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Commander's Comments



Greetings to All! Here's wishing all of you the best of health and a great summer! It's great that more and more of our members are paying their dues for the current year by either mailing or bring them to the Post. This allows us to return the card(s) to you faster and report to Headquarters our percentage of yearly goals. We are receiving a very large number of early sign-ups this year. We welcome all returning and new members. We are expecting a really great year.

Special thanks to Jesse Boyer for all the great landscaping assistance including leveling the debris at the back of our yard and moving the metal walk-in container to the rear of the yard! What an improvement!

Please don't forget the various benefits we offer at different intervals by all our organizations (American Legion, Auxiliary, "Weenie Boys", 40/8 Voiture 974, and The DAV and DAVA). There are great prizes for your donation and the proceeds go toward the programs we all support for Veterans and the community.

Please be considerate of rising electrical costs and keep doors closed as soon as possible. Demands on the power grids at all utility company's are high due to the extreme heat we are experiencing. God Bless our Veterans and their families. Please remember our shut-ins. May God continue to bless this great country and those suffering around the world.

See you at the Post!

Respectfully,
Dwight Cargile
Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well Ladies, I attended my first workshop in Columbia on the 30th of June. I think it was very successful. I came away with a better understanding of how we can accomplish our goals this year. I believe that we can show State that Unit 147 is a strong unit in accomplishments this year. Please attend our meetings, as we need participation in order to do this. Our meeting this month on Tuesday, the 21st. I hope to see a lot of you there.

2013 membership cards are here, so get your dues to Mary Wade as soon as possible. We want to keep our 100% status for this year. I know that we can accomplish this and keep South Carolina a goal state.

We already have 2 projects that are on going. It is that time of the year for school supplies and we are collection for our adopted school, Burns Elementary School. There will be a collection box in the Canteen for this as soon as possible. We also already have a collection box for our new project, Operation Flip Flop. This is for NEW flip flops sizes S-XL of any color. We have a contact person that will pick these up and take care of the shipping overseas. Joyce Simmons has placed fliers throughout the Post explaining what Operation Flip Flop is about. This is a good cause, so please help with this one.

Our dinner this month will be Frogmore stew w/ fix-ins on the 11th for \$10.00. Believe me you will get your money's worth. Lynda Murray and her team always do an awesome job. We would greatly appreciate your support.

I visited Ms. Toni at Heartland, and she is doing well, ready to come home. If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital please let me or Barbara Evans know. You can contact me at 843-795-5110. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September the 18th.

Keeping Veterans and Country in our Prayers

Melody Easterby-Lowe

President—Unit 147

SAVE THE CLAMAGORE

The USS Clamagore Veterans Association is trying to raise money to save the submarine and keep it at Patriot's Point. Visit the website www.savetheclamagore.com to make a contribution which will be greatly appreciated.

DAVA NEWS

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary has started cooking on the first Saturday of each month. Our first steak night was a huge success. The ladies sold 27 dinners and did well on their bake sale. Thank you, ladies, for all your help.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to support our cause. We hope to have a repeat performance on Saturday, August the 4th. For those of you that do not know, DAVA is the Auxiliary to the Disabled American Veterans. Our goal is to aide them whenever we can, so your support is greatly appreciated.

S.A.L. NEWS

Thanks to all for your support. We have reached the dog days of summer and it seems everything is slowing down due to the heat. Speaking of heat, we will be preparing steak and shrimp in August for our monthly dinner along with a side salad, baked potato, bread, and we might even through in a dessert. The crew will be firing up charcoal grills for the preparation of these fine slabs of beef cooked to your order. We will have a sign-up sheet behind the bar the week of our dinner so that you can insure your steak placement on one of our hot smoking grills. We will more than likely have a few extra dinners that will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Price will be \$12.00. Come on down to the Post and let the S.A.L. Cooking Crew get you out of that hot kitchen for a splendid evening of dining and libations of your choice, served up by our wonderful bartenders. We'll be sure and leave a grill on for ya!

Dino Harris, S.A.L. Commander

ADJUTANT'S NEWS

The Early Bird renewals are off to an amazing start and thank you to all who have participated. Legionnaires will receive a brochure and sign up form with their membership card for free accidental death insurance from the Legion Department of South Carolina. Everyone is encouraged to participate after all its free. Members of the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion may purchase

2013 door key cards from their respective organizations. If you include an extra dollar with your dues you will receive your new door key card with your membership card. The Executive Board decided door key cards will no longer be available from the bartenders.

God Bless Our Troops and Families
Bill Wade, Adjutant

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

There are many in our American Legion Post who have illnesses or are shut in and unable to get out. I have started a list of all our sick and shut-ins and each month placing the list in our monthly newsletter.

