

Commander's Corner

Hello my fellow Legionnaires. I want to wish all a Happy and Joyous New Year.



I hope your Christmas brought you a time for Reflection of your blessings, Fellowship with family and friends, Thankfulness for God's blessings he has given us as individuals and as a country. Let us not forget that there were tables with empty chairs during Christmas due to a family member being in service to our great nation.

I am writing this column in the year 2011. It will be 2012 when you read this. I can only hope that 2011 was a good year for you. I'm sure some of you experienced times of sadness. For that, I am sorry and I trust the New Year will serve you better. In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and not in want. Remember – God never shuts one door unless He opens another! Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?

The New Year, like last year, will present us with added challenges. For example, we have election of officers coming up, we need people to work with bingo, and many other jobs to be done in order to stay on top. Opportunities abound to showcase your skills in working with others to achieve noteworthy results. No matter what you do, the broader your experience, the greater your flexibility, the more knowledgeable and valuable you become. Our open positions offer no salary, but they can provide many opportunities to help yourself and others, regardless of your situation.

If you have not done so, would you please renew your membership **NOW**. I must ask you please to get your dues in and encourage others to do the same. "For the good of the Legion." Be a part of Post #14's growth and prosperity in the upcoming year and join our Legion Family. It's fun and it gives back to the community.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The nominating committee has begun work in seeking out individuals to serve in a number of positions. I know there are many of you out there that are more than capable in serving in some capacity. I believe that our organization needs and deserves good leadership. So if you are asked by the nominating committee to serve, I hope you will consider and step up. Be sure to ask any member of the nominating committee or officer should you have questions as to the duties and responsibilities of any position.

As a reminder that as a member of the American Legion, you are responsible for touching the lives of many people that you don't know and most likely will never meet, from the many veterans that our organization assist on a daily basis to the many young people and their families that are involved with our youth programs. When anyone from our national organization visits Washington and they frequently do, with 2.8 million veterans backing them, they carry a big stick. We are not at 100% on membership as a post and since membership is key to our success we still need all not paid members to renew and yes we need new members

Ed Mount.

President's Corner

Happy New Year to all our Auxiliary members. I hope you had a happy and blessed Christmas. We enjoyed the Holiday with our family and we're very grateful they are near. I know it's something we say every year, but, "where did this year go?" There's nothing we can do about it now, so let's start planning next year's activities. Early on in March will be the annual Pancake Feed for the Legion baseball teams. Please watch for more announcements about that and plan to attend and support the teams.

We are going to be doing a fund-raiser at Montana Mike's Restaurant. We will be selling tickets for a dinner at that restaurant. We don't have the date firmed up yet, but please help us with this. The tickets will be \$15.00 per meal. All you do is show up on the appointed date, give the server your ticket and get your meal. It's as easy as that. The proceeds will go to help fund our youth programs.

We also need to start thinking about officers to serve for 2012-14. We hold office for 2 years at a time. I will be appointing a nominating committee in February. If you get a call from one of the committee members, please don't say "NO" too quickly. It takes all of us to make the Auxiliary run and none of the offices are difficult or time consuming as we only meet once a month.

I want to thank all the ladies who put together and worked the Craft Sale and then subsequent Garage Sale in October. We had a good time and got some real bargains as well.

Please remember to pay your dues for the current year if you haven't done so yet. We did have to raise the amount to \$25.00/year because of raises made at the National and State levels.



We are still meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month (except June-July-August). Come for dinner and stay for the meeting. Hope to see you in 2012.

Jo Dalquest

Membership

Another year has come and gone, and so far the weather had been good. The post is only at 75% membership renewals as of December 23, 2011. We want to be at 100%, and you as members are the only ones that can achieve this for the post. Please look in those stacks on letters on your desk and renew as soon as possible. We currently have 597 members on the roster with only 449 paid leaving us with 148 NOT renewed. What can we do as a post to get to 100%? Don't forget that you can renew on line at www.legion.org. It is very simple; all you need is your member ID# and a credit card. The web site is a secure site. I wish to thank the other officers and members in helping me with my first year as 1st Vice-membership. Without their assistance it would have been overwhelming. I wish everyone a prosperous new year and look forward to serving you. Respectfully submitted,

Ron Griffin

Finance Report

Nov-Dec 2011	
Post Home	\$ 1,236.90
Gen Fund	\$ 3,444.62
Cont Fund	\$ 3,102.17
Bingo	\$ 10,295.96
Baseball	\$ 2,553.56
Avenue Flags	\$ 2,466.59
Mortgage	\$ 76,698.09

Loan to be paid off in 5 years. I sent out some bingo assistance Letters several weeks back but no Response. We are in the need of a couple of people to assist with Bingo on Saturday evenings. Here are some important facts: In November 2011, Bingo grossed over \$ 17,000.00 and Pull Tabs grossed a cool \$ 12,085.00. This program must succeed to support our post. Not hard work and you meet many wonderful people. Finance officer, *Hank Sipple*

Wanted: your Discharge Data

We still need a copy of your DD214 or other discharge papers. Bring or mail the documents so that we can scan them into our computer data base. We are required to keep this information to verify that you are a veteran and eligible to be a member of the Legion per IRS requirements. Mailed documents will be returned to you as soon as possible. This information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any other organization. It will be password protected and only three people in the post (Commander, 1st vice and Adjutant) will know the password.



