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Commander's Comments



Hopefully, everyone's new year is off to a good start! We are actually in the second half of the Legion's year where we development plans for the Four Chaplains' Ceremony, Post Everlasting, Post Elections, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Installation of Post Officers—followed by the Annual Department Convention.

SPECIAL NOTICE: As a part of his official trip to South Carolina, we are fortunate to have the honor of hosting at our Post American Legion National Commander Fang Wong. This event will be held Wednesday, February 22nd in the front hall. We encourage all our members to attend and meet Commander Wong. Mike Garvin will be serving his "Famous Greek Chicken" for lunch for all who attend. We should be very appreciative of the number of national Commanders who choose to visit our Post when many other Posts seek their visit.

Many of you are aware that the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) meet in our front hall quarterly. Gayle Taylor, coordinator of the program, has expressed a special thanks and appreciation from the Veterans Hospital and personally, for allowing this to occur. She stated that parking is much more convenient at the Post than the Hospital! Anyone that visits the VA on Bee Street knows how bad parking is at this time. Plans are underway to gain additional parking—No completion date announced.

It's really great to see some of your soldiers coming home. Many, however, will be redeployed at a later date. It's very pleasing to see the joy in the faces of family members when they meet again after so long apart!

May God be with each of you and our country through these trying times. Please remember our military, their families, our country, and those who are sick and/or disabled in your prayers.

See you at the Post!

Respectfully,
Dwight Cargile

AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to thank and recognize the many Auxiliary volunteers we have had this year. These volunteers have helped cook Auxiliary breakfasts and dinners, provide support for special functions and holidays, sell tickets for 50/50 and fundraisers, and are always raising their hand to help support our purpose which is to support our Legion, our veterans, our children and our community. The names below are listed alphabetically and if you read your name, SMILE, you deserve a BIG THANKS: (This may sound corny but I like it.)

Barbara Bailey; Emily Brown, Teresa Bumgardner; Janette Crenshaw; Linda Dane; Flor Dowling; Melody Lowe; Barbara Evans; Irene Gethers; Cheryl Greene; Sharon Jacob; Miriam Johnson; Tracey Kampmeyer; Charlotte Lesemann; Joyce Miles; Susie Millhouse; Sandra Mixson; Lynda Murray; Fran Perkins; Sandra Polensky; Nellie Powers; Joyce Simmons; Inge Sproles; Beth Stamper; Barbara Stoffer; Toni Stramm; Jackie Stringer; Leslie Sullivan; Jenny Thomas; Mary Wade; Pat Wand; Tricia Watt and Jeanie Wood.

Thanks also to the Legion and SAL members (especially Danny Rubin, John Buerk, Roy Shingledecker, Jerry Miles and Ernie Hulette) who have jumped in to help the Auxiliary. TEAM EFFORT is the name of the game.

The Auxiliary will be cooking breakfast on Sunday, February 5th and Chicken & Beef Kabobs on Saturday, February 11th. Please come and support the Post, mingle with your friends and have a good time.

Membership is important to all organizations. 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.

Our next meeting will be held on February 21, 2012 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

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.

Since our last article were two of our members who

have passed away.

On December 10, **Robert C. "Bob" Blihar** died.

There was a memorial service for him on January 7th at the Post with military honors.

On January 28, **George R. West, Jr.** died

We ask our members to keep the families of these deceased in your prayers.

The family of **Leon Wolper** who died on 31 August 2011 also asks that each member keep their thoughts of him and remember his family in your prayers.

As of 16 January, **Col Harvey Dick** was again admitted to the VA Hospital for more medical studies.

Shut-ins: Claude Horton at Home—795-9113

Frank Elam—Savannah House

Richard Plummer—800 Affirmation Blvd., Apt. M3

John Lowe is now recuperating at home

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

The Defense Finance and Accounting Office (DFAS) has launched a new online form to make it easier for grieving family members to report the deaths of military retirees. The form and additional information are available at: <http://dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsletter/newform.html>

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Bill Farmer, Chaplain

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISIT

As part of his official trip to South Carolina, American Legion National Commander Fang Wong will be visiting the Post on Wednesday, February 22, 11:30—1:30.

In honor of this historical visit, the Post will be hosting a luncheon/reception. The membership is urged to come out and meet Commander Wang and enjoy Mike Garvin's famous "Greek Chicken" lunch.

