



American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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April 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

House Committee Meeting

Wed., Apr. 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., Apr. 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

General Meeting (men & women)

Wed., Apr. 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting

Tues., Apr. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Commander

David Ballacchino

Sr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

Jr. Vice Commander

Harmon Grotsky

Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

Adjutant

David Ballacchino

House Committee

Chairman

Sam Guy

Executive Committee

Chairman

Bobby Wright

COMMANDER'S CORNER

"Here we go again, I hear the trumpet blow again. All again, taking a chance on facts." Spring is in the air and April is officially here.

Have you heard the great news? For the year 2008, our Commander Bobby Wright and yours truly, present Commander David Ballacchino, for the first time in a many years, have produced a balanced budget. WE HAVE ZERO DEFICIT, are looking good for the new year (which is three months old) and are still on track on our new budget.

The Executive Committee is working on the by-laws. We will be ready to present the proposed changes at the April general meeting for discussion and approval before sending the revised by-laws to Department.

We have received the scholastic and ROTC medals that will be given to our local high schools soon.

On Saturday, March 28th, we held a Birthday Celebration that was well attended by Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members from the Department, District and Post, along with family members and friends. Among our honored guests were Dept. Commander Faye Casper, Dept. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Willie Reynolds, Dept. Judge Advocate Charles French, National C&Y Chairman Joe Sims, 4th District Commander Carmen Streit Smith, 4th District Sr. Vice Cmdr. David Hanna, Past 4th District Sr. Vice Cmdr. Lamar Miller, Legionnaires Jim Ray (Post 51), G. Burns (Post 1), Jan Porter (Post 258), Billie Joe Smith (Post 258), S.A.L. Detachment Squadron 51 Alt. Nec Post Ronnie Grist, S.A.L. Commander Mark Wells, S.A.L. Sr. Vice Cmdr. Tom Chebro, S.A.L. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Matt Chebro, S.A.L. member Tim Thomas (Post 232), Department Auxiliary 2nd Vice President Lola Harper, 4th District Auxiliary President Christina Chebro, 4th District 2nd Vice President Pat Chebro, 4th District Chaplain Betty Grist, Auxiliary members Elizabeth Miller (Post Betty Hanna (Post 258) and Dotty Robinson (Post 251).

My wife and I, along with our family and close friends, cooked the meal for the 90th Legion Birthday Celebration. I am proud to announce that the feast was such a success that many of our members attendance invited us to cook more meals! For those who missed the celebration, we had fantastic food, fantastic camaraderie and great entertainment by the Foster Brothers.

I personally thank my son Michael, my daughter Dana, t friends Jim, Sherry and Hugo Wentzel, Steve Haubner and, especially, my wife Joann and our very dear friend MayBeth Rogers. They all volunteered to come and help. Without them, we could not have had such a fine dinner.

COMMANDER'S CORNER (continued)

Also, I wish to thank Tom Chebro of SAL Squadron 51; he appeared at the right time in the kitchen and volunteered to carve the roast beef. I would also like to thank Gary Bush and the other members and guests that stayed and helped clean and set up the ballroom for Bingo the next evening.

Our Department Commander Faye Casper is having a Homecoming event at Post 145 on April 25th with cocktails, dinner and dancing. We are all invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact the Commander for more information.

A nominations committee for the up-and-coming elections will be set up. Please call the Commander if you would like to be considered for this committee. Remember, this is YOUR post. You do have a say and you do have a vote, so come to the general meeting.

Thank you, David Ballacchino, Commander

*To those who originated The American Legion
and to those who have served,
thank you and God bless.*



Dept. Judge Advocate Charlie French and Dept. Commander Faye Casper with other distinguished guests.



Our members and guests.



Our servers: Hugo, Sherry, Dana, Michael and Steve.



Left:
Our
members
and
guests.

Right:
Matt
Chebro
serves
himself
some of
Joann's
yummy
pastry.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS!

Joe McCabe

Chaplain

From:
New Orleans, LA

Military service:

Enlisted in the US Naval Reserves in 1937 and trained on old four-stacker destroyers in Panama and Jamaica. Called to active duty as an apprentice seaman with boot training in San Diego. The highlight was being selected to be in the background of the movie "Navy Blues" starring Jack Oakie and Ann Sheridan. Went to the Hollywood Bowl for the creation of the U.S.O. where one star gave \$10,000! Sent to pickup the Duke of Windsor's yacht Caroline which was going to be used for patrol duty. Transferred to the USS Monitor, an LSV5, which carried amphibious tanks and was a hospital ship, which went from Brooklyn through the Panama Canal to Hawaii, then on to the islands and ultimately Japan. Participated in five major battles for the liberation of the Philippines and was docked near the battleship Missouri where MacArthur was in Japan. Discharged in November 1945 as a chief quartermaster.



Why did you join the Legion? Had been coming here with the Avondale Men's Club and Bud Simon signed me up.

What have you done? Served on the Executive Committee for two years and have been chaplain for six years.

What do you aim to accomplish? Helping to recruit new members from other wars.

Interesting facts: Survived the Spanish flu in 1918! Had twin sons and another daughter and son. Had first flying fashion show with Eastern Airlines.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

- Apr. 3 Steak with baked potato, green beans, salad and dessert (\$12) Trivia!
- Apr. 17 BBQ Baby back ribs, corn on the cob, homemade potato salad and dessert (\$8) Trivia!

Please R.S.V.P. by each Wednesday night!

AUXILIARY NEWS

The V.A. Hospital Creative Arts Festival was held on March 26th. Bea Orman, Tillie Davis, Ruth and Nick Zingarelli participated. Our post/unit donated \$75 in prizes for the winners.

The V.A. Bingo was, once again, a fun time for our hospitalized veterans. Celestia Wright, Arlene Bishop, Hamon Grotsky and Mike Henderson participated.

The U.S.O. visit was March 18th, with fewer than usual service members present. Henry Lightfoot and others helped serve the meal.

Our thoughts are with our members who have been ill — Ruby Head, Jean Carson and Martha Mihalek.

Annual reports for the Department will be compiled on Wednesday, April 8th at 12:30 p.m. All committee chairs should bring written reports in that day. They need to be turned in by May.

- President Doreen Henricks



Ruth Zingarelli, Tillie Davis, Doreen Henricks and Department 2nd Vice President Lola Harper.

2009		APRIL				2009	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900	CLUB HOURS LUNCH BINGO	Monday through Friday, 12 – 9, closed Sat. and Sun. Tuesday and Thursday 12 – 2:00 p.m. at Café 66 Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. \$1,500 in prizes with a last game jackpot maximum \$900					
			1	2	3	4	
				BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Dinner Steak \$12.00 – Trivia! 6:00 p.m.	CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>No planned activities</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>on Mondays,</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. 7:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Dinner BBQ Ribs \$10.00 6:00 p.m.	CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>but the club is open,</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. . S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED Dept. Cmdr. Homecoming @ Post 145	
26	27	28	29	30			
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>so stop by!</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.					
Make April the month you volunteer at the Legion!							



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