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September Newsletter

Hello Fellow Legionaires,

Well, football season is here, so fall must be just around the corner. I hope everyone's favorite college team is already doing well!!

Our meeting this month is **Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00, at Lee Road United Methodist Church.** Please try to attend if at all possible. You are missed when you are not here. This month our guest speaker is Kevin A Shwedo, Executive Director of SC Department of Motor Vehicles and retired Army General. I'm sure his presentation will be a good one. If you have a friend who is a Vet, please invite them to attend.

Membership Dues are now Due!!! Our Adjutant said about half of our members have already paid. If you haven't paid, please pay now, so you don't wait until the last minute and possibly forget. It would be great to see our Post have a 100% renewal. If you have a hardship paying your dues, please see the Commander or Adjutant and we will see if we can help.

Membership Drive- Our membership goal this year is 185. Our present membership is 168. Please reach out to some of your Veteran friends and encourage them to come and join us. For everyone bringing in one new member, you will receive the SC Department Recruitment pen, "Plus One".

UPCOMING POST EVENTS

September 8th- **Inagural Golf Tournament-** If you play golf or know of a friend or friends that play golf, please encourage them to come and join us. If you don't play, please come on out and help us with the event. We will need a lot of help!!! This will be a fun event, with food, so come on out. The tournament is at Paris Mountain Golf Club, 301 Old Rockhouse Road, Greenville, SC 29609. Registration is between 8:00 and 9:00, with a shotgun start at 9:00. There will be prizes of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams.

Thanks to the Legionaires that planned and put this event together: Steve Ehrlick, Chris Baird, John Bannon, Ed Collins and Ken Hemm!!

September 8th- **District 5 meets at our Post at 9:00-** Post Commander and Adjutant will be in attendance. Any Post member is welcome to attend. Our Post is presenting a WW1 picture to the American Legion Post in Spartanburg. Coffee and Donuts to be served.

September 16th- **Hamburger, Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social** at 4:00PM at Lee Road United Methodist Church. Our Post is sponsoring this event to thank the members of Lee Road United Methodist Church for welcoming us to have our meetings there and for their hospitality. This will be a great time to meet the members of Lee Road United Methodist Church and to get to know them. I am told there is a large Veteran group that attends Lee Road United Methodist Church. There will be good food, and a great time for fellowship. We will also have a Blue Grass Gospel group playing during the social. Please put this on your social calendar. My thanks to Charlie Porter who organized this event and is planning out the details, and all the other Post members helping with this event.

September 17th and 19th- **Flag Presentation Classes** to Upstate Home School, first graders. There will be three different class presentations. Bobby Davis and Mick Ogulewicz are doing the presentations. Each student will be given a small booklet about our flag, a small American flag, and a star that has been removed from a retired flag. We will be having another presentation after these classes. The date has not be scheduled yet.

September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd- **Home Builders Association Fall Home and Garden Show** at the TD Center. Carroll Kelley will be coordinating this event. We will be setting up our booth on Thursday the 20th, late afternoon. If you can help with set up or help man our booth at the show, please let Carroll know. We met a lot of Vets and sold quite a lot of our sales item at the Spring Home and Garden Show. In addition to helping with the show, you will get to see the show for free, so step up and give us a hand!!

September 28th through the 30th- **Department of South Carolina Fall Conference, Columbia, SC** Officers and any member that would like to attend will be representing our Post at the Fall Conference. We have three members signed up, as of now. If you would like to go, please see Tony. The cost to attend is \$25.00. The business of the Conference is conducted on Friday and Saturday, not on Sunday.

September 29th- 11:00- **Color Guard at Sevier Middle School**, "Old Hickory Day". Don Koonce is organizing this event. *On this date in 1918, the 30th Infantry Division that trained at Camp Sevier broke through the Hindenburg Line.*

October 6th- **Fall Car Show**- Car show will be held at the Post parking lot. This will be the third show that Ed Collins has organized, and they have all been successful. If you can help, please see Ed. More information to follow.

November 10th- 11:00- **Color Guard at Sevier Middle School**- WW1 and Camp Sevier remembrance. Don Koonce is organizing this event.

November 11th- **Veterans Day/Armistice Day**- Ceremony at the Greenville Drive Stadium.