SAL NEWS

Our meeting will be on the 13th due to Valentine's Day. Dinner will be Beaufort stew. Your dues are now late, so get them paid up.

Danny Rubin, SAL Commander

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

GOOD NEWS: Our Tuesday SPAGHETTI dinners are becoming a popular item. Come on out, bring the family, bring your friends, the meal is from 6 to 8 p.m., \$6.50 for eat in and \$6.75 for take out, salad and bread are included. The kitchen crew is commended for their dedication. Thanks to all who have participated in enjoying these great meals.

Our annual Bill Williams Golf Tournament to benefit the Baseball Program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at The Links at Stono Ferry Golf Course. Team applications can be picked up at Post 147 or by calling me. All golfers are encouraged to participate. I will remain the POC but I need some volunteers to run this tournament, please give me a call if you can help. This tournament has been the major money make for the Baseball Program and less of a burden on Post Funds.

For God and Country,
Curt Thomas, Post 147 Athletic Officer
Phone 843-343-2023

JIM'S CANTEEN COMMENTS



As Tom Carnegie the former track announcer at the Indy 500 would say "And it's a new track qualifying speed record." I can now say it's a new attendance record for Happy Hour, on Friday the 13th of January, we had 75 members and guest attend our happy hour festivities. A good time was had by all Please come join us.

The New Years Eve rocking gala was a success in terms of quality, the food was good the music was great and a good time was had by all who attended. Not quite as many members signed up as we had hoped but those who did attend had a great evening.

Please notice the new lighting on the display case, we now can easily see the various items we have for sale including shirts of all types, hats etc. See your bartender to order. Join us for Saturday steak nights, enjoy a 10oz Rib eye steak, baked potato and salad for only \$12.00. In addition don't forget our daily lunches. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement of the canteen, please feel free to see me or Dennis Bailey our canteen manager.

Jim Nicholas /Canteen Committee Chair

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.

What follows is our promised Annual Report compiled through the good work of Ed Lohr.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

CREDITS

Penny Jars	\$ 247.00
2-TV Benefits	\$ 2,400.00
2-Pool	\$ 250.00
Shuffleboard	\$ 60.00
Personal	\$ 510.00
Susan Hollar Fund	\$ 235.00
Cornhole	\$ 100.00
Golf	\$ 4,743.00
<u>Sum Income</u>	\$ 8,545.00

DEBITS

*Operations	\$ 2,483.85
Charity	\$ 6,061.15
<u>Sum Debits</u>	\$ 8,545.00
In Kind Contributions to Charity	\$ 420.00


*Operations represents the amount carried over into 2012

We look forward to another successful year in 2012 and thank everyone who took part in our various endeavors and please consider our next pool tournament coming soon.

The Committee



FEBRUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	2	3 LUNCH MEAT LOAF (PAT & FRAN)	4 STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M.
5  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY	6  DAV 7:00 P.M.	7 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M. GREATER CHARLESTON AIRBORNE UNIT 7:00 P.M.	8  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	9  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7:00 P.M.	10 LUNCH PORK LOIN (DON)	11 CHICKEN & BEEF KABOB DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. AUXILIARY SHAKIN' MARTINIS
12  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD	13  SAL 7:00 P.M.	14 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M. VALENTINE'S DAY	15  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	16	17 LUNCH SALISBURY STEAK (MIKE)	18 STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M.
19  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  AUXILIARY 6:15 P.M.	22 NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT LUNCH GREEK CHICKEN (MIKE)  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	23  GENERAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.	24 LUNCH LASAGNA (CHUCK)	25 BEAUFORT STEW DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. SAL
26  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8	27	28 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  40&8 Cabanne 6:00 p.m. Voiture 7:00 p.m.	29  HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.	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 1/15

Building Maintenance Fund—Current balance \$ 867.52

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

General Fund—Current balance \$ 2,839.84

This fund is used for membership processing and office supplies.

Escrow Fund—Current balance \$10,815.49

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, Milan Glumac, Denny Sherrod, Harry & Inge Sproles, David Vierra, Irene Parmenter, James Lawrence, Stephen Driscoll, Ed Yarnell and Barbara Leary.

Pat Clute, Finance Officer