Commander’s Corner

March was an extremely busy month at our Post. The mix of bands that have performed on Friday nights have been generating very nice crowds, and our Saturday night drawings have also drawn large numbers. We celebrated the American Legion’s 97th Birthday on Monday, March 14 with a great crowd and a visit from our Indiana Department Commander Larry Lowery, who delivered a very informative message to all of our members. I want to thank the Legion Auxiliary for hosting and organizing this event, and in particular Shelby Kiser, who served as this year’s Chair of the event. Mr. Jim Arnold was awarded a well deserved Honorary Life Membership, and Harold Gillespie was congratulated for his 60 continuous years of membership in Burton Woolery Post 18. It was a tremendous honor for me to be named as the Legionnaire of the Year for 2016. I cannot thank the membership enough for the support I have received in the five years I have served as your Post Commander; it has been an honor to serve and I hope to continue in the future.

I want to remind everyone that our next Post meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11. This is our first meeting since January and we will be taking nominations for Post Officers for the year 2016-2017. It would be great to see some new faces at our Post meetings - come out and get involved in your Post, more attendance in the coming year would be great.

Hope to see you at the Post,

Richard E. Dunbar
Commander
Board of Trustees Report

What a great Birthday Dinner! A special Thanks to the club staff and to the Auxiliary. The dining room looked great and the desserts were appreciated. Congratulations to Commander Dunbar on his selection as “Legionnaire of the Year”.

The club is busy and we really appreciate the support of the members. I have a good mix of bands with some new ones thrown in from time to time.

On Saturday, April 16 we will have our annual Spring cleanup around the post Home. We will start around 9:00 a.m. We hope to have a good turnout because there is a lot of work to do. Everyone who helps will be invited to join us afterwards for burgers and dogs on the deck.

Mike Pate
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Adjutant’s Corner

Thanks to all who have renewed their 2016 memberships, but we still have 120 who have NOT renewed. Starting next month they will not receive Post Newsletters or the national American Legion magazine. If you do not intend to renew please call the Post Home or send a note and let us know that you are not renewing. Let’s try to close the books in June at 100%.

James B. May
Post 18 Adjutant

S.A.L.

S.A.L. Squadron 18 continues to grow in membership, which is a reflection of the great Post with which we are associated. At this time we have exceeded our goal by 50 members, and the year is not over yet. My goal now is for ours to be the number 1 S.A.L. Squadron in the District, and we are not far from it. If you know of anybody interested in joining please have them fill out an application. Better yet, bring them to the Post and show them around. At our next meeting on April 11 we will nominate S.A.L. officers for the year 2016-17. Our meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., so if you are interested in being an officer in the S.A.L. please come to the meeting and hear the good things we are doing to help our Post. See you there.

Gary Black
Adjutant, S.A.L. Post 18

Chaplain’s Message

Living With Expectation

When the dark day of Jesus’s crucifixion drew to a close, it seemed that the most wonderful of all lives had come to an end. For a few brief years, Christ had astounded the crowds and His followers with the wisdom of His teaching and the wonder of His miracles. But Jesus chose not to save Himself from the cross, and now His life was over. It seemed that nothing more could be expected of Him.

Hope returned, however, on that first resurrection morning. A painting by Eugene Burnand portrays Peter and John running to the tomb. Shortly after dawn, Mary Magdalene had told them that she and her friends had found the tomb empty. In Burnand’s painting, the faces of Peter and John show contending emotions of anguish and relief, of sorrow and surprise, of despair and wonder as they race toward the tomb. Their gaze is eagerly fixed forward, turning the viewer’s attention to the sepulcher. What did they find? An empty tomb - the Savior was alive!

Christ still lives. But many of us go from day to day as if He were still in the grave. How much better to look beyond the empty tomb to the One who can fill our lives with the power of His resurrection! - David Egner

Drinking From My Saucer

I’ve never made a fortune, and it’s probably too late now. But I don’t worry about that much, I’m happy anyhow.
And as I go along life’s way, I’m reaping better than I sowed.
I’m drinking from my saucer, ‘cause my cup has overflowed.
Haven’t got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going’s tough.
But I’ve got loving ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for His blessings, and the mercies he’s bestowed.
I’m drinking from my saucer, ‘cause my cup has overflowed.
O, Remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke and the sun peeped through again.
So, Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows I’ve hoed.
I’m drinking from my saucer, ‘cause my cup has overflowed.
If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough,
I’ll not ask for other blessings, I’m already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy to help others bear their loads.
Then I’ll keep drinking from my saucer, ‘cause my cup has overflowed.

