



# American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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May 2009

## IMPORTANT DATES

### House Committee Meeting

Wed., May 13 @ 5:00 p.m.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., May 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

### SAL Meeting

Tues., May 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

### General Meeting (men & women)

Wed., May 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

### Flag Burning Ceremony

Mon., May 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

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### 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

May, the month everyone is waiting for. With warm weather, our thoughts turn to outdoor events: preparing the garden, working on outdoor projects, golf, or just sitting in the sunshine.

For the Legion, there is much to do. We need to go over the By-Laws and elect new officers and committee persons. It looks to be a good turnout for the general meeting, what with all the buzz of who is running and who is not. Now is the time to throw your hat into the arena if you have a mind to be elected.

### **We have tweaked the time of the general meeting. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. on May 20th.**

We will also have a complimentary meal during the meeting but no alcohol, of course. We have a lot to do, namely discuss changes we propose to the By-Laws. This should not take too long as we are not about to change the entire Constitution or By-Laws; just a few key changes should do it. The key changes we propose for your review are listed here. Old By-Law books will be handed out for everyone to follow along.

1. Article IV, Section 7 on page 3: the entire phrase will be removed. This will be replaced with the phrase "There will be no term limits set for elected officers or committee persons."
2. All mentions of the Commander appointing the Adjutant shall be removed from the By-Laws.
3. The Adjutant will be an elected position.
4. Article V. The Executive Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members: Five (5) officers and six (6) committee persons. The officers will be Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and Adjutant. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.
5. Article IX. The General Meeting shall be at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Meals will provided at no charge. No alcohol. The quorum shall remain at 25, until further notice.

After reviewing and voting on these changes, we will hold our election for the 2009-2010 slate. The elections shall be for Post Commander, Sr. Vice Cmdr., Jr. Vice Cmdr, Finance Officer and Adjutant, plus two committee persons.

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## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

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Isn't it time you held an office? Put your name in for an office you would like to be in charge of. Get active and be a part of the "do-ers".

We have had an annual audit performed by the American Legion Department of Georgia and I am happy to report that we passed and are in good shape.

We will be holding a Flag Burning Ceremony on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. A complimentary luncheon will be served after the ceremony. Armed Forces Day is May 16th and, lest we forget, Mother's Day is May 10th. Happy Mother's Day to all our Ladies!

Thank you all, David Ballacchino, Commander

## **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

- May 1 Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert (\$7) Trivia!
- May 9 Luau! Chicken, pork and shrimp kabobs, rice, fruit, salad, scallops, apple salad. (\$10) Dinner served from 4-6:00 p.m.
- May 15 Grilled chicken, salad, baked potato, green beans, dessert (\$6)
- May 29 Hamburgers, salad, French fries, dessert (\$7) Trivia!

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

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Legionnaire C. Arthur Fountain Jr passed away on April 14, 2009. Mr. Fountain served in the Navy during the Korean War. After being employed in the road construction business, he worked as a tax auditor for the IRS for 15 years. We would like to extend our condolences to his wife Mary Ellen and the family.

## **MEET YOUR OFFICERS!**

### **Gary Bush**

*Executive  
Committee*

**From:**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Military service:** Volunteered for the Navy in 1974. Spent three active years and

three years in the Reserves as a firefighter and engineman on the USS Vulcan AR-5, doing pipe-fitting, steam repair and general maintenance. Was on several Mediterranean cruises, was in Halifax, Nova Scotia and the Panama Canal.

**Why did you join the Legion?** Wanted to be a part of the Legion and meet new friends.

**What have you done?** A member for nine years, have done some plumbing repairs for the Post, on the Executive Committee for one year.

**What do you aim to accomplish?** To see things get better and for there to be more activities at the Post (entertainment or other events).

**Interesting facts:** Been in business for myself for 15 years (Gary Bush Plumbing). Like to fish at Lake Lanier and Tybee Island.



Legionnaire Henry Lightfoot, and Auxiliary members Ruth Zingarelli, Susan Proctor and Martha Mihalik at the U.S.O. on their 68th Birthday.

