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>>"Breakfast Every Sat. 8am – 11am"<<

Commander's Corner

As most of you know I was recalled to Active Duty. But Before I had the chance to fly over to the Middle East I broke my arm in several places. The good news was I have been able to fulfill my duties as commander. Now that my arm is better it is time to get back to the war and fulfill my duty to the Military. It has been my privilege to serve as your commander. I would like to thank all the volunteers that help each week. Without them we would not be the great legion post that we are. God Bless our service members and veterans.



*Bill Halliday
 Commander*

Breakfast for our American Legion Baseball Teams. Hours for this event will be 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Please come out and support these young men.

On behalf of the **Hoosier Honor Flight Committee** I want to thank all of our members who have contributed their time & money to make this flight possible.

I would like for all of you to remember our **Auxiliary President, Phyllis Holland** in your prayers. May God Bless Her.

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

Board of Trustees Report

A **Big Thank You** to **Virginia Ryan** and her committee for a **Great Job** on their preparations for the **Birthday Dinner**. The dining room looked great and a good time was had by all.

April is going to be very busy here at the club. On Saturday the 11th we will be having a **Breakfast/Brunch** for all the **WWII Veterans, families and guardians** that will be going on the **Hoosier Honor Flight** April 22nd. On the evening of April 22nd we will host a **Welcome Home Dinner** for all the **WWII Veterans & their guardians**. April 25th we will have a **Benefit**

Chaplain's Message

Humility and Greatness



As a 7-year-old, Richard Bernstein admired Jackie Robinson's athletic ability and courage as the first African-American man to play Major

League baseball in the modern era. A few years later, while working at a small-town golf course, Bernstein was astonished to find himself carrying the bag of his hero, Jackie Robinson. When rain postponed the game, Robinson held an umbrella over the two of them and shared his chocolate bar with the young caddy. Writing in the International Herald Tribune, Bernstein cited that

humble act of kindness as a mark of greatness he has never forgotten.

True greatness is shown by humility, not pride. This was powerfully demonstrated and taught by Jesus Christ, who told His ambitious disciples: "Whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave –just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:26-28).

When God Himself walked on earth as a man, He washed feet, welcomed children, and willingly gave His life to deliver us from the self-centered tyranny of sin. His example gives credence to His command. --David McCasland

We can do great things for the Lord if we are willing to do little things for others. Read: Matthew 20:20-28

Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

- 1) Don't miss the boat.
- 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3) Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4) Stay Fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5) Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6) Build your future on high ground.
- 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8) Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9) When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10) Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- 11) No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Post Everlasting

Harry Jackson Lentz -----WWII & Korea

Wayne Trisler, Chaplain

Calling All Golfers

Registration is now open for this year's S.A.L. State Golf Tournament. It's being held on Saturday, June 6 at Linton's Phil Harris Golf Course.

The cost this year remains at \$55/person. The Sons state tourney is open to all current members of The American Legion Family, but each team must contain at least two S.A.L. members. This year's tournament will include at least one on-course prize specifically for women players (longest drive).

Tee off times are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. The sooner you register a team, the better the chance of getting the tee time you want.

Not only is this year's tournament much closer to home, but the Legion's 7th District elections will be held at Linton Post 22 on the evening of June 6, as well. This is a good opportunity to take part in both events.

Team registration forms can be found on the Sons' bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Club Room. Mike Pipher also has extra copies for anyone interested.

Mike Pipher
S.A.L. Adjutant

S.A.L. News

Well it's finally here, spring has sprung. It's time for washing cars, mowing lawns, spring house cleaning and who cares. That sounds like work to me. So-----lets' get to the fun part. April 25th is our **TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT**. This event gets bigger each year. We've raised several thousands of \$\$ for the Kids at Shriners Hospital and the Kids at Riley Hospital. We have reserved seating for (126) players. If you enjoy playing Hold-Em and want to have fun, plus a chance to win money, this is the place to be, **SATURDAY AFTERNOON 4/25/09 at 4:00**. The cost is \$55.00 and this includes your buffet. We have sign-up sheet posted at The Club, so **SIGN-UP EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHIPS AND A CHAIR**.



