

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As I was preparing to write this message and as I looked at the road ahead and I sometimes have to remind myself of *Who* we are, The American Legion and *What* we stand for. In a world where many are afraid to speak their conviction with fear of being politically correct or standing on the principals that have sustained us as a nation, I realized that in many cases the answers to these questions have already been pondered by our forefathers. Then it dawned on me where I had seen these answers. We recite it at every meeting, Our Preamble. I want to share with you just one of it clauses.

"To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism"...

Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the worldwide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift. This is one of eleven clauses that define the American Legion. This is why we should be proud to be Legionnaires!

I want to thank those who came out and supported our efforts in support of the Franklinton Police Departments, National Night out on Saturday Aug., 7th.

Saturday September 18th Post 52 Family Day. Members, their families and guest to come out and have some fun. We also want to invite veterans who are not a member of our Post to attend. This event will be 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm with Live Music, Games, Food, and Door prizes. So make plans now to attend an afternoon of fun.

We still need members to help on the various committees' helping in some area of our Post operations for 2010 - 2011. These include Food Service, Americanism, Firing Squad, Fund Raising, Public Relations, and Facilities & Grounds.

ATTENTION: We are still collecting items to ship to local soldiers who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items that will not spoil or melt such as Pringles in the can, trail mix, beef jerky, granola bars, Gatorade powder mix, Kool-Aid powder mix, fruit snacks, shower gels, toothpaste, shower shoes, deodorant, new tooth brushes, socks - black or brown, magazines, DVDs/games/CDs/playing cards etc. Packages are shipping on a regular bases. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile project.

100 % Membership by Veterans Day 2010 !!!!!

Family Day September 18th 3 - 7 pm !!!!!

For God and Country - Harvey Satterwhite

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Fellow Legionnaires, as of August 10, 2010, we have 124 paid members. That leaves us with 87 more to get our 100%. So those of you that have not paid your dues as of yet please try and get them in as soon as possible. We are right at 59%. So we need to get a few more to get to 70% by September. Some of you that have not paid I know will be at the next meeting, so please be prepared to pay at that time. Commander Satterwhite would like to get 225 members this year, so let's see if we can achieve that goal. The trailer tickets sale are going fairly well. Mark your calendars for the 18th of September for our first annual Family Day. We are planning a fun day for the entire family that day. There will be games and hot dogs and hamburgers are free.

Jimmy Fuller

AUXILIARY'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer! Our next Auxiliary meeting is Monday Sept. 20th at 7:00 PM. We ended last year with some new and creative fund raising ideas and a lot of good positive energy. A couple of members attended Legion College over the summer and brought me back a bunch of good information - thank Janet and Myrtle! There are a few areas I want us to concentrate on during my term as President for 2010-2011.

One is new members. If you know of a woman or girl who is not a member but is the wife, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter or grandparent of a Legionnaire - living or deceased - please encourage them to attend a meeting or an event and consider joining our unit. I'd really like to see us add more Junior Members: harness some youth and enthusiasm as well as mentor the next generation in important things like Americanism.

A second area is some more fun and creativity fund raising events. A key here is fun, we need to harness the activities that we enjoy and find ways of making them productive.

A third area is working more closely as a Post. I'd like us to do some more integrated events - fun events (like our Christmas Dinner last year) as well as service and fund raising events - all for the good of the Post. Maybe even look at some joint events with some of our Sister Units.

Here's to a great and successful 2010-2011.

See you all in September!!

Velinda Moore, President

CHEF'S MENU

Chicken, Fried or BBQ, Cream Potatoes and Gravy

Sweet Peas, Rolls, Cake

Pudding or Chilled fruit for that sweet tooth

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Bill Kimbrough

ALIVE IN CHRIST Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Guadalcanal August 7, 1942, a close call for John. He was shot and wasn't breathing through his mouth but through a hole in his lungs. The bullet came through his chest between two ribs, went just past his heart, missed his backbone and came out the other side. Later the doctor told him that he must have been shot on an in beat instead of on an out beat. God had spared his life for a purpose.

The apostle Paul told us of his close shaves with death. He said five times he received thirty-nine lashes (forty would have killed him). He was beaten with rods three times, stoned once, shipwrecked three times, flogged, spent a night and day on the open sea. He was in danger of the river bandits, gone without sleep, hungry and thirsty, cold and naked and instead of stopping his work; he carried on, not by his strength but by God's strength.

God has numbered each of our days from the moment we were born. He will call us when the time is right, whether we die from a car accident, heart attack, or an act of war. In the meantime, we have work to do, think of your contributions to the Kingdom of God as long as we are alive.

Now may our God with love and peace be with you and your family in Jesus name. Amen