

# New Heritage Center Program Announced

By Slate Belt Heritage Center

**BANGOR** - The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting a new program on their Facebook page November 19 by 7:00 p.m. The program, given by James Paynter, will look at the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Paynter, a graduate of Bangor High School, served in the United States Navy from 1967 – 1969, and has spent many years studying the events on “the day that will live in infamy”.

Mr. Paynter will be sharing stories from people who were there the day of the attack, showing pictures of the ships that were at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack, as well as other presenting other artifacts and displays. It promises to be an interesting and informative talk about the day that led the United States to enter World War II. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is a 501(c)3 organization that preserves and teaches about the culture and artifacts of the different groups that settled in the Slate Belt. Their Facebook page address is Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC.



# Update on Mail-in Ballots for the General Election

By Becky Bartlet

**EASTON** - As of October 20th, the Northampton County Elections Office has approved 79,161 mail-in ballot applications for the General Election on November 3rd. Staff have mailed 78,424 ballots out to applicants and have already received 47,323 ballots back.

Mail-in and Absentee Applications as of 10/20  
Total = 79,161

- Dem: 47,910
- Rep: 19,674
- Other: 11,577

Total Returned as of 10/20 = 47,323

- Returned Dem = 31,833
- Returned Rep = 9,874
- Returned Other = 5,616



The Elections Office reminds voters to carefully follow the instructions included with their ballot. Only use blue or black ink and the voter must sign and date the back of the return envelope before sending it in. “Naked” ballots—those which have not been enclosed in the inner secrecy envelope—will not be counted. Mail-in ballots may also be declared void if the ballot or secrecy envelope includes any text, marks or symbols “which reveals the identity of the elector, the elector’s political affiliation or the elector’s candidate preference.”

The return envelopes for mail-in ballots include postage. Voters do not need to add a stamp. Ballots may also be dropped off at the Elections Office at 669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042 or deposited in one of the County’s four secure ballot drop-off boxes.

- Rotunda of the Government Center – 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042
  - o Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 8:00PM and Saturday from 8:00AM – 12:00PM
- Human Services Building – 2801 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem, PA 18020
  - o Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 7:00PM
- Northampton County 911 Center – 100 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064
  - o Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 4:30PM
- Bethlehem City Hall – 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018
  - o Monday – Friday from 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Voters have until October 27 to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Voters who have applied for a mail-in ballot, but have decided they would prefer to vote at the polls, must bring both their ballot and the return envelope with them. The Judge of Elections will spoil the ballot and allow them to cast their vote on the machine.

Voters who applied for a mail-in ballot, but do not have the ballot and the return envelope, will only be allowed to cast a provisional ballot at the polls.

Voters may send an application for a mail-in ballot to the Election’s Office (<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/CTYADMN/ELECTNS/Documents/Mail%20In%20Ballot%20Application.pdf>) or apply on-line at: <https://www.votspa.com>

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### A Ghostly Killer

I do a few articles every year about carbon monoxide (referred to as CO) because it is very underrated as a silent killer. It deserves more attention and certainly everyone needs to understand more about it. It's not at all uncommon to hear people refer to it as CO2 but CO2 is carbon dioxide and that 2 changes everything. Just like adding a C to O2 turns oxygen into carbon dioxide, dropping the 2 from CO2 turns it into a murderer. It's all just alphabet soup until someone is in a room with CO and doesn't live to tell about it. I think people are more afraid of ghosts than CO. They have a lot in common but ghosts don't kill nearly as many people every year as CO does.

CO is measured in parts per million (ppm) in the air. 20 ppm is no big deal but CO has a way of sneaking up on you but unlike a ghost, it won't make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. It may enter the room with a blast of cold air, but that's probably part of the problem with the furnace and not an entity from the other side. CO can be created anywhere there is a flame. It is caused by incomplete combustion and doesn't need to be accompanied by smoke. If the candle at your séance produced it, the amount would likely be small enough that it wouldn't be as harmful as whoever you were conjuring that night. Gasoline engines produce huge amounts of CO and that's why generator safety is so important during a power outage. Natural gas and propane appliances can produce large amounts of CO as well when they are not adjusted properly. A requirement of gas furnaces today is that they are vented into a chimney with a metal liner. Because moisture is also a large byproduct of natural gas and propane combustion, a typical chimney with a terra cotta liner or no liner at all will soon degrade with a modern furnace venting into it. As it degrades, small pieces drop to the bottom and build up until there is no room for the furnace to vent and the byproducts of combustion are vented into the furnace area. Those byproducts then become the air for combustion and CO is produced in huge quantities. The furnace distributes that to the occupants and it is lights out. Get a CO detector, not just a smoke detector, they are different. Preferably a low-level CO detector. Next week I will cover symptoms of CO poisoning.

**Ken Field is the owner of Slate Belt Energy and Field's Service, Inc. As a certified energy rater and contractor, he is qualified to assess every aspect of energy usage and prescribe solutions to save energy. He can be reached at 610-759-6306 or email Ken@FieldsService.com**

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