



Legion of Honor News

By JOHN BOHLING

OK, you guys and gals that read my fabulous column know that I often have a bit of sports trivia included. This time it's a good one. You've got to be a real sports nut or a real "old timer" for this one. First the answer: **Hugo Bezdek**. *Hint - He was Penn State's football coach for 12 years!* Solution later.

Last issue I reported Noble **Ray Pittman** as having to leave our unit. This time I can report that he is back in the fold.

Thanks go out to all our members who were able to be present for our Flag Retirement Ceremony at the June Ceremonial. We plan to have another in the near future, as we still have quite a few remaining and we need a larger receptacle to accommodate this number.

We also held our 2nd Annual Breakfast/Brunch gathering at the Thompson Country Club in North Reading in June. It was very well attended, and it looks like it will become a permanent fixture on our calendar. Special thanks to our Finance Officer, PP **Fred Shaw**, for arranging the event. Now Fred, if you can only join Myopia Hunt Club we could start having polo matches!

Our Jeep is back in full swing after undergoing transmission repairs at the Northeast Regional Voke School

in Wakefield. Many thanks to the automotive shop for a job really well done. We have a picture accompanying this blurb with the folks who did the job. Total cost? About one-third of what we would have paid anywhere else. Now we can get back to hauling our trailer.

I would like to wish all our Nobles and Ladies a great summer season. See you in the next issue - hopefully with more good news.

Trivia solution: I hope the hint took you back to the right era: Joe Paterno having been head coach at Penn State since they used clay tablets for play books. Mr Bezdek is the only man to be head coach of an NFL team and the manager of a major league baseball team!

NFL Cleveland Rams 1937-1938 and Pittsburgh Pirates 1917-1919.

Told you that you would have to be an old timer! Rumor has it that his assistant coach was Bob Pann! Until Next time.



THE LEGION OF HONOR Jeep was repaired by the students at the Northeast Regional Voke in Wakefield, MA. From left to right are: **Doug Hanson**, head of the automotive shop; students **David Hernandez**, **Oscar Lemus**, **Jimmy Chin**, and **Camilo Camacho**; and shop instructor **Pat Tully**.



Flag Retirement Ceremony



The Aleppo Legion of Honor held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the June 13, 2009 Ceremonial.

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