Please keep the families of all these mentioned in your daily prayers.

Shut-Ins: Claude Horton at Home—795-9113; Richard Plummer—800 Affirmation Blvd.—Apt. M3 and David Quarterman—1511 Lynton Avenue—James Island, his wife, Ginny, passed away in May.

All of our shut-ins would like to have visitors from our Post so take a little time out of your busy schedule and go visit them.

Medical Problems: None that we know of at present.

We are glad to have Jim Nicholas back with us and working in the kitchen. Prayers work to make our members better and well.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to any members who are sick or in the hospital who we do not know about. Our fellow comrades of Post 147 wish all a complete recovery.

If you or someone you know has an emergency and is in the hospital please call me at 843-276-7422. If you know of someone who is sick or shut-in, please call me or send an Email to: wffarmer1@yahoo.com

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Bill Farmer, Chaplain

PURPLE HEART DAY AUGUST 7TH

The Medal of Honor that is now the Purple Heart actually began as the 'Badge of Military Merit.' On August 7th, 1782, General George Washington

designed a new badge of distinction for enlisted men and non commissioned officers. They were awarded for 'any singularly meritorious action.' The badge was a figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow face or binding.

On January 7th, 1931, a new design was reopened for the present medal of the Purple Heart. It consists of a purple enameled heart within a bronze quarter inch border showing a relief profile of George Washington in Continental Uniform. Washington's family Coat of Arms adorns the medal, along with an inscription inside the heart that reads 'For Military Merit.'

Now we celebrate Purple Heart Day on the Anniversary of its inception, August 7th. On this day it is our patriotic duty to remember and recognize those people willing to serve our country, no matter the price.

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.

The Bert Bulwinkle Open Pool Tournament is still underway as we go to press with eighteen participants.

The 3rd Annual Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, September 8th at Shadowmoss. The all-inclusive cost is \$75.00 per player which includes green fees, golf cart for two, unlimited libations, lunch and awards dinner. There will be tickets available for a 50-50 drawing, hole sponsors are needed, as well. Hole sponsors are \$100.00 each. Applications are available in the Canteen and kudos to Sammy Brown for the yeoman work he puts in each year to organize this critical event on behalf of children diagnosed with cancer.

As always, any direct contribution a member wishes to make to Legionnaires for Kids can be done.
















The Committee

COFFEE CLUB BOOSTERS NEEDED

Our complimentary coffee has an annual Post cost of \$940.00. We are looking for donations of \$10.00 per year to help offset this cost. See Pat Clute to help the Post.



AUGUST 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—10:00 pm</p> <p>Friday & Saturday 10:00 am—12:00 midnight</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 am— 8:00 pm bartender's call after time.</p>			<p>1</p>  <p>HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LUNCH GREEK CHICKEN (MIKE)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. (DAV AUXILIARY)</p> <p>COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY (22ND)</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>DAV 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>GREATER CHARLESTON AIRBORNE UNIT 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PURPLE HEART DAY</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LUNCH HOOSIER DADDY (JIM)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>FROGMORE STEW 6:00—8:00 P.M. (AUXILIARY)</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>SAL 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>LUNCH TUNA CHEF SALAD (JIM)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CRAB CRACK 1:00—5:00 P.M. (DAV)</p> <p>MAXX PLAYER W/ SAVANNAH ROSE</p>
<p>19</p>  <p>BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>AUXILIARY 6:15 P.M.</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>GENERAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LUNCH SHRIMP CREOLE (MIKE)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>SURF & TURF DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. (SAL)</p>
<p>26</p>  <p>BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>40&8 Cabanne 6:00 p.m. Voiture 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LUNCH LASAGNA (CHUCK)</p>	

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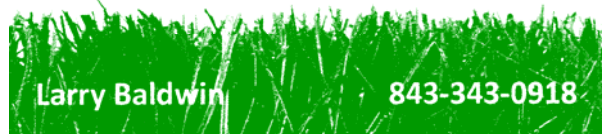
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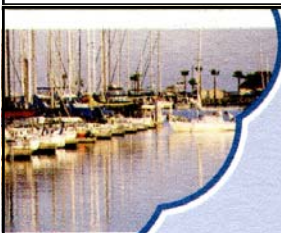
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Building Maintenance Fund—Current balance \$ 187.30

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

General Fund—Current balance \$ 3,413.95

This fund is used for membership processing and office supplies.

Escrow Fund—Current balance \$12,927.60

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.

2012 Membership List: Tom Conrey, Paul Cormier, Margie Dick, Pat & Barbara Evans, Doris Garner, Milan Glumac, Harry & Inge Sproles, James Lawrence, Stephen Driscoll, and Barbara Leary.

Pat Clute, Finance Officer