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

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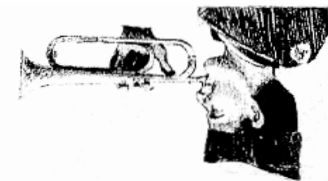


COMMANDER'S CORNER

Summer is on us already and it's none too soon. Our new Officers have been installed and they are hitting the deck running. Second Vice Commander John Vanscoy has volunteered to keep the Sunday morning breakfast held on the first Sunday of the month by the Boy Scouts going through the summer months so the Scouts can take a well deserved rest. They such an outstanding job and John Kessler has assured me that he will offer his assistance to Mr. Vanscoy to insure that the quality of the food and service stay the same. If you drive by the Post you may notice that we have new flowers in flower beds, a big THANKS to John Kessler, Betsy Cotton and Eva Brownlee for planting them and helping to spruce up the place. Our Chaplain, Melissa Fowle has submitted a very thick album to 3rd District and Department to compete for the Father John Duffy Award for our Post. She won Third District and was recognized for her effort at the District Summer Convention held in Ansonia on June 1st. Great job and good luck Missy! By the time you read this Boy's State will be in the books for another year and I want to thank two of our members for their donations to help send three young men from Tipppecanoe High School. The Department Convention will be held in July and in Dayton so if anyone is interested in attending see our newest Third District 2nd Vice Commander Bob Steggeman for arrangements. In addition to being newly elected to that high honor Bob is my new Adjutant. I am looking forward to a great year at our Post and I would encourage those of you that can come on out and join us in some of the activities we are planning for the summer and for the fall. If any of you have any ideas please get them to me. I have created an email account just for that purpose, its Commanderpost586@gmail.com or you can mail it in to the Post. Have a great, safe summer and God Bless.

Jim Vaughan
 Commander

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News from President Viola

Thanks to all for your support of the Auxiliary this past year and especially to Betty Kessler for her leadership for the past five years. By the time you read this, elections for 2008-2009 will be complete and installation over. I have had the honor of being elected your President. I wish to thank the entire Unit for their warm welcome to me as a member of this unit. I also wish congratulations to all of our newly elected officers and request your continued support for our programs and fund-raising activities. We need more volunteers. Betty Kessler will still chair the kitchen crew so please let her know when you can spare a few hours to help.

Family Night (Birthday Party)

The April party was a huge success with 60+ attendees. We will be having another one on July 15th. Please mark your calendars and come on out. We provide the cake to celebrate the July, August and September birthdays. All who do not have birthdays in those months are asked to join in the celebration. Bring something to share. Norma Adkins is the force behind this event and she can answer your questions. See you on the 15th!

Euchre

Like to play Euchre? Join us on Thursdays in the social room at 7 p.m. Have suggestions? Please see Don or Viola Williams or bring them up at a Post or Auxiliary meeting.

Conventions

Third District Summer Convention will be held on June 7th at Post 526 in Fairborn. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$6. The convention is for the purpose of year-end reporting, District Awards, election of delegates and alternates to National Convention and this year, election of a new District President for the next two years. Department Convention will be held July 11-13 at the Dayton Convention Center and National Convention is in Phoenix on August 22-28th.

Please check the calendar in this newsletter for our summer meetings and other Post events.

For God and Country,
Viola Williams
Auxiliary President

*Have a Safe and
Happy 4th of July*

Notes from the former President

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone that has supported me for the last 5 years as President. Without your help, I could not have begun to do everything that we have accomplished. Notice, I said, “we”, because that is what it takes—working together. Of course you know I will still be around as Treasurer and will be a part of the team. Please give Vi all of your support for the upcoming year as she’s not only accepting the position of the Unit’s President but also the 3rd District’s President as well. She is going to be a very busy lady and will need all of our help.

Again, Thanks.

Betty Kessler

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Even though National will not be sending out dues notices until October of 2008, I am now accepting dues for the 2008-2009 Auxiliary year. Senior dues are \$20.00 and Junior dues are \$5.00. If you have not paid your dues for 2007-2008, they must be paid before your 2008-2009 dues are processed. Please mail your dues to Susan Shivler, 120 Hartman Avenue, Tipp City, OH 45371 or leave them at the Post with the bartender on duty to my attention. Also, if you have moved, changed your name or have a new telephone number, please get that information to me as soon as possible so that our records are up to date. We need to keep updated information on all of our members. Please try and pay your dues early so that the Department target dates are met. **REMEMBER, ALL DUES MUST BE INTO DEPARTMENT BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007 OR YOU WILL BE DELINQUENT AND YOUR NAME REMOVED FROM ALL DRAWINGS.**

PLEASE NOTE -- If you use the National Auxiliary website to change your address or any other information, this information must be sent to me in order that my records are up-to-date. Neither National nor Department inform me of any address or name changes. Therefore, if you do change your address on the National website, please inform me of the changes. If I do not have the proper addresses, you may not receive your newsletter or other mailings from the Unit.

