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Editor's Corner

Hello everybody! Surprised to see me getting top billing this month? Well this is a special edition, because it is my last newsletter for American Legion Post 18. I accidentally (?) took a part-time job back in March that after a few days there became full time. So, I had to make a decision on what to do.

To all of you, my friends, I am giving up some of my newsletters. I had 4 of them and I'm cutting it down to two. Please give the new Editor all of your support (no I don't know who it will be) and try to get your news to him/her as soon as you can for it is a balancing act, as you can certainly imagine, sometimes.

I'll be seeing you around, here and there, so take care.

Mary Ellen Brown

Commander's Corner

Congratulations to Mike Pate & Buddy Newlin for being Co-Grand Marshals of the 4th of July Parade.

Our ever faithful members, Jim May, Dick Moldenhauer, Charlie Wier, Allen Conley, Jim Walker & Bob Holland, attended the Convention.

Terry Lee and the Rockaboogie Band will be here Saturday, August 4th. Tickets are \$10. per person, which includes the 50's style dinner.

We will be having our 'Early Bird Picnic' on Saturday, August 25th this year, so be sure to get

your 2008 dues paid so you can attend. Also remember to bring a dish to share with others.

I want to thank Mary Ellen Brown for doing our newsletter for the past 4 years. We're in need of an Editor---who wants it??? Please see Larry Summitt if you are interested.

"Ask not what the club can do for you but what can you do for the club"

Larry Summitt, Commander

2007 Post 18 Past

Commanders Meeting

(Editor's Note: This is one of the most informative letters I have seen about this Post. Please read it and then thank Charlie Wier for the time he took to get the information together).

The Past Post Commanders met for their annual meeting at the Post on June 25, 2007. They enjoyed a fine steak dinner that was prepared and served by volunteers, Mike Pate and Steve Hacker. Present: Charlie Wier 1967, Darrel Hooten 1971, Bob Conklin 1974, Bob Holland 1976 & 1986, Jim Walker 1982 & 1993, Barney White 1988, 1991 & 1992, Joe Cain 1989, Jim May 1995 & 1997, Joe Hatfield 1998, Woodie Farris 1999, Phil Speer 2001, Leonard Heldman 2002, Allen Conley 2003 & 2004, and Larry Summitt 2007. The other eight living Past Commanders were unable to attend.

Commander Larry Summitt and Adjutant Jim May reported on activities of the Post. We ended the membership year just 30 members short of reaching 100 percent. Fifty Post members died

during the past year. The combined Legion, VFW & AMVETS Honor Guard were in more than 100 funerals and ceremonies. We sent 5 boys to Boys State and hosted both the District and Zone Oratorical Contests. Our Zone winner also won the State Contest. We awarded 15 medals to outstanding students in IU's Army and Air Force ROTC.

During the year we donated \$60,000 to charitable institutions. Included in this were funds to help buy a bus for Knightstown Home and a van for Lafayette Home. Many Post members also participated in events at those two institutions. We hosted a Seventh District Meeting and the Post Everlasting Ceremony, but we were unable to host our annual flag disposal. We will do that on November 11th this year. We continue to do a brisk business in loaning hospital equipment.

Barney White reported that the Forty and Eight continues to give scholarships of \$1,000 each to two student nurses each year.

Commander Larry Summitt and Board Chairman Mike Pate reported on Club activities. About 18 months ago we were in debt about \$150,000. Thanks to a large donation from the Hal Palmer estate and many cost cutting procedures, we have paid all of the back taxes and other debts and are now at about the break even stage. Much of our savings in operating costs was possible because of the large number of volunteers that have done the necessary jobs in bar and food service. Although we have accumulated about \$100,000 in our Bingo account, Indiana law does not allow us to use any of this money to pay costs for bar and restaurant services. It must be used for charitable purposes.

We need new volunteers to replace or help out some of the volunteers who have diligently contributed many hours each week for more than a year. We welcome volunteers.

President Jim Walker forgot to call for the election of officers. Thus, Jim Walker is our President for 2008.

Charlie Wier, Secretary

Chaplain's Message

A New Day

Every day is a beautiful happening. The cares of yesterday are behind, and today we look forward to another chance of reaching out and grasping the goodness that life offers. A new day! Another opportunity to experience the joy of

friendship, the pleasure of good company, and the excitement of making special plans. It's a wonderful day for pursuing secret dreams that are close to our hearts and enjoying the golden moments that will be tomorrow's memories. All that is meaningful and important to us is available in the beautiful happening of every new day.