Post Everlasting

Darrell Hillenburg ....................... Korea
Max Jacobs ............................... Vietnam
William “Bill” Kapper ................... Korea

Chaplain Wayne Trisler
Dates to Remember:

APRIL 2 District 7 Meeting in Bloomington 12pm Lunch – WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND!

APRIL 7 Poppy Letter Stuffing Event 5:30pm at American Legion

APRIL 8-10 Spring Conference in Indianapolis

APRIL 11 Unit Meeting 7pm

MAY 7 District 7 Meeting at the Sullivan American Legion

Greetings Sisters!  It goes without saying that you all make this organization successful!

With having the largest Post in the state, we have many visitors including dignitaries come to our Birthday Dinner Celebration.  This event went off without a hitch!  Our Immediate Past President, Shelby Kiser, lead the charge in coordinating this event with Club Manager, Sharon Grubb, at her side.  From decorations, invitation and program design, food preparation and display, and customer service with a smile this event was perfectly organized and comfortable for all in attendance.  A huge THANK YOU to the STAFF who cooked, served, and made our customers satisfied.  I would be remiss without giving praise to our Auxiliary sisters that volunteered to make sure everything was in its proper place.  THANK YOU TO:  Shelby Kiser, Sharon Grubb, Barb Edwards, Paula Koons, Phyllis Sowders, Marilyn Bourke, Linda Quillen, Katrina Long, Trish Wright, Kathy Burkhart, Susan Richards, Sheila Henry, Kari Lovisceck, Lisa Liford, and Sue Freeman.  This event was lovely and enjoyed by many!

We treated our veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home with some extra love this year.  With the City of Bloomington MLK Jr Grant, we were able to splurge and share MORE with our veterans this year.  Sue Bridgwaters and Judy Hawkins made a trip mid-March to deliver the items to IVH.  They had their work cut out as they distributed: 120 pair of socks, 250 hats and gloves, 280 regular sized body washes, 100 pocket flags and candy.  Our Department Chairman was thrilled to see all the goodies we had and the veterans were so appreciative of the love and support we provided.  Thanks Sue and Judy for your efforts in ensuring these items made it to Lafayette.

As we do lots of things to shower our veterans and members with appreciation, we must keep in the forefront of our minds the importance our Government plays in honoring those that serve.  It is our duty to exercise our right to vote!  Whether we like all or any of the candidates, each citizen must remember the importance of their vote.  Each and every vote counts towards the results.  Approximately 50% of the United State population (18 & older), are registered to vote.  Out of that number only 50% take part in the election process.  That means 25% of the population is controlling the votes and the outcome in our states and nation's legislation.  Meeting the continuing needs of our veterans should be the concern of every American who values his or her freedom.  PLEASE REVIEW THE CANDIDATES PLATFORMS TO ENSURE OUR VETERANS ARE SUPPORTED!

Don't forget that April is the month of the MILITARY CHILD!  This awareness month was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community.  There are approximately 2 million military children, ranging in ages from newborn to 18 years old; 1.3 million military children are school-aged.  Care of military children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.  Where ever you see a military presence there are undoubtedly children that are personally impacted.  Operation Purple Camp is a program that helps our military children, presented by National Military Family Association and the Wounded Warrior Project.  More than 2,600 children are able to attend free camps during the summer (29 weeks of camp at 24 locations around the country).  Indiana hosts a camp in Princeton on the dates of 06/05/16 – 06/10/16 for ages 7 – 15 years old.  To learn more go to: http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/.

As sisters your role is important!  Thank you for advocating for veterans, educating our citizens, mentoring our youth, and promoting patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Jenny Tracy
President

In Remembrance of our Auxiliary Sisters

Elisabeth Jackson - February 22, 2016
33 Year Member

Mona Robinson – March 14, 2016
26 Year Member

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Are you looking for a Place to have a party? Graduation, Wedding, Shower, Birthday .... Check out our Hall or Outdoor Deck! Please contact Sharon Grubb at 334-0500 for more info!

>> Breakfast Every Saturday 8am to 11am <<