JUST A REMINDER - DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR AUXILIARY DUES WITH YOUR HUSBAND’S LEGION DUES OR ANY SAL DUES IN THE SAME CHECK. AUXILIARY AND JUNIOR DUES MUST BE PAID SEPARATELY AND SENT TO ME.

Susan Shivler
First Vice-President (Membership Chairman)

POST NEWS....

Memorial Day

Thanks to all who decorated the cemeteries with the flags, marched in the parade, took pictures, and helped with the shuttle. We had a change in the route this year so we could go by the Veterans Memorial where a wreath was laid and a moment of silence was observed. Our own Jack Evans, County Commissioner, was the featured speaker and our Jr. Auxiliary led the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language. Many came back to the Post for Soup and Sandwiches.

Charitable Donations

Our Post has the opportunity to give back to the community through charitable donations. Did you know that the donations are made available through the charity fund? Did you know that our newsletter is made available to you through the same fund? Did you know that most of this fund comes from ticket sales?

In December, our Post gave over \$25,000 to charitable organizations. Wow, what great contributions our Post was able to give! This year might be different. Our club attendance is down therefore our ticket sales are down. You can help make a change in other people’s lives by coming into the club. Maybe you can buy \$5 worth of tickets each month. Maybe you could make a direct donation to the Post for a particular charity. Come in to the Post—support this fund and support other people in our community.

Tipp Senior Citizen	\$5000
Dayton VA Hospital	\$2500
VA/VS	1000
Boys State Foundation	2000
Tipp Monroe Comm. Srv.	2200
Hospice	2000
Tipp Monroe Fire Dept.	1500
Miami County Shriners	1500
Abuse Shelter	2000
Riverside MRDD	1500
Recovery Council	1000
Red Cross	1000
Salvation Army	1500
Needy Baskets	1000

These are worthy causes and we’d like to keep giving donations to them but we can’t without your help. Ask yourselves, “What can I do to help?”

Officer Slot Available

The Service Officer position is, as yet, unfilled. If you would be interested in becoming the Service Officer, or want to know what the duties of this position are, please see one of the officers.

IN OTHER NEWS....

TAPS

March	William Taylor
March	Norman Jenkins
May	James Steinke

NEW MEMBERS

Do not have a list at this point. Will have in the Fall issue.

Friday Night Cooks

Friday Night Cooks are done for the Summer... but wait! Saturday Night Cooks will be held during the Summer months for all of you who want great food at a great price. The Saturday Night Cooks will benefit the New Year’s Eve Party Fund. See the calendar for dates and the Post for the menu.

Friday Night Family Nights (FuN FuN)

Just because gas prices are sky high, it doesn’t mean that you have to forgo family outings! We are going to have Movie Nights on certain Fridays of the Summer months. (See calendar for dates.) There will be two movies for each showing with a common theme. Examples are Romantic movies, John Wayne movies and Black & White movies. Movies will be G or PG for the first movie and possibly up to PG-13 for the second movie. There will be a short film about 30 minutes before starting the main features. Food and Drink will be available for a nominal cost. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows. Enjoy a movie night out without mosquitoes, for a low cost and in the air conditioning!

Anniversary Dinner

The Anniversary Dinner was well attended and enjoyed. Our Fourth Commander was honored by the Legion as they gave him a life membership. LaVon Anson was given his 50 year membership certificate. As a surprise, Dick Comer was brought in by staff from Caldwell House so that he could enjoy the dinner and fellowship with our Post. Commander Jim Vaughan had past commanders or their widows come up to the front of the room. It was a very nice dinner.

Cruise-In

Our Post is hosting a Cruise-In on June 21 from noon to 5 p.m. Bring your cherished vehicle and join the fun! Hot food, cold drinks and snacks will be made available. Call or visit the Post for more information.

Veterans Appreciation Carry-In

Gee, what a fancy name for a Post Picnic! We will be having this auspicious event at the Post on Saturday, August 16th from 2 to 6 p.m. Bring something to share. We will be enjoying this gathering in the air conditioning and out of the bugs! Everyone and their families are welcome. Games will be planned for the children. Food will be ready to eat at 4. Mark your calendars!

