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**LEGION CORNER**

**Commander's Input (John Andres)**

**Sorry this newsletter is so late. I have been busy and simply failed to get it out. My fault!**

**The Holidays.** The next two months will bring us three holidays. The first is Veterans Day on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. We of Dignam-Whitmore American Legion Post 526 will host the Veterans Day Ceremony and Celebration at the Veterans Memorial at the intersection of Central Ave and Main St in Fairborn.

**The Post will be closed for Thanksgiving, 26 Nov, this year.** We simply have not had sufficient participation at our Thanksgiving meal or in the lounge, to warrant opening the Post that day. I apologize to all who may have wished to stop by!

**We will be open for Christmas**

**The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.** The details are explained in the Auxiliary news page later in this newsletter. However, please understand that this party is for the children and grandchildren of our Legion Family members. Please do not invite friends, cousins, and neighbor children. We simply do not have the funds to support other than our own! Thanks

**New Years Eve:** We will be having a New Years Eve celebration in the lounge! We are not yet sure of who the entertainer(s) will be, but we will definitely have someone good here. And we will also have food and fun, so plan on spending the evening with us.

**One last thing.** SAL Commander Chuck McKenzie has a few things to say about Post cleanliness. Please read and heed. No, you may not be the one who has to clean the Post, but you are as responsible for the way it looks to the next person as everyone else is. Try making it look good. One last item. We now have three brand new large screen TVs in the lounge which will be great for the upcoming World Series, football season, NASCAR races and the President's Cup. We're hoping to have the kitchen open as well for most sporting events. Please come down to the Post and enjoy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:**

**NO TACOS DURING DECEMBER!** Due to our need to keep Fridays open for possible hall rentals for Christmas parties, as well as to give our taco volunteers a much needed break, we will not be serving tacos during the entire month of December. Come back and enjoy in January.

We are looking at plans to bring our members a "Variety Friday" function during the evening hours. The menu would be something different on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. It might be a steak or fish

dinner, stuffed pork chops, cabbage rolls, or some other item of your liking. If you have any suggestions that may be useful, please don't hesitate to let us know. What we will need from our membership is support for the dinners we plan to have a truly successful event. As usual, we are constantly looking for help in all our activities. If you can please see your way to lend your time to assist in any of the events on our schedule; you would be a happy addition to the many others who are giving so much of their time and talent.

Pro and college football season is here. The SAL has been offering food during the Sunday games and races, but things have been slow, and they occasionally don't open the kitchen. If attendance start picking up, they will get it going again. Others may volunteer to take other Sundays during the month and, if they do, we will post it on the web site as well as our bulletin board. Enjoy your personal teams and favorite NASCAR drivers on our new big screen TVs in the lounge.

#### **SERVICE OFFICER**

**TRICARE AND 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.

#### **MEMBERSHIP (Fred Jones)**

Please check your Legion card when you receive the annual dues notice to make sure your card says 2010. If it doesn't you need to renew your membership as 2010 cards will be required for service starting 1 January 2010. Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Membership for 2010. Post 526 has 1160 paid members (80% of membership goal) of our 1436 goal (need 276 for quota). If you have an American Legion cap or uniform that you've outgrown or simply doesn't use any more consider donating it to the Post to be recycled. We have several new members that could make good use of your donation. PLEASE CALL: 937-878-3831 to advise Post 526 if a member has passed away or is in distress (sick, hospitalized, nursing home, etc). Please notify your loved ones of this procedure. If you or your family wishes to have Post 526 perform a memorial service we need to be notified by the Funeral Home. At a minimum, please leave MEMBER'S NAME, POINT OF CONTACT, and PHONE NUMBER (with Area Code).

#### **CHAPLAIN (Roger Sloan)**

Due to personal reasons, this will be my last input to the Chaplain's Corner.

#### **Confidence**

James J. Metcalfe says it this way in his poem;

Confidence is not a thing  
That simply comes our way,  
It has to be developed as

We grow from day to day.

It must come from experience,  
In things we have to do,  
Supported by our interest in  
The course that we pursue.

In most of all our willingness,  
To struggle hard and long,  
Until our hearts achieve that goal  
Of faith and courage strong,

And it is worth the effort and  
The time to cultivate,  
If we would render services  
That could be truly great.

Services to God and home  
And all the neighborhood,  
As we are confident that we  
Can really do some good.

