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Commanders' Message



Our Fish / Oyster Fry was a great success. Thanks to the Ladies for working and well as all the men who came out both days to support our efforts. Let us not forget to thank those in our community that come out and support our fund-raising activities. It is because of them we are successful.

On a sad note some of you may not be aware that our District Commander Mr. Robert Ferrell passed away on March 22nd. He will be missed by the American Legion. His dedication to the American Legion stands as an example to all of us and he will be truly missed. Having said this George Tracey of Post 52 will be assuming the District 5 Commanders responsibilities and I ask all members to support George in his new responsibilities.

Your executive committee has worked very hard to establish a yearly calendar. We know how busy schedules can be so we are trying to get dates out at least several months in advance. You will notice our News Letter now has a listing of upcoming events. Please review these dates and mark your calendars with those dates you can support an activity here at the Post. If we each chip in a little we can achieve great things.

Membership is the life and power of the American Legion. I know we have a number of members out there that have not paid their dues. I want to thank you for your support in the past and ask that you please pay your dues by the end of April. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

We still have a number of soldiers serving on foreign soil and are still gathering comfort items, food and money in support of monthly mailing to our troops. Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause.

The Stand Up For America Steering Committee will be working very hard over the next 60 days to put the final touches on the July 4th celebration. If you are in town we ask that you consider helping during this event. We will need help with Concession, Supply Train, Inflatable's, Gate and Ticket sales. Please let me or any Post Officer know where you would like to help out.

2011 Post Rentals: If you have dates that you know you will need the Post please see me ASAP. *Harvey Satterwhite*

Adjutant's Report



Fellow legionnaires, we now have 201 paid members for the year 2011. that is 95%. we only need 10 more members for 100%. Let's see if we can get them.

On may 28, 2011 we are to sponsor a fund raiser to assist one of our fellow legionnaire family member. The meal will be free, but we will gladly accept all donations for this worthy cause. The supper will be co-sponsored with the Franklinton Baptist church. It will be held from 4:00pm til 8:00 pm. so please come and help with this project.

We have several members on sick call. Please remember them in your prayers.

District 5 will hold their meeting on may 7, 2011 at our post at 1:00 pm. They will have the elections for the coming year. it will be important to attend and help elect our district officers for the coming year. *Jimmy Fuller*

Auxiliary News



April Showers bring May Flowers... our May Flower is the Poppy. Sales will May 28-29. The Poppies have arrived and our locations have been confirmed. We will be discussing the schedule at our next two meetings. Please remember the Purpose Statement for the Poppy program - "To elevate community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating our membership and the public about the poppy's significance and the financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of its distribution." For more information please click on the Poppy link on the Post's Website.

Planning continues for the Post's Stand Up for America (SUFA) Program for July 4th. The Auxiliary will have a tent again this year. As with the past two years, we will be selling Homemade Ice Cream. (Now is the time to mention your favorite flavor to your favorite Auxiliary member!) A new addition for this year will be the sale of Hotdogs and Sodas.

Tickets are currently on-sale for the Auxiliary Raffle - \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be conducted during the SUFA entertainment. This year we are featuring Visa Gift cards. First prize is a \$200 card, Second prize is a \$100 card and 3rd prize is a \$50 card. Keep selling those tickets ladies - the seller of the most tickets will win a \$25 Visa Gift card. If you did not get tickets at our last meeting and would like some, please contact Pat Kimbrough (Ways and Means Chair) to get some.

The other thing that the Spring brings is Nominations and Elections. Please be thinking about how you would like to serve next year. We need leaders for both the officer positions and the committees. *Velinda Moore, President*

Chaplain's Corner

RECOGNIZE GOD'S PRESENCE



2 Corinthians 5:21. *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.* John had not experienced God's presence in his life for a long time. John said "God must be mad at me because of the way I've been living, for everything I touch goes wrong. I have so many bad things against me, how can I possibly expect God to come back in my life? How can I turn things around?"

The answer was explained this way. Suppose, John that you owed a very large amount of money, say \$20,000.00 and the debt came due in full? What would you do? One possibility is to pay the debt off. But what if you didn't have the money and had no prospects of every getting it. Second, you could go into bankruptcy and suffer the loss of everything you had. Third, you could go to the person whom you owe and ask to have the debt completely forgiven. In human experiences today, what are the chances of that ever happening? That kind of forgiveness would be very rare.

You know that's what God offers you, free and full forgiveness for your sins. You cannot repay God, nor can you some how do enough good deeds to balance off your sins. Why? Because God is Holy and even one sin is an offense to Him. God's eyes are too pure to look on evil. It is possible for God to completely forgive you because Jesus Christ, the righteous Son of God, took upon Himself the punishment that you and I deserve for our sins. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become righteous, and have ever lasting life. Now may our God with love and peace be with you and your family in the name of Jesus. A-men. *Bill Kimbrough*

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Franklinton American Legion Post 52 <i>Schedule of Upcoming Events</i>	
Tuesday, April 19, 2011	SUFA Steering Committee, 7pm
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, Election of 2011-12 officers Menu: Slow Roasted Pork Loin, smothered with gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Desert, Tea, Coffee
Saturday, April 30, 2011	Serve hot dogs and hamburgers to Rolling Thunder Ride, 9am-1pm
Tuesday, May 3, 2011	SUFA Steering Committee, 7pm
Saturday, May 7, 2011	District 5 meeting at Post 52, 1pm, District officers nominated and elected, refreshments served
Monday, May 16, 2011	Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	Legion Executive Committee, 7pm
Saturday, May 28, 2011	Spaghetti Supper fundraiser benefit, serving 4-8pm, prep work begins at 1pm
Sunday, May 29, 2011	Memorial Day Service, Fairview Cemetery, 2pm
Tuesday, May 31, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, Installation of 2011-12 officers;

We continue to explore the meaning of the next clause of our Preamble:

To make right the master of might... Many wars have been started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. If human freedom is not to perish from the earth, right must always be master of might. The rights of small nations must be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them – just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual. This concept is the basis of The American Legion’s continued advocacy of a strong national preparedness so as to achieve the ideal situation that right will be backed by adequate might.

Harvey Satterwhite

THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

1st Pillar: *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation* that includes the following initiatives:

VA Claims Backlog; Access to VA Health Care; Network of Service Officers; VA Vet Centers; Health-care Funding Formula; Veterans with Special Needs; Volunteering; Final Respects; Heroes to Hometowns; Careers for Veterans; Homelessness; and, GI Bill Benefits. Next month, 2nd pillar, *National Security*

Do you have suggestions on how we can improve our newsletter? Tell our editor Steve Ijames your ideas at 919 494-2851