Mum Festival Parade

This year marks the 50th for the Mum Festival Parade. Melissa Fowle is spear-heading the committee for a float for the parade. It has been a number of years since the Post has entered a float and Melissa is asking everyone interested to come to the Post on Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. to brainstorm for ideas for the float. The theme this year is “Family, Friends, Community.” So get your thinking caps on and come and help.

August

2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Black and White Movies Night 7:00	2 Book Release Party
3 Legion Breakfast 9-12	4	5	6	7	8	9 Post Cook 6:00
10	11	12 Executive Mtg 7:00	13	14	15 Animated Movies Night 7:00	16 Veterans Appreciation Carry-In 12-4
17	18 Aux. Mtg. 7:00	19	20	21	22	23 Private Party
24	25	26 Legion Mtg. 7:00	27	28	29	30
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NEW POST OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

AUXILIARY

President..... Viola Williams
 1st Vice Susan Shivler
 2nd Vice Patti Sprecher
 Secretary Mary Kinnison
 Treasurer Betty Kessler
 Chaplain Eleanor Warf
 Historian..... Stephanie Kerg
 Sgt at Arms Dorothy Overbey
 Exec Bd..... Norma Adkins
 Pat Fox
 Barb Kraft

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Commander.....
 1st Vice.....
 2nd Vice..... Charlie Overbey
 Adjutant.....
 Sgt at Arms..... Dwayne Hall
 Chaplain..... Jeff Fox
 Finance..... RJ Steggemann
 Advisor..... Gene Chaney
 Historian..... Alan Davis

POPPY REPORT

Thanks to each and everyone of you who made our Poppy program a success. You came to our Poppy Supper and our first annual Poppy Bazaar. You responded to our poppy mailings and entered into our drawings of beautiful items that members donated to us.

Our thanks to John Kessler and Manager Bob Bartley worked tirelessly to be sure we were kept dry during our Garage Sale. They also helped us to pack up all the leftovers and transported them to be used later at a festival. Thanks also go to Gordon Pittenger who created a beautiful sign for the opening of our Poppy Bazaar and to Jane Palotas for guiding us through our first bazaar.

Please keep the Poppy Program close to your hearts and remember all of your help and donations will go to the aid of our Veterans and Children & Youth. We are working in "God's Backyard" so remember the little red paper flower is a symbol of Heroes Brave.

Sincerely,
 Patti Sprecher and Betty Kessler
 Co-Chairmen

Chaplain's Corner

Recently I read a news article that really touched my heart. It was about a college softball game where a player, who had never in her four years hit a home-run, suddenly hit the ball out of the park. After missing first base and running back to tag it, her knee gave out and she collapsed in pain. If her teammates had come to her aid, touching her, she would only be allowed a base hit. After conferring with the umpires, two members of the opposing team lifted the injured player and carried her around to the bases, stopping only to tap the bases with her uninjured side. After depositing her into her teammates' arms the two players then returned to their spots and tried to beat the team they had just helped. They lost the game but I believe they were the winners in the game we call life. They showed outstanding character because they hoped that someone would have done the same if a similar situation occurred.

Jesus has done the same. He helps each one of us around the Bases of Life so that we may come 'Home' and win the Game. He has done this despite the personal sacrifice that required Him to give up His life. In John 15:13, Jesus says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

We may not be called to give up our lives but we may need to sacrifice our wants for another's needs. At our Post we could say that we have three teams: the Legion, the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. Each team having separate meetings, separate agendas and, oftentimes, separate membership. As I complete my first year as Chaplain, I've seen our teams come together for the benefit of all—making us all winners. I know that many of you have given of your time, abilities, and money to help me make the Chaplain Program the best one in our District, if not the State! Thank you for giving of yourselves for our Post.

Melissa Fowle
 Legion Chaplain



June

2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Legion Breakfast 9-12	2	3	4	5 Rotary Rain Date	6	7 Private Party 1:00 Papa Ds 8-?
8	9	10 Exec Mtg. 7:00	11	12	13	14 Pork Loin Dinner 6:00 Post Everlasting 7:30 Flag Disposal 8:00
15	16 Aux. Mtg. 7:00	17	18	19	20 Musical Movie Night 7:00	21 Cruise-In 12-5
22	23	24 Legion Meeting 7:00	25	26	27 Outer Space Movie Night 7:00	28 Fish Fry 6:00
29	30					

July

2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 Legion Breakfast	7	8 Exec. Mtg. 7:00	9	10	11 John Wayne Movie Night 7:00	12 Private Party
13	14	15 Post Family Birthday Party 6:00	16	17	18	19 Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 6:00
20	21 Aux. Meeting 7:00	22 Legion Meeting 7:00	23	24	25 Chick Flick Movie Night 7:00	26 Post Cook 6:00
27	28	29	30	31		