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Commander's Comments

Greetings to all and the holidays are here! Here's wishing all of you a great holiday season with your family and friends if possible and in your plans.

Christmas Trees will be available at the Post approximately the 20th of November. These trees are full, nicely shaped, in various sizes and at reasonable prices. Mention you are a member of our Post for a discount.

Also, this December (New Year's Eve) we will have a really great party to bring in the new year. Jim Nicholas, Canteen Committee Chairman, and all the "Planners" have a great evening in store. Please see the details at the Post and don't forget to sign-up for your preferred seat (location and number attending) in the Post. It should really be a great way to ring in the New Year and lots of fun!

We finally have the new carpet in the Canteen as most of you have noticed. Included in the update is a new dance floor and improvements to the entrances at the Post — Thanks again, "Weenie Boys!"

The new Chaplain's Board is well received and makes it easy to see our sick, shut-ins, and departed. It is very well lighted and on the same wall as the plaque honoring our former Chaplain, Francis Carlisle.

Many people have a hard time coping during the holidays from memories of lost relatives, the economy, etc. Please remember them and keep them in your prayers. A word of encouragement and a call or visit goes a long way toward lifting their "Spirits".

God Bless our great nations and let's always remember our Veterans and their families. May God watch over all of us and help us keep this nation strong.

See you at the Post!

Respectfully,
Dwight Cargile

AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members. The Auxiliary would like to also THANK al of our veterans for the freedom we have today.

The Auxiliary will be cooking steaks on December 10, 2011. Bring your spouse and family members to Post 147 and enjoy a nice evening with fellow members.

Christmas is around the corner. Ho! Ho! The Legion has placed a Christmas donation box in the Canteen for VA Patients. Please support this effort. Christmas is coming, help make a less fortunate Veteran smile by giving a small gift or visit them at the VA Hospital.

Our membership chairman, Mary Wade, has our new membership cards for the upcoming year. The winners of the early bird were Emily Brown and Charlotte Lesemann. All membership renewals should be put in an envelope, marked to the attention of Mary Wade or Barbara Evans.

We will NOT have a meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays. Our next meeting will be held on January 17th, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. E-Board should plan to arrive at 6:00 for a brief chat.

If you are aware of any member who is sick or in the hospital 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

WOW!! Here it is December already, my favorite time of year, especially since my last name is Nicholas, because I am sure all of you know I am a Saint. The Post will be all decorated in Yule Tide cheer, ready for a busy and fun-filled time. Be sure to schedule your Christmas parties early **SEE** Dennis we are filling up fast.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Maybe it's much too early in the game,

Ah, but I thought I'd ask you just the same,

What are you doing new year's New Years EVE?

Come join all the Legionnaires and their guest at our great fun-filled party! Seating chart will be available immediately; payment and reservations must be made. The gala party will start promptly at 8 p.m.

Oh and if you're the person who picks the mystery seat, I will be buying your ticket.

Yeager Park seven piece band will be playing for your enjoyment included will be heavy appetizers

Free Pour from 10—midnight

Gold Sensation Party favors for all

(Top Hats, Tiaras, Noise Makers, Horns, Beads and more)

Champagne at midnight

A cash bar will be available from 8 p.m.—10 p.m. with special pricing

All of this for only \$39.95 per person

(Semi Formal dress required)

Also, we are back to Friday, Friday, Friday 4 –7 Happy Hour. Snacks and drawings are back. Come in and join the fun. On Friday the 11th of November there were 67 (a new record) in attendance. 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 of suggestions for improvement of the Canteen, please feel free to see me or Dennis Bailey our Canteen Manager.

Jim Nicholas, Canteen Committee Chair

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.

The following members have died during this past month. Please keep the families of the deceased in your prayers that they may find peace even in their time of sorrow.

FORMER CHAPLAIN JAMES LEE GARNER • MAYNARD PARMENTER • JOHN JOHNSTON

Shut-ins: Claude Horton at Home—Phone 795-9113; Frank Elam—Savannah House; Richard Plummer—8:00 Affirmation Blvd, Apt. M3

Medical Problems:Dennis Hansen—At Home; John Grooms (J.T.) —At Home; Don Henderson—St. Francis Hospital—Room 316

As of 15 November 2011

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.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Bill Farmer, Chaplain

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.

The 2nd Pool Tournament began on October 11th with 16 participants and the play was competitive. The winner in head-to-head competition was Del Williams. As a true winner, Mr. Williams donated \$100 as his celebration for winning the tournament. Again a true winner!

The Shuffleboard Tournament began on October 17th and it was taken by Dennis Bailey in a three game set. Congratulations to Dennis who emerged victorious from a field of 12.

Applications and rule for the Corn Hole Tournament will be in the Canteen by the 8th of November.

We are also planning another TV benefit drawing, which will be held after November 15th with the drawing to be held by December 15th, just in time for Christmas. Again, only 250 tickets will be sold and the price will be \$5.00.

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 to End Report in the January Newsletter and we wish everyone Happy Holidays ad thanks for all you do to make the burden of cancer stricken children and their families a little easier.

The Committee

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

BREAKING NEWS: It's my pleasure to announce the establishment of SPAGHETTI NIGHT every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. including SALAD and BREAD for \$6.50. Proceeds to benefit the baseball program. Come on out and enjoy this tasty pasta delicacy prepared with loving hands. Bring friends and enjoy the camaraderie.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Legionnaire Mike Garvin for his very generous donation to the Baseball Program. Thank s Mike.

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



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—10:00 pm</p> <p>Friday & Saturday 10:00 am—12:00 midnight</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 am— 8:00 pm bartender's call after time.</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY	 DAV 7:00 P.M.	 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M. GREATER CHARLESTON AIRBORNE UNIT 7:00 P.M.	 HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M. PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7:00 P.M.	LUNCH MEAT LOAF (PAT & FRAN)	FOLLY BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE STEAK DINNER (AUXILIARY) 6:00—8:00 P.M. SHAKIN' MARTINIS
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD 40 & 8 DROP IN 5:00 P.M.		SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.  SAL 7:00 P.M.	 HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.		LUNCH EGGPLANT PARMESAN (DON)	STEAK DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. BAND—TBA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL		SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.			LUNCH DANNY'S DINER	POST CLOSURES AT 6:00 P.M.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY (POST CLOSED)		SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M.	 HONOR GUARD 7:00 P.M.		LUNCH COUNTRY STYLE RIBS (MIKE)	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8:00 P.M. (Post Closes at 6:00 p.m.) YEAGER PARK

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FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 10/15

Building Maintenance Fund—Current balance **\$1,130.75**

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

General Fund—Current balance **\$2,842.63**

This fund is used for membership processing and office supplies.

Escrow Fund—Current balance **\$8,055.69**

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