S.A.L. Commander
Tim Haney

Auxiliary News Of Unit 18

We had a great attendance for our Birthday Dinner. Thank you very much to Virginia Ryan, Cindy Grubb, Mary Siscoe, Shelby Kiser, Paula Koons, Betty Davidson, Vickie Butcher, & Pat Hooten, (me too!) for helping to plan, set-up, and decorate, and to Gary for setting up, taking down, moving, setting up, etc. the tables. (I'm sorry if I've missed anyone)

The kids Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4, from 11am - 2pm. A sign-up sheet will be available for ages 2-10. Hot dogs, chips, and sodas will be available.

Kids Bingo scheduled for April 11 **has been cancelled** due to the WWII Hoosier Honor Flight brunch. The next Kids Bingo is scheduled for May 9.

At our next auxiliary meeting on April 13, the nominating committee will report on the slate of nominations for officers for next year.





Please remember to pay your dues. If you want continuous membership, your 2009 dues must be paid. You can either put a check in the mail to Mary Siscoe or you can give her a call at 812/876-4843.

Our President, Phyllis Holland, has been transferred to Richland-Bean Blossom Health Care Center here in Ellettsville. Please keep Phyllis, Bob, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 4th** – Kids Easter Egg Hunt – 11am – 2pm
- April 4th & 5th** – Spring Conference in Indianapolis
- April 11** – Brunch for WWII Hoosier Honor Flight – 12 Noon – anybody wishing to help would be appreciated

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

***Barb Clark-Edwards
for Phyllis Holland, Auxiliary President***

Monroe County Veterans' Affairs

Most veterans are familiar with compensation for a service connected disability. The VA defines a service connected disability as one that occurred while in service or one which occurred prior to, but was aggravated during the service. Ratings for service connected disabilities run from 0% to 100%. Those with service connected disabilities of 10% or greater can receive a monthly check from VA. A rating of 0% is a valid rating that is given for a service connected disability and is an indication of the severity of the disability, as are all other ratings. If an individual does not have a service connected disability they will not have a rating of 0% or greater.

Pensions are a different story and many veterans do not understand how or why some individuals qualify for a pension. The following information taken from VA documents should answer those questions.

The VA defines a pension as a benefit paid to wartime veterans who have limited or no income, and who are age 65 or older, or, if under 65, who are permanently and totally disabled, not due to the individuals own willful misconduct

Veterans must have been discharged from service under conditions other than dishonorable. The period of service must have been at least 90 days of active military service with at least 1 day served during a war time period. If the veteran entered active duty after September 7, 1980, then generally the period of service

must have been at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty.

The veteran's countable family income must be below a yearly limit set by law. There are exclusions that can reduce countable income. For example, public assistance such as Supplemental Security Income is not considered countable in come. A portion of unreimbursed medical expenses may be deducted. A veteran's education expenses, and in some cases, a portion of the educational expenses of a child over 18 are deductible. However, when filing for a pension it is a good rule to report all income and then VA will exclude any income the law allows.

As you can see, there are a number of criteria that may affect your eligibility to pension benefits. Even if you are unsure you meet all the criteria you should consider filing an application, especially if your countable income appears to be near the maximum. VA will determine if you are eligible and notify you.

The **Veterans Affairs Department** serves the veterans, veterans' dependants and veterans' survivors of Monroe County.

Veterans' Affairs

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu 40/8 Promenade	<u>2</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>3</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm Phil Spaulding 7:30-11:30	<u>4</u> Breakfast <u>8-11am</u> Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu
<u>5</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>6</u> B.O.T. Steak Night 6:00 -8:00 Bar Open 4-9 p.m	<u>7</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u> Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>8</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu	<u>9</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>10</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm Mirage 7:30-11:30	<u>11</u> Breakfast <u>8-11am</u> Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu
<u>12</u> Easter No Bingo <u>Post Closed</u>	<u>13</u> Post, SAL and Ladies Aux. Meetings 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m.	<u>14</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u> Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>15</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu	<u>16</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>17</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm Justin Case 7:30-11:30	<u>18</u> Breakfast <u>8-11am</u> Dining 5:30 - 9:30 pm All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu
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<u>26</u> Bingo Doors open 1 pm	<u>27</u> Bar Open 4 - 9 p.m S.A.L Burgers & Brats 5-8pm	<u>28</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm <u>BINGO 7 - 10 pm</u> Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Steak Special and Regular Menu	<u>29</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu	<u>30</u> Lunch 11 - 2 pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 p.m. Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<i>Are you looking for a Place to have a Party? Graduation, Wedding, Shower, Birthday.... Check out our Hall or Outdoor Deck! Please contact Mike Pate at 334- 0500 for more information</i>	

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