

2010		FEBUARY					2010
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900	CLUB HOURS BINGO	Mon. & Wed.: 12 – 8, Tues, Thurs. & Fri.: 12 – 9; lunch served 12-2; closed Sat. and Sun. Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday Night at 7:00 p.m. \$1,500 in prizes with a last game jackpot maximum \$900					
	1 <i>No planned activities</i>	2 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	3	4 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	5	6 CLOSED	
7 Four Chaplains Srv. @ Post 258 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	8 <i>on Mondays but the</i>	9 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	10 HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	11 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Sentimental Journey Orchestra Dinner @ 5:00 (\$5) Music @ 7:00 (\$10)	
14 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	15 <i>club is open, President's Day</i>	16 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	17 GENERAL MEETING (Men & women) 6:00 p.m.	18 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	19	20 CLOSED	
21 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	22 <i>so stop by!</i>	23 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	24 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	25 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	26	27 CLOSED	
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Be a Sweetheart! Volunteer for a Post or Unit program.							



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IMPORTANT DATES

House Committee Mtg.
Wed., Feb. 10 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Mtg.
Wed., Feb. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Sentimental Journey
Orchestra/Dinner**
Sat., Feb. 13
Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
Music @ 7:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting
Tues., Feb. 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting
(men & women)
Wed., Feb. 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supper provided for members
attending General meeting.

Commander

David Ballacchino

Sr. Vice Commander

Jon Huddle

Jr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

Adjutant

Jim O'Brien

House Committee

Chairman

Jim O'Brien

Executive Committee

Chairman

Jim Bishop

COMMANDER'S CORNER

February. Tax season is in full swing and, speaking of swinging, Adjutant James O'Brien has done it again! He has The Sentimental Journey Orchestra coming back to the Post on February 13 from 7-10 p.m. GET THE WORD OUT TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. THE PRICE IS RIGHT FOR AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT. Get your taxes done early.

We continue to have a poor showing for the general meetings. Still no quorum; so I am throwing a question out to the general membership. What do we need to do to see more of our members attend this meeting? We are open for suggestions.

Some have said that Wednesday night meeting conflicts with church meetings. Some would like to see the meeting held during the daylight hours so our veterans with failing vision and motor skills would not have to drive in the dark hours of night. Some do not like the AGENDA of the meeting and would like to change the agenda. Some would prefer a whole day set aside for our monthly meeting. This last one might have some merit.

Example: Pick a day, possibly Monday or Saturday or Friday or whenever. Send in a suggestion with the day of your choice. Those with the majority of a date picked for a meeting would reflect how many would be in attendance, possibly a quorum. Get out early, have breakfast at the post around 8:00 am. Start the meeting at 9 or 9:30, present the agenda as in the past and break for lunch. Possibly resume the meeting after lunch if there is more input from the general membership or hang around and get acquainted again with folks you have not seen. Play pool, have a few drinks, watch TV, play a game of cards. This would be a good time to get reacquainted with your post members.

This last one sounds good to me, but what the heck, I'm only the freaking Commander. SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS to the Commander and let's start the new year on a solid footing.

The state of the Post: thanks to the wise investments of the officers of the Post in the past and present, and to Craig Murchland overseeing and steering our Schwab account, the Post is financially in good standing. We have had a balanced budget for the past two years and are maintaining the grounds, the building and the appliances. As you know, the building is going into its 18th year and starting to show some signs of aging.
(continued next month)

For God and Country, Commander David Ballacchino

HOUSE NEWS

Sentimental Journey Orchestra will perform at the Post on Feb. 13th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. For more details, call Adjutant Jim O'Brien. www.thesjo.com

Dinner Feb. 13th. Post open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner served at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. For additional details and reservations, call Adjutant Jim O'Brien.

We need hotel soap bars and shampoo for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. For additional details, call Adjutant Jim O'Brien.

Reward: Become a Ballroom Ambassador! When you sponsor an event in the Ballroom, you earn a reward. Think of receptions, reunions, seminars. To obtain the contract form and details such as pricing and options, contact Adjutant Jim O'Brien.

February Menus

Pool Night	2/2	Beef Veg. Soup
	2/9	Salisbury Steak
	2/16	Chicken Breast
	2/23	Pork Loin

General Meeting Beef Tips

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How to be a Legionnaire

Leave your house
Greet people
Take children for their exercise
Buy from local merchants
Take young people in your pick-up and look for odd jobs
Ask the young children to rake your yard.
Share your skills
Wear your Legion apparel
Pick up litter
Got the idea?

Partially plagiarized from the *Tucker Times*

For other hints, call Jim O'Brien.

NAT'L CMMDR IN GEORGIA



Department Commander Butch Adams talking to National Commander Clarence Hill at Post 258 in Jonesboro.



Post and Unit 66 members attended the luncheon in honor of the National Commander.

KUDOS - MISC. - ETC.

- Have noticed the improvement in the quality of the food being served at our Tuesday pool nights and Wednesday meeting nights? Well, you can thank Jim O'Brien, Club Manager, and Kim, our cook. Worthy of praise, don't you think? The Tuesday buffet is only \$3.00 and the Wednesday meal is complimentary. So, why we don't see you here?
- A new man has stepped up to the plate to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. His name is Gary Bush and he is doing a fine job.
- Our new By-Laws have been mailed to each member. All we have to do is live by them. For the good of the Legion.

N.L. Zingarelli, Past Commander
and 4th Dist. Judge Advocate

★★★ USO REPORT ★★★

Thanks to Martha Mihalik, Bonnie Chafin, Susan Proctor, Harmon Grotsky, James McCullough and Henry Lightfoot for serving over 200 servicemen and women at the USO on Jan. 13th. Martha made chicken and dumplings, which everyone enjoyed.

The next visit will be on Wed., Feb 10th. If you make sandwiches, please leave them in the cooler at the Post the night before.



Ruth and Sarah with the Scott family after a hard day of shopping!
Thanks Cindy for taking the photo!



Sally Byers with some of the Josh Dogs that Post and Unit 66 donated to the patients at Egleston.

AUXILIARY NEWS

We forgot to include Joe Rowland in the list of those who helped out at the VA Christmas Gift Shop. Sorry about that, Joe!

The V.A. Bingo on Dec. 23rd was run by Arlene Bishop, Ruth and Nick Zingarelli, Harmon Grotsky, Aaron Hailes and Mike Henderson.

Thanks to Ruth Zingarelli and Cindy Moore who were personal shoppers *extraordinaire* for our Adopt-a-Veteran-for-the-Holidays family! We spent several hours at Wal-Mart and bought lots of clothes and a toy for each of the three kids, a Christmas tree and all the trimmings, presents for the parents and food for Christmas dinner.

Children and Youth Chairman Sally Byers presented 10 Josh Dogs to Volunteer Services at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston on Wednesday, January 20th.

Welcome to new members Irene Ledford, Patti Davis, Virginia and Chelsea Taylor and Amy Weaver!

The Valentine's Day Party at Mountainview Personal Care Home is Friday, February 12th from 2-4:00 p.m. Contact Rita Clifton at 404-294-0097 if you can be a sweetheart and donate cookies or gifts or attend the party.

It's not too late to bring items (diapers, tampons, Maalox, Motrin, etc.) to donate to the City of Refuge! Drop them off anytime in the Auxiliary room. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Don't forget to attend the Four Chaplains Service on Sunday, February 7th at Post 258 in Jonesboro. Contact me if you'd like to carpool.

Everyone who attends the February meeting will receive a special gift. Come and see what it is!!

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