

# Franklinton American Legion Post 52

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*Veterans still serving our community, state, and nation since 1919*

## Commanders' Message:

Well this year is almost history. As I travel and meet other Legionnaires from around our state I am very proud and can say with confidence that Post 52 is very much alive and active in the business of the American Legion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for serving our Country. Secondly I would like to thank each of you for being a member of the largest veteran's organization in the world, The American Legion. As a member, you are responsible for touching the lives of many people that you don't know and most likely will never meet, from the many veterans that our Organization assist on a daily basis to the many young people and their families that are involved with our many youth programs. While it is one thing to be a large and working Post, we must realize that it is not a time to back off on our commitment to those principals that the American Legion stand for. We are not at 100% on membership and since membership is key to our success we still need all not paid members to renew and yes we need new members.

Thanks to all who came out for our November dinner. All the proceeds went to either purchase goodies for our soldiers or pay for shipping the Care Packages. Talk about how the Lord works things out, we collected \$210.00 and after collecting all the goodies we were able to ship 16 Care Packages out at \$12.50 S/H each. You do the math. Included in the packages was a Christmas card signed by those members present in whom I had asked them to write a message, their name, branch of service and years of service and if in war the war. When I read over several of these cards it was very moving to me to think of the History I held in my hand. Thanks again to all who helped make this happen and don't forget we are shipping Care Packages monthly.

I shared with you several months ago the meaning of the next clause but I think it is worth sharing again. ***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 world-wide 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.

Before we meet again we will have celebrated Christmas and entered into a New Year. A time when families and friends will come together, eat, exchange gifts, fellowship, make resolutions for the New Year and give thanks. May we all remember the Greatest gift of all from a God who loved us some much that He gave His only begotten son Jesus Christ. From my family to yours, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring to all Health, Prosperity, and Peace. *Harvey Satterwhite*

## Chefs Corner

*No Membership Meeting in December*

## Adjutant's Report:

Here's hoping that all of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Fellows we need to work on our membership to get 100% before the end of the year. We currently have 88% we have 187 members paid as of November 30th. We need 24 more to make 100%. So if any of you know anyone that have not paid as of yet, please remind them to pay. Those officers and wives planning to attend the commander's banquet, it will be on December 14th at the post at 7:00 pm. Hope to many of you there. *Jimmy Fuller*

## Auxiliary News:

As we come to the end of 2010, congratulation ladies on all of the activities we have completed and all of the ones we have planned that are coming up! If you are a member and haven't been out to a meeting lately, or you have considered joining but put it off, let me encourage you to make a New Years Resolution to at least visit us in 2011. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00. Our December meeting (12/20 at 7:00) will be our Christmas Party at Texas Steak House in Wake Forest. This is ladies only this year. We have a great group and have a lot of activities and service projects planned and we can always use more hands to complete them. For example, are doing Holiday Bags to the Veterans in the local Nursing Homes again this year (with support from our Post). We will begin applications soon to send two girls to Girl's State again this year. May will be here before we know it so we need to begin coordinating Poppy locations and times soon. Please remember to visit the Post website if you can and click on the Auxiliary link. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our Committee Chairs if have any questions or need more information about what we are doing. Have a blessed and happy Holiday Season and here's to a wonderful and productive 2011. *Velinda Moore, President*

## Chaplain's Corner:

Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a savior is born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

The very purpose of Christ coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. The night Jesus was born Satan trembled. Satan sought to slay Him before and after He was born. When the decree went forth from Herald, ordering the slaughter of all the children, its one purpose was to make certain of the death of Jesus. Thirty-three years later Jesus died, Crucified on a cross, buried, and on the third day He rose from the grave. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God The Father. There He will intercede for our behalf when the judgment of man comes. The end will be sudden and final. It will take the world by surprise, people will try to hide. The believers in Christ, they will experience resurrection from the grave. They will gather together to be with the Lord forever. We can only speculated about the exact details of His return. The important thing is that Jesus Christ is coming again. If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior, and are reading this message, you still may have time. Say; Jesus forgive me of my sins. Lord I accept You as my personal savior. From this day forward I will follow you Lord. Now may our God with love and peace be with you and your family. Merry Christmas, in the name of Jesus. A-men *Bill Kimbrough*

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*Schedule of Upcoming Events*

12/14/10	Commander's Banquet for post officers and wives, 6:30pm social, 7:00pm dinner, RSVP to Harvey @ 919 358-5591
12/20/10	Auxiliary Christmas party, 7:00pm, Texas Steakhouse in Wake Forest
12/28/10	No Legion meeting this month. See you in January
01/08/11	Oratorical Contest at post, 1pm, help needed call Neil @ 919 728-8117
01/11/11	Executive Committee meeting at 7pm
01/15/11	Brunswick Stew Fundraiser, \$6 per quart, 11am to 7pm, prep day 01/14/11
01/22/11	District 5 Oratorical contest at post, 1pm, help needed, call Neil @ 919 728-8117
01/25/11	Monthly meeting at 7pm, <i>ladies night</i> , come and bring a fellow vet with you
02/06/11	Super bowl party, 3pm – until, fellowship, finger foods, games, and the Super Bowl, no charge

**Preamble to the Constitution**

*For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:*

- *To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America;*
- *To maintain law and order;*
- *To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;*
- *To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;*
- *To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to our community, state, and nation;*
- *To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;*
- *To make right the master of might;*
- *To promote peace and goodwill on earth;*
- *To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;*
- *To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.*