



American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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October 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

House Committee Meeting

Wed., Oct. 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., Oct. 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

General Meeting (men & women)

Wed., Oct. 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting

Tues., Oct. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Commander

David Ballacchino

Sr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

Jr. Vice Commander

Harmon Grotsky

Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

Adjutant

David Ballacchino

Interim

House Committee

Chairman

Jon Huddle

Executive Committee

Chairman

Bobby Wright

COMMANDER'S WIFE'S CORNER

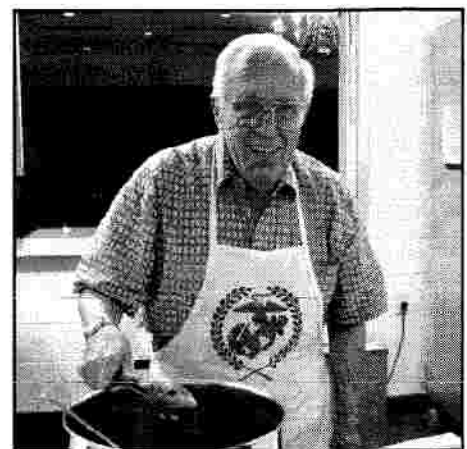
9-2-08. When I awoke this morning after the Labor Day BBQ, I wondered who had beaten me up during the night. Had David made the right decision to do the BBQ in-house? Absolutely! I thought of all of the volunteers who had worked in the kitchen — some for three days — who made this the best BBQ dinner since years ago when our older guys used to cook the BBQ onsite. A special thanks to all the volunteers for a job well done. Joe Rowland, Gary McGunigale, Louis Edwards and Harmon Grotsky worked in the hottest part of the kitchen by the ovens all day, serving up the meals. Denise White's recipe for the BBQ pork was awesome. Jon Huddle's World Famous Baked Beans were fantastic and everyone loved them. Past Commander Nick Zingarelli, Past Auxiliary President Ruth Zingarelli, Jean Carson, Jon, Harmon, Sarah Z and David spent three full days preparing the food. Wow!

Thanks to Sam Guy who tended bar, and to Jim Bishop, Nick and Sarah Z who kept everything straight at the front table, handing out bingo cards and keeping the customers moving in the right direction. The Ladies Auxiliary made and brought in baked goods, and handled the free bingo. The BBQ sales brought in a profit and everyone had a great time! Everyone deserves a big hand: the cooks, the servers, and the bingo workers who called and helped with prizes. And a special thanks to all who came by, participated and enjoyed the home-cooked meal either on the premises or as take-out. Everyone worked hard and we appreciate it. And we could always use more volunteers, such as some of the newer, younger Legionnaires and S.A.L.'s. What do you say? You, too, can be part of the team!

- JoAnn Ballacchino



Denise



De-nephew (aka Jon)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, we did it! We purchased the goods, cooked the food, prepared serving bins and set up the serving lines as in days of old. We toiled over the hot stoves and had our hands in dish-water. We turned the Labor Day BBQ back into a moneymaking event and had an enormous amount of fun doing it.

The amazing volunteers who did so much to make this work were Denise White, Jon Huddle, Harmon Grotsky, Jean Carson, the Zingarellis, Louis Edwards, Joe Rowland, Gary McGunigale, JoAnn and myself. Most of these folks worked tirelessly on Saturday and Sunday and then came back to serve the food and help clean up on Monday!

We even had our own bartender, Sam Guy, who opened the bar and pulled in over \$100 for the Post. Thank you Sr. Vice Commander! Thank you to our Finance Manager Jim Bishop for running the front table. Thanks to JR Lusk and George Morley who called bingo games.

Thanks also to President Doreen Henricks and the Ladies Auxiliary who took care of the dining hall, put on the free bingo and brought in all those cakes and cookies. Thanks to Betty Hanna, who sure does wear many hats in the Fourth District, who helped cleanup.

The Early Bird Dinner will be held Friday, November 7th. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and, as always, we will have a cash bar that evening. For Legion members with current 2009 membership cards, the meal is complimentary; others will pay \$7.00 for their meal. Plan ahead and pay your dues now!

Each Tuesday night, there is a potluck supper for \$3.00 and you can play a little pool, too. Come on out and mingle!

Let us all say a prayer for our servicemen and women in the various services, fighting for freedom in distant lands. Also, keep our wounded veterans in our prayers, as they are recovering and need all the help we can give them. Support our troops in any way you can. God Bless America!

Sincerely, David Ballacchino, Commander

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

- Oct. 3 Grilled pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad (\$7)
- Oct. 10 Lasagna, salad, and garlic bread (\$6) Trivia!
- Oct. 17 Halloween party with The Foster Brothers. Heavy appetizers (\$10)
- Oct. 24 Butterfly shrimp, baked potato, cole slaw (\$8) Trivia!
- Oct. 31 Beef stroganoff, salad, garlic bread (\$6)

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

MEET YOUR OFFICERS!

