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Commander’s Corner

Well, I can’t believe it, but this is my last Newsletter and my last month as **Post 18 Commander**. I have had a great two years and I really appreciate all the help and respect that I have received not to mention all the fun.

We had a great turnout for the **charity golf scramble**. I would like to thank **Wayne Trisler and Mike Pate** for all their hard work on it. I am sure that we will be doing this again soon.

By the time this newsletter comes out **Memorial Day** will be past and I want to Thank Everyone a head for their participation in putting out all the flags at **Rose hill Cemetery**, especially **Jim May**, who puts out a lot of extra effort. I really want to thank the new incoming **Commander, Bill Haliday**, for taking my place at the ceremony.

June 9, 2008 is the installation of the new officers and we hope to see several people come out to honor them. “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 am extremely happy to report to our membership that your club is in the black for the first time in a long while. It has certainly been challenging and a lot of hard work was done to accomplish our goals. I hope all members appreciate what has been done and will continue to support your club.

This month we have two large **Wedding Receptions** on the **7th and 28th**. There will be no bands on those nights, but we will have regular dining in the Bar & Sunroom.

Thank you to the **S.A.L.** for providing **free breakfast** for our **Veterans** on Sat. May 17th. I also want to thank the **Auxiliary** for **cooking breakfast** for everyone on **Memorial Day**.

Some members have expressed a desire to have a float in this year’s **4th of July Parade**. If you would like to help please leave your name & number at the Bar. The Post is once again **sponsoring the parade**, so it would be nice to have a float in it.

If you are having a **party** we would love to talk to you about having it at the **American Legion**.

Attention Golfers!

Past Commanders Golf Outing will be held on **Sunday June 29th**. **Details and signup sheet is at the Post. One S.A.L. will be assigned to each team. Cutoff date is June 27th.**

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





Bubba Gets a Hug!

Upon receiving a check from **Bloomington's American Legion Post 18 Scholarship fund, Jessica Newport hugs Mike "Bubba" Pate (Chairman BOT).** The award was presented by "Bubba" on May 3rd during the

Saturday Benefit Breakfast whose proceeds are used to fund scholarships and local charities.

Jessica is pursuing a career as a **RN at IU.** She is also a hard working volunteer at **Post 18's Saturday Morning Benefit Breakfasts.** She received a loud applause from the Breakfast crowd...**Bubba** got heckled a little after the hug. It was a fun morning.

The breakfast continues to be a huge success with the great participation of the **Post's volunteers.** In addition, to those volunteers mentioned in an earlier newsletter, are **Dennis Pate, Merle Dilman, Steve Hottell, Bob Smith and Bill Cuttle** (My apologies to anyone I may have left out).

AL Hawes

Chaplain's Message



When God Created Fathers

When the good Lord was created Fathers he started with a tall frame, and a female angel nearby said, "What kind of Father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot a marble without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a Father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you are doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, and rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day... yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a Father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?" And God smiled and said, "A Mother needs a lap. A Father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crunching at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a house to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice

at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked through the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice; eyes that say everything, but remain calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an after-thought, he added ~ tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?" And, the angel shuteth up....

By Erma Bombeck (copied)

Read:

Proverbs 20:3-7

A life lived for Christ is the best inheritance we can leave our children.

Post Everlasting

Charles W. "Bill" Keller -----Vietnam

Charles R. "Chuck" Hughes -----WWII

Wayne Trisler, Chaplain

S.A.L. News

Here's a big pat-on-the-back to those **S.A.L. and Legion members** who helped out on **National Veterans Assistance Day (Armed Forced Day)** last month. About **75 vets** took us up on the offer for a **free breakfast.** We could do more for vets, active duty service personnel and their families if only we could get more members of the Sons to turn out and lend a hand for such things.

Squadron 18 has a brand new leader - **Tim Haney** was elected **Commander** at the May meeting. Many thanks to **Bill Haliday** for all of his work during the past year. In addition to Tim, our other elected officers are: **Lee Workman (1st Vice Commander), Mike Pipher (Adjutant), Phil Hathaway (Finance Officer), Fred Stewart (Sgt at Arms) and Larry Butcher (Chaplain).** We could still use an additional couple of officers if anyone is interested (**2nd Vice Commander and Historian**). **The next meeting is Monday, June 9 at the post at 6:30pm.**

As we close the books on our 2008 membership year this month, **Squadron 18** wound up surpassing our goal of 216 members, but only narrowly. That's significantly less than our all time high of **260**, but it's always nice to hit a goal. Among those who did not renew this year, their average length of membership in the S.A.L. was just three years. The new **2009 membership cards** will be available later this month. Those who purchase their new cards before mid-August will be eligible to attend the **Early Bird Picnic** at no charge. Getting the new card also gives you an extra chance to win the **weekly Commander's Drawings** through the end of 2008.

Our **S.A.L. state convention** will be held at Fort Wayne on June 20/21/22. If anyone is interested in attending as a delegate, get in touch with me.

We have a few new members to welcome: **Brian Graham, Kevin Duke, Charles Black and Cory Hunter.** We should also welcome **Michael Griffith** who has transferred into Squadron 18.

