

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Wow what an exciting year! As we start a New Year I want to ask that all members consider helping our Post in some way. The more people that do a little will contribute greatly to our success. I ask that you get involved, meet and know your fellow Legionnaires, and let's have fun along the way. Having said this your executive committee and I have laid out the calendar for the up coming year. Dates to remember, July 4th Stand Up For America Celebration and September 18th Legion Family Day. There will be more to come on Family Day. Our meeting in June will also be ladies night so bring your significant other for good food and fellowship.

Your membership team has challenged the Post to be at 100% membership by Veterans Day. Our membership goal this year is 225 members. Lets all focus on this for a couple of months and get that gorilla off our back early on. I know we can do this.

We still have openings on several of our committees. Food Service, Americanism, Firing Squad. I know there are men out there that are very capably of filling these positions. There will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting.

The Stand Up For America July 4th Celebration is quickly coming upon us. We need all members that can participate to sign up to help in some area. So far we are tracking financially. We are still anticipating more sponsors and there is no donation too small to help in the support of this program. We are planning a large balloon release sometime that evening. Balloons will be sold and all proceeds will go to the Heroes to Hometowns program that provides financial support to severely wounded veterans and their families. I would like to send out a challenge to all members and our community to raise \$2000.00 dollars to this worth while cause. Get the word out to your family, friends, neighbors, and neighborhood about this event. This event carries a very important message to our community and citizens and brings us together as a community. Please consider being a part of the steering committee for this event.

We are still collecting items to ship to local soldiers who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items include prepackaged 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, cheap DVDs/games/CDs/ playing cards etc. Packages are shipping on a regular bases. Thanks for your support of this worth while project.

For God and Country - Harvey Satterwhite

LADIES AUXILIARY

- * Thank you to everyone who supported us for the Poppy Distribution Memorial Day Weekend. We had a very good turn out. Lots of public response and it was a very successful fund raising event.
- * We still have raffle tickets available. Tickets are \$5.00 each with three chances to win \$200, \$100 or \$50 gift cards to Triangle Town Center in Raleigh. The drawing will take place at the Stand Up For America Celebration on July 4th, 2010. You need not be present to win.
- * **STAND UP FOR AMERICA** - Please remember to stop by the Ladies Auxiliary tent during the SUFA celebration. We will be selling homemade ice cream for \$1.00 for a small and \$2.00 for a large serving.
- * The Ladies Auxiliary meets the third Monday of each month. The June meeting will be Monday night June 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Velinda Moore - President

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

- **STAND UP FOR AMERICA** steering committee will meet June 22, 2010 at Post 52 at 7:00 pm. All Legionnaires interested in helping with this program are encouraged to attend this meeting. The 4th of July Sunday will be here fast and we need all of you to make this celebration a success.
- **AMERICAN LEGION DUES RENEWAL** - July 1, 2010 begins the new dues renewal year for 2011. Please forward your annual dues to assist Post 52 in reaching 100% membership renewal before September. If you know that you are going to renew anyway, why not just go ahead and send them in with the first mailing. It will save the American Legion money on future mailings and allow your local post membership to focus on veteran programs, rather than member renewals. Please help us complete this renewal process in the fastest time ever.
- **VETERANS** are out there waiting for you to ask them to become members of the Greatest Veterans Organization on Earth. The American Legion is chartered by the US Congress to Lobby and Work on the behalf of American Veterans and their families. Let us ask Veterans to join us in our efforts to provide services to all Veterans of all Wars. Veterans Help Veterans. We Shall Not Forget.
- **LADIES NIGHT** is our next regular monthly meeting on June 29, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The social hour will begin at 6:30 PM. Please invite a veteran to attend with you. And don't forget our LADIES. Make sure you let them know that this is Ladies Night, and we would like to see them there.

See You There - Dan Vinson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

FORGIVENESS

MATTHEW 18:21, 22 Then Peter came to Jesus and ask, Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

U. S. Army Airman, Jake D. was the bombardier on one of the last B-25's to launch from the carrier U.S.S. Hornet. After successful completion of their mission to bomb Japan their aircraft out of fuel, crashed in China. The Japanese captured him and others of his crew. He was beaten, half-starved and at times placed in solitary confinement. He witnessed three of his buddies executed by firing squad. He said then that the bitterness and hate of my heart against these Japanese captors is more than I can bear. He was taken to Tokyo where he remained imprisoned through out the war. In 1944 the Red Cross gave him a Bible. Jake begins to read it for the first time. When Jake read Romans 10:9, his life was changed forever. He said, at that very moment God gave me the grace to confess my sins to Him. God saved me for Jesus sake. I realized that these cruel Japanese did not know anything about my Savior and Christ was not in their hearts. I ask God to forgive them and I prayed for God to give me the strength to do the same. On August 20th 1945 Jake was rescued by American paratroopers.

Four years later Jake returned to Japan as a missionary. He started churches through out Japan. One of his first followers was a man name Mitsuo Fuchida, who was a lead pilot on the attack of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7 1941. Jake and Mitsuo were good friends. Can you forgive others who have sins against you as Jake did? Jesus said while he was dying on the cross for our sins, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". Luke 23:34

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

Bill Kimbrough

CHEFS' MENU

- Spaghetti and meat sauce *all you care to eat*
- Fresh Toss Salad • Garlic bread and rolls
- Cake or Chilled fruit for dessert
- Renchor Wright & Howell Jones*