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Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., WWII Ace

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On January 7, 1945, Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., the second highest scoring US ace of WWII, and winner of the Medal of Honor, was shot down and killed over the Pacific. McGuire was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey on August 1, 1920. He spent most of his childhood in Florida, where he and his mother moved after his parents were divorced.

McGuire enlisted in the army as a aviation cadet in July 1941 and earned his pilots wings in February 1942. Sent to Alaska, McGuire bristled at the lack of combat and agitated for transfer to a combat squadron. In December he was sent to California to learn to fly the twin-engine P-38 Lightning in which he would earn his fame. In March 1943 he shipped out to the Pacific, joining the 49th Fighter Group. One of the veteran combat pilots in the 49th was Richard Bong, who would be the highest scoring ace of WWII.

In just his second mission, on August 18, McGuire was credited with shooting down three Japanese planes. On his next mission, on the 21st, he shot down two more, making him an ace after just three missions. In October he was shot

down but managed to bail out over the ocean and was rescued by a PT boat.



When he took off from his base in the Philippines on Christmas day 1944, he had thirty-one kills.

In the next two day he shot down seven

enemy planes to bring his total to thirty-eight. He was now only two behind Bong, who had been sent home for a fund raising tour. McGuire was anxious to pass him

On an early morning of January 7th McGuire led a flight of four P-38s over Japanese airbases on Negros Island. While pulling a sharp left turn toward a Japanese fighter his plane stalled and he crashed. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor for his seven kills in two days in December. McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey is named after him.

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Authentic Irish Breakfast

January 10, 2010



An authentic, delicious Irish breakfast is now being served every second Sunday of the month at an unbelievable price of only \$7.00 p/p



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The traditional breakfast consists of Eggs, Irish Bacon, Irish Sausages, Home-fried Potatoes, Black & White Puddings and the Grilled Tomato...a must! Children's Breakfasts of Pancakes & Sausage are only \$3.00 each. Juice, coffee and tea included.

(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on February 14th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends, January 2010
A Happy and Healthy New Year to All. Another year has passed and your elected boards are getting together to come up with a calendar of events for the coming year. Some of us are getting older and showing it, so please think about lending a hand or maybe even chairing one of the planned events. You will not be left on your own – we have a small but dedicated group who will help you out. Any and all ideas will be welcomed.

On that note, our annual dinner dance will be here before we know it. The dance committee is being formed and if you can help out let me know. The tickets will be available soon, so start getting your tables together (see ad in this newsletter).

On a personal note, I want to give a BIG THANKS to Kevin Cummings for his heroic assemblage of our monthly newsletter. His family also deserves a BIG THANKS for stuffing, labeling and stamping our newsletter.

This year please resolve to come to a meeting, a breakfast or a Friday Family night to enjoy the great company of your fellow Hibernians and friends. We would love to see you.

God Bless and Stay Well.

John Greehy

Division President

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Jan 10 Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall**
- Jan 10 Orange County AOH Meeting - Hall –2 PM—All members invited.**
- Jan 20 Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Officer's Installation.**
- Jan 20 AOH-DJW Meeting - Hall: Immediately following the division meeting.**
- Feb 7 Super Bowl Sunday Party— See the announcement in newsletter.**
- Feb 14 Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall.**

Irish Factoid: On January 1, 1892, Annie Moore, a 15 year old girl from County Cork, became the first immigrant processed at Ellis Island.



Super Bowl at the Hall

Sunday, February 7, 2010



Doors open at 12:00 for friendly card games and darts.

Starting at 3:00 PM and if you are staying for the food and the game there will be a \$10 p/p cover charge. Price of admission includes bar snacks and all food.

Food will be served starting at 4:30 pm and includes the following pre-game menu:

*Chili with all the fixing
Hot Dogs, buns and all the fixings
Mixed Deli Sandwiches, Home made Potato Salad
& Creamy Cole Slaw, Chips, Dip*

Food will again be served at ~ 7:30 and includes the following half-time menu:

*Extra Cheesy Baked Ziti
Jack Daniels BBQ Chicken
Oriental Beef and Broccoli in a Brown Garlic Sauce
Shrimp with Pasta and Mixed Vegetables in Garlic Sauce
Sausage and Peppers
Roasted Potatoes
Green beans and Carrots, Bread and Salad*

Tickets are on sale at the bar and buying one to this popular event is highly suggested and appreciated.

Ice Cold "Beer by the Bucket" Specials:

6 -12 oz. bottles of Bud, or Bud Lite, or Coors Lite — \$10.00

6—12 oz. Bottles of Heineken or Corona — \$15.00

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AOH—DJW Meeting Notice

There will be a quarterly meeting of the **AOH-DJW Building Corporation** immediately following the Division's monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 20th**. All members are welcome to attend.

Hibernian Hall Rental

Hibernian Hall Rental - Do not forget the great benefit of belonging to Division 2—namely our Hibernian Hall. The hall, grounds and facilities make the Hibernian Hall perfect for all your party needs—christenings, communions, confirmation graduations, birthdays parties, family reunions and retirement parties. The calendar is filling quickly so call the hall at 534-2528—leave a message for Kevin Moore, Hall Rental Chairman and reserve the date for your special event soon. Dates for 2010 are filling up fast.

That's One Giant Basket of Cheer!!!

Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win a giant basket of cheer filled with top shelf Irish favorites and domestic liquors such as Michael Collins Irish Whiskey, Tullamore Dew, Celtic Crossing, Jameson Whiskey, Brian Boru Vodka and much, much more. The basket will be on display at the hall. Come on down and have a look at what you can win. The drawing will be held at our annual dinner dance. Tickets are \$1.00 each—6 for \$5.00. Help support your division!



Save the Dates!

Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade



2:00 pm, Sunday, March 14, 2010
Goshen, NY



We march as a division in this parade so turn-out is important. Please be sure to have your parade uniform in order. If you need anything contact John Greehy.

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Bus Trip

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

\$35.00 per person includes transportation to the best parade in the world along with food and drink on the bus.

Sign-up sheet is at the hall. Sign up quickly—do not be disappointed—seats go quickly for this popular event.

2010 Annual Dues are Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the \$50.00 dues for 2010 are due in January, we are including this notice. Please remit dues to:

AOH Division 2
Attn: Matthew Flanagan
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Save-the-Date!!



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