionnj.org](http://www.americanlegionnj.org) to see what we have done, and review the schedule for this year.

Thanks again for your continued support and your comradeship.

*Keith Kology*  
Keith Kology  
Commander

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