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**November, 2010**

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

**Commander’s Corner**

Third time is a charm! After three bids for the American Legion State Bowling Tournament for the year of 2012 our Post was selected as Host for the American Legion Department of Indiana Bowling Tournament. A special thanks to our Bowling Committee, Phil Deckard, Richard Koons and Mike Pate for their support!

This month’s calendar of events should be interesting for all Post Members.

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Election Day
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Our annual visit to the Indiana Veterans Home (Lafayette, IN)
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Regular Post Meeting starting at 7:00pm.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – District Meeting @ Mooresville Post 103 @ 2:00pm.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> – Bus trip to Churchill Downs
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day (HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of our Post members on this special day, please remember our troops and pray for their safe return home.)



We are planning a Blood Drive this coming December. A sign-up list will be posted during the month of November. Give a gift of life during the Holiday season!!

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is a day America sets aside to honor American Personnel who have died in battle or as a result of their wounds sustained during combat. That’s not quite true, Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America’s War Dead and Veterans Day honors all American Veterans both living and dead. In fact Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. November 11<sup>th</sup> of each year is the day that we ensure Veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their

lives to keep our country free. On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month keep in mind all those who have served, and if you happen to see a person in uniform just say (Thanks for serving our country!!!).

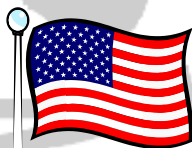
In closing I would like to ask our members to believe in your Post and you do not have to believe in any idea or change. If you would like to help improve your Post please attend your Post regular meeting on the second Monday of each month starting at 7:00pm, with the Post Joint meeting starting at 6:00pm. There will be no pitch in dinners during the November and December Joint meetings.

Hope to see you at the Post!!

The American Legion – For God and Country

***Richard “Moe” Moldenhauer  
Commander***

**Board of Trustees Report**



Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Trustees is inviting all of our area Veterans to a FREE DINNER at the Post immediately following the Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1:00 pm. We will

serve until 5:00pm. There will be some Patriotic music and awards to supporters of the Hoosier Honor Flight. It should be a great afternoon for everyone.

Due to lack of support we will no longer have a food bar on Saturday evenings. We will have some specials especially on steaks and other items. All of our steaks are Angus choice cut in-house.

On Saturday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Churchill Downs for a day at the track. The cost for the trip is \$40.00 each person and includes bus, refreshments and reserved seating on millionaire’s row. We will open at 7:30am on that day for breakfast. The bus leaves at 8:30am.



The Board of Trustees wishes all of our members a VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Please remember all of our women and men in uniform in your prayers.

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Membership! Membership! Membership!

The Post is getting close to the end of the fiscal year 2010 and we still have a few hundred that have not renewed their membership for 2011. Don't worry about losing any time on your current 2010 dues cards because the 2011 cards will have an expiration date of December 31, 2011.

#### **VA Disability Compensation**

Disability compensation is a benefit paid to a veteran because of injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty or were made worse by active duty service. It is also paid to certain veterans disabled from VA health care. The Benefits are TAX-FREE.

#### **How Can You Apply?**

By filling out VA Form 21-526, Veterans Application for Compensation and/or Pension. Attach to the application the following

- Discharge or separation papers (DD 214 or equivalent)
- Dependency records (marriage & children's birth certificates)
- Medical evidence (doctor & hospital reports)

You can also apply online through the VA web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp> or contact the Monroe County Veterans Service Officer Mr. Larry Catt at (812)-349-2568 or American Legion Service Officer Col. John Tilford at (812)-336-5576.

*Jim Arnold*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander **Fall Conference & Cook-off's**

I attended the fall conference held up in Indy. I attended the Boys State meeting. I stand corrected as the cutoff date is May 15th not March 15th. Sorry about that. This coming Boys State will be from June 12 to the 18. Notice it will only be 6 days instead of 7. This is due to wanting to keep the cost down. I also attended the Boy Scout meeting. The Boy Scout committee would like to give awards to people who have been in scouting for 50 continuous years. This is a onetime deal for the state. So if you know anyone please contact me.

Will have our Veteran's day Ceremony, November 11th at the Courthouse at 10:00am with Flag retirement at the post at 1:00pm, with a dinner following for all veterans. Those that received an invitation, there was a misprint on them about the time. Sorry for the inconvenience. At 7:00pm at Bloomington North High School, a **free** concert is being held and one of our members **Kimberly Stephens of the Monroe County Honor Guard** will be playing.

