

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

NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S NEWS

In the November 16th 2007 issue of the The American Legion Dispatch, National Commander Marty Conatser submitted an article titled, "Let's re-energize Boys State". He writes, "The list reads like a who's who of U.S. Politics and culture: Vice President Dick Cheney, former President Bill Clinton, Senators Harry Reid and Lamar Alexander, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, former NBC News anchor and author Tom Brokaw, Pro basketball legend Michael Jordan."

"Besides successful careers, the common link between these men is that they are all graduates of The American Legion's Boys State programs. They number among the hundreds of thousands of young men who have participated in Boys State since the inaugural one was held in 1935."

The rest of the article discusses how and why the program was created. It relays the impact Boys State has had on the lives of High School Juniors that attended and graduated from the programs. I read that many of them went on to become successful leaders in the world of business, politics, medicine, engineering and serving our country in many ways. This program is the flagship of The American Legion and is highly respected by educators in all arenas. This isn't news to those of us that are involved with this exciting program. However, it seems that we aren't doing a very good job of sharing the excitement that we feel in watching these tremendous young men develop so fast in just nine days.

It kind of reminds me of my experience in basic training in 1965. I went to Texas as a scared eighteen year old with a chip a block wide and long on my shoulder, (according to my Dad). When I completed basic and technical training, I was a very different kid. I see a similar transition in these seventeen year old young men on Sunday morning when they walk out of Anderson Arena and pick up their diplomas.

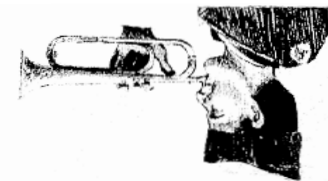
It saddens me to report that this program may be dying a slow death and many think that it's due to apathy on the part of many Legionnaires. I don't think it's apathy. I think it's partly a lack of information. I have had the pleasure of introducing several new members to the program. After observing for a few days at Boys State, they ask how they can become part of the program.

Therein lies the problem. I can't take the entire membership to the program but I can try to share my enthusiasm with those willing to read this article. My biggest concern this year isn't getting enough boys to go but paying for them (\$300 each). Since I joined The American Legion, no young man has had to ever pay anything to attend Boys State. With our current financial concerns, it appears we may not be able send the usual number of five boys from our community. Therefore, I am asking for your help. Any donation to the Post specified for the Boy's State program will go a long way to helping us send the most deserving boys to this wonderful program. If any of you would like to talk to me about Buckeye Boys State, just give me a call at 937 573-7288 and ask away.

Thank you and God Bless.

Jim Vaughan
Commander

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Notes from President Betty Kessler

The second quarter is upon us already! Boy, where did this year go? This year we are trying a few new things to help get the members involved. We want everyone to come to the Post to see what is happening. One thing we are going to try is to have a Spring Poppy Bazaar. If you would like to participate in the event, see either Patti Sprecher or Jane Palotas. We will be having tables to rent out if you would like to set up one. See the flyer in the Post for the details. Again, I am stating that in order for everything to get done we are in need of more volunteers. Come see what we are doing and sign up to help! New ideas for projects are welcome.

Friday Night Cooks

We have 2 Friday cooks left in 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.

Family Night (Birthday Party)

Our family night has been quite a success! We will be having another birthday party on the third Tuesday of April. This will be our celebration for all who have April, May and June birthdays. We have cake to celebrate the birthdays and everyone else who doesn't have a birthday during these months are asked to please join us to help celebrate. Bring something to share. Again, we want to thank Norma Adkins for coming up with this idea and running with it. Everyone has a good time and she is the one keeping it going. If you have any questions she will be glad to answer them. Keep April 15th open!

Third District Elections

We have a new member that is running for 3rd District President (Viola Williams). Please give her all your support. This will be quite an honor having another one of our members elected. When it is time to vote for this office at the convention, think about attending to show all of the Third District that we are backing her.

Meetings

We will have only one meeting in March it will be on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in April and May we will be having 2 meetings – the first and third Mondays please join us and keep our auxiliary going.

Bingo

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

Anniversary Dinner

Our Anniversary Dinner had been scheduled for the 26th of April. Come for the dinner and a great time with the Post members!

IN OTHER NEWS....

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following Legion members to our Post.

Heather Aldous

Mike Menser

Angela Potchik

Robert Johnston

Ronald R Weeks

Charles Swartz

Donald E Williams

James R Dapore

Reynold D Freeman

Anthony Brookhart

TAPS

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

Gabriel "Gubby" Lada, Mike Karadak, Dick Apple

Dale Dernbach, Donald Plank, Forrest Robbins

Johnnie Martin

MUM FESTIVAL

There has been a request for copies of pictures of the past Mum Festival floats. If anyone has any, please make a copy and either send it in to the Post or leave a copy at the bar.

This year is also the 50th anniversary for the Mum Parade. There are some members who would like to make a float for this auspicious occasion. If anyone is interested, please contact Melissa Fowle (937-667-8924). We will need supplies, a wagon, a vehicle to pull, storage facility, etc. We also need to have a design. The theme is Community, Family, and Friends (or something like that).

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Post's Anniversary Dinner will be held on the 26th of April. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the bar. Come enjoy a night of dinner and entertainment.

