



LEGION OFFICERS

Commander – John Andres

1st Vice – Pete Banner

2nd Vice – George Copfer

Asst 2nd Vice - Vacant

Adjutant – Chuck Knaub

Asst Adjutant - Vacant

Finance Officer – Vacant

Asst Finance Officer- George Copfer

Sgt-at-Arms – Paul Moyer

Asst. Sgt-at-Arms – Vacant

Chaplain – Roger Sloan

Service Officer – George Copfer

Historian – Vacant

Judge Advocate – Hank Long

Public Relations – Vacant

TRUSTEES

George Copfer

Fred Funke

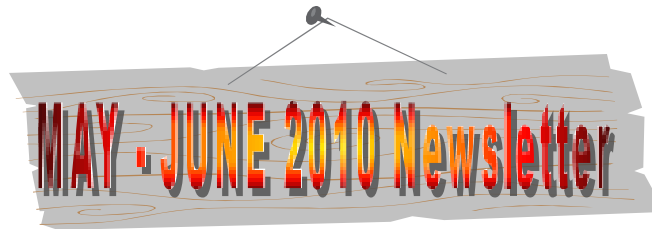
Jackie Grody

Roger Lambalot

Hank Long

Carroll Hamilton

Philip Mercurio



LEGION CORNER

Commanders Input (John Andres)

The Post has continued to experience severe financial distress over the last several months. This is fairly normal during the winter months with reduced hall rentals and reduced attendance in the lounge. Unfortunately, however, we have now gone from bad to critical! Several methods have been discussed to get a few extra dollars out of our lounge income, including reducing our operating hours to reduce payroll and electricity costs. While I am opposed to once again playing with our open hours, we may have to look at it again if things don't improve.

Another option discussed was to release our paid bartenders and go to all volunteer bartenders. This would be far less than desirable as well. However, our bartenders have voluntarily cut their pay in half to help us out and will be relying on tips. This will help considerably, but is being borne by our employees. Please remember this and take care of them when you visit the lounge.

Now, for the rest of us! Anyone who can and is willing to make a donation of \$50 to \$100, please do so. If we can get 50 to 100 people to donate these amounts, we can stay functional for a couple more months until our summer hall rentals kick in. If you can do more, it would be appreciated. If you can't do quite that much, anything that you can do will be appreciated equally. Thanks to all for anything that you can do for us.

We will be having the installation of our new officers in the hall on Tuesday, 8 June at 6:00 PM. We would like as many folks as possible to attend. There is no dress requirement for this event. Come as you are.

SERVICE OFFICER (George Copfer)

TRICARE and TRICARE for Life provide health care coverage to service members and their families as well as military retirees and their families. Beneficiaries of TRICARE for Life and military veteran's health care programs also satisfy requirements. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS ARE SAFE:

According to recent statements by the administration, individuals currently covered by health care benefits through TRICARE and the VA System, no

Changes are anticipated under the proposed health care bill. According to President Obama; these people “will not be affected by our efforts at broader health-care reforms”. He further stated “I want to make sure that message gets out to our veterans. I think it’s very important to get the message out: If you are in the VA system and are happy with your care, great. We have no intention of changing your eligibility”.

TRICARE GETS LOWER PRICES ON RETAIL PRESCRIPTIONS

Implementation Section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2008, allows for TRICARE to purchase prescription drugs at the same discount prices set for other major Federal agencies. Implementation of this provision should lower costs for TRICARE and those individuals who purchase prescription drugs from civilian sources.

Lounge Liaison Comments:

We would like to thank our employees for the extreme sacrifice and assistance in our Posts’ dire financial crisis. The bartenders pay will be cut in half beginning 2 May 2010. In order to cut expenses even further we will now only have our monthly (3rd Friday of the month) Live Trivia with Rob D’Agostino as our only entertainment option unless there are individuals/groups that wish to do something free of charge. The sacrifices our employees are taking shows how committed they are to try and save the current location of our Post. If we all help work together, we can make our post successful. We need our members to come to our dinners, and visit the lounge for a nice evening out.

Thanks to Rhonda Colwell (Lounge Manager) and Jan Kingston for an outstanding job in making the Comedy show night a success. It was disappointing, that more members did not participate. The show was very good and many of you missed out on a wonderful, fun, and funny night out.

Membership (Fred Jones):

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Membership for 2010. As of April 27, 2010, Post 526 has 1,372 paid members (96% of membership goal) of our 1436(need 63 for quota).

American Legion Benefit Fish Fry:

On June 19th we will be having an “All you can eat” Fish Fry, to benefit the American Legion. The time will be from 2pm to 7pm. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the bar for \$10, and \$12 at the door. Any questions please contact 2nd Vice Gary Bays.

Lounge Dinner

On May 11th, 2010 and June 8th, 2010 from 5pm to 7pm, Liza and Rhonda will be preparing dinner. Contact the lounge for further information (i.e. menu, cost).

SAL SQUADRON CORNER

SAL COMMANDER (Chuck McKenzie)

As of May, we will begin accepting membership dues and new applications for 2010. The renewal and new membership dues are \$25. All new SAL membership applications must be accompanied by DD Form 214 or an appropriate discharge form for their father or grandfather.

I look forward to continuing service as SAL commander and welcome all SAL members to become more active in post activities and in the general good of the Sons of American Legion.

Words cannot express how I feel about our recent loss. 1st. vice commander **Dick Syx** was a huge asset to our post. His accomplishments were many. This squadron was built on the ethics, and integrity of what Dick believed in most. Our prayers will continue for his family, and we will continue to honor him by finishing what he started.

Thursday – 10 Jun 2010 - Hollywood Boat Trip---Cost \$20.00--includes transportation-lunch. Bus departs Legion 9:30 am--departs Hollywood at 4:15 pm. Sign up at the Legion and pay the bartender. They must have 30 people signed up by the 3rd of June. Join us in the fun.



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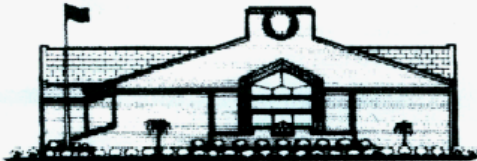


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