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**526 AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS**

**Commander – George Copfer**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Vacant  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Hal Miller  
 Adjutant – Chuck Knaub  
 Finance Officer – Chris Steiner  
 Chaplain – Vacant  
 Service Officer – George Copfer  
 Sgt-at-Arms – Paul Moyer  
 Asst. Sgt-at-Arms – Vacant

**TRUSTEES**

Ross Hamilton  
 Jim Dotterer  
 Dave Fudge  
 Roger Lambalot  
 Hank Long  
 Ed Trefethen  
 Vacant

**SAL OFFICERS**

**Commander – Eliot Jensen**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr – Dick Syx  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr – Andrew Butner  
 Adjutant – Butch Crowell  
 Finance Officer – Jeff Keiter  
 Chaplain – Leroy Farthing  
 Sgt-at-Arms – J.C. Campbell  
 Advisor – Dave Rust

**UNIT 526 AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

**President – Marvalyn Steggemann**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Ellen Farthing  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Vacant  
 Secretary – Refugia Bowen  
 Treasurer – Pat Drake  
 Chaplain – Vacant  
 Sgt-at-Arms- Vacant

**JULY – AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER**

**COMMANDERS CORNER**

**AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL OUR MEMBERS**

As many of you are now aware, we recently had to reduce our Sunday through Thursday lounge operating hours. In addition, we were forced to reduce our bartender staff by laying off one long time and faithful employee. These actions were required because of the significant reduction in income by the lounge. The monthly losses could no longer be absorbed and our cash flow from other sources could not be used to support the lounge because of other serious obligations. The Executive Committee searched alternatives to the actions taken, however; we were unable to recommend any changes that may have made a significant difference in our cash flow problem.

As Commander, several people have approached me regarding the actions taken and I have tried to explain the seriousness of the matter. It is unfortunate that no more than 15 or so people attend our general membership meetings. If you had been to these meetings over the past few months, you would have been able to observe the monthly income/expense statements provided by the Lounge, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Activities, and the General Fund. You MAY have been able to contribute some alternatives that we could not think of to improve matters. More importantly, you would have understood the serious deliberations we struggle with each month to try to ensure you have a viable organization to belong to and continue your membership. Please consider joining us – you as members – are all welcome to any meetings we hold (trustees, executive committee, and general membership). Come and learn the workings inside the Post. More importantly you could be a great help for your Post.

We have over the years provided you with a beautiful lounge that you should be very proud of! Your patronage is essential to help us maintain the building. Let us not let petty differences spoil our image in the community. We are a very valuable part of the Fairborn area, and our visibility is a constant reminder to others of the positive impact we have in the community.

I would like nothing better than to change our hours in a positive way! Only you as a member can make that happen. We are a Legion Family Organization. Come in and enjoy your Post.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE COMMANDER:** Hal Miller

Since March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, your Post has had a contract with Food Services on Demand, LLC, to provide our members and guests with a daily lunch program from Mondays through Fridays. The contractor, Paul Mussolino, has provided an assortment of products that are professionally prepared, quality in nature, and reasonably priced. There are daily specials as well as “by order” standard items. We have received many compliments on the preparation and taste of the food presented by LLC. We ask our members to support this endeavor and support the LLC by participating in our lunch programs and bringing a guest to also enjoy the products presented. It is through your patronage that this effort will be a success and we may continue to present these meals for your enjoyment.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The 2008 membership cards are in. Last year (2007) we missed 100% by 60 cards. We are hoping you all will help me get 100% this year for our Post.

When sending in your dues by mail, please put your Legion membership number on the check. If you receive a renewal notice from National - - please send it along with your dues. If you have moved, please let me know your new address. Some of you have your old address on your checks and your return address is not the same. Please let me know which one is correct. If you pay your dues at the Post, ask the bartender for an envelope and put your Legion membership

number on the envelope and fill out all other information. If you pay by cash, ask the bartender for a receipt. Again, thanks to all of you for your co-operation.

**SAL COMMANDER:** Eliot Jensen

With installations completed, the new list of officers is as follows: Commander-Eliot Jensen; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Dick Syx; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Andrew Butner. The remaining officers are listed on the newsletter cover page. Please take time to thank Dick Syx for his two years of service as Commander and a job well done.

