



American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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July 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

4th of July Parade/Lunch
Sat., July 4 @ 8:30 a.m.

House Committee Meeting
Wed., July 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting
Wed., July 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers
Sat., July 11 @ 4:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting
Tues., July 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting (men only)
Wed., July 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supper provided for members attending General meeting.

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

Per the Department of Georgia, we held the election of officers for a second time. We thank all the members that took time away from their busy schedules to come to the post and vote a second time. The food was great but, alas, we did not foresee the larger turnout and we ran out of food! We ordered pizza and everyone had enough to eat. Maybe we should ask for R.S.V.P.'s at the next election?

A special thank you to Department of Georgia Sr. Vice Commander Henry "Butch" Adams for attending the meeting and contributing guidance to the election.

The election results for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Commander	David Ballacchino (re-elected)	
Sr. Vice Cmdr.	Jon Huddle elected	
Jr. Vice Cmdr.	Eugene (Sam) Guy elected	
Finance Officer	Jim Bishop (re-elected)	
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3-year committee members		2-year committee members
Craig Murchland	elected	Jim O'Brien elected
Gerald Clayton	elected	Doug Chafin
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1-year committee members	Gary Bush	Steve Carson

All of our officers and committee members need your support and help. **VOLUNTEER AND BE A POSITIVE PERSON THIS YEAR!**

We are forming committees for the 2009-2010 year, so please submit your name for one of the following committees: Boy/Girl Scouts, Boy's/Girl's State, Oratorical, community events, shooting competition, baseball programs, etc. Let's put all the negative impulses to rest and turn on the positive attitude and really get involved in the post activities! There will be many opportunities for our members to become more active with community affairs.

The back property has been bushed hogged . A special thank you to Doug Chafin for getting this done. Doug brings a lot of good vibrations to meetings. Thanks Doug!

We are doing as well as can be expected in these trying economic times.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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Anyone wishing to write an article or contribute an interesting story for the newsletter, contact the Adjutant or Sarah Zingarelli (by email please — sarahzunit66@gmail.com). Please submit at least 1 week before end of the month.

The Post and Auxiliary will be participating in the Avondale Estates 4th of July Parade again this year. Come, join the parade! See the article about this fun event.

If you haven't helped a veteran, you haven't helped anyone!

Have a safe and Happy fourth!

Thank you all for voting,

David Ballacchino, Commander

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND LUNCH

Have you ever wanted to march in a parade? This is your golden opportunity! Post and Unit 66 are participating in the Avondale Estates 4th of July Parade again. Here's all you have to do:

Contact Commander Ballacchino or President Doreen Henricks and let them know if you would like to **walk** and hand out American Flags, or **ride** in a car and toss out candy, or **drive** a car in the parade.

Then, decide what covered dish you want to make for the lunch afterwards (call Doreen and she can give you an idea of what's needed). Remember to bring PLENTY as we have invited the Avondale Police officers to join us for lunch.

Meet at the Post on Saturday, July 4th at 8:30 a.m. We will leave at 8:45 a.m. to drive to Avondale High School where we will line up and decorate the cars. The parade begins at 10. Afterwards, we will continue the celebration by having lunch at the Post. Come join the fun!



HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our chef Amy Morris has resigned her position effective July 10th. We wish Amy the best in her future endeavors. Lynn Kirkpatrick will manage the restaurant and bar areas, with assistance from Kim Meadows and other casual labor, until the Executive Committee meets in August, discusses the possibilities and makes a decision.

Because of the limited kitchen staff, these changes will temporarily be necessary: there will be a limited menu and the Friday Night Dinners will be suspended.

David Ballacchino has volunteered to handle the Installation of Officers dinner and we greatly appreciate his help. Based on past experiences, we know the dinner will be a success.

THE HOUSE'S "HONEY-DO LIST"

We sure could use some "honeys" to "do" the chores on this list.

