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Commanders' Message:

I hope your Christmas brought you a time of Reflection of your blessings, Fellowship with family and friends, Thankfulness for all God's blessings he has given us as individuals and as a country. Let us not forget that there were many tables with empty chairs during Christmas due to a family member being away in service to our great nation.

The nominating committee has begun work in 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. I believe that our organization needs and deserves good leadership. So if you are asked by the nominating committee to serve, I hope you will consider and step up. Be sure to ask any member of the nominating committee or officer should you have questions as to the duties and responsibilities of any position.

As a reminder that as a member of the American Legion, 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. When anyone from our national organization visits Washington and they frequently do, with 2.8 million veterans backing them, they carry a big stick. We are not at 100% on membership as a post and since membership is key to our success we still need all not paid members to renew and yes we need new members.

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. We helped ship 16 packages in December and need to be doing this each month. Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause.

2011 Post Rentals

I know there have been several members asking to reserve the Post for dates in 2011. There are others that have a standing date that they always use the Post. I now have the 2011 calendar setup so please contact me so I can get you on the calendar.

Harvey Satterwhite

Adjutant's Report:

Happy New Year to all you Legionnaires. Let start the new year off right. There are a lot of things happening this year. Let get out and support our legion. We would like to welcome new members to our post. They are: Anthony C. Kerensky, Carl Ferguson, Stacy A Finch, Michael Neil Thomas, Tom Hawley, and Richard H Cash Jr. Please join me in extending to them all a warm welcome to post 52. We still don't have a 100% membership for this year. So we still have some work to do in this area. So if you happen to know of anyone that has not paid their dues please ask them to do so.

I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the meetings this year. Don't forget the meeting on January 25th. Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. *Jimmy Fuller*

Chefs Corner Pancakes, All you can eat, Sausage & Bacon, Tea, Coffee, Milk, Juice, Apple Dumpling Delight for desert Yum Yum!

Auxiliary News:

Welcome to 2011. In December, we completed our Holiday service project for the veterans at local nursing homes. Twenty-five gifts bags containing cookies/candy and personal care items were delivered to veterans at Britthaven, Louisburg Manor, and Louisburg Nursing Home. Special thanks to Eunice Vinson, our Service Chair, for organizing this project and to American Legion Post 52 for their support. Congratulations to our Membership Chair, Juanita Wood, and our Unit. According to the latest Membership Report from Department Headquarters, we reached our membership goal. Great job everyone! Keep in mind though, new members are always welcome!!!

We are going to be using the Post website more this year. We have a new email address - Unit52.FranklintonNC@gmail.com. This will soon be added to our Auxiliary web pages (www.americanlegionpost52.org/Auxiliary.html) for people to be able to request information. (I will be monitoring the mailbox.) We also have our meetings and other events on a Calendar tied to the website. If you have email and would like to receive reminders for these events, please let me know using the email address above. Finally, please remember that the Mid-Winter Conference is February 18-19, 2011 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Please start thinking about whether you will be able to attend. *Velinda Moore, President*

Chaplain's Corner:

THE LAST BATTLE

Revelation 20: 8 "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Ma-gon (*nations of the world*) to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

Throughout history men have memorialized the places where their armies have met and fought in battle, small skirmishes of a few dozen, to battles of thousands on each side. Most were unknown events, quickly forgotten by all, except those who fought in them. They too melted into the shadows of history, as our old veterans and their generation died away.

Before Europeans arrived to North America. The Native Americans battled with one another, over unremembered causes on forgotten fields. When the white man arrived they went completely mad. They fought the Indians, then the English, French, Spanish, Dutch, and each other in a Civil War, where in one battle, in a single day, spilled more American Blood than then entire D-Day 1944, event. Wars and battles have continued. The Bible [Revelation Chapter 20] tells us of a final battle, on a battlefield called Armageddon. A final battle for our Souls, the devil with his false prophets are defeated by God as He sends fire from heaven that devoured those who's name is not found written in the Book of Life. Those who's names are found will experience, a New Heaven, and a New Earth, The River of Life, and the Coming of Jesus Christ. There will be no more war and no more battles. 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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*Schedule of Upcoming Events***

Saturday, January 22, 2011	District 5 Oratorical contest at post, 1pm, help needed, call Neil @ 919 728-8117
Tuesday, January 25, 2011	Legion Monthly meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, <i>ladies night</i>
Tuesday, February 8, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm
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
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
Tuesday, March 29, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, come and bring a fellow vet with you

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

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars.

Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans - recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans and the combat in the wild blue yonder. It means also the non-erasable recollections of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the team work, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping alive forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. *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