To those who have lost a loved one, our deepest sympathy. To those who are/have been ill, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you at our Post real soon.

#### **TRUSTEES UPDATE (Roger Lambalot President)**

The shed is still in need of repair- anyone who would like to step up and do a little carpentry work, plus paint the shed, please contact Commander John Andres.

Ross Hamilton and Phil Mercurio are working on the problems with the Emergency lights.

The members of the Board of Trustees would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **SAL SQUADRON CORNER**

### **SAL COMMANDER (Chuck McKenzie)**

TAKING OWNERSHIP IN OUR POST  
TIMES IT HAPPENS SOMEONE WILL SPILL POPCORN AND JUST LEAVE IT ON THE FLOOR FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO CLEAN UP. WHEN THIS HAPPENS TAKE OWNERSHIP IN OUR POST AND TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO PICK IT UP. THOSE OF US WHO CLEAN UP AFTER OURSELVES WILL APPRECIATE IT.

THANKS FOR VISITING US ON SUNDAYS! I HAVE OPENED THE KITCHEN (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WATCHING THE GAME. A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY BRIDE, JANET, FOR HELPING ME.

PIZZA NITE IS GOING GREAT!! HOWEVER, SOMETIMES WE MAKE MISTAKES. WE ARE SO SORRY IF WE GAVE YOU THE WRONG PIE OR IF YOU HAD TO WAIT. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY SECRETS SUCH AS A SPECIAL RECIPE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, LET US KNOW.

IN CLOSING, REMEMBER TO BRING US YOUR ALUMINUM CANS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER VIA E-MAIL LET US KNOW. WE CAN SAVE A LOT OF MONEY BY USING THE NET \_VS TRADITIONAL MAIL.  
ONE LAST THING. REMEMBER, OUR BARTENDERS WORK HARD FOR US. SAYING THANK YOU AND LEAVING A GIFT IN THE TIP JAR IS ALWAYS APRECIATED.



**LOUNGE MANAGER (Rhonda Colwell)**

I want to give a big THANK YOU to Marsha a Joe Smart for all of their hard work to collect everyone's donations for the three beautiful large screen TVs which now grace the lounge. And thank you as well, to those who made those donations. These TVs will make Post 526 the best place to watch all of the upcoming sporting events. Please be sure to stop by and enjoy! Joe also made a big pot of black bean chili for donations only, and gave those donations to the lounge to help us pay for some badly needed bar glasses.

Please don't forget about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month is SAL pizza night and the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month is Auxiliary's turn with grill or spaghetti or whatever fancies them to make.

**We're going to have a fantastic New Years Eve celebration.  
Come Join us!**

**Aluminum cans may be turned in at the Post for recycling.**

**HELP US BURN THE MORTGAGE PROGRAM**

In the Jul/Aug 08 newsletter, we advised that you may make memorial contributions for yourself or a loved one for permanent posting in the foyer of our hall. We have included a form you may use to either donate or have a memorial remembrance or any other purposes you wish. Just complete the form, enclose a check for at least \$100 and mail or drop off at the Post during one of your visits. We wish to thank those who have already helped us in these efforts. Please consider adding your name to this list.

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## INFO/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

See the calendar or the website (<http://www.legion526.com>) under "Current Events" – both on that webpage and/or click the "calendar" icon on the webpage

<b>NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>7 Nov:</b>	<b>NO TACOS THIS MONTH</b>
<b>Christmas Bazaar</b>	<b>3 Dec:</b>
<b>11 Nov:</b> Veterans Day Celebration 11AM	Legion Kitchen-11AM-1:00PM and 4:30-6:30PM
<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>8 Dec:</b>
Legion Kitchen-11AM-1:00PM and 4:30-6:30PM	Executive Committee Meeting
<b>13 Nov:</b>	<b>10 Dec:</b> Legion Kitchen-11AM-1:00PM and 4:30-6:30PM
Seafood Dinner	<b>11 Dec: BLIND JUSTICE Band</b>
<b>14 Nov:</b>	Seafood Dinner
8-11 PM-Triviaoke with Rob D'Agostino	<b>15 Dec:</b>
	Legion General Membership Meeting
<b>17 Nov:</b>	<b>15 Dec:</b>
Lounge Dinner: Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy and corn	Lounge Dinner: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, and desert
<b>19 Nov:</b>	<b>17 Dec:</b>
Legion Kitchen-11AM-1:00PM and 4:30-6:30PM	Legion Kitchen-11AM-1:00PM and 4:30-6:30PM
<b>20 Nov:</b>	<b>18 Dec:</b>
5:00 SAL Pizza Night	5:00 SAL Pizza Night
8:00-Trivia with Rob D'Agostino	8-11 PM-Triviaoke with Rob D'Agostino
<b>21 Nov:</b>	<b>24 Dec: No Kitchen tonight</b>
<b>OHIO STATE - MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAME 11: AM UNTIL ???</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>
<b>21 Nov:</b>	<b>31 Dec:</b>
Chili cook off , drawing for OSU Jacket and other items (first-5 <sup>th</sup> place) and other fun things all day	<b>Entertainment and food all evening</b>
<b>26 Nov: THANKSGIVING</b>	
<b>The Post is Closed</b>	
<b>27 Nov:</b>	
<b>NO TACOS TODAY</b>	
No dinner because of Holiday	

