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Veterans Day a time to reflect on service, sacrifice

By CRAIG D. SCHENCK
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Veterans Day "means a lot to everyone in so many different ways," according to John Saltzman, quartermaster of VFW Post 386 in Cape May. "Patriotism for our country, for our loved ones back home. Observed annually on Nov. 11, Veterans Day was initiated Nov. 11, 1918 to mark the end of hos-

tilities during World War I. The national holiday honors veterans of the U.S. armed forces and coincides with holidays in other countries, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, both of which also mark the end of World War I. Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, which specifically honors those who have died while serving their country.

Saltzman, a veteran of wars in Afghanistan (2001) and Iraq (2003), served as a door gunner on a helicopter and was part of the longest amphibious raid in Marine Corps history. "There's a lot of different experiences, especially generational," he said, listing conflicts from World War II to Korea, Vietnam and others. "We've all evolved along with it. For some of us, it's passing

it down to our kids, raising that flag on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Passing along those values to the next generation is just as important if not more important than anything we do." To help in that effort, the post works with schoolchildren to write essays for the Voice of Democracy. "We take part in that, raising scholarship money for local kids furthering their education — we

do our part with the community," Saltzman said. The post also hosts residents of the Vineland veterans home for a luncheon "to let them know that they're not forgotten." "We want them to know their sacrifices are appreciated and we are not going to forget about them," he said. Saltzman said they are currently

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Cape May plans to keep E-bikes off its sidewalks

Proposed rules would require riders to follow all traffic laws

By RACHEL SHUBIN
Special to the Star and Wave

CAPE MAY—As towns in New Jersey continue to grapple with delays at the state level to regulate electric bicycles, Cape May joins Lower Township and West Cape May in introducing an ordinance to regulate the operation of E-bikes and scooters. On Oct. 21, solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz said City Council had previously discussed the state's lack of regulation regarding E-bikes.

"We'd really like the state to take a unified approach on this, and I've reached out to the Lower Township solicitor because they had just decided (they) were going to do something until the Legislature gets their act together on this issue," he said.

In August, Lower Township passed a resolution

urging Gov. Phil Murphy and the Legislature to enact regulations governing the operation of e-bikes and scooters on public streets and other areas to provide for public safety.

On Oct. 6, Lower Township passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of E-bikes and other vehicles on sidewalks, and requiring riders to comply with traffic control signals and signs.

"The advantage of doing this is that we could craft this a number of ways," Gillin-Schwartz said.

"What Lower Township did is, they basically put these things on the same playing field as a car." Mayor Zack Mullock said he was surprised the state Legislature had not acted quickly.

"Two things that stick out to me is that they need a license plate, just like

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West Cape May joins neighbors proposing electric-bicycle rules

By JULIA DIERONIMO
For the Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY—The borough has joined its neighboring communities moving toward regulation of electric bicycles and other vehicles.

The Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance Oct. 29 that would establish regulations governing the operation of E-bikes and scooters.

Mayor Carol Sabo said Lower Township introduced the same ordinance and shared it with Cape May and Cape May Point so the communities have unifying language.

Deputy Mayor Dick George attended Cape May's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee's meeting in October, when the original ordinance was discussed.

The committee endorsed Lower Township's ordinance, and the borough's new ordinance will mirror the original.

Cape May introduced the same regulations this month.

"It's the limit of what we can do as a municipality at this point," Dick said. "There are still some legislation in the Assembly that can get passed that would further strengthen this issue in terms of potentially licensing electric bikes."

Senate bill S292 and Assembly bill A5295 would require registration of low-speed E-bikes through the Motor Vehicle Commission and update E-bike classifications.

In 2022, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission calculated

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Hoot & Howl Nature Prowl

The Nature Center of Cape May hosted some not-so-spooky Halloween fun for the whole family Oct. 30 during its Hoot & Howl Nature Prowl. Families dropped by for sweet treats, live animal encounters and spooky surprises. The Trick-or-Treat Trail allowed little ghosts and ghouls to prowling down a decorated trail to meet some nocturnal critters, learn about their lives and collect candy along the way. The Animal Artifact Graveyard provided an opportunity for participants to peek into the past and explore real bones and artifacts from local animals. Other activities included pumpkin painting and children's crafts and a moth sheeting station. Above, the Landis and Watson families enjoy the Trick-or-Treat Trail. Below, Kristal Stahl, right, of the Nature Center, guides Easton and Wren Drialio of Villas on the Trick-or-Treat Trail. Top right, Texan Andrew Armstrong, who is stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard base in Cape May, enjoys the event with his family. Bottom right, the Polo family of Millville dressed for the occasion.



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