Here are the **S.A.L. birthdays** for June: Steven Baugh (1st); Daniel Best (3rd); Gene Day (4th); Tyler Sloan, Fred Stewart (5th), Eli James, Ted Kent (9th); Ethan Hussey (10th); Joe Meadows (12th), Jimmie Gray (13th); Todd

Freeman (16th); Denny Johnson (23rd); John Hobson (24th); Robert McDaniel (28th), Paul Greene, Jim May (29th).

We also want to say farewell to **Alan "Butch" Dennison and Thomas Thurler**, who passed on to the Squadron Eternal this year.

Mike Pipher, Adjutant



Auxiliary News Of Unit 18

Our Kid's Bingo on May 10th was our last Bingo until September.

There will be **no Kid's Bingo** in **June, July or August**. This is to give the Kid's a break and we hope to be back in the fall with bigger and better ideas to make it more interesting for the Kid's!

The Auxiliary held its Election for new Officers on May 12th. The Election went as follows: **President - Linda Summitt, Vice President - Cindy Grubb, Secretary - Sue Liford (appointed), Treasurer - Barbara Edwards, Chaplin - Jennifer Tracy, Historian - Paula Koons, SGT. At Arms - Millie Jansen (appointed), Parliamentarian and Chairman** to be appointed by the President.

The **American Legion Auxiliary Convention** will be held at the **Marriott East Hotel** in **Indianapolis, July 18 - 20th 2008**. Delegates to the Convention are: **Outgoing President - Phyllis Holland, Incoming President - Linda Summitt and Barbara Edwards, Virginia Ryan, and Cindy Grubb. Lisa Liford and Sue Liford** will be Delegates from the Department. Alternates are: **Millie Jansen, Jennifer Tracey, Patricia Hooten, Jean Miller and Jackie Pate.**

If you haven't paid your **dues**, PLEASE do so. We Need You!

Thank You to all who have helped me this year. Please, let's all try and attend our meetings this year and support this **NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS!** They will need us to help them get started.

REMEMBER: A SMILE ADDS A GREAT DEAL TO FACE VALUE!

Phyllis Holland, Auxiliary President

Everyone Welcome!

The **American Legion Golf outing** was a very nice event, I would like to thank **Mike and Wayne** for putting it together, you two guys did a nice job. I would like to thank **Buck and Greg** for cooking for us guys and ladies that played. We all would have been dehydrated, if it wasn't for **Kari** who did a fine job in making sure we all had plenty to drink on the course. Even though we all couldn't place in the money we all were winners in one way or another. The big winner of course was the **Charity** we played for (**Area 10 on Aging Homebound Nutrition Program**).

We had great weather and we all had a chance to meet new people. Some of us even got a golf lesson or 2 or was it **521**? Not sure what 521 is, but was told that might have been the reason **Mike and Leonard** were late getting back to the club. Guess you will have to ask **Mike** about that. Also heard that **Leonard** didn't want to talk about it.

Again I would like to thank all who I mentioned and if there was anyone I missed I am sorry. Hope we can make this an yearly event.

Post 18 Member
Larry Tailon

Remembering Newt and his Engine

Many current **Post 18 Legion Members**, Bloomington Citizens and Legionnaires from around the State will remember **Newt Elliott** and his self made replica of a **Railroad Steam Engine**.

Newt was a Super Mechanic and built his engine to run on the highways. He built it with the chassis and engine of an International Vehicle. A near perfect look alike.

Newt was a **WWI Army Veteran** and an early member of the Legion at the **S. College St. address**. He took great pride in his engine and kept it in tip top shape. He entered his engine in every Legion function and most all Parades and community activities in the area. **State Conventions and District Parades** were a must show for **Newt**.

The engine required two drivers and Newt always had plenty of Legion members eager to help with the driving. The coal bin area was ample space to transport several people. Newt made some very long trips with his engine.

As a member of **Post 18 Rogers Rangers Color Guard**, we flew to **Miami, FL in 1951** for the Legion National Convention in **Ralph Rogers's private plane** and upon landing at **Miami Tamiami Airport**, there was Newt with his engine to take us to our downtown Hotel. This was our transportation for all of our needs to our competition and Parade appearances. What a great deal!

(To be continued next month)

Vern Snyder
Post 18 Historian



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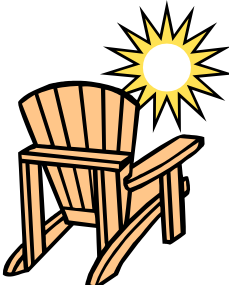

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June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>2</u> Steak Night 6:00 -8:00 Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>3</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u> Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>4</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu	<u>5</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>6</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm Running Scared 7:30-11:30	<u>7</u> <u>Breakfast 8-11am</u> No Band
<u>8</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>9</u> Post Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting SAL meeting 6:30pm Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>10</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u> Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>11</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu	<u>12</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>13</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm T.B.A.	<u>14</u> <u>Breakfast 8-11am</u> <u>Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm</u>
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<u>29</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>30</u> Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	 				

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