



# American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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**August 2009**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **House Committee Meeting**

Wed., Aug. 12 @ 5:00 p.m.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

Wed., Aug. 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

### **SAL Meeting**

Tues., Aug. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

### **General Meeting (men & women)**

Wed., Aug. 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supper provided for members attending General meeting.

### **Friday Night Dinner!**

Fri., Aug. 28 @ 6:00 p.m.

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### **Commander**

David Ballacchino

### **Sr. Vice Commander**

Jon Huddle

### **Jr. Vice Commander**

Sam Guy

### **Finance Officer**

Jim Bishop

### **Adjutant**

Jim O'Brien

### **House Committee Chairman**

### **Executive Committee Chairman**

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Everyone should have received their renewal notices by now. Our goal this year is 303 members. As of July 21, we are at 30%. SEND IN YOUR DUES EARLY AND RECEIVE YOUR CARD STAMPED "EARLY BIRD". What do you say to an Italian spaghetti dinner *a la Ballacchino*, complete with meatballs, Italian sausage and homemade bread? That's the menu for the Early Bird Dinner in October! Those who have not paid their dues are welcome to attend for \$10.00 per person.

A big thank you goes to Gary Bush for sheet-rocking the ceiling and putting in a divider in the men's restroom. Jon Huddle is working on the patio arbor; it will be a work of art when finished.

The Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, July 11th. Outgoing District Commander Carmen Streit Smith installed the Legion officers and Past District President Ruth Zingarelli installed the Auxiliary officers. If you didn't attend, you missed a great meal.

Well, this is the first year that Nick Zingarelli will not be an officer at Post 66. He has earned his retirement but we will miss his participation. We, the members of Post 66, have awarded Nick a small token of our appreciation: we have named the main ballroom the Nick Zingarelli Ballroom. Plaques are being made to be placed on the ballroom doors.

The SAL officers for the 2009-10 year are as follows: Gary Davis, Commander; Mark Belcher, Vice Comm.; Rick Mason, Vice Comm.; Wyman Treadaway, Adjutant; Wyman Treadaway, Treasurer; Peter Umbaugh, Chaplain; Doug Chaffin, Judge Advocate; David Fitzgerald, Sergeant-at-Arms. The SAL met with the Post, SAL District and SAL Department Commanders and have promised to get involved with all Post activities.

The Labor Day BBQ is coming together. It will be held on September 7th. Soon, you will be mailed 5 combination meal/raffle tickets for a price of \$10.00 each. The proceeds of the BBQ will go to the Wounded Warriors charity. This year, there will be ten, that's right, TEN lucky raffle winners; the prize money (\$100 to \$250) depends on the amount of tickets sold. Fill in the stubs and return them with your check for \$50. Don't forget to bring your tickets with you for the BBQ. Raffle winners need not be present to win.

Please say prayers for our members who have passed away, are in the hospital or just feeling down. Give a veteran a hug and remember to say thank you for the services they have given to our country.

Thank you, Commander David Ballacchino

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS!

### **Jim O'Brien**

*Adjutant*

**From:** Rochester, NY

**Military service:** Was drafted into the Army on 9/9/63, eight hours before

President Kennedy announced that married men would no longer be drafted. After basic at Fort Dix, was assigned to Fort Bragg, NC. Served as Payroll Clerk for the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 92nd Artillery, 11th Airborne. Was selected as General's Orderly for Post Guard Duty and was credited with having the fewest payroll errors for all of Fort Bragg.

**Why did you join the Legion?** Because I am proud of my country and would like to help other veterans.

**What have you done?** Participated in the fix-up and clean-up of the Post in preparation for the Past National Commander's visit.

**What do you aim to accomplish?** A greater and more active membership.

**Interesting facts:** A member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, a member of the Food Bank for the poor, an usher at my church and unofficial groundskeeper for my church athletic field.