- Repair kitchen ceiling
- Patch drywall over stage area
- Repair green curb lights by driveway
- Repair or replace soap dispenser in ballroom ladies room
- Repair paper towel dispenser in ballroom men's room
- Rehab walk-in refrigerator
- Refinish pool room woodwork
- Replace downspout on East end of building
- Paint exterior trim and repair soffit

Please contact House Chairman Sam Guy if you can help with any of these projects.

BINGO NEWS

JR Lusk is scaling back his participation in the Bingo program. Considering that he has worked every session for years, he certainly deserves some time off! We're happy that he will continue to work four times a month because Bingo just wouldn't be the same without him!



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, July 11th at 4:00 p.m. There will be a cash bar and a complimentary dinner. This event, the first of the Legion year, is also a great time to pay your dues!

We would appreciate it if all members attending Installation would help clean-up the ballroom after supper is over. The ballroom needs to be set up for the church group that rents it on Sunday morning. If everyone helps, it will take no time at all.

A Guideline for Selecting the Legionnaire of the Year

The person selected should:

1. Attend all post meetings.
2. Volunteer for local and post projects.
3. Contribute ideas to promote the American Legion.
4. Be active in membership enrollment.
5. Have the ability to get along with others.
6. Promote the American Legion programs and participates in programs.
7. Be compassionate to the needs of other veterans.
8. Possesses attributes that sets the person apart from other members.

Suggestions:

1. A person may win this award only once.
2. The Post Commander is not considered for this award while he/she is Commander.
3. The Legionnaire of the Year pin shall be awarded at the Installation of Officers.
4. The award should be given for service to the post, the community and fellow veterans.
5. The judging of this award shall be under the direction of the officers of the post, with names submitted by the membership.

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www.americanlegionpost66.org**

AUXILIARY NEWS

The VA Bingo was held on May 27th with 33 veterans in attendance. Ruth and Nick Z., Denise White, Jean Carson, and Arlene Bishop joined in the fun. Remember that Post/Unit 66 participates in this event on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are always in need of volunteers to bring sandwiches, fruit, or chips, etc. All of our "regulars" do a fabulous job, but we'd love to have YOU there to help! The hospitalized vets always enjoy our visits, especially when they win prizes.

The annual Avondale Estates 4th of July Parade will once again be held on Clarendon Ave. We need cars to decorate for the parade, as well as walkers to hand out flags. We will have candy to toss from the cars into the crowds. This is always a fun time. Please meet at the Post by 8:30 a.m. We will line up at Avondale High School. After the parade, we'll serve lunch to the Avondale Police officers at the Post. If you didn't get the chance to sign up for a covered dish, please bring a side dish or salad to the luncheon. The Post will supply burgers, condiments, and dessert. Hope to see all of you there to celebrate our Nation's Birthday.

Our sincere condolences go out to Joan Ballacchino and Pam Dertz on the loss of their fathers. We know how much you will miss them.

Bea Orman has been hospitalized at DeKalb Medical Center after a fall. She would enjoy a phone call or a visit. If you know of a member's illness or accident, please call to let us know. You are all valuable to us, and we want to demonstrate our support.

Please remember our annual cookout at Mountain View Personal Care Home on August 8 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will need cookies, gifts for the residents and, even better, your presence! Please call Rita Clifton at 404-294-0097 and let her know how you can help.

We will NOT hold a regular meeting in July. Instead, there will be a very brief meeting after Installation. Membership chairman Yvonne Green suggests that everyone pays their dues at Installation.

Doreen Henricks, Unit 66 President

2009		JULY				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					
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				BINGO 7:00 p.m.		Avondale Estates 4 th of July Parade 8:30 a.m. Lunch afterwards	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>No planned</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.		Installation of Officers 4:00 p.m.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>activities on Mondays,</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	GENERAL MEETING (Men only) 6:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>but the club</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>is open, so stop by!</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.		BINGO 7:00 p.m.			
Freedom is not Free							



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