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

The Chocolate Extravaganza was held on the 14th of February. There were 9 entries...and boy, were they delicious! There were two categories: Under 18 and Over 18. Bethany Fowle, 17, won for her Toffee Cheesecake. Brian Fowle and Patti Sprecher, both over 18, won for Buckeyes and Chocolate dipped/White Chocolate dipped strawberries, respectively. A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 586 for helping to taste and vote.

On the 15th of May, we will be having Bon Appetit with Appetizers. Please bring your favorite appetizer along with the recipe to the Post at 7:00pm. We would love to taste your appetizer and vote for the best one. See you there!

POST NEWS....

Service Officer's Report

We experienced some logistical problems for our first attempt to go play bingo with the Vets at the VA. At this time, we do not have a scheduled date/time to go. Please keep an eye out at the Post for information about a second attempt.

Four Chaplains Memorial Service

The Frank E. Robinson American Legion Post 586 in Tipp City held a Four Chaplains Memorial Prayer Coffee at 10 a.m. on February 2, 2008. In the Social Room, coffee and a light fare were offered to arriving guests. After everyone was seated, the story of the Four Chaplains was told. This involved the retelling of the events of an Army Transport Ship, the Dorchester. The ship sank when hit by torpedoes. Before the ship sank, the chaplains calmly directed the men to the lifeboats. They handed out life jackets until there were no more. Then they gave their own jackets away, knowing that they would go down with the ship. Their sacrifice is remembered yearly by the Four Chaplains Memorial ceremony.

The ceremony was started by a warm welcome by the Post's Commander, Jim Vaughan. The Third District Chaplain, Cindy Prater, gave the invocation. The Junior Auxiliary girls led the Pledge of Allegiance as they used American Sign Language.

The Post's Legion Chaplain Melissa Fowle read an introduction of events leading up to February 3, 1943. SMS Brian Fowle, of the 445 AES USAF Reserves (WPAFB) and Legion member, Judge Bill Kessler, Past Commander of the Post, Third District Finance Officer and Past Commander, Bob Steggeman, and Post Commander Jim Vaughan each read a short biography of one of the Chaplains. Prayers were given by Reverend Jim Hartland, Retired Methodist minister, Matt Simmons of Upper Room Faith Assembly, who is a former Navy Seabee (1991-95), Pastor Bill Zimman of Zion Lutheran Church, and Chaplain Melissa Fowle. All who attended were invited to light a prayer candle in honor or in memory of those in the military.

The events of February 3, 1943 were read by Chaplain Fowle, parts of which were very emotional for those gathered there. This was a very nice service.

Special thanks go to Bethany and Brenna Fowle, who played flute and trumpet respectively, as well as to Brant Fowle who video taped this event. DVDs of this event are available to borrow at the Post.

Americanism

New member, Don Williams, is now heading up the Americanism Committee. He plans on resurrecting the Oratorical Contest and the Americanism & Government Tests for area High School students. Watch for upcoming events this coming Fall.

New Officer

The Post's Legion Sergeant-at-Arms, Ken Bowling, recently resigned his post and moved to southern Ohio. We wish him well. Our new Sgt-at-Arms is Brian Fowle. Welcome and best wishes.

Nominations

The Nominations Committee will be putting up a sign-up sheet in the Post for those wanting to become a Legion Officer. All who are interested, please sign up personally for the post you wish to serve. Nominations will be held on the 4th Tuesday of April. Elections for all officer positions will be held on the 4th Tuesday of May.

Chaplain's Corner

Spring time is almost upon us...a time of rebirth, a time of new life. The flowers are starting to push their way through the ground. The weather is getting warmer. The daylight is lasting longer. We anxiously wait for the outdoor activities of Spring.

As we go through this Easter season, think of all the blessings you have experienced. Now, think of the blessings you have received at the cost of someone's hard work or sacrifice. We appreciate some of blessings more when we think of how another did his/her best to try to give us something special.

During this time of renewal, we remember Christ's sacrifice for us and we celebrate his resurrection. Through Him, our sins have been forgiven.... paid for by his crucifixion. We are now able to go before the Father because of the salvation we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. THAT is something special...a special blessing that we have if we just believe.

Remember, thank Him for your blessings and try to bless others as well.

Melissa Fowle
Legion Chaplain

March

2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Senior Citizens Pot Pie Dinner
2 Scout Breakfast	3	4	5 Darts	6 Scouts	7 Aux. Cook Baked Steak	8 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
9 Daylight Savings	10	11 Exec Board Meeting 7:00	12 Darts	13 Scouts	14 Aux. Cook Chicken Breast	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 Aux. Meeting 7:00	18	19 Darts	20 Scouts/ Pack Mtg.	21 Good Friday Steak Fry	22
23 Easter	24	25 Legion Mtg. 7:00	26 Darts	27 Scouts	28 Steak Fry (Alaskan Pollock)	29
30	31					

April

2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Darts	3 Scouts	4 Aux. Cook	5
6 Scout Breakfast	7 Aux. Meeting 7:00	8 Exec. Mtg. 7:00	9 Darts	10 Scouts	11 Aux. Cook Poppy Dinner Pork Chops	12 Aux. Bazaar 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
13	14	15 Family Night Birthday Party	16 Darts	17 Scouts/ Pack Mtg.	18 Steak Fry	19 Birthday Party
20 Passover	21 Aux. Meeting 7:00	22 Legion Meeting 7:00	23 Darts	24 Scouts	25 Fish Fry (Alaskan Pollock)	26 Post's Anniversary Dinner
27	28	29	30 Darts			