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Commander's Comments

Happy New Year to All! Now that the series of end-of-year and new year celebrations are over, here's wishing you a great New Year and the best of health! Thanks to all for the cards and well wishes.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year at the Post with many activities and continued improvements. We are constantly looking for ways to make our Post the very best and most enjoyable for our members and guests.

Please review your calendar included in your bulletin for upcoming events. During the "Colder" months we always have oyster roasts, cook-offs, crab-cracks, and similar activities outside. We have a great time and attendance is really good!

On a personal note, we have always been fortunate to have excellent support from all the organizations in the Post and individuals. A special thanks to each and every one of you for your time and devotion to ensure all functions are complete and timely. Those of us that participate in this support really have a good time working together and the effort builds great teamwork. Anyone willing and able to join us in any function, just contact any member of the Post and we will be glad to include you in the "Team".

It's great news that some of our military are coming home after many years of war in Iraq. What a great day for all the families and our country. This country has always been involved in so many wars to try to protect our interests and help maintain peace and freedom from oppression. It is sad that so many countries we help are going to continue to have internal strife. Sometimes it seems our efforts are in vain and we lose so many lives needlessly.

God Bless all our military, the great Union, and those who have made the great sacrifice to keep us free.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

Respectfully,
Dwight Cargile

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Christmas Holidays are over and we are in a new year. November and December were busy months for the Auxiliary. On Veterans Day, Melody and John Lowe took goodies to the Veterans in the Nursing Home which has temporarily separated from the VA Hospital for remodeling. She got their wish lists for Christmas and had a nice long visit.

On December 1, Nellie Powers, Jeanie Wood and I wrapped Christmas Gifts at the VA Hospital for the inpatient families. The Auxiliary Unit from Little River provided help and had a good time. On December 16, the Auxiliary met at the post to assemble gift packages for the VA Nursing Home Unit and on December 23, the Auxiliary delivered the gifts to the Veterans. I would like to thank all the people who contributed in making Veterans at the VA Nursing Home have a very Merry Christmas and to all the Auxiliary Members who gave their time for other people. The names of all the helpers will be in the February newsletter due to the cutoff date of January newsletter.

I would like to thank Charlotte Lesemann who took her time to buy and deliver Christmas presents to our Homebound Auxiliary members. If you are a homebound Auxiliary member and did not receive a gift, please contact me, Barbara Evans at 843-209-7456.

Cheryl Greene and her helpers, who will be recognized in February, had a great Steak Night in December. Thanks go to all who bought meals. This helps the Auxiliary and the Post.

I would like to congratulate Barbara Stoffer for being promoted to Auxiliary Senior Vice President for the State of South Carolina. I am confident that she will make our unit proud. I would also like to welcome Linda Murray as being voted in as a new member-at-large.

Our membership chairman, Mary Wade, has our new membership cards for the upcoming year. All membership renewals should be put in an envelope, marked to the attention of Mary Wade or Barbara Evans.

Our next meeting will be held on January 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

JIM'S CANTEEN COMMENTS

Well, well her it is 2012. it will be a great new year at the Canteen. Seems like just yesterday it was 2011. We have a lot of new exciting things coming up at your Post in the days and weeks to come. As an example our newest benefits:

- 1st Prize will be an Orion multiuse convection charcoal cooker,
- 2nd Prize will be \$100.00 gift certificate from 7 Star liquors,
- 3rd prize will be a salt water combo rod and reel

As you may or may not be aware 100% of the proceeds will be used for Canteen Improvements.

When you have a chance stop and walk and talk with one of the Weenie Boys. They have a wish list, with cost estimates for proposed improvements that will hopefully occur during this next year. Give them a pat on the back for all they have accomplished this last year:

- 1) New carpeting through out
- 2) New dance floor
- 3) New merchandise display case
- 4) Painting of bar cabinets, and tile a round the perimeter
- 5) New storage facilities at the rear entry hall
- 6) Tiled entry hall and front and back door areas

Also we are back to Friday, Friday, Friday 4—7 Happy Hour. Snacks and drawings are back. Come in and join the fun. Join us for Saturday steak nights, enjoy a 10 oz rib eye steak, baked potato and salad for only \$12.00. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvements of the Canteen, please feel free to see me or Dennis Bailey our Canteen Manager.

Jim Nicholas, Canteen Committee Chair

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

GOOD NEWS: I hope all our Legionaries, Auxiliary and SAL had a great holiday season. Tuesday SPAGHETTI Nights' are a tremendous success. Don't forget the meal at \$6.50 includes SALAD and BREAD from 6 to 8 p.m. A hearty KUDOS to the kitchen crew and our special volunteers Cheryl Greene, Joyce Miles, Kim LeCroy and Danny Rubin.

Thanks to all who have participated in enjoying these great meals.

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

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.

It has been an exciting month with the conclusion of the Corn Hole Tournament on December 11th. Emerging as the champion was Andy Miller from a field of 18 competitors. Andy also donated some of his prize back to the fund which will help our kids. Thanks Andy!

Motte Morris won the T.V. which was drawn on December 13th, lucky day for Motte, the 13th notwithstanding. We are pleased to report that the TV benefit was a huge success with all 250 benefit tickets accounted for prior to the drawing. Thank you to all who participated.

As always, if anyone is interested in making a tax deductible contribution to this year's fund drive, you can do so by seeing any committee member. All contributors will be acknowledged.

We will publish our Year End Report in the February Newsletter and we wish everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous and Healthy New Year. Thanks to all of you, we have been able to offer some comfort to families of children stricken with cancer. You have all made a difference and your generosity, good will and support through all of our fund raisers speaks volumes about the character of our Post.

The Committee

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.

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

Frank Elam—Savannah House

Richard Plummer—800 Affirmation Blvd., Apt. M3

Medical Problems:

Don Henderson—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.

May each of you have a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

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 every one of you.

Bill Farmer, Chaplain

SAL NEWS

On the 28th, we will be having charcoal grilled 12 ounce steaks, baked potatoes, and salad. Sign up in the Canteen.

Danny Rubin, SAL Commander



JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (POST HOURS 1:00—8:00 P.M.)	2	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. BAND—TBD
8  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY	9  DAV 7:00 P.M.	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 SOUP & DOGS (WEENIE BOYS)	14 DAV OYSTER ROAST 1:00—5:00 P.M. MAXX PLAYER W/ SAVANNAH ROSE
15  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD	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 LASAGNA (CHEF CHUCK)	21 STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. BAND—TBA
22  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL	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 ROAST BEEF (PAT & JOHN)	28 SAL CHARCOALED GRILLED STEAK (12 OZ.) DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. BAND—TBA
29  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8	30	31 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 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 12/15

Building Maintenance Fund—Current balance **\$1,208.75**

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

General Fund—Current balance **\$2,876.86**

This fund is used for membership processing and office supplies.

Escrow Fund—Current balance **\$13,213.67**

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

Pat Clute, Finance Officer