THE FINAL INSPECTION -- The soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass. He hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly as his brass. "Step forward now, you soldier, how shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My Church have you been true?" The soldier squared his shoulders and said, "No Lord, I guess I am not. Because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint. I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough. And sometimes I've been violent, because the world is awfully rough. But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep, though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills got just too steep. And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear. And sometimes, God, forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears. I know I don't deserve a place, among the people here. They never wanted me around, except to calm their fears. If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand. I never expected or had too much, but if you don't, I'll understand." There was a silence all around the throne, where the saints had often trod, as the soldier waited quietly, for the judgment of his God. "Step forward now, you soldier, you've borne your burdens well. Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets', you've done your time in Hell."

Email Address Needed

This is the third newsletter that we have used both the post office and the email to get the newsletter out to our membership. The email version has been received with great response. We invite all with email accounts to participate. As of this publication, we will send out 75 newsletters by email. This is very beneficial to the post by not having to print as many newsletters, folding costs and saving postage. On the day the newsletter is printed, you will receive an email with a clickable pointer to the current newsletter.

Your email address would have the highest security that the post can furnish. Just send a email to ADJ-DLP14@sunflower.com or drop it by the post. Once set up the email delivery, a test message will be sent to you requesting a reply.

SERVICE MEN/WOMEN AS MEMBERS

Active service members have already paid the price to become Legion Members. You don't have to be discharged to be labeled "veteran". As long as you are actively serving honorably in any branch of the service you are eligible. Most receiving this newsletter are not actively serving, but if you know someone who is, inform them. Post a notice on your local National Guard and Reserve bulletin boards of this fact.

Fellow Legionnaires,

Be reminded that we still have over 96 Memorial Bricks for sale. \$500 ea. Buy one for yourself as contributor or for a loved one as a memorial. If we sold all of them, we would cut our mortgage in half from \$72K to \$36K.

BINGO

BINGO is played every Wednesday and Saturday nights at 6:45 p.m with the Post doors opening at 5:30 pm. Workers are also desperately needed at both Wednesday and Saturday sessions so, any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Even if you do not have a lot of time, only ONE night a month would be of great value to the program. Contact the post, our Bingo Manager at the Legion hall at 785-842-3415. As a reminder, without BINGO our post could not exist!

Clyde Bysom and his bands present.

In the Legion Lounge.
EACH THURSDAY, 7 TO 8:30 P.M.

JUNKYARD JAZZ

ON SUNDAYS, 2 TO 4 P. M.

THE BIG BAND SOUNDS

Call Post at 842-3415 for dates.

Jan. SCHEDULE

Jan. 3: Legion/Aux./SAL Membership Meeting

5:30 pm lounge opens.
6:30 pm informal dinner.
7:30 pm- business meeting.

Jan. 24: Eboard Meeting Breakfast 0800

Jan. 24 Aux. Card Party. Reservations please, 1 pm.
For bridge: Susan Phenix: 843-4478 or Ines Riegle 843-9519, for canasta: Lila Patton 843-7698

Feb. SCHEDULE

Feb. 7: Legion/Aux./SAL Meeting

5:30 pm lounge opens.
6:30 pm informal dinner
Guest speaker
7:30 pm business meeting.

Feb. 24: Input for Mar.-April Bulletin

Feb. 28: Eboard Meeting Breakfast 0800

Feb. 28: Aux. Card Party. Reservations please, 1 pm.
For bridge: Susan Phenix: 843-4478 or Ines Riegle 843-9519, for canasta: Lila Patton 843-7698

POST STATS

	Legion	Aux	SAL
Roster	597	162	51
Renewals	449	127	32
Percentage	82%	79%	63%



A time when we set aside time to give thanks for our blessings. We celebrate the goodness in our lives and the richness of the freedoms we enjoy. In these times we are thankful for the women and men who serve our country in the armed services.

Those whose memories may have diminished and some recollections may not be vivid, but their service to our country should never be forgotten.

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Pancake Day March 3, 2012

It is time again for our annual fund raiser, the 63rd Pancake Day. We will be taking donations to Help offset the cost of supplies for Pancake Day. If you can help purchase these supplies, drop your Donation by the post or mail it to Post #14. We also need all the volunteer help we can get. Letters will be mailed in January. Don't forget that all monies raised support our American Legion Baseball Team.

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1LT. ELI DORSEY



Auxiliary



SAL



Jan.-Feb. 2012

Post In Need of Help!!!

We have asked many times over for some additional help in Bingo. With enough people you would only have to work 4 hours a month. There are several positions open:

Floor Person—Walks around and sells additional games. Also helps with the initial sale of games.

Caller—Individual would call the game. We have modern equipment which makes calling easy.

Pull Tab Sales Person-Sells pull tabs from the table.

Training provided. Contact Hank Sipple