As of the May 2007 meeting, we began accepting membership dues and new applications for 2008. The membership dues are \$25.00. As a reminder, all new SAL membership applications must be accompanied by form DD Form 214 for their father or grandfather.

I look forward to serving this Post as SAL Commander and welcome all Post SAL members to become more active in Post activities and in the general good of the Sons of American Legion. As always, watch the bulletin board for upcoming Post activities.

**AUXILIARY UNIT 526 PRESIDENT:** Marvalyn Steggemann

If you are an American Legion Auxiliary member, you are one of the nearly 1 million members of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. We are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our veterans, our children, and our communities. Your Unit 526 officers and executive board members for 2007-2008 membership year have a combined total of 181 years membership in American Legion Auxiliary – and we are ready for one busy year. While Unit 526 has our own very important programs, which we will be supporting, we have an additional challenge this year. With all the legal changes in the past few years regarding veterans' organizations, the financial impact to these organizations (including our own Post) has been extreme. I have made a personal commitment to the Post that our Auxiliary members will stand beside them to face whatever challenges this next year holds. In order to make this happen, we need volunteers. If you have a talent, we can use you. If you would like to volunteer your services or if you have questions about our programs and volunteer opportunities, please call me at 879-9348.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WANTED!!!**

**Volunteer bartenders to work from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Sunday through Thursday in the lounge. Give Debbie Knaub your name and days that you can help us!!! Thanks in advance**

**NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!**  
**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS AVAIABLE:**

The Post has several openings available on its Color Guard/Firing Squad. You may be the person we have been looking for. The Uniform is Blue Blazer, Grey Slacks, White Shirt with tie, Black shoes, and most important an American Legion Cap (Post to provide the tie). To apply – call 878-3831 and ask for Roger Lambalot. Working conditions often 10 degree weather with a 20 mph headwind, snow & rain possible. Compensation – the opportunity to associate with some of the most committed living soldiers, which has been my pleasure to meet. For what they share is the common belief that no honorably separated veteran to be permitted to go to his grave without proper tribute being observed. If you live in the area, have a positive attitude, and share this dedication, you're our guy or gal. Post 526 is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate by race, creed, gender and particularly age.

**From the Kitchen...Food Service on Demand LLC**

Hello fellow Legionnaires and family members. Our sales were lower than expected in May possibility due to the loss of the Bingo program and the good weather. We hope to improve in June, July and August. To encourage this expected trend, you will experience a more varied "Day of the Week" Daily Special menu. Some of these specials could be added to the regular menu if they prove popular. Also you will see new Lounge finger foods like a mild Jalapeno Popper filled with cream cheese and a Sampler Platter with the your favorite munchies. Additionally, I am open to suggestions for menu items that fit our operation "nitch". Bring your recipe and let's talk.

Watch for future LLC Food/Legion Lounge programs that offer a special meal in conjunction with a Lounge promotional event. As an example ...The Biggie Steak (1 lb) and Biggie Bud (22oz Bottle) held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Bud vender, Eagle Breweries, supported this program and donated professional signage and door prizes for this event. Also the Ladies Auxiliary conducted sales to support this event. With this in mind, we are putting together another special evening on **July 27<sup>th</sup> (a Friday night)** guaranteed to keep you smiling. A **Guys Best Legs Contest**...you could be surprised. Ten of our members will charm you for your vote. The Legion/LLC will provide prizes to the winner(s). In case of a tie the Commander will cast the deciding vote. Because of this possibility, he cannot participate as a contestant (He'll be disappointed I'm sure). Our co-sponsors this evening will be Tyson Chicken (legs, legs and more legs) and Miller Beer - vender, BonBright. Our EMCEE for the evening will be Tom Orman (silver tongued master of wit and glib). Working together we can make it entertaining evening. Sign-up sheet and rules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

Our hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. On Friday we open at 1:30 pm after Legion Tacos/Fish Lunch. Lunch parties up to 10 persons with a reservation.... Call 838-0812. Lounge member card entry/main doors will be open at 11am. We will serve non-alcoholic drinks with lunch until the bar opens at 1pm. See you soon.