2011 is fast approaching! A few people have shown some interest in bringing back some **cook-off's** at the Post. Some ideas have been a **Chili** cook-off in January, **Beans and Cornbread** in February and a **Casserole or Italian** one in March. We are open for suggestions. We would like to do this on a Saturday afternoon. Details will be in a later newsletter.

In closing, our National Commander, Jimmy Foster's word for 2010-2011 is **SAVED**. This stands for **Serve American Veterans Every Day**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Larry Tailon**

### Chaplain's Message

#### Words---Do They Matter?

I Heard a teenager from a Christian family declare, "My mom doesn't think swear words are bad." He then indicated which words she found acceptable--- words that have long been considered inappropriate.

Society's standard of language has declined in recent years, but we don't have to decline with it. As we strive to be "very careful... how [we] live" (Eph. 5:15 NIV), we should think about how to honor God with our words.

We please the Lord with our tongue when we show discernment. "He who restrains his lips is wise," Proverbs 10:19 reminds us. When we do speak, we are to filter the words that escape our lips: "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles" (21:23).

It is important to use kind, positive words---even to address tough subjects. "A harsh word stirs up anger," but "the tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly" (Prov. 15:1-2).

Finally, avoid words that reflect poorly on who we are as God's children. Paul's admonition to "let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth" 9Eph. 4:29) sets a strong standard for the righteous use of words.

To honor God in each part of life, use words that are pleasing and acceptable to a holy God. --Dave Branon

What we say reveals who we are (Proverbs 15:1-7).

#### Thanksgiving

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). God's will for you is to rejoice and pray and give thanks at all times and in all circumstances. For the cross of Christ, for adverse circumstances in our lives, for all things, let us give thanks.

#### Post Everlasting

**Alva Junior "A.J." Cox-----WWII**

*Chaplain*  
**Wayne Trisler**

### November Featured Legionnaire



This month's featured legionnaire is Harold "Geno" Gillespie. Geno was born in Spencer on March 27, 1932. In 1934 he moved to the Ellettsville area. He attended school in Ellettsville, where he played basketball and participated in track.

Geno enlisted in the US Navy in Nov. 1950. He went on active duty in Feb. 1951. He enlisted with three of his buddies. Geno received his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. After basic, he was stationed at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, NJ. While there he received on the job training as an aviation metal smith. After training he remained at Lakehurst A/S where he built blimps used in submarine warfare. He also was part of the test flight crew on the newly constructed blimps.

After assignment to Lakehurst was completed, Geno received orders to the carrier USS Hornet which was in moth

ball at Brooklyn Naval Yard being refitted for recommission. The USS Hornet was recommissioned in 1955. The USS Hornet then sailed to Guantanamo Bay Cuba for its



shakedown cruise. Geno sailed on the USS Hornet as a fuel specialist. The USS Hornet was made ready for action in Korea and was set to sail when the truce was signed in Korea. The USS Hornet then returned to Norfolk, VA.

From there it sailed around the world on a good will cruise returning to San Diego where Geno was then honorably discharged in Feb. 1955.

Geno joined the American Legion Post in Ellettsville. Offices held at the Ellettsville post include Commander, Adjutant, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. When the Ellettsville Post closed, Geno then transferred his membership to the Bloomington Post 18. He is currently the Master at Arms in the Bloomington Post. He has 55 years of continuous service in the American Legion.

Geno is married to Jerry Lee. They were married in Bloomington, in 1986. They are the parents of 2 girls and 1 boy. They have 4 grandchildren.

His hobbies include bowling and golf. Geno currently holds a 160 average but at one time he had a 200 average. He has one perfect game of 300 to his credit which he bowled in 1973. He was the first person to bowl a perfect game in Bloomington in 25 years. Ask him to show you his ring he received for that perfect game. He bowled 11 straight strikes in the American Legion League 2 years ago. His last ball only knocked down 7 pins robbing him of his second perfect game. He is also an avid golfer and has a hole in one to his credit.

**Historian  
Bob Lanning**

### **Auxiliary News Of Unit 18**

Greetings,

I can't believe Fall is here already. Don't blink because that means Christmas and the New Year is just around the corner.