Sam Guy

*Sr. Vice
Commander*

From: Birmingham,
AL

Military service: Joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 in 1943, V-12 program, officer training. Assigned to the Caribbean Navy 509 in Honduras. After WWII ended, I was sent to Panama with the 12th Naval District and didn't get out until 1946. The next 40 years were spent traveling with all the services with the Red Cross in Vietnam, Europe, Puerto Rico, Okinawa and Japan

Why did you join the Legion? Bud from Avondale convinced me to join. But then I went back to Korea and to Parris Island.

What have you done? I have been Finance Manager for two years.

What do you aim to accomplish? I want to see the post prosper and become self-sustaining so we can get more participation.

Interesting fact: My most rewarding work was with repatriating our P.O.W.'s from Cuba and China, and refugees in Germany and Czechoslovakia, including Shirley Temple Black.



Sam with an American P.O.W. who had spent 21 years in China

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The House Committee meeting is moving to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

V.A. NEWS

On Sept. 12th, the V.A.M.C. had a cookout catered by Snopt's BBQ (with live music!) for those who help with the patients. Ruth and Nick Z, Harmon Grotsky and Mike Henderson attended. If you didn't go, you missed a great time!
- Harmon Grotsky

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Harold Byrd Post #66 was organized in the Fall of 1919 and received its charter in December of the same year. It started with 20 members and was named for George Harold Byrd who was killed in action in WWI on 11-18-1918 in the Argonne Forest in France. His portrait is displayed in our building entranceway. It is rumored that he was related to the Candler family. There is a WWI memorial in Jackson Square in Atlanta that lists the names of those soldiers from the metro area that lost their lives in that war and George Harold Byrd is listed thereon.

Joseph M. Gardner was elected the first Commander and served from 1919-1920. For unknown reasons, the Post was disbanded in 1922 and reorganized in 1930, with Scott Candler as Commander from 1930-1932.

- N.L. Zingarelli

★★★ U.S.O. REPORT ★★★

About 400 servicemen and women came to the U.S.O. on September 3rd. Jon Huddle, Henry Lightfoot, Martha and Marvin Mihalik, and Ruth and Nick Zingarelli helped out. Ruth, Nick and Nick's brother Carl paid for the food this month, and the Mihaliks donated 100 sandwiches and 75 biscuits from Chick-Fil-A. My sincere thanks to everyone for taking time to help the troops!

Jean Carson, National Security Chairman

AUXILIARY NEWS

There was no USO day for August. Jean submitted an article about the September 3rd visit.

The August VA Bingo was attended by Nick and Ruth, Jean Carson, Denise White, and Harmon Grotsky. Every player won a prize.

The Past Presidents' Parley bake sale at our Labor Day barbecue netted \$176.50. A big "thank you" goes out to all who made cakes, pies, cookies, and other treats. There were also monetary gifts contributed for the cause. This money will be used for our annual nursing scholarship, to be awarded in the spring.

We also appreciate all the help in buying food, cooking, ticket sales, serving, helping with bingo, and clean-up. Thanks to Tillie Davis, Margaret Lusk, Vera Wells, Rita Clifton, Bea Orman, Celestia Wright, Fran Plunk, Audrey Hogg, Rachel Tenpenny, Yvonne Green, Arlene Bishop, JoAnn Ballacchino and Ruth and Sarah Zingarelli. And welcome back Jinna Clark, a former member who came for lunch and jumped right in to help! The barbecue is a huge event for Post 66, and it would not have been such a success without everyone working together.

Bea Orman donated cookies to the Avondale Estates Police Department. She also gave them photos of the officers who participated in our 4th of July lunch. Jean Carson donated 2 large oven mitts to Post 66 for our kitchen workers.

The VA held the "Welcome Home" party for service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan at the 1st Baptist Church in Decatur on September 13. Approximately 200 people attended, including Doreen Henricks, Ruth and Nick Z. The speakers were excellent. We enjoyed live music, good food, and camaraderie with our veterans.

It's not too early to think about helping others during the holidays. There is a box placed inside the doorway, next to the piano. Please bring donated canned goods or other food items for our Thanksgiving baskets.

And, please remember to pay your 2009 dues!

- President Doreen Henricks

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900	CLUB HOURS Monday through Friday, 12 – 9, closed Sat. and Sun. LUNCH Tuesday and Thursday 12 – 2:00 p.m. at Café 65 BINGO 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.	Friday Night Dinner Grilled pork chops \$7.00 6:00 p.m.	CLOSED
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	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.	Friday Night Dinner Lasagna \$6.00 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night!	CLOSED
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.	GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. 7:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party Heavy appetizers The Foster Brothers \$10.00 6:00 p.m.	CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>but the club is open,</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Dinner Shrimp \$8.00 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night!	CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
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What have you accomplished today? Volunteer to serve those in need and you will sleep better tonight.

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