

The American Legion

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September/October Newsletter 2019

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

The days are getting shorter and the nights are turning cooler. Labor Day is approaching along with the end of summer. As fall approaches it almost time for football to begin and the leaves to start turning colors. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us before we realize it.

I would like to congratulate Walter “Butch” Meharg for his election as the Second District Commander. Commander Meharg is one of Post 323s own. He has held several positions at the post. We wish him our best as he continues to serve our post and the district.

We will have our annual Legion-Air party in the shelter house September 21st. Entertainment and food will be provided, and a variety of beverages will be available. This is open to all current post members and their guest. Don’t worry if you’re not a current member. You can renew your membership that day or become a member if you meet the eligibility requirements. It is always a good time and I hope to see all of you there.

I would like to mention some upcoming events. Frog Legs are the second Wednesday of the month. This continues to be a successful event every month. The Fish Fry is every 4th Friday of the month. Its \$8.50 for all you can eat and salad bar if you eat in or you can choose to carry out for \$6.50. Come out and join us for Karaoke from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM after the Fish Fry. This is open to members and their guest. Make a night of it. Come out to the Fish Fry for dinner and stay for the entertainment.

We need volunteers. Events at the post such as Bingo, Fish Fry’s and Frog Legs, just to name a few, are run by volunteers. Without volunteers we cannot continue to have these events on a regular basis. You don’t have to make a long-term commitment. Any amount of time you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that not only do the proceeds of events go to maintaining the post, they are used to fund programs for veterans and the community. Please consider volunteering some of your time to continue supporting veterans and the community. If interested, please contact a Post Officer.

Check the Post Facebook page, Website, or postings in the Canteen if you ever want to know the upcoming events at the post.

Commander Steve Huff

Post Adjutant

I am very happy how the members are paying their 2020 post dues. As I said in the past, all members are recruiters for our Post. Quota by Veterans Day is the very reachable goal.

September all members are invited to the annual Legion-air party September 21. This includes the SAL and Auxiliary members. Come out, show or pay the post dues to be eligible for door prizes. There will be food, music and fun in the shelter house, bring those potential members also.

The following weekend the Post Riders will also have a shelter House party. The Viet Nam POW/MIA wall will be set up for display. Food, music and good times, games and door prizes. That event will be held September 28 from 10am to 6pm.

The date for the post Veterans Day Celebration will be November 16. There will be a sign up sheet in the canteen starting in October.

The post is needing a group of members help. The post needs a Color Guard. There are times a color guard would add so much to our post when we are in the public's view. I really hope some of you not only think about but put a group together. This exposure could be good for you and the post. The post officers will be willing to help with the proper handling of the flags and rifles, if needed. I am sure your family and friends and the Post would be proud. I feel sure that between the Legion and AUX and SAL and Riders we can proudly field a great Color Guard.

PUFL, paid up for life membership. National is offering members specials now. To check the offer please <https://www.legion.org/join/pufl>. Let me know if you are interested or wish to become a PUFL member.

September 20th is the National POW/Mia recognition day. Please keep those soldiers and their families in mind.

Post Adjutant John McJunkin

Public Relations Chairman

John McJunkin

In September the 20th, will be the post 323 Legion-air Membership party. Come out, show or pay your 2020 dues to have a chance for the door prizes.

September 28th the Riders planning a Breakfast all day party. This will include the Chained Eagles Pow/Mia wall and other activities in the shelter house at the post. There will be food, games and music. This event will be 10am to 6pm, music is scheduled to start at 2. Also, at 2 burgers and Bratz will be available.

The post bingo is a weekly activity, so plan to come out and have fun, the bingo crew are always looking for helpers. So, if you do have time an evening or 2 a month, it would be helpful and fun.

Of course, your favorite teams will be on tv in the canteen. Come out and enjoy with family and friends.

Fellow SAL members

The first thing on the agenda as always is membership. The new cards have arrived, and we have been cleared by the state so we can start collecting 2020 membership. The dues are the same this year but probably will be going up next year. They are \$20 per members, \$10 per juniors and dual members. The new officers for next year are Paul Gossard for Commander: Dave Jacobs for 1st Vice and Dave Coleman as Adjutant. Along these lines the post is having a family picnic and membership drive on September 21 at the post shelter house starting at 7:00. So, come out and pay your dues and win some prizes.

The SAL purchased 12 Centennial Coins for the 100-year anniversary of the Legion. We will be giving one away every month to a veteran from the post to say thank you to our post veterans. We will be giving them to veterans only by drawing their names from the post rosters at the SAL meeting night each month. The winner for July was Frank Thomas and the winner for August was Joe Oen. That completes the year give-a-way.

The Bingo Committee needs help on Thursday night. Bingo is keeping the doors open at the Legion and without help we will have to discontinue it. The money that is made at bingo goes back into the community to support programs in the school and city. So, if you want to help the community come out and support bingo. Even if you can only work an hour or two that would help to keep Bingo going.

The post is looking into getting a new digital sign for the front of the building and have asks for help from the SAL to pay for it. I think this will be a good thing to do since everyone likes the new one on the inside. No one will have to go out in the weather to change it all the time. One other new item is the Veteran's Day dinner is going to be on November 16 this year.

Have a safe fall

SAL Adjutant

David Coleman

From the Post Riders

The Post Riders group is growing, if you are or can be a Legion member and a rider come and join this patriotic group. The group has made a couple donations to Veteran Programs. They also have honored Veterans, by escorting them to their final resting place. The Riders are now planning fun rides and rides for children for this Summer and Fall.

