

From the desk of the
Commander
David Ballacchino
June 1, 2009

URGENT NOTICE!

Regarding the recent election of post 66 officers:

Dear members of post 66;

It has been brought to our attention that the recent elections held at the post are invalid. The Department Officers has advised both Bobby Wright and David Ballacchino of the invalid elections due to the use of the new by-laws passed on the same night as the elections. We must now call upon all members to return again to the post and cast new votes, under the old by-laws. The election will be held on **June 17, at 7:00 pm** dinner will be 6:00 pm until 6:45

Accordingly to our old by-laws, we will now be electing a:

Commander; Sr. vice commander; Jr. Vice commander; Finance officer, and 2 members, each serving a 3 year term for the executive committee. According to by-laws the nominating committee, has nominated for the following offices, the following persons.

For Commander

David Ballacchino and Bobby Wright

For Sr. Vice commander

Eugene Guy and Jon Huddle

Jr. Vice Commander Harmon Grotsky

Finance Officer Jim Bishop

2- 3-year members

Jim Obrien or Craig Murchland

Gerald Clayton or Bill Wandall

**PLEASE DISREGARD THE JUNE NEWS LETTER
ELECTION NOTICE.**



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June 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

House Committee Meeting

Wed., June 10 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., June 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting

Tues., June 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting (men & women)

Wed., June 17 @ 6:00 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

June is here and we must bid *adieu* to spring. Wow, we have had a lot of rain this year; everything is greener than ever. Our membership is presently at 92%.

We have had an election and the new slate of Legion officers for the year 2009-2010 are as follows: Commander — David Ballacchino, Senior Vice Commander — Eugene Guy, Junior Vice Commander — Harmon Grotsky, Finance Officer — Jim Bishop and Adjutant — Bobby Wright.

I encourage all the officers and members to become more involved in the Post programs and activities. Visit the V.A. hospital, go to the U.S.O., play Bingo, attend a Friday night dinner! Remember, actions speak louder than words.

We had a good turnout for the memorial day celebration. Chaplain McCabe gave an inspirational reading to the members. Cmdr. Ballacchino started the flag burning ceremony, and then invited members to join in the flag retirement ceremony. Executive Committee member Gary Bush played a recording of *Taps 2* during the flag burning. The ceremony was followed by a very good luncheon menu. Thank you, Amy. And thank you ladies of the Unit 66 for providing food and drinks.

June is the month for The American Legion College in Macon, Georgia. All newly elected officers for 2009-2010 should make plans to attend. THIS SCHOOL IS FOR YOU. More information will be on the bulletin board. The schedule is:

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| Friday, June 5 | 5:30-6:00 p.m. | Registration |
| | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Evening session |
| Saturday, June 6 | 8-11:30 a.m. | Morning session |
| | 11:30-1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| | 1:00-4:30 p.m. | Afternoon session |
| Sunday, June 7 | 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Morning session |
| | 11:00-noon | Graduation |

Thanks to Gary Bush and Steve Carson for purchasing the equipment and installing a professional horseshoe pit behind the Post. Stop by and let's play a game of horseshoes!

The SAL purchased the light bulbs and Wyman Treadway installed them in all our exits sign. A special thanks to Wyman Treadway and the SAL.

Thank you all,
David Ballacchino, Commander

MEET YOUR OFFICERS!

Steve Carson

*Executive
Committee*



From:

Atlanta, Georgia

Military service:

Drafted into the Army and reported to duty on Dec. 7, 1971. Attended Signal School at Fort Gordon. Spent 13 months in Korea, then became an instructor at Signal School. Discharged in 1974 with the rank of Sergeant.

Why did you join the Legion? Wanted to give something back to my country.

What have you done? A member for five years, have been on the Bylaws & Constitution Committee and one year on the Executive Committee.

What do you aim to accomplish? To see the Post expand and to do more youth activities, such as helping the Boy Scouts.

Interesting fact: A camping enthusiast. Enjoy going to Lake Yonah.

V.A. NEWS

The annual Volunteer Luncheon, sponsored by the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center, was held on May 11, 2009.

Past Southern Division National President Tillie Davis was given the prestigious Bess Taffel Queen Bee Award for all her years of service to the V.A. She received a beautiful vase.

The Georgia Busy Bee Awards were presented to Ruth and Nick Zingarelli for their work at the V.A. Nursing Home. They each received a beautiful glass bowl inscribed with the V.A. insignia and their names and the date. Congratulations to our hardworking members!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

June 5 Mexican night (\$10) Trivia!

June 26 Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, cornbread (\$8) Trivia!

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

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG-BURNING CEREMONY



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Visit our website for the newsletter at:
www.americanlegionpost66.org

AUXILIARY NEWS

It was great to see such a large turnout for our May meeting. Our meetings provide information on opportunities to serve our Veterans and Active Duty Service Members. If you weren't there, you were missed! And if you have not paid your dues for 2008-2009 yet, it is not too late. Please send your \$20 to Yvonne Green and help us get our membership up. Wouldn't it be great to go to the Department Convention with 100%?

Our VA Bingo provided entertainment and prizes for 27 Veterans. Thanks to Arlene, Celestia, Denise, Jean, Ruth, and Nick! We appreciate your loyal participation in this monthly event.

Bea Orman made a lovely candle wreath with poppies and roses, to honor our departed members. Bea also helped decorate Veterans' gravesites with poppies and flags. Jean and Denise took a fruit basket to Harmon Grotsky. We continue to pray for those in our membership who have been ill.

The Department Convention is June 26-28 in Duluth. Ruth, Sarah, and Doreen will attend and we will see Tillie there as a Delegate. If you are interested in being an Alternate Delegate, please let us know.

Memorial Day has come and gone. Our Legionnaires held a meaningful flag-burning ceremony at the Post. But let us continue to honor our flag, and our departed service members, every day. There are men and women serving in our Military around the world in harm's way. Pray for them and their families, as we continue to enjoy our freedom.

- President Doreen Henricks



The Memorial wreath made by Auxiliary member Bea Orman.

| 2009 | | JUNE | | | | 2009 | |
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| 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 <i>No planned</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 5 Friday Night Dinner Mexican \$10.00 – Trivial! 6:00 p.m. | 6 CLOSED | |
| 7 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 8 <i>activities on</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 CLOSED | |
| 14 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m. Father's Day | 15 <i>Mondays, but the</i> | 16 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m. | 17 GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. 6:00 p.m. | 18 BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 19 | 20 CLOSED | |
| 21 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 22 <i>club is open,</i> | 23 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. | 24 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m. | 25 BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 26 Friday Night Dinner Country fried steak \$8.00 – Trivial! 6:00 p.m. | 27 CLOSED | |
| 28 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m. | 29 <i>so stop by!</i> | 30 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. | | | | | |
| Do something patriotic – visit a veteran at the V.A. hospital. | | | | | | | |



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