



American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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September 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Labor Day BBQ!

Mon., Sept. 7 @ noon

House Committee Meeting

Wed., Sept. 9 @ 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., Sept. 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting

Tue., Sept. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting

(men & ladies)

Wed., Sept. 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supper provided for members attending General meeting.

Commander

David Ballacchino

Sr. Vice Commander

Jon Huddle

Jr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

Adjutant

Jim O'Brien

House Committee

Chairman

Jim O'Brien

Executive Committee

Chairman

Jim Bishop

COMMANDER'S CORNER

September is fast approaching life and the economy is starting to take a toll on the membership and the activities we have. At our August meeting, we had only 17 people attend. Can you tell by the photo who was missing from the general meeting?



Why, of course, you were missing! We hope to see you at the next meeting on Sept. 16th. The meeting is from 6-7:00 with supper afterwards. Please come as we need to have a quorum.

We moved the meeting up purposefully so we could eat one hour earlier at 7:00 p.m. If you must have something to eat before then, perhaps you could consider having a snack before you come to the post.

The Labor Day BBQ is Monday, Sept. 7 from 12-4:00 p.m. Please send in your ticket stubs with your money so we will know how many will be attending. Remember we will be drawing names for ten prizes, winner need not be present to win. The free Bingo is from 1-3:00 p.m. We could use your help in the kitchen or serving the food or working the Bingo. Please contact me or Unit President Sarah Zingarelli if you would like to help.

Adjutant Jim O'Brien would like you to send in your dues so he can place an Early Bird stamp on your card. It's time to start planning the October Early Bird Dinner. Do you have any suggestions? Spaghetti? Steak? Or _____? Please contact the Adjutant with your suggestions.

We could double our membership if each member signed up just one new member. Think about that! Signing just one member.

If you have any good suggestions on how we can best use our facilities with entertainment, please contact our Jr. Vice Cmdr. Sam Guy.

Dates in September to remember are Sept. 11, Patriot's Day and Sept. 18th, POW/MIA Recognition Day. And of course Sept. 7 BBQ DAY

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

In accordance with our Constitution Article VIII, Section 3: "Dues are payable October 1st of each year."

Please send in your dues and take advantage of our Early Bird Dinner. If you have misplaced your renewal notice, just send your check to American Legion Post 66, 30 Covington Road, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. ATTN: Post Adjutant. If you have any questions, please call Jim O'Brien at (678) 862-8222.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Since the House continues to incur a loss of income, the House Committee will be re-evaluating the hours which we are open. We want to accommodate you...as this is your Post. Our Legion forefathers left us a large tract of land, formerly the Ingleside Country Club. Members personally co-signed bank loans to keep the Post open. These were crucial times when loyalty, trust, and camaraderie were common.

Our June Profit and Loss statement shows a positive cash flow. Yet, there are those among us who believe that we are extravagant and should be more conservative. It's easy to be critical and difficult to perform.

At the next meeting of the House Committee, we will consider closing the Post on Mondays. We will render our decision to the Executive Committee. Please contact Jim O'Brien with any questions or comments at (678) 862-8222.



A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

**Ready on the Right — Ready on the Left —
Commence Firing!**

At basic training at Fort Dix, NJ, we were on the rifle range. Being left-handed, the sandbags to support your rifle were always on the right side of the pit. It's hard being left-handed in a right-handed world. I had to keep moving the sandbag to the left side of the pit to take aim.

One day, a Corporal came by my pit and continued to hit me on the head with a rifle wrench. I laid down my M-16, turned around and told the Corporal with my best collection of four-letter words to get lost. He ran back to our Commander, a 2nd Lt. fresh out of ROTC.

The Lt. met me at field mess and informed me that I was in big trouble for the way I had spoken to a member of his permanent cadre. Then Sgt. Kane took me aside and asked me what had happened. I told him that I had a fully-loaded semi-automatic M-16 in my hands and was so distracted by being struck on the head "that someone could have been killed on the range."

Never heard from the Lt. again and heard that the Corporal was busted to Private and was pulling KP in the mess hall.

- Jim O'Brien



Scenes from the Department VA Bingo. Left: Nick Zingarelli and Betty Hanna setting up the machine. Above: Arlene Bishop and Ruth Zingarelli getting the snacks ready.

More photos @ www.americanlegionpost66.org

AUXILIARY NEWS

Arlene Bishop, Ruth Zingarelli, Harmon Grot-sky, Mike Henderson and Nick Zingarelli served twenty-seven patients at the VA Bingo on July 22nd. On August 12th, Arlene Bishop, Nick and Sarah Zingarelli helped Ruth and Betty Hanna run the Department Bingo. The patients are always so appreciative of our participation.

On August 8th, Rita Clifton worked her magic again in organizing the cookout for the residents of the Mountain View Personal Care Home. Alvin Clifton and Nick grilled hamburgers and hotdogs while Rita, Doreen, Peggy Rowland, Gloria Stone, Jinna Clark, Audrey Hogg, Ruth and Sarah served the residents Jell-o fruit cups, sliced tomatoes, French fries, colas, cookies and ice cream. Thanks to Arlene, Jinna, Gloria, Audrey, Peggy, Ruth, Sarah, Charlotte Brunauer, Ruth Simon, Pamela Dertz, Susan Proctor, Yvonne Green, Connie Molinari, Lorelee Murchland, Denise White and Jean Carson who contributed cookies and/or prizes.

Coming up next on our calendar is the Labor Day BBQ. We need everyone's help for this! We need about 10 people who can help call back numbers during Bingo, several who can staff the gift table, work in the kitchen, serve the food, and some to stay and help clean up. If you are unable to come that day and help, perhaps you could bake a cake or cupcakes or cookies for the bake sale?

The next USO visit is on Wed, Sept. 9th. Please help by making some sandwiches! Call Jean Carson if you would like to go to the USO in September or any other month.

The Stand Down at the VA is Sat., Oct. 3rd. The Auxiliary will be helping by babysitting children of homeless veterans. Please contact Ruth Z if you would like to assist.

Please pay your dues and remember that an organization is only as good as its members *who are active*. Set a goal this year to participate in a program once a month. *Whatever* you can do to help is appreciated by our veterans and our community.

Thank you, Sarah Zingarelli, Unit President
sarahzunit66@gmail.com



Post and Unit members at the Mountain View cookout.



Once Jinna Clark cut the tomato slices, Doreen Henricks cut the onion slices and Gloria Stone assembled the hamburgers.



2009		SEPTEMBER					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					
		1	2	3	4	5	
				BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Labor Day BBQ 12-4 p.m. \$10.00 donation Free Bingo 1-3 pm	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.	Patriot's Day	CLOSED	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>No planned activities</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	GENERAL MEETING (Men & women) Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.	POW/MIA Recognition Day	CLOSED	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>on Mondays but the club</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	BINGO 7:00 p.m.		CLOSED	
27	28	29	30				
CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	<i>Is open, so stop by!</i>	Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.					
Support the Wounded Warriors Project by attending the Labor Day BBQ!							



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