



Bibliography

MAYNARD POST, No. 1812

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

HISTORY OF MAYNARD POST V.F.W. 1812

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I wish to thank members and all those who have assisted me in compiling this history. Information for history obtained from minutes of V.F.W. Post 1812, Constitution, and by-laws, National and State Department.

Maynard Post 1812 Veterans Of Foreign Wars was instituted April 16, 1930 at a meeting held at Mas nic Hall, Maynard. This was the result of the work of the first Commander, Charles Luker, with the help of the Marlboro Post, Sgt. John P. Colleary, and the Hudson Post, Ralph and John Manning Post officers and the officers of the Middlesex and Suffolk Counties. This was the outcome of two prior meetings held at cooperative Hall, Maynard. Officers of the new Maynard Post were:

Charles Luker-Commander
Maglione LeSage-senior-Vice Commander
Harold Hanson-Junior-Vice "
Elmer Mattson-Quarter-Master
David K. Hubbard-Adjutant
Michael Towle-Officer Of the Day
John T. O'Brien-Chaplain
Edward Johnston-Trustee
James Cheney- " "
Joseph Boothroyd-Guard

These officers along with the following are the charter members

of the Maynard Post 1812.

John Lubinski

Michael Lynch

Joseph Chidley

Gornellus Gornithen

John W. Peterson

Frank W. Wilder

Charles Christenson

Charles Comeau

Charter was left open for 60-90 days.

The Post's next few meetings were held at Goose Hall, which

at that time was located next door to our present Post-Office.

In October, 1930 Charles Wiker was re-elected commander of

V.F.W., Maynard for the following year. The only change in officers

was John Peterson, who was chaplain in place of John T. O'Brien.

Early in 1931, a membership drive was conducted and plans

made to organize an auxiliary. On Feb. 13, 1931, Maynard V.F.W.

Auxiliary was instituted.

The Post and auxiliary members held their meetings in

their quarters over what is now, United Cooperative Society.

They started a series of whist parties in order to obtain funds to

purchase their flags and rifles, and other necessary materials

to run their post.

Since the purpose of this organization is, "To care for him

who shall have borne the battle, and his widow, and orphan."

Maynard V.F.W. Post joined the "Buddy Poppies", which helps support

the National Home in Baton Rouge, Mich. and also the Disabled

Veterans, who make the "Buddy Poppy".

The Maynard V.F.W. moved into the Municipal Building or

"Town House" as it was called, located where our present Post-

Office is located. During this period they took part in obse-

rving our "Memorial Day" and "Armistice Day" (Veteran's Day)

cermonies. Raising funds to support the organization by various means, such as, carnivals, whist parties, dances, etc.

Maynard Post became one of the members of the Maynard's Veterans Council", when organized in 1946. The purpose of the Council was to combine all Veteran's activities in the town.

Post #1812 was incorporated in May 15, 1951.

In late 1951, Henry P. and Guy W. Fowler donated a piece of property on Powdermill Rd. next to Powdermill Hall (Elk's Home) now. The land for the use of the V.F.W. Members were going to build the quarters at this location and had proceeded with plans until they heard that the Hall next door was for sale. They were unsuccessful in bidding for the Hall. It was sold to Maynard's Elks Lodge. The V.F.W. decided to sell their land to the same in 1960.

When the new Municipal Building was built, Maynard Post moved into new quarters, where they remained until they purchased their own Post Quarters at the corner of Harriman Court and Main St., Jan. 18, 1967.

The first meeting in their own Post Quarters was a "District Four" meeting. Maynard, being a member of district four, which is composed of Northboro Post-498, Marlboro Post 638, Framingham Post-929, Hudson Post-1027, Natick Post-1274, Ashland Post-2331, Wayland Post-6260, Acton Post-7017, Holliston Post-8507.

The first Post meeting was held the following evening. Once the building was purchased, renovations began to make the quarters which all members are proud of. This was the dream of all the members since the Maynard Post 1812 was first instituted. These quarters are appreciated and used for social and business activities.

Following is a list of Past Commanders and Dates.

1930 - Charles Luker	1950-51 - John M. French
1931 - Charles Luker	1951-52 - Dominick Colombo
1932 - Michael J. Towler	1952-53 - Dominick Colombo
1933 - John Peterson	1953-54 - Donald MacGlashing
1934 - William Morrill	1954-55 - Donald MacGlashing
1935 - Joseph Boothroyd	1955-56 - Alphonse Januskewicz
1936 - George F. Outus	1956-57 - Michael DeGrappo
1937 - Edward E. Johnson	1957-58 - Donald H. Brayden
Nov. 1937 to	1958-59 - Harold Cosgro
Apr. 1938-William L. McCarthy	1959-60 - Russell C. Albee
1938-39- Elmer W. Mattson	1960-61 - Russell C. Albee
1939-40- Carl Anderson	1961-62 - Wesley S. Hirons
1940-41- Walter Coss	1962-63 - Edward A. Hatch
1940-42- Walter Coss	1963-64 - Edward A. Hatch
1942-43- John West Stewart	1964-65 - Edward A. Hatch
1943-44- Marsh G. Purinton	1965-66 - James H. Boothroyd
1944-45- David J. Foley	1966-67 - Thomas Brigham
1945-46- William F. Baron	1967-68 - Thomas Brigham
1946-47- Anthony T. Grigas	1968-69 - Alphonse Januskewicz
1947-48- Anthony T. Grigas	1969-70 - James Fava
1948-49- Joseph Mancini	1970-- -- Danial Norman
1949-50- Frank J. Pazaricky	present

Besides being a member of District Four, Post 1812 is also a member of the Middlesex County Council

The following members being Past Commanders of County,

Joseph Boothroyd

George F. Outus

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