

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Wow July started off with a bang with our largest July 4th Stand Up For America / Independence Day celebration with over 3100 guests attending. I want to especially thank the Steering Committee and those members that helped setup, work during the event, and cleanup after the event. We raised over \$770.00 for the Heroes to Hometowns fund through our balloon release. The event was our best yet!

The 2010-2011 Post calendar of events is finalized, printed and available. Be sure to pick up one at our meeting. Mark your calendars for **Saturday September 18th Post 52 Family Day**. This will be a time for 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 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm with Live Music, Games, Food, and Door prizes. So make plans now to attend an afternoon of fun.

The Department Commanders goal for all NC Post this year is to be 100%. I have challenged the Post to be at **100% membership by Veterans Day**. Our membership goal this year is 225 members. Let's all focus on this for a couple of months and get that gorilla off our back early on. I know we can do this!

I want to ask that all members consider helping in some area of our Post operations for 2010 -2011. We still have openings on several of our committees. Food Service, Americanism, Firing Squad. I know there are men out there that are very capable of filling these positions. There will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting. We are one of only a couple of Post that are still able to support military funerals with a rifle team, Flag folding, and Bugler. I feel that as a Veterans Organization, we are obligated to continue this service and should be very proud that we are able to do so. Members are encouraged to be a part of the Rifle squad since our service in this matter is not something that we can plan but are on call. We need 15-20 Legionaries that can perform this duty when called upon.

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.

For God and Country - Harvey Satterwhite

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Fellow Legionnaires, it is that time of year again. Our dues are now due for the upcoming year. Commander Satterwhite would like to have 50% by August 31; 70% by September 30; 90% by October 31 and 100% by November 11. Our goal from the department is 211 by November 11. Commander Satterwhite's goal is 225 by November 11. So let's get to work and see if we can achieve these goals.

This is my first newsletter since becoming your new adjutant. So please bear with me as I try to learn the proper way to do my job. I hope to be up to snuff in a couple of months.

Our next meeting is July 27th 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Jimmy Fuller



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

GOD BLESS AMERICA

DANIEL 9:17 "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For Your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary."

July 4th has come and gone. We celebrated America's independence. We prayed to God for His blessing, there were balloons, fireworks, colored decorations, fun and music. A Great time for all, that is the American tradition.

On this special occasion, the patriotic song God Bless America came to my mind. I remember that it was composed by Irving Berlin when he was serving in the U.S. Army in World War I. It did not become famous until Kate Smith sang the song, in marching tempo, with full orchestra and trumpets. On a radio show celebrating Armistice Day 1938, it became an immediate sensation. It is Kate Smith's signature song. There were some who made an effort to make God Bless America our National Anthem, replacing the Star Spangled Banner.

"Swear allegiance to a land that is free, and be grateful for a land so fair as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer". The distinguishing feature of God Bless America is the fact that it is a prayer. It is a plea to God for the protection and guidance of our nation. Read the words to the song, it is a powerful reminder of our need for God in our personal and national lives.

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

Bill Kimbrough

CHEF'S MENU

Pork Loin, Roasted to perfection • Cream Potatoes and Gravy • Green Beans Rolls • Cake or Chilled fruit for that sweet tooth

