

# Franklinton American Legion Post 52

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*Veterans still serving our community, state, and nation since 1911*

## Commanders' Message



I want to thank all those who came out for our awards banquet. During this time we celebrated the 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of the American Legion as well as we recognized 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. We were privileged to have our Oratorical candidate Miss. Randi Gibbs share with us an oration on the constitution.

The North Carolina Mid-winter conference is over. I want to thank those that attended. My schedule was such that I could not and boy I did miss it. For those of you that have not attended one of these conferences, you should. The fellowship with other posts and information that is exchanged helps strengthen our organization. Our Summer Conference will be **June 9 - 12, 2011** at the North Raleigh Hilton 3415 Wake Forest Road. Make plans now to attend.

As a reminder our Nominating Committee is at work seeking individuals to serve in all officer positions. I know there are many of you out there that are more than capable in serving in some capacity. So let the nominating committee know you are willing to serve. Nominations will be open until the close of business at March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**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 worthy cause.

The Steering Committee has begun work on organizing our 5<sup>th</sup> Stand Up For America Celebration to be held Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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



Fellow legionnaires, we still need 13 more members to be 100% for the year. If you know or anyone who has not paid, please remind them to pay. Remember that we have nominations for post officers for next year coming up this meeting night. If you would like to nominate someone please attend. We have a lot of good stuff coming up soon so attend the meetings to find out what. We have a special fund raiser coming up soon to help one of our fellow legionnaires relatives out. We need all of the help we can get for this special event. The date will be posted later. Hope to see you at the next meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. *Jimmy Fuller*

## Auxiliary News



Spring has just arrived!! Hard to think ahead to May and July, but for our planning we must. Memorial Day weekend is our Poppy program. I have already received our Poppy order. We are confirmed for both the Youngsville and Franklinton Food Lions for Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> and for Griffin's for Friday (5/27) and Saturday (5/28) to distribute Poppies and accept donations. (Food Lion no longer permits weekday activities, so Friday is not possible for there. We will discuss other Friday options at our next meeting). July, of course, is the Post Stand Up for America

(SUFA) Program. The Auxiliary will have a tent again this year. As with the past two years, we will be selling Homemade Ice Cream. (Now is the time to mention your favorite flavor to your favorite Auxiliary member!) A new addition for this year will be the sale of Hotdogs and Sodas. This will help draw some traffic from the sometimes extremely busy Concession area back to the other end of the field. Commander Satterwhite has secured a Hotdog cart for us and we are in the process of securing the open freezer again for the Ice Cream. Also following last year's success, we will have another raffle this year. Tickets will be going on-sale soon and the drawing will be conducted during the SUFA entertainment. This year we will feature Visa Gift cards. First prize is a \$200 card, Second prize is a \$100 card and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$50 card. Get ready to sell tickets ladies - the seller of the most tickets will win a \$25 Visa Gift card. Housekeeping reminders - our meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 at the Post. Please premark your calendars. We are starting to get to the busy part of our year and we need all the members who are able to support our Unit. New members are always welcome. And finally, our District 5 meeting is Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the Roxboro Unit 138. Please be at our Post at noon so we can carpool to Roxboro. *Velinda Moore, President*

## Chaplain's Corner

### OUR AMERICAN FLAG



ROMANS 8:32 "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things."

In the past three months four of our American Legion Post members have gone on to be with the Lord in heaven. At the funeral service the American Flag was precisely folded, according to military tradition, and presented to a family member.

The flag folding is a living memorial of the courageous actions of our comrades. The blue field represents the sky that over looks our land, The red stripes tell us of the blood, sweat, and tears that has been offered by our comrades. The white stripes boldly proclaim the peace that he helped to bring to our present and future generations. Each fold of the American flag represents the thoughts of our founding fathers. They used God's words and teachings to establish our Nations history, rights, and freedoms. The 1<sup>st</sup> fold is a symbol of life. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is a symbol of the belief in eternal life. The 3<sup>rd</sup> fold is made in honor of the veterans departing the ranks. The 4<sup>th</sup> represents the weaker nature, trusting in God in times of peace as well as times of war seeking His divine guidance. The 5<sup>th</sup> is a tribute to our country. The 6<sup>th</sup> is where people's hearts lie. The 7<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces. The 8<sup>th</sup> is a tribute to the ones who entered into the valley of the shadow of death. The 9<sup>th</sup> is a tribute to womanhood and mothers. The 10<sup>th</sup> is a tribute to fathers. The 11<sup>th</sup> represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The 12<sup>th</sup> represents an emblem of eternity, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. The 13<sup>th</sup> fold, the flag is completely folded, the stars are a reminder of our nations motto, In God We Trust. 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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<b>Franklinton American Legion Post 52</b> <i>Schedule of Upcoming Events</i>	
Monday, March 21, 2011	Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
Saturday, March 26, 2011	Prepare and serve pancake, bacon, & sausage breakfast for seniors at Franklinton Senior Center; 7:00am preparation, Serve 8:30 – 10:00am
Tuesday, March 29, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, Nomination of 2011-12 officers <b>Menu:</b> Beef Tips and Rice, Green Beans, Dinner rolls, Desert, Tea, Coffee
Thursday, April 7, 2011	Preparation work for the fish fry fundraiser, 2 to 4 pm <b>(This is a changed date)</b>
Friday, April 8, 2011	Fish/Oyster fry fundraiser, serving 11am to 7pm, \$7 fish plate, \$8 Oyster or combo plate <b>(This is a changed date)</b>
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	Post Executive Committee Meets, 7pm, all members welcome to attend
Monday, April 18, 2011	Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Legion Monthly Meeting, 6:30 meet and greet, 7pm supper, Election of 2011-12 officers

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

***To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses...*** This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass when this threatens. In a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, there are bound to be both classes and masses. Indeed, the masses are composed of classes – but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations.

*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