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JULY NEWSLETTER

Hello Fellow Legionaires,

I sincerely hope each of you and your families enjoyed a great July 4th celebration. Happy 242nd Birthday USA!!!

I hope each of you took time and reflected on what a great nation we have and how our forefathers sacrificed to give us this nation and how so many have died over the years to protect and defend our nation and the freedoms we enjoy. Please take time to talk to your children and grandchildren and make sure they know and understand about our Country's founding and the great history of our Country. We need to insure future generations have knowledge and appreciation of our great history.

Here is just a small segment of the Declaration made on July 4th 1776. . . .

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiances to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full power to levy War, conclude