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

# AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

**Nov - Dec 2009**

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** The Holidays will soon be upon us. My husband, Jerry, and I hope everyone has a most enjoyable Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years with family and friends. Saturday, Nov 26, we will be meeting in the Main Hall at 11:00 AM to decorate for the Christmas Season. Please consider joining us for the fun and many hands makes the work go faster. First Friday Bake Sales: The bake sale for Friday, Nov. 6 will be for Auxiliary Emergency Fund. The Dec. 2 bake sale will be for Canines for Combat Veterans.

**The Fourth Friday Bake Sales** for the Legion Mortgage have been discontinued due to lack of participation from the members that were called for donations of baked goods. We appreciate the few Legionnaires that donated and the Auxiliary members that made the phone calls, worked the sale and still baked and donated items so we would have enough to sell. For the four Fridays we did this program we raised \$456.16 to go on the principle of the mortgage.

**Third Friday Bake Sales:** The proceeds for these bake goods that are sold during tacos go to the local Children's Hospital in Dayton and Fisher House @ the Base.

Many thanks for your support of all our bake sales.

**Auxiliary Dinners – 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the lounge.**

Friday, Nov 27 – No dinner because of the holiday.

Friday, Dec 25 – No dinner because of the holiday.

The best thing we can say about the **Post 526 Family Treasure Hunt** is that it's over. A few people put in a lot of hours and hard work and I am so grateful to them. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. The Auxiliary had the kitchen and sold out of food; it was excellent by the way. If you didn't eat there, you really missed something. We made back the working fund of \$250.00 and \$9.55 profit. We sold 4 tables for a total of \$60.00 and \$201.60 in sales. So we have a total of \$261.60 for the principal on the Post Mortgage. With the bake sales that is a grand total of \$717.76.

**Nov. 7, 2009 – Christmas Bazaar** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the hall. Come eat and shop. We still need some members to help work the tables. If you can give us an hour or two please contact Cuca Bowen at 878-7988.

**Nov. 16, 2009 – General Membership Meeting** will include a little more leadership training.

**Dec. 21, 2009 – General Membership Meeting** is our Christmas meeting that will be at the Golden Corral in Beavercreek at 6:00 PM. If you plan on attending please leave a message for Sue at 878-8343 or on the message tree in the lounge so we'll know how many will be coming.

**Dec. 20, 2009 – Children's Christmas Party from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.** Join us for lots of holiday fun. There will be a sign up sheet in the lounge Dec. 1 so we will know how many children will be attending.

**VA&R:** Monthly visits are made to the VA. We are still in need of shaving cream and deoderant for men and women. If you can purchase 1 or 2 on sale or would like to give the money instead please contact Joann @ 864-5228. Your help is really appreciated by the patients at the VA. If we don't help, they do without.

If you have questions or comments, or would like to help with a project, please contact us at [aux526@yahoo.com](mailto:aux526@yahoo.com) or drop a note to **ALA Unit 526, P.O. Box 168, Fairborn, OH 45324**. We'll get back with you as soon as possible. If you would like a phone call be sure to include your phone number.



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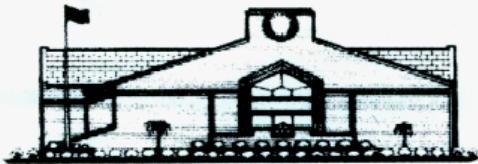


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