

Remember,
 our troops still
 fight to protect our
 freedom.
 Pray for them!

NEWSLETTER

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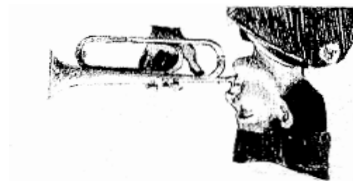


COMMANDER'S NEWS

GREETINGS,

THE LAST THREE MONTHS HAVE JUST ZIPPED BY. THE POST HAS BEEN VERY BUSY WITH HOSTING OF THE THUNDERING THIRD DISTRICT'S AUXILIARY FALL CONVENTION, THE MUM FESTIVAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, PRESENTING THE COLORS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES, THE FRIDAY NIGHT COOKS, SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS, DART TOURNAMENT AND MANY OTHER HAPPENINGS. ALL THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A DEDICATED GROUP OF MEMBERS OF LEGION, AUXILIARY, S.A.L., BOY SCOUTS AND JUNIOR GIRLS AUXILIARY.... OUR POST FAMILY! A BIG "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE GIVEN UP SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE EACH OF THESE PROJECTS SUCH A SUCCESS. WE ARE NOW IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THE POST WILL BE HOSTING SEVERAL PARTIES AGAIN THIS SEASON. THE CHILDREN'S PARTY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DEC. 2ND, THE AUXILIARY'S PARTY WILL BE ON MONDAY DEC. 3RD, THE POST CHRISTMAS CARRY IN WILL BE ON SATURDAY DEC. 15TH, AND THE NEW YEARS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DEC. 31ST, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DETAILS. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, KAY AND I WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL, PROSPEROUS, SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND AMERICA! PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING IN COMBAT THAT THEY RETURN HOME SAFELY.

JIM VAUGHAN
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Notes from President Betty Kessler

Events

The first half of the year is almost over and things are looking good. The Friday night cooks have been very successful and the Mum Festival went well. Now we are preparing for our Children's Christmas party, the Auxiliary Christmas party, and the Post Christmas party. In order for everything to get done, we are in need of more volunteers as the ones that have been carrying the entire load are wearing down.

Friday Night Cooks

We have two Friday cooks in January, February, March, and April. Please sign up to volunteer for one of these. The money we make from these cooks is what keeps our auxiliary going. Please see me (Betty Kessler) or leave your name behind the bar. Also, if you have any money-making ideas or if you have a favorite at would be a good one to serve on a Friday, please let me know.

Meetings

We will be having only one meeting in January and February on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and keep our auxiliary going.

Family Night (Birthday Party)

Our family night has been quite a success. We will be having another one on the third Tuesday of January for all the January, February, and March birthdays. For those of you that have never been to one of our parties, we have cake to celebrate the birthdays and everyone comes to celebrate. Come out and see what goes on! Bring snacks to share with all. We want to thank Norma Adkins for thinking up this idea because it is a great time to get to know some of our new members. If you have any questions, she will be glad to answer them. Keep January 15th open on your calendar!

Bingo

We still plan to go to the Koester Pavilion on the fourth Monday to play bingo with the residents. We leave the post at 6:30 p.m. It is a very rewarding evening so please try to join us!

Poppy Committee

Just a reminder: Please save your unwanted items for the Auxiliary Garage Sale which will be held on the first Saturday in May. All proceeds go directly to Veterans and Children & Youth.

God Bless all of you,
2007 "Veterans Poppy Program"
Patti Sprecher - Chairman

IN OTHER NEWS....

TAPS

We've had two of our members depart since the last newsletter. Remember their families in your prayers.

Richard Swanson 7 October 2007

Harold Hunt 10 November 2007

We also heard the sad news of the death of Kenny Rench on October 31st. He was not a member but he worked tirelessly for the Veterans. He gathered many items that can be hard for those Veterans to purchase, such as wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters. He will be sorely missed in the Veteran community. Our prayers are with his family as well.