Living is so much more fulfilling when we learn to appreciate the gifts of nature—the glow of a distant sunrise, the breath of a refreshing breeze, the smile of a friendly sky. To become aware of them is to make them our own.

A Little Concern

I know I'm not supposed to worry, but I'm a little concerned about something. Perhaps it's because of a new situation in our family. As I look around, I can't help but have a bit of anxiety. You see, my wife and I recently found out that we were going to be grandparents. This led me to think about the kind of world our grandchild will grow up in.

When he or she graduates from high school, it will be 2024. Will college cost \$100,000 a year by then? If there's any oil left, will gas cost \$25 a gallon? Will morals and ethics be outmoded? And will the church still be making an impact?

The future can be a scary place. The unknown can be overwhelming, especially when the known has so many struggles. That's why we need to trust in what God has promised.

No matter what situation our grandchildren will face, they can depend on God's promise of help—regardless of what trouble the world will be in. God said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). And Jesus said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

Those are great promises to depend on when we start to worry about the future, whether it's ours or the next generations.

--Dave Branon

We may not know what the future holds, but we can trust the One who holds the future.

Read: Psalm 91:9-16.

Post Everlasting

Austin New

William Crum

David Fordham

Korea

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Wayne Trisler, Chaplain



Auxiliary News Of Unit 18

Our summer break is almost over! Our first meeting of the new Auxiliary year is September 10th at 7:00 pm. We have some new officers, so please attend and support them.

Kids Bingo will be back on September 8th from 12 Noon – 2:00 pm. Hotdogs, drinks, chips and cookies will begin at 11:30 am. Any questions contact Virginia Ryan at 825-6884 or myself at 876-4209.

ATTENTION! No dues notices will be sent out until October!! *Please go ahead and pay your membership dues now.* The 2008 cards are here. Don't wait for the notice to pay them. You can pay at the Post, mail them to Mary Siscoe (membership chairman) or at the Early Bird Picnic on August 25th. The Department will have a membership campaign turn-in at the Knightstown Home Day, September the 9th. I would love to have a good turn in at that time. I will be going.

On August 13th there will be a FREE Bean Dinner at the Post. The Post, SAL and the Auxiliary is having presentations to show how the dues money is broken down, what is paid out and what we get to keep in the Unit, Post & SAL. It isn't much. Ours will be done by Mary Siscoe. Please attend and see where your dues go. Beans will be GOOD!

Knightstown Home Day is Sept. 9th. This is like a mini festival for the kids as well as the membership turn-in. There are booths for food, drinks, ice cream & candy as well as games competitions, items that kids can buy with their "funny money" which is furnished by the sponsors who buy it for them. Several booths have stuffed animals, trinkets, etc. They have to spend it that day. No change is given back.

Our boy, Ben Rush age 16 is in Division 16 and has a birthday coming on August 24th. Each district has a pitch-in picnic and invites the kids to eat. Some do and others are too busy with activities.

To go with Past President Virginia's saying, "smile, its free". A smile adds a great deal to face value.

Please bring a dish to share or a dessert to the Early Bird Picnic. Be sure your name is on the dish so it won't get lost.

Phyllis Holland, Auxiliary President

Flags For Freedom, A Tribute to Our Heroes

This a display of flags sponsored by people in honor, respect or memory of a hero in their lives. The flags are sponsored for \$25.00 and the proceeds of the event are to support the Indiana Veterans' Home. The display will be at the AMVETS Post 2000 on August 25th and 26th. We hope to sell 500 flags. The sponsor of the flag receives the flag to keep after the event. There will be entertainment, speeches by local veterans, dignitaries, etc, booths and of course walking through the display to see all the flags sponsored. For more information please contact Amy Thomas at either 825-6787 or inpanda@bluemarble.net. Forms available to purchase a flag from Amy, AMVETS, Peoples State Bank, AMVETS Auxiliary members.

Amy Thomas, Chairperson

I asked God

**I asked God for strength,
that I might achieve;
I was made weak,
to humbly obey.**

**I asked for health,
that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity,
that I might do better things.**

**I asked for riches,
that I might be happy;
I was given poverty,
that I might be wise.**

**I asked for power,
that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God.**

**I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life;
I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things.**

**I got nothing that I asked for
but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my
unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men
most richly blessed.**

--Author Unknown

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