Karen Cain is our Education Chairman and she has written our article for this month. Thank you Karen and I hope your article hits the hearts of our members.

November is the month when the American Legion Auxiliary focuses on Education. We have heard through the news and friends what a difficult time it is for our Educators. With the cut backs in school funding, a lot of classroom supplies are paid for out of the pockets of the teachers. We are very fortunate in Bloomington to have Judith Witt, the founder and CEO of Teachers Warehouse. Judith will be at our November meeting to speak to the Auxiliary. She will tell us about the aims, purposes and accomplishments of the Teachers Warehouse and how it has impacted our teachers. The Teachers warehouse serves 5 counties and 10 school districts in southern Indiana. This coincides with the Auxiliary Program "Give 10 to Education". I would like for each auxiliary member to purchase 10 items to add to our basket that we will present Judith.

The Warehouse's needs at this time are: Children's scissors, pink pearls erasers, white glue, construction paper, pencils, pens, small paint brushes and gently used/new children's books or anything else you would like to give. They also can use your material scraps, baby food jars, glitter, ribbon, wine corks, rick rack, felt, etc. Edwynna Nolan has agreed to help me with this, you can contact her or I with questions. Dessert will be served. Hope to see you all on November 8th.

**Karen Cain  
Unit 18 Education Chairman**

### **S.A.L. News**

Hey gang,

At the October meeting, I presented the Ladies Auxiliary a check for \$1000.00 for the Children's Christmas Fund. This money came from our Wednesday night poker games. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our Wednesday night players.

Speaking of poker, December 11, 2010 is the next Big Holdem Tourney, Saturday afternoon @ 3:00pm. This will be the same set-up as our last, 95% payback of entry fee. We only have 140 seats available. We're running 80+ just on Wednesday nights. Come sign-up early to reserve your seat (Tim @ 812-325-3554).

We need a few S.A.L. members to come forward & help out on Veterans Day, here at the Post. We will probably serve over 500 people dinner.

We have lost too many members lately (death), so if you know anyone that is eligible for membership, please bring them in for a visit. These new members "new blood" are going to have to take over up here someday. We need everyone's support to make this work.

Did you know? Our S.A.L. Squadron was voted the "best" Squadron in Indiana. "How about them apples"!

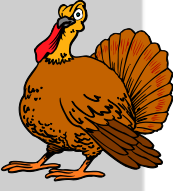





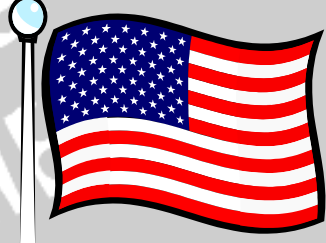
**S.A.L. Commander  
Tim Haney**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	<u>1</u> <b>B.O.T.</b> Steak Night 6 - 8pm  Bar Open 4 - 9pm	<u>2</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm <b>BINGO</b> 7 - 10pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8pm Steak Special and Reg. Menu  <b>Election Day</b>	<u>3</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8 pm All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu  <u>Texas</u> <u>Holdem 7 pm</u>	<u>4</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8pm Mexican Special & Regular Menu	<u>5</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30pm BBQ Ribs  Phil Spaulding 7:30-11:30	<u>6</u> Breakfast 8 - 11am  Dining 5:30 - 9:30pm  Steak Special  Edgewood Football Benefit Breakfast	
<u>7</u> Super Bingo Doors open 11 am   Daylight Saving Time Ends	<u>8</u> <u>Post, SAL and</u> <u>Aux., Trustees</u> <u>meeting 7 pm</u>  Bar Open 4 - 9pm	<u>9</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm <b>BINGO</b> 7 - 10pm  Kitchen Open 5 - 8pm  Steak Special and Reg. Menu	<u>10</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm Kitchen Open 5 - 8pm All You Can Eat Food Bar & Reg. Menu  <u>Texas</u> <u>Holdem 7 pm</u>	<u>11</u> <b>Veterans Day</b>  Open at 12:00  Free Dinner for all Veterans 1 - 5pm	<u>12</u> Lunch 11 - 2pm Dining 5:30 - 9:30pm Prime Rib  Justin Case 7:30-11:30	<u>13</u> Breakfast 8 - 11am  Dining 5:30 - 9:30pm  Steak Special	
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