## SUMMER'S END CELEBRATION

As Summer comes to a close, we are planning a celebration in the form of a Friday Night Dinner/Dance in the lounge with a delightful menu and entertainment by The Foster Brothers! Mark your calendars — Friday, August 28th — for this upcoming event!

The home cooked meal will feature country-fried steak (always a favorite!), mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, homemade butter biscuits and a delicious dessert.

We have kept the cost to an absolute minimum, which will be \$8.00. Invite a friend and we will all have a good time.

You **must** RSVP no later than Wed., August 26th so that we can be sure to have enough food for all.

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**Visit our website for the newsletter at:**

**[www.americanlegionpost66.org](http://www.americanlegionpost66.org)**

**See more photos from the Fourth of July Parade and the Department Convention.**

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## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND LUNCH



We had a good turnout of members for the Fourth of July parade. The Commander rode atop the back seat, along with his lovely bride of 46 years, of a 2002 35th-edition classic red Camero convertible owned by Jim Bishop's son Jim and his wife Michelle. After the parade, lunch was enjoyed by the members, their friends and families and our guests, the Avondale Estates Police Department.

## **REFLECTIONS**

Our elections are over. It is time to regroup and support the officers we have elected. We are a Legion Post first and foremost. Our goal is to help veterans. We face many challenges as most of our members are aged and dwindling. Some of our challenges:

- Membership — everyone needs to sign up one new member. You can do this by carrying an application with you at all times.
- Attend regular meetings and participate.
- Submit ideas on how we should spend Legion money.
- Submit ideas on how we can save money.
- Submit ideas on how we can make more income.
- Suggest activities to the officers.
- Specifically identify what you would like to do to help the Post.
- Write articles for our newsletter about your military experience — about how it felt when your plane lost an engine, your tank ran out of gas, when your rifle jammed, kamikazes attacked, how it felt to eat rations and about your travels.
- Etc., etc., etc.

*Semper fi, N.L.Z.*

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## **KUDOS — MISC — ETC.**

- Congratulations to Henry Lightfoot who was awarded the Post 66 “Legionnaire of the Year” for 2009!
- Sarah Zingarelli was selected as Member of the Year for Unit 66 *and* the Dept. of GA Ladies Auxiliary, and is now going to Louisville to compete at the National Convention.
- David Ballacchino was installed as Sergeant-at-Arms and Nick Zingarelli was installed as Judge Advocate for the Fourth District for 2009-2010.
- Thanks to JR Lusk for all his years of working Bingo. He has surprised us with news of his retirement.

## **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Commander David Ballacchino, Tillie Davis, Doreen Henricks, Nick, Ruth and Sarah Zingarelli attended the Department Convention on June 26-27 in Duluth. At the Past President’s Parlay luncheon, Sarah was presented with the Department Member of the Year award!



Later Friday evening, the group attended the dinner at Post 251 and posed by their tank!

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## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Bea Orman is recuperating at Briarwood Rehab Center and Helen Adams is having surgery sometime soon. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

The cookout at the Mountain View Personal Care Home will be Saturday, August 8th. Contact Rita Clifton if you would like to help.

Next up — the Labor Day BBQ on Sept. 7th.

A huge “thank you!” to everyone who served the Unit this past year. It was a success because of all of their hard work.

Doreen Henricks, Unit 66 President

2009		AUGUST					2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900</b>	<b>CLUB HOURS</b> <b>LUNCH</b> <b>BINGO</b>	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					
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2 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	3 <i>No planned</i>	4 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	5	6 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	7	8 CLOSED	
9 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	10 <i>activities on Mondays,</i>	11 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	12 HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	13 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	14	15 CLOSED	
16 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>but the club is</i>	18 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	19 GENERAL MEETING (Men & women) Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.	20 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	21	22 CLOSED	
23/30 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	24/31 <i>open, so stop by!</i>	25 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	26 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	27 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	28 Friday Night Dinner Fried steak (\$8.00) 6:00 p.m. The Foster Brothers	29 CLOSED	
<b>Remember our wounded warriors and keep them in our prayers.</b>							



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