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

Commanders' Message: Mark You Calendars!

Make Plans Now to celebrate with us the 92nd Birthday of the American Legion as well as our annual awards night, Saturday March 12th. "We're getting Older and Better" Just as important is our recognition of the Law Enforcement, Fireman, EMS, Soldier, and Legionnaire of the year. These people give unselfishly each day to our community, county, state, nation, and The American Legion. We are thankful that they serve to protect us, our property, and our Nation. Dinner will be steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, bread, and desert. Come out and show your support to those who give us so much. Meal is \$10.00 per person. Let's pack the house to show our support. Reservations requested.

As a reminder our Nominating Committee is at work seeking out individuals to serve in a number of positions. I know there are many of you out there that are more than capable in serving in some capacity. So if you are asked by the nominating committee to serve, I hope you will consider and step up.

We are not at 100% on membership. Need I say anymore!

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 worth wild cause.

The Steering Committee has begun work on organizing our 5th *Stand Up For America Celebration* to be held Monday July 4th. Please consider helping in some capacity.

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

Adjutant's Report:

We welcome new members Ansel Greenwood, an Air Force veteran, living in the Franklinton area and Philip Seslar who lives in the Louisburg area.

We are 14 renewals shy of our 100% goal of 211 members for the 2010-11 year and there are still 26 members from last year who have not renewed membership. So we are well within range of meeting our 100% goal and going beyond. Please, if you have not renewed, send in your dues and let's keep our post in a growing mode.

Jimmy Fuller

Chefs Corner: Pork Loin, Roasted to perfection; Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, just like grandma made; Sweet Peas, Desert, Tea, Coffee. Yum Yum!

Auxiliary News:

Congratulations to Unit 52! I just received the District 5 Newsletter. Unit 52 was the first District 5 Unit to meet membership goal. The unit will receive a monetary gift in the amount of \$25. Great job everyone. We have some important dates coming up. The Mid-Winter conference is 2/18 - 2/19 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Our next meeting is Monday 2/21 at 7:00 at the Post. We will be discussing, among other things, our Girls State applications and our plans for Stand-up for America. For those of you that missed the last meeting, you missed an excellent Bailey's Irish Cream Cake baked by Janet Tracy. Our Department Convention will be 6/9 - 6/11 also at the North Raleigh Hilton. *Velinda Moore, President*

Chaplain's Corner:

SICKNESS AND PAIN

1 Peter 2:20-21" When you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps."

We all have experienced sickness and pain at some point in our life. Sometimes the illness will shake the very foundation of our lives. It could effect the health of love ones or those who we care so dear. Our faith as Christians leads us to the Bible truth that God is greater than sickness and pain. God loves us. God is compassionate, and will help all who humble themselves. And ask to be healed in His Name.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us. So why should we complain, we always want the sunshine, but God knows there must be some rain. We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer. But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear. Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow. He tests us, not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow. For the growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm; and the sharp cut of the chisel gives the marble grace and form. God never hurts us needlessly and He never waste our pain. For every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gain and when we count the blessings that God has so freely sent, we will find no cause for murmuring or complaining, for Our Father loves His children, and to them all things are plain. So He never sends us pleasure when the sole deep need is pain. So whenever we are troubled and when everything goes wrong it's just God working in us to make our spirit strong. Ref: poem Helen Rice.

Now may our God with love and peace be with you and your families in the name of Jesus. Amen. *Bill Kimbrough*

Attention all members: The nominating committee is made up of Bill Hagwood, Bill Kimbrough, and myself. We are seeking candidates for all officer positions for the 2011-12 year. Please consider working for your post in a leadership role. Talk to one of the committee members about the duties of our officers or go to our web site and read about the duties of our officers in our by-laws posted on the site. *Steve Ijames*

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Friday, February 18, 2011	Mid-Winter Legion conference, 18th-20 th , North Raleigh Hilton
Monday, February 21, 2011	Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday, February 22, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 7pm
Thursday, February 17, 2011	Mid-Winter State Conference, February 17-19, North Raleigh Hilton
Saturday, February 26, 2011	Brunswick Stew Fundraiser and 100% Membership final push 8am – Until; Prep 2pm Feb 25th
Saturday, March 12, 2011	Annual awards banquet/ladies night, 6-9pm, steak dinner, \$10 per person
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Executive Committee meeting, 7pm
Monday, March 21, 2011	Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
Saturday, March 26, 2011	Prepare and serve breakfast for seniors at Franklinton Senior Center; 6:30 - 10am
Tuesday, March 29, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, come and bring a fellow vet with you
Saturday, April 9, 2011	Post clean-up; 8am breakfast; work till noon; All members invited

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

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation

Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in their own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen – young, old and future – in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word **inculcate** means to impress by frequent admonitions and — to enforce by frequent repetitions. Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward, are never finished. *Harvey Satterwhite*

Boy's State Program and **Student Trooper Program** recruitment is underway. If you know of a Franklin County young man who will be a rising senior this summer and who is interested in a possible life changing experience immersed in a week of learning how our democracy works, or what it is like to be a state trooper, then get them in touch with Neil Weintraub at 919 728-8117. Post 52 pays the fees for the young men we sponsor to these exemplary programs of the NC American Legion.

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