Veterans Day

Post 586 was full of Veterans as well as friends and family on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Both post Commander Vaughan and Auxiliary President Kessler spoke, as well as Bob Steggeman, who stood in for the 1st Vice. The Legion and Auxiliary Chaplains, Fowle and Warf respectively, offered prayer during the somber ceremony. After the 21-gun salute and the playing of 'Taps,' all were invited to ham and beans with cornbread.

The Veterans Memorial dedication was not held at the memorial itself as the weather did not cooperate. The ceremony was held at Broadway Elementary in the old Central gymnasium. Our Post was represented by the Legionnaires Color Guard, the Ladies Auxiliary, as well as two of our members representing the Army (Mark Hoke) and the Air Force (Brienne Fowle). Melissa Fowle also did sign language interpreting for the whole ceremony. This dedication was well attended by area Veterans, city officials, and the public. What a wonderful way to honor our veterans! The only thing that would have been better would be if the weather had been sunny and cloudless.... but we were warm and dry.



REMINDER

If dues are not paid by December 31st, your membership will be dropped. Your name will be pulled from all drawings. You will not be allowed in the Social Room. All of your privileges will be revoked.

Frank B. March

Adjutant

POST NEWS....

Memo from the Service Officer

Bingo at the VA Hospital

We are scheduling a V.A. Hospital visit for Thursday, January 24, 2008. We will leave the post no later than 6 p.m. and should return by 8:45 p.m. We need volunteers (approximately 6) to go along and help with the distribution of snacks and assist the Veterans with Bingo. This will be a Post function involving all three legion organizations and re-occurring every couple of months on the third Thursdays. The cost will be approximately \$120.00 per visit and we would like to encourage all three organizations to share with the expense.

Local Support for Veterans

I would like to thank Jeff Blackburn and Erwin Chrysler Dodge Jeep for their support for this project and their continued support of Veterans' issues in general. They have agreed to provide us with a multi-passenger van at no cost to the post to transport our volunteers to the V.A. Hospital for these visits. They've provided transportation and prizes in the past to our organization for similar Veterans' projects and we do appreciate their support.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your support with this project.

Larry Lewis
Service Officer

Chaplain's Corner

We are entering a very busy time of year, becoming harried with shopping, baking, visiting, partying, etc. Sometimes we are so caught up in the Season that we don't slow down enough to really look around and enjoy the simple things. The beauty of new snow as it sparkles in the sunlight. The sound of children's laughter during family gatherings. The cozy warmth of the fire and the smell of coffee on a Saturday morning. These are simple pleasures that we take for granted.

Now think about our servicemen and women who are deployed and are not with their families at this time. I think that they would love to enjoy these things that we tend to gloss over or ignore. Now is the time to rethink our priorities and give thanks to the Father that we are able to reap of His bounteous blessings. Maybe we could even extend a helping hand to a neighbor or to someone serving in our community (such as our EMS, fire and/or police departments). Perhaps we could even take the time to send greetings to those who have been deployed to let them know that someone is thinking about them and is grateful for their sacrifice and their devotion to duty. Remember to pray for those in harm's way, for those not close to home or family.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays...Christmas, New Year's, MLK day, Valentine's....and remember to be thankful for every blessing.

Melissa Fowle
Legion Chaplain



December

2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Private Party 7-11
2 Scout Breakfast 9-12 Children's Christmas 2-?	3 Auxiliary Christmas Party 6-?	4	5	6	7 Tipp City Christmas Party	8
9	10	11 Legion Exec Meeting 7-?	12	13	14 Beef/Noodle Dinner Jr. Aux.	15 Legion Adult Carry-In 3-?
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve Party 7:30 Spitting Image 8:30					

January

2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4 Aux. Cook	5 Private Party 8-11
6 Scout Breakfast 9-12	7	8 Legion Executive Meeting 7:00	9	10	11 Aux. Cook	12
13	14 SAL Meeting 7:00	15 Family Birthday Class of '47 Mtg. 6-?	16	17	18 SAL Cook	19 Private Party 6-11
20	21 Aux. Meeting 7:00	22 Legion Meeting 7:00	23	24 Bingo at the V.A.	25 Fish Fry	26
27	28	29	30	31		