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>>”**Breakfast Every Sat. 8am – 11am**”<<

**Commander’s Corner**

Didn’t I tell you that spring was just around the corner? Now that is something that we are all grateful for and we have so many other things to be grateful for concerning our Post! We had a great turnout for the Birthday dinner with wonderful food and fun and I would just like to say thank you to all who worked so hard to make it special.

Did you know that we had a huge turnout for the Bowling Tournament? We had so many members from other areas and so much fun that a lot of our members pulled double shifts and ran back and forth trying to make sure that our guest had a good time. I would like to say thank you to all those who worked at the Post and a special thanks to Phil Deckard and his group for all the running they did and hard work during this time.

We will have the bond drawing this month and there are still a lot of tickets so please do not delay get your tickets today. We need to know how much food to prepare and will only be able to do that after all tickets are purchased.

Charlie Weir and Jimmy Walker will be heading up the election committee so if anyone is interested in taking an officer’s position please contact one of these gentlemen soon, as these elections will be held in May. Hope to see you at the Post.

“Ask not what your club can do for you, but what can you do for your club”!

*Larry Summitt, Commander*

**Board of Trustees Report**

I want to thank all of the Volunteers and staff who worked their tails off during the recent **State Bowling Tournament**. A special thanks to **Phil Deckard** & his crew for bringing the Tournament to post 18.

We have two big events coming up in April. The **Charity Auction** for **Martha’s House** will be Saturday morning April 19<sup>th</sup> with the sale starting at 9:00 am. On this Saturday we will be having **special breakfast hours from 7:00am to 11:00am**. We still need donated items for the sale. If you can’t make it to the post to bring items, we will have volunteers available on Sat. April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> to pick up items from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Call the post at 334-0500 if you need assistance.

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> is our **Annual Bond Drawing**. Food will be served at 6:00pm with the drawing starting at 7:30pm. **Tickets are available at the office or bar**.

Due to popular demand we will continue **“Bubba’s Belt Buster Breakfast Bar”** on Saturday’s 8:00am – 11:00am.

**It’s all you can eat for \$5.00.**

*Mike Pate  
 Chairman, B.O.T.*



**Special Breakfast Hours on Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 11:00am. (Charity Auction)**

## *Martha's House*

Martha's House is an emergency shelter providing temporary housing for adults experiencing homelessness. The organization's twenty-eight bed facility shares a building with Community Kitchen and is located on South Rogers. In addition to emergency housing, the shelter provides case management designed to support clients as they identify their needs and develop strategies for stabilizing their lives. Because many of the residents staying in shelter work (65.5% in 2007), weekly case management is offered during the afternoon and evening to eliminate possible schedule conflicts that could disrupt work commitments and compromise clients' employment.

In 2007, Martha's House provided 8,491 nights of shelter to adults living in Monroe, Owen, and Lawrence counties. Who are these people finding their way to Martha's House? There is sometimes a misconception that those experiencing homelessness are in fact part of a homogenous group with a simple, manageable solution to fix their plight...employment. Those staying in shelter were not always unemployed, but were often underemployed and vulnerable to the slightest changes in their circumstances to find themselves in crisis. In fact, the circumstances leading to their stays at Martha's House were unique to each person served and included veterans (20%), women (22%), individuals recovering from debilitating illnesses and surgery, with mental illness, physical disabilities, or recovering from substance abuse(33%) or on probation after being released from jail (20%). Many of the women and men living in shelter face multiple issues as they work to rebuild their lives.

In addition to emergency shelter, Martha's House now provides permanent supportive housing through its Bridges program. The program began providing services in 2006 after the agency received HUD funds. The Bridges program includes extended housing support and case management for families vulnerable to becoming homeless and for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

For families to be eligible for the program the head-of-household must have a disabling condition that has disrupted employment. Families participating may choose to remain in their existing neighborhoods as long as their housing does not exceed rent-cost guidelines established by HUD. This flexibility in location helps families through a difficult transition with minimal disruption to school age children. Parents participate in weekly case management meetings to identify the needs of their family and to develop strategies to support financial stability.

Adults eligible for the program must be chronically homeless as defined by HUD i.e. have been homeless for twelve months or have been homeless at least four times in a three-year period and have a chronic condition that

limits employment. The Bridges program helps transition individuals into their own housing while still maintaining needed support systems.

Martha's House adheres to HUD formulated benchmarks designed to determine program effectiveness in stabilizing the lives of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

These benchmarks include:

- Forty percent of those completing the program should transition to transitional or permanent housing. In 2007, Martha's House moved seventy two percent of those in the program for at least 30 days to transitional or permanent housing.
- Eighty per cent of those served for at least seven days should receive case management at least once. Ninety-one percent of Martha's House participants receive case management.
- Fifty percent of those served should find employment or increase wages. Currently, fifty-one percent of Martha's House participants find employment or increase wages.

