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Commander's Comments



Greetings to all and welcome to Spring and the pollen that comes at this time of year! Many of us have a real challenge coping with all the types of pollen we experience in the Lowcountry. In time, it should 'settle down' and we'll get over the worst of it.

Please note that Elections of the Offices in our Post for all organizations are just around the corner. Again, I encourage all who are interested in serving to complete the form (available the first part of April) indicating the office you would like to hold. Once you complete the form, return it (signed) to the envelope where you obtained the blank form. Forms will be collected regularly. For those of you that are not familiar with the duties of any position and/or would like to review The American Legion Guidebook, please do so before you complete the form. We generally have many members interested in being a member of The American Legion Executive Board.

After the elections (held the fourth Thursday in May or the 24th) officers will be sworn-in as soon as possible. Our Annual Convention will be held in Greenville, SC the week-end of June 01. and the successful electees will be reported.

Please help us keep our grounds and parking lot neat and clean by discarding cans, etc. in the proper containers. If you see one of the members or anyone drop any debris on our property, don't hesitate to call their attention to the discrepancy. We are proud of our facility and want to let our out-of-town visitors or other guests appreciate our tidiness.

Any World War II veterans wishing to take the "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC in April, please let me or Commander Ike Gethers (DAV) know as soon as possible. We will brief you on the specifics as soon as we get a complete list of attendees. My understanding, as of this bulletin, we have approximately 75 more seats available.

May God Bless America, our service personnel, Veterans, their families, and our members. If you get an opportunity to thank a Veteran for their service or assist them in any way, please do so.

See you at the Post!

Respectfully,
Dwight Cargile
Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Thanks Mrs. Inge for preparing the German meal in March which was a huge success. Thanks also go to Cheryl Greene, Jeanie Wood, Emily Brown AND Barbara Stoffer who helped support the dinner. Team work is the name of the game. On Saturday, April 14, 2012, Susie will be preparing delicious Homemade Fried Chicken with all the fixings. I can almost smell it cooking. He! He! Please come and support the Post, mingle with your friends and have a good time.

April is Girl State Month. ALL profit from our meals and donations will go to support our Girls State Program in June. This is a great opportunity for Junior Students from our designated high schools. The cost has risen to over \$300.00 per student. If possible, please help these students.

Elections will be held on May 15, 2012 in place of our meeting. Forms for the election will be placed behind the bar beginning April 1st. These forms are for any current member who is interested in holding one of the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Chaplin, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Historian or Member at Large. These positions have responsibilities that should be taken seriously. Support your Auxiliary and submit your name. It is always good to see new faces and new minds in action.

Our State Convention will be held in Greenville on June 1, 2, and 3. If you are interested in being a delegate for the Auxiliary, please contact me at 209-7456. Closing date for notification is May 1, 2012.

Membership is important to all organizations. We are close to 100% Please pay your dues of \$30.00 today. All membership renewals should be put in an envelope marked to the attention of Mary Wade or Barbara Evans. Our membership chairman, Mary Wade, has our new membership cards for 2012. Please check the roster in the Canteen. If your name is not in the roster, you have NOT paid your dues.

Our next meeting will be held on April 17th at 6:15 p.m. E-Board members should plan to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a brief chat.

If you are aware of any member who is sick or in the hospital, please contact Toni Stramm, our Chaplain, at 795-5042. If you cannot reach her, please call me at 209-7456.

May God Bless America and our Veterans

Barbara Evans

Barbara Evans, President

POST EMAIL ADDRESS

THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE POST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SAL NEWS

We will be having a Prime Rib Dinner on April 28th for \$12. Please sign up in the Canteen. (SAL Members, it is hard to plan dinners when only 5 people show up at meetings.)

Danny Rubin, SAL Commander

BALONEY

The "Baloney Boys" were a big hit! They sold out in record time. They kicked the "Weenie Boys" butts.

UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Post Officers will be held at the May General Meeting. If you are interested in running for office, let your desires be known by filling out a brief form available at the Post. The best interests of our Post are served by officers who will commit to attending all meetings and official functions.