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter holiday. We are enjoying the spring weather, even with the cold and the rain. And now that the big tax season has passed, I hope many of you will take some time to relax a little. Take some flowers to decorate a veteran's grave. Visit with a military family. Have lunch with a Legion or Auxiliary member. Just enjoy the blessings of being an American in this troubled world, thanks to those who have served, and those who continue to keep us free.

Only four people participated with VA bingo last month — Celestia Wright, Arlene Bishop, Harmon Grotsky, and Mike Henderson. Twenty-seven hospitalized veterans enjoyed bingo, refreshments, and prizes. This is something we do on the last Wednesday of every month. If you have a few hours to spend, it is a worthwhile and rewarding activity. Tillie gave the report of hours donated in service to the VA Medical Center. Unit 66 has given around 500 hours this past year. Congratulations and many thanks to all our volunteers! Honoring our veterans and active duty service members — that's why we are here.

Our Post 90th birthday party was a terrific success! Joanne and David did so much of the work themselves, with help from their family and friends, and several Post and Unit members from 66. The food was fantastic. We also had great entertainment. Everyone who came, reported having a wonderful time.

Our condolences go out to Edna Hensler after the death of her mother.

Susan Proctor, Pam Dertz, Martha Mihalek, and Jon Huddle went to the USO in April. Marvin Mihalek donated 100 Chick-Fil-A sandwiches. Jean Carson and Denise White also helped cook and bake food for our monthly visit.

We all wish a bittersweet farewell to Tillie Davis. After 54 years of service to Post/Unit 66, Tillie has decided to take up residence near her children in Florida. Tillie received parting gifts from both the Legion and Auxiliary. We salute you and will miss you, Tillie. Godspeed.

**Remember that the meeting on May 20  
will begin at 5:00 p.m.!!**

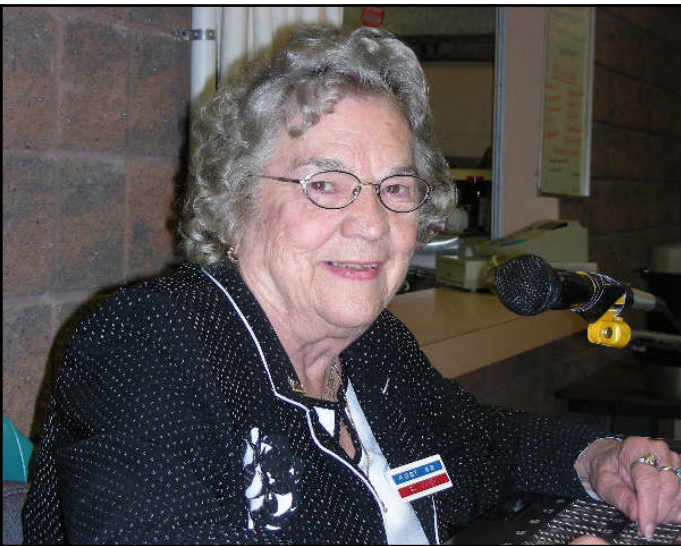
- President Doreen Henricks



Ruth and Nick Zingarelli and David and Joann Ballacchino went to Post 51 for National Commander David Rehbein's visit.



Commander Ballacchino presents a gift to Department Commander Faye Casper at her Homecoming



We thank Tillie Davis for all her years of working Bingo! She called Bingo on Thursday nights for many years.

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2009		MAY					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						
					1 Friday Night Dinner Lasagna \$7.00 – Trivia! 6:00 p.m.	2 CLOSED		
3 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	4 <i>No planned activities</i>	5 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	6	7 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	8 Luau! \$10.00 6:00 p.m.	9 CLOSED		
10 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m. Mother's Day	11 <i>on Mondays, but the</i>	12 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	13 HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	14 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	15 Friday Night Dinner Grilled chicken \$6.00 6:00 p.m.	16 CLOSED Armed Forces Day		
17 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>club is open, so stop by!</i>	19 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. . S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20 GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	21 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	22 Friday Night Dinner Hamburgers \$7.00 – Trivia! 6:00 p.m.	23 CLOSED		
24/31 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	25 Memorial Day Flag Burning Ceremony 10:00 a.m.	26 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	27 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	28 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	29	30		
<b>We can do our best if we just try a little harder!</b>								



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