***Bobbie Summers***  
***Martha's House***

## **Historian**

Another request is being made for information on the **Legionnaire of the year award**, to bring the **plaque** up to date. Several names and dates are missing from 1975 when we moved from the South College Street Post to a few years ago. Possibly a Legionnaire of the Year award was not made for some of those years or it was just poor record keeping.

If either is the case it would be nice to bring this important **award and plaque** up to date.

If anyone can help on this, **Please** call me at 332-2018 or give the information to any Post #18 Officer.

***Vern Snyder***  
***Post #18 Historian***



## Chaplain's Message

### The Solution to Our Problems

Everyone has problems  
in this restless world of care,  
Everyone grows weary  
with the "cross they have to bear."  
Everyone is troubled  
and their skies are overcast  
As they try to face the future  
while dwelling on the past,  
But the people with their problems  
only listen with one ear,  
For people only listen  
to the things they want to hear  
And they only hear the kind of things  
they are able to believe  
And the answers that are God's to give  
they're not ready to receive,  
So while the peoples' problems  
keep growing every day  
And man vainly tries to solve them  
in his own self-willed way  
God seeks to help and watches,  
waiting always patiently  
To help them solve their problems  
whatever they may be---  
So may the people of all nations  
at last become aware  
That God will solve their problems  
Through FAITH and HOPE and PRAYER.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

### Return on Investment

Long before the US professional baseball season begins each spring, team owners and managers are busy negotiating trades and contracts. They'll pay large sums of money to get the athlete who will help them win the championship. When the season starts, all eyes are on the newly acquired talent to see if he was worth the cost. The ultimate measure of the player's success is whether his contribution to the team is a good return on the investment.

In 1 Corinthians 6:20, Paul reminds us that we too have been "bought at a price." The context paints a compelling picture of Christ's great sacrifice. He liberated us from the cruel slave-master of sin by buying us with the high price of His own life.

Getting a grip on God's great and loving investment in us should motivate us to gladly consider making His sacrifice rich in dividends. How is that return on His investment measured? By living to bring glory to Him! Our eyes, hands, feet, thoughts, dreams, and desires have been purchased to reflect the wondrous glory of God's will and wisdom. In other words, we are no longer our own.

Paul concluded, "Therefore glorify God in your body" (v.20). Living to reflect His glory is the return on investment that makes the Owner of our lives look good! --- Joe Stowell  
Our choice to bring glory to God yields a great return on Christ's investment. Read: 1 Cor. 6:12-20

### Post Everlasting

James Everett Frye Jr. -----Korea

*Wayne Trisler, Chaplain*



## Auxiliary News Of Unit 18

A Big Thank You to all  
Auxiliary, Legion and S.A.L.  
members who helped to make the  
89<sup>th</sup> American Legion Birthday

Dinner the success that it was! Also to the Department Commander, Thomas Somerville, who was our Guest Speaker. Also a Big Thank You to all who helped cook the food and the serving of it and the clean up afterwards. You all did a Fantastic Job!! We had a lot of compliments on the Dinner and also on how pretty the Post was decorated.

I must apologize to our Unit Treasurer, Barbara Edwards, and to Birthday Dinner Chairman, Virginia Ryan, for not introducing them when I introduced our Unit Officers. I deeply regret and I'm sorry. I appreciate every member who has helped and supported me this year.

### April Dates to remember

I will report next month on the Easter Egg Hunt on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

-April 12<sup>th</sup>, Kids Bingo, Food – 11:30am, Bingo – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

-April 14<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary Meeting – Nominating Committee to Report (7:00 p.m.).

- April 19<sup>th</sup>, Charity Auction – to benefit Martha's House

- April 26<sup>th</sup>, Bond Drawing

Mary Siscoe, Membership Chairman, says there is still quite a few who have not paid their dues yet. Please try and get this done as soon as possible!

**SMILE! SPRING IS OFFICIALLT HERE!!**

*Phyllis Holland, Auxiliary President*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u>  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>2</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Chicken Special & Regular Menu	<u>3</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>4</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  Gary Fowler 7:30-11:30	<u>5</u> Breakfast 8-11am Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  <u>No Band</u> Private Party Main Dining Room
		<u>6</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>7</u> Steak Night 6:00 -8:00  Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>8</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u>  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>9</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Chicken Special & Regular Menu	<u>10</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu
<u>13</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>14</u> Post Meeting 7:00 pm  Trustees Meeting  SAL meeting 6:30pm  Bar Open 4 - 9 n.m.	<u>15</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u>  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>16</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Chicken Special & Regular Menu	<u>17</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>18</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  Small Change 7:30-11:30	<u>19</u> Breakfast 7- 11am Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  American Legion Charity Auction-9am
<u>20</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>21</u> Steak Night 6:00 -8:00  Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>22</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u>  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>23</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Chicken Special & Regular Menu	<u>24</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>25</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  Poy Band 7:30-11:30	<u>26</u> Breakfast 8-11am  Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm  Bond Drawing <u>No Band</u>
<u>27</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>28</u> Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>29</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u>  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>30</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Chicken Special & Regular Menu			

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