



## Post 419 & Family & Friends Meeting

**Date:** March 15, 2023

**Time:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm

**Attendees:** Vera Bland, Ed Meehan, Landen Becket, Richard Hamilton, Daniel Burgos, Barbara Collins, Pat Collins, Ruth Cordner, Jim Santiago, Ihab Fayoumi, Adolph Mayo, Tina Pinz, Gabreil Simpson.

### **New Business**

Our first meeting at Old Bergen Church. Reveren Brown is so gracious and welcoming. We are grateful to have this location. It is perfect for meetings and gatherings.

Landon made a motion to go back to the VIP Diner for our meetings. Seconded by Ihab, discussion followed. After the discussion all members voted to keep meeting at the Church. If it doesn't work out, we can always go back to the Diner.

May 29, 2023, at 11am. Wreath laying at the Post 419 American Legion Plaque in Pershing Field.

September 16, 2023: Bergen Square Day. The Post will register for the event and request our table will be next to the Lincoln Society's table.

Motion made and seconded to resume meeting at the VIP. Discussion was held and motion didn't carry. Members want to continue to meet at the Church.

### **Old Business**

TSGT Oliver Hobart Monument: Comrade John Hallahan prepared a statement regarding the location of the monument dedicated to TSGT Hobart. Ruth will add some paragraphs indicating the Post endorses this request and present it to Hudson County Leadership seeking their endorsement to relocate the monument. We also provide Tom Zuppa with a copy of the statement and filled him in on our intentions.

Action: The goal is to have the monument placed in the Park Need to follow-up with Jersey City Division of Veteran Affairs.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm

**Next meeting:** March 15, 2023, at **the Old Bergen Church located at 1 Highland Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 at 4pm.** Come join our team working together for our community and Veterans.

### **On-going available Resources for Veterans and Families**

#### **1. Denied VA Benefits?**

VetLaw assists veterans who have been denied VA benefits. JC Division of Veterans Affairs had Brendon Garcia speak on HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL when you claim has been denied. His contact details are: <https://vet.law/brendan-garcia/> telephone:855-430-0752

#### **2. Armed Forces Vacation Club**

If you have served in a branch of the armed forces, then the AFVC welcomes you! They offer eligible members of the US Military and Veterans, vacations at affordable prices. Explore your options. This includes weeklong stays for as little as \$379 (\$369 if you become a Premium member). MEMBERSHIP IS FREE or pay \$119 a year for Premium membership! It's their way of saying THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! <https://www.afvclub.com/>

**4. Caregivers Act** For more information, contact Jersey City Division of Veterans Affairs: 201-547-4919.

**5. Jersey City Division of Veteran Affairs,** Director Juliet Foster and Scott Hakim are very helpful. Contact details are Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City Hall Annex, 1 Jackson Square, Jersey City, NJ 07305: 201.547.4919 (Office)

**6. Recovery Junction:** A Hudson County based recovery Center offering inclusive peer support for anyone seeking recovery from substance use and it is free of charge. Contact Dana Mott at [dmott@preventionslinks.org](mailto:dmott@preventionslinks.org) or call 201-284-8535.

**7. PTSD/Suicide Prevention Programs:** The Hudson County Office of Veterans Affairs, has services available for Veterans suffering from PTSD and suicide prevention programs. Website: [www.hudsoncountynj.org](http://www.hudsoncountynj.org)