November 20th- **Post End of Year and Christmas Celebration**- This will be held at Taylors First Baptist Ministry Center, as their center is larger and can accommodate more people than the Lee Road United Methodist Church center. This will be a special evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. No business to be conducted this evening. Please mark your calendars now and plan on bringing your wives, children and grandchildren. We are planning on having great door prizes as well. We will be getting our committee together soon to plan out the details. If you would like to serve on this committee, please see Clyde.

December- **Greer Christmas Parade** – The date of the parade is unknown at this time. The Post Color Guard will participate and possibly a small float. If you have experience putting together a parade float, we need your help!!

December 4th- **Executive Committee Meets**- The Executive Committee will meet in December.

December 18th- **General membership meeting** – No General Membership Meeting in December. Enjoy the time with your families.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN COMMANDER AFTER BELLICORT

“Some day, when the full story of this battle can be told, the American People will thrill with pride in these magnificent troops upon whom a tremendous task fell. They were faced by the most formidable task that could be imposed upon them, the breaking of the double systems of the greatest defense line the Germans ever constructed. On the left of their attack there was some uncertainty regarding the situation and this increased the difficulty of their work; yet these troops, working under the enthusiasm of their high ideal, carried through their assaults, penetrated deeper even than had been intended and delivered a blow which attracted the greatest part of the enemy’s resistance. Beyond all question, they made it possible to break the defensive line in a position of the utmost importance to the allied cause.”

If you are interested in WW1 history and celebrations going on around the country, check out the U.S. WW1 Centennial Commission website.

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From the Chaplain

What Makes America Great?

The year is 605 BC and Nebuchadnezzar at the battle of Carchemish defeated the Assyrians, and the Egyptians, and took the people of Judah in Israel captive marching them some 880 miles from Israel to Babylon by the Euphrates River (Present day Iraq). Daniel, the writer of the book of Daniel in the Old Testament and his three friends, men of ability, found themselves serving in the king’s court. The Babylonian Empire unlike any nation before it extended its reign over the surrounding nations even dominating the Medes and the Persians who had helped

Nebuchadnezzar defeat the Assyrians and the Egyptians. The City of Babylon became a monument to Nebuchadnezzar's power. The King built walls so wide that chariots could be driven on them. The walls themselves were made of fired bricks that had been glazed with a beautiful light blue color. Every few feet on the wall one of the bricks would display a gold color lion with wings. Today, a portion of the wall with the large Ishtar gate stands restored in the Pergamum Museum in Berlin, Germany. The opening of the gate is over 20 feet high. Things were going quite well for the King.

One night Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of a giant image of a man. It was a dream that troubled him and one that he forgot. None of the Chaldeans could interpret it. The King sent for Daniel, who daily prayed to the God of Heaven, and God revealed the dream and meaning to Daniel; the Babylonian empire represented by the head of gold of the giant image of man would be replaced one day by an empire represented on the statue by the breast of silver. In another dream, Nebuchadnezzar saw a large tree cut down. Again, Daniel is called upon to interpret the dream. The two dreams and a seven year hiatus from power taught Nebuchadnezzar that the God of Daniel was the true and living God who reigned over all the kingdoms and nations.

The year is now 539BC and Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's grandson is ruling the Babylonian empire. Babylon is now under siege by Darius I, the Mede. Belshazzar, the King had gathered over a thousand people to celebrate together. In front of all these people, the king calls for the golden goblets taken from the temple in Jerusalem and drinks from one of them. The Bible records *"They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5. In that same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against the other. The words MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN are written on the plaster meaning the kingdom is being taken from Belshazzar and given to Darius the Mede.* That night Darius diverted the Euphrates river that flowed under the wall. Some of his soldiers crawled through the dried up passage and opened the gate, allowing Darius I to march into the city and kill Belshazzar.

The passage gives us a warning. No nation can leave God out of their affairs and become great or remain great. Making America great again is more than economic, and military might. Greatness is established in the moral fabric of a people that honor and worship God. The American Legion motto is God and Country in that order. GOD MADE THIS COUNTRY GREAT.

Chaplain Earl Nutz

If you have any information you would like to share with Post or Auxillary members, please e mail to centuryproperties1@att.net.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our General Membership meeting on September 18th.

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