

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Since we last met several very important dates have passed. The first being Election Day and I hope everyone got out and voted as well as encouraged others to do so.

The next very special day was Veteran's Day in which we remember those deceased veterans and thank and honor those living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. Several of our Legionnaires spoke at the High School on Veterans Day sharing their experiences with the students. I thank each of you for your service to our country and for your continued support of our Veterans.

The last special day and one of my favorites is Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada. Thanksgiving is a holiday to express our thankfulness, gratitude, and appreciation to God, family and friends for which all have been blessed of material possessions and relationships. Traditionally, it has been a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. In my opinion this holiday is quickly moving away from its original roots to more of having time off and the start of the Christmas shopping season.

As we continue to explore the meaning of our Preamble our next clause, To maintain law and order... Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws.

We need your help on supplies to our local soldiers serving abroad. The holidays are around the corner so please help get care packages to them before Christmas. We must ship first week of December to get there before Christmas. Please consider working with your local church or other organizations to get the word out. Items collected, 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, Band-Aids, Foot Powder, Body powder, etc. Packages are shipping on a regular bases. Let's make sure our soldiers get a good Christmas package from us. Thanks for your support of this worth while project. Donations can be made to any Legionnaire or brought to the Post. Contact me on my cell at 919-358-5591.

FREE MEALS

Bring in (5) Items to ship to our local soldiers who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and get your meal Free or make a donation and the Post will purchase these items. All Proceeds and donations from our November meal which will also be ladies night will go to this cause.

For God and Country - Harvey Satterwhite

CHEF'S MENU

Chicken & Dumplings
Oyster Stew & Crackers • Peas
Bread • Apple Cobbler for that sweet tooth



ADJUTANT'S REPORT

FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES, HERE IS AN UPDATE ON OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR YEAR 2011.

WE HAVE 185 PAID MEMBERS, 184 HAVE BEEN SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. THAT EQUATES TO 87.67%.

THESE NUMBERS ARE UP TO DATE AS OF 11/17/2010. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT AS OF YET PLEASE TRY TO GET THEM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER THAT ARE COMING UP PRETTY SOON:

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3, THE ANNUAL CHITTLIN STRUT. DECEMBER 10TH POST 52 ORATORICAL CONTEST REHEARSAL AT 3:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL ANNEX. THOSE THAT CAN HELP WE NEED ALL WE CAN GET.

THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THE POST ON 01/08/2011 AT 1:00 PM.

THE DISTRICT 5 ORATORICAL CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THE POST ON 01/22/2011 AT 1:00 PM. WE NEED HELP WITH ALL OF THESE.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30TH.

Jimmy Fuller

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THANKSGIVING

PSALMS 95:1-2



COME LET US SING FOR JOY FOR THE LORD; LET US SHOUT ALOUD TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION. LET US COME BEFORE HIM WITH THANKSGIVING AND EXTOL HIM WITH MUSIC AND SONG.

A NEW GOVERNMENT AND A NEW LAND WERE FOUNDED. AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE MAY FLOWER COMPACT OF NOVEMBER 11TH 1620, JOHN CARVER WAS DECLARED THE FIRST GOVERNOR, AND CAPTAIN MYLES STANDISH, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER MEN, SET OUT TO EXPLORE THE NEW LAND. THEY FIRST LANDED ON CLARK ISLAND, SO NAMED BECAUSE CLARK, THE FIRST MATE, AND WAS THE FIRST TO STEP ASHORE. THEY RESTED AND SPENT THE SABBATH DAY IN WORSHIP. HERE THEY OBSERVED THE FIRST RELIGIOUS SERVICE ON THE NEW ENGLISH SOIL. THE NEXT DAY THE THREE LEFT THE ISLAND AND VENTURED ASHORE TO THE MAIN LAND. AT LAST THEY REACHED THEIR PILGRIMAGE, THEY SET FOOT UPON THE ROCK AT PLYMOUTH.

THE AUTUMN OF 1621 THE SETTLERS GATHERED THEIR FIRST HARVEST, GREAT WAS THEIR BOUNTY, THERE WAS INDIAN CORN, FISH, WILD TURKEY, VENISON, PURPLE GRAPES AND MANY OTHER FOOD ITEMS. FOR THREE DAYS THEY FEASTED, SANG, DANCED, AND GAVE THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSING IN THIS NEW LAND. ALL ATTENDED, INCLUDING NINETY INDIAN BRAVES, FROM THE PEACEFUL MASSASIRT TRIBE. WE LOOK UPON THIS EVENT AS OUR FIRST THANKSGIVING. THIS NOVEMBER THE 25TH MANY OF YOU WILL GATHER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING DAY. AROUND THE TABLE YOU WILL FIND LARGE SERVINGS OF FOOD, LOVINGLY PREPARED FOR YOU. GIVE THANKS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR HIS BLESSINGS. LET US NOT FORGET THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY THIS DAY. I'M NOT SAYING TO INVITE NINETY INDIANS FOR THANKSGIVING, BUT DO AS OUR LORD GUIDES YOU.

NOW MAY OUR GOD WITH LOVE AND PEACE BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

AMEN.

Bill Kimbrough