Elected offices include the following: Post Commander, First Vice Commander (membership), Second Vice Commander (entertainment), Third Vice Commander (Auxiliary/SAL liaison), Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms (2), Historian, Services Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, and Executive Committee (6 members at large).

FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY

Carrying on a Post 147 Tradition, the Four Chaplains Observance will be held Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. This is a very moving ceremony that recognizes the heroic acts of four Army Chaplains during World War II who surrendered their life vests after a German U-Boat attack in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic. Plan on attending and bring your family and friends.

LEGIONNAIRES FOR KIDS

Please continue to consider the Penny Jars as you leave the Canteen. They are located on the table below the message board. Every little bit helps at this time of the year.

We have settled on an immediate schedule of events which includes a Members and Employees Pool Tournament, an Open Pool Tournament, a Shuffle Board Tournament, A Corn Hole Competition and a Horse Shoe Match. Also, please don't forget the 3rd Annual September Golf Tournament which will be here before you know it. Please check with the bartenders for application and the dates for the events will be posted in the Canteen.

As a change of pace, we will be holding a drawing for a Kindle which makes an excellent addition to a person's library or as gift for a student. As always, any suggestions anyone has for activities/fundraisers are welcome and we are pleased to welcome LouAne Conway to our committee.

The Committee

BASEBALL FANS

I'm pleased to announce that the 'BILL WILLIAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT' held on Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at The Links at Stono Ferry was a great success and fun was had by all. Again, Cleveland sporting goods provided golf irons, hats and golf balls for those in attendance. Another set of clubs and golf bag will be provided as a benefit for the Baseball Program and the winner will be identified in July after the Legion baseball banquet.

Those interested in purchasing tickets for this benefit drawing may contact me by calling me at 343-2023.

I know y'all have set aside donation money for the baseball program but you've been waiting for the donation request letters. Now that the golf tournament is over I hope to have these letters in question in the mail during the last week in March. Thanks so much for your patience.

For God and Country,
Curt Thomas, Post 147 Athletic Officer



April 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY APRIL FOOLS	2  DAV 7:00 P.M.	3 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M. GREATER CHARLESTON AIRBORNE UNIT 7:00 P.M.	4  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	5	6 LUNCH GREEK CHICKEN (MIKE)	7 STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M.
8  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD EASTER	9	10 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  SAL 7:00 P.M.	11  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	12  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7:00 P.M.	13 LUNCH SHRIMP (PAT & FRAN)	14 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. AUXILIARY
15  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL	16	17 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  AUXILIARY 6:15 P.M.	18  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	19	20 LUNCH HAM & FIXINGS (MIKE)	21 STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M.
22  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8 FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY 3:00 P.M.	23	24 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  40&8 Cabanne 6:00 p.m. Voiture 7:00 p.m.	25  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	26  GENERAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.	27 LUNCH LASAGNA (CHUCK)	28 PRIME RIB DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. SAL
29  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AIR BORNE	30				Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—10:00 pm Friday & Saturday 10:00 am—12:00 midnight Sunday 9:00 am— 8:00 pm bartender's call after time.	

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FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 3/15

Building Maintenance Fund—Current balance \$ 750.77

This fund is used for minor repairs and building / grounds upkeep

General Fund—Current balance \$ 3,392.43

This fund is used for membership processing and office supplies.

Escrow Fund—Current balance \$ 8,403.90

This fund is used for big ticket items, i.e., liquor license and insurance

A club has been established to help meet the financial needs of the Post. All members are urged to support this endeavor for the betterment of our Post. Club rules for members who wish to participate are \$20 per month for individuals and \$30 per month for families. Please indicate which fund you wish to assist.

2011 Membership List: Mel Clayton, Tom Conrey, Paul Cormier, Harvey & Margie Dick, Pat & Barbara Evans, Doris Garner, Milan Glumac, Denny Sherrod, Harry & Inge Sproles, David Vierra, Irene Parmenter, James Lawrence, Stephen Driscoll, Ed Yarnell and Barbara Leary.

Pat Clute, Finance Officer