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David Ballacchino
Jr. Vice Commander
Jon Huddle

Harold Byrd Post No 66



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JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

The following dates are important! Please mark your calendar!

House Committee Meeting	5:30 P.M.	First Tuesday	July 1
Executive Committee Meeting	6:00 P.M.	Second Wednesday	July 9
Installation of Officers	7:00 P.M.	Second Friday	July 11
SAL Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Third Tuesday	July 15
General Meeting (men & women)	7:00 P.M.	Third Wednesday	July 16

COMMANDER'S REMARKS

As my year as your Commander comes to a close, I want to reflect for a few lines and express my appreciation for all the support and confidence you placed in me.

It has been a great experience over the past year; some things got accomplished and some will be left unfinished. I am grateful to the officers who served with me and for those members that supported me throughout the year.

While our membership has grown, we also mourn the deaths of twenty Legionnaires this year.

I have stressed our activities throughout the year and they have all been successful. I thank the House Committee for doing a good job in planning and presenting the activities. I especially thank Lynn and Amy for their hard work and dedication to Post 66.

As we go forward into the new year, I ask that we all support the new slate of officers. Like me, they will need your support. We need to continue to watch our budget so we can continue enjoying our Post. We need to encourage the Executive Committee to account for all expenditures and seek ways to balance our budget.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Bobby L. Wright, Commander

IN MEMORIAM

Harold Henderson
Buddy Gaddy

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FROM THE COMMANDER-ELECT

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was called for by Commander Bobby Wright to review the election results. After due deliberation, the outcome of this meeting is final; the election of Post Officers in May stands. Our newly elected officers are:

Commander	David Ballacchino
Senior Vice Commander	Sam Guy
Junior Vice Commander	Harmon Grotsky
Finance Officer	Jim Bishop
Executive Committee	Doug Chafin (3 years) and Jon Huddle (3 years)

We will all miss Marion A. (Buddy) Gaddy. Our prayers are with his family. Because of his passing, we have an opening for one Executive Committee member and will be holding an election for this position. Please submit your name to one of the officers of the Post if you would like to be selected. We will hold the election at the next general meeting on July 16, 2008.

We will be hosting the Installation Dinner for our newly elected officers, committee members, S.A.L., and Ladies Auxiliary officers and the date to remember is July 11, 2008. The dinner and soft drinks (coffee, tea, water and lemonade) are complimentary for the paid-up general membership (and one guest per member). There will be a cash bar.

As your newly elected Commander, I will be asking S.A.L. members, Ladies Auxiliary and Legionnaires to step forward and volunteer for the many functions we hold for all our members. I have had a lot of suggestions from members, employees and various guests. Now let's see if we can work together and make this Post better than ever. We have dedicated individuals who already serve, but we need *more* people to volunteer with a commitment and a willingness to serve.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

July 4 Lunch after the Parade – Sandwiches and covered dishes (free)
July 11 Installation – Prime rib, chicken, green beans, corn, dessert (free)
July 18 Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert (\$6)
July 25 Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad and dessert (\$8)

Please R.S.V.P. for each of these dinners by Wednesday night!

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Last call is now 8:40 p.m. nightly, with all patrons out of the lounge by 9:15. If six or more members, SAL, Auxiliary members or guests are present, then the bar may stay open later. The decision to stay open is dependent on the bartender, who will normally get permission from the House Chairman or a House Committee member. – *Jim Gallagher*

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Yes! The time is here! The Fourth of July Parade for 2008 will be Friday, July 4th. If you would like to participate, please meet at our Post at 8:30 a.m. Everyone driving a vehicle, please let me know ahead of time. Please make arrangements ahead of time for the vehicle in which you will ride. We have brave, young and energetic people walking (and handing out flags) and we need to have transportation for them to and from the parade route. Bring any decorations you have for the cars; we will have signs, and balloons will be given to us when we line up at Avondale High School. We will leave the Post at 9:00 a.m.

After the Parade, we will have a covered dish luncheon at 11:00 a.m. at the Post. If your dish needs refrigeration, you may leave it at the Post at 8:30 a.m. The Avondale Police will be our guests. The Post will provide meat and bread. We ask that everyone bring a side dish or two. Some suggestions are salads, potato salad, deviled eggs, vegetables and dip, fruit trays, bakes beans, slaw, and potato chips. To prevent too many duplications (or if you have any questions), please call Margaret Lusk at 770-466-0824. Make plans now for a great day!

MOUNTAIN VIEW PERSONAL CARE HOME EVENTS

There will be a Christmas in July Bazaar benefiting Mountain View at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 19th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 1722 Oak Grove Rd. in Decatur. Call 404-636-7558 for more info.

On Saturday, August 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the Auxiliary will hold its annual Summer Cookout for the residents of Mountain View. Volunteers are needed to assist and/or to provide cookies and door prizes. If you can help, contact Rita Clifton at 404-294-0097.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The past month has been very busy. The Flag Burning Ceremony was very dignified and was part of the celebration of Memorial Day. Audrey Hogg, Children and Youth Chairman, presented a dozen stuffed animals to the Avondale Police Department.

The VA Bingo was held on time. We had help from Harmon Grotzky, Ruth and Nick Zingarelli, Chairman Arlene Bishop and Tillie Davis. We invite other volunteers to help us the fourth Wednesday of each month.

This is probably the last bulletin I'll write and I want to thank all of you. With your help, we were able to help many veterans, military families, children and senior citizens. Let us continue to help those in need. Let's also work with the new officers to make this next year another outstanding one.

Don't forget our upcoming events. On July 4th, we will participate in the Avondale Parade. On July 11th, we will have our Installation of Officers. August 2nd is the cookout at Mountain View. Try to help out with these activities. Good luck to all for an outstanding year.

Yours in service,
Tillie Davis, President, Unit #66

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2008		JULY				2008	
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 HOUSE COMM. 5:30 p.m. Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	2 Happy BD WC & DMM!	3 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	4 4 TH OF JULY PARADE AND LUNCHEON	5 CLOSED Happy BD FGC!	
6 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	7 Happy BD JWB!	8 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	9 EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m. Happy BD FND & RST!	10 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	11 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 7:00 p.m.	12 CLOSED Happy BD WHF!	
13 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	16 GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. 7:00 p.m. Happy BD LA!	17 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	18 Friday Night Dinner Lasagna \$6.00 6:00 p.m. Happy BD LJF!	19 CLOSED Happy BD HL!	
20 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	21 Happy BD EJ & JHR!	22 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. Happy BD NJH!	23 V.A. Bingo. Happy BD MRM!	24 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	25 Friday Night Dinner Country Fried Steak \$8.00 6:00 p.m. Happy BD HEC & EBW!	26 CLOSED Happy BD ALC!	
27 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	28 Happy BD CWM!	29 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	30 Happy BD HVJ!	31 BINGO 7:00 p.m. Happy BD EKH!			
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