### **WIRELESS!!**

That's right!! The American Legion Post 526 now has wireless available for laptop users who like to surf the net and/or do VPN connections. This wireless capability is available in the lounge - come and enjoy the lounge, order food (the kitchen hours for Mon-Thur 11:00 am – 7:00 pm). Fridays are Taco day (11:00 am – 12:30 pm) - after Tacos - - the kitchen takes over at 1:30 pm and is open until 9:00 pm. Surf the net or do a little work while in the comfort of our facility.

### **NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL!!!**

The American Legion Post 526 would like to send our newsletter via e-mail to any member who wishes. This service will also enable us to better provide updated information about upcoming events, which sometimes do not make it in time for the publishing deadlines. Additionally, this will help with the ever-increasing costs of printing and postage.

Please send e-mail to [legion526@sbcglobal.net](mailto:legion526@sbcglobal.net) with **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER** in the subject line and we can get this on-the-fly service stated immediately. Please remember to notify us, if you change your e-mail address so we can continue to provide this service to you. Once you notify us that you prefer electronic communications, you will no longer receive a printed newsletter. Should things change for you and a printed newsletter is necessary, just send us an e-mail letting us know you would like to be removed from the electronic communications and we will update the status.

**Those who do not have a computer capability, do not fear** – we will not forget about sending you the newsletter – we are just trying to make communications faster and better for those electronic users while saving the Post some money.

Please do not forget to visit our website which provides valuable information about events on the calendar at <http://www.legion526.com>.

### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS FOR YEAR 2006-2007**

Commander Copfer presented the Commander's Awards to the following groups and persons for their outstanding support this past year: Sons of the American Legion Squadron 526, Auxiliary Unit 526, Jerry Kaiser, Roger Lambalot, Paul Moyer, and Jack Reed.

The Harold Shimek Legionnaire of the Year was presented to Hal Miller.

Commander Copfer also presented Certificates of Appreciations to: Fred Jones, Phil Mercurio, Don Dillon, Jim Dotterer, John Dugan, Hank Long, Barry McMillan, Ed Trefethen, Christine Steiner, David Rust, Fred Funke, Charlie Grimmatt, William Leslie, Dave Fudge, John Andres, Chuck Knaub, Jackie Grody, Troy Romine, Pete Banner, Don Masten, Ronald Lambalot, Al Burlingame, Bob Cox, Chuck Darnell, Shirley Kaiser, and Les Drake.

Unit 526 Auxiliary President Pat Drake presented a gift to all her officers and Chairmen.

Past President's Parley Chairman Sharon Dotterer presented a gift to all the officers as a thank you from the Parley.

Unit Public Relations Chairman Refugia Bowen presented Pat Drake with a scrapbook of her year and Commander George Copfer was also presented with a scrapbook of his year.

### **PAST AUXILIARY UNIT 526 PRESIDENT:** Pat Drake

I want to thank all of the officers and committee chairman who served with me this last year. We worked and played together and accomplished most of our goals. Please give the same support to our incoming president Marvalyn Steggemann and Commander George Copfer.

<p>SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION</p> <p>SQUADRON 526</p> <p>Meetings Are Every Second</p> <p>Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 pm</p> <p>COME OUT AND JOIN US</p>
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**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS:**

Block Party July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm downtown in Fairborn on Main Street featuring bands on two stages, entertainment, contests, and food. Parade July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**ACCESSORY SALE**

Gently used purses, scarves, and jewelry will be offered for sale on Thursday and Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the lounge from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Proceeds are for the American Legion general fund. If you have any purses, scarves, or jewelry you would like to donate, please contact Linda Hamilton at 878-3757 or Sondra Leggett at 879-3557 or you can leave them at the Legion marked for Linda or Sondra. Don't miss out on this chance to find a really good deal!! Since the prices will be low, please drop in during the sale hours and shop, shop, shop!

**ARGOSY BOAT TRIP**

The Argosy Boat Trip is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Cost per person is \$15.00 and free buffet. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This trip fills up fast. The bus will hold no more than 51 people. Be at the Club no later than 9:00 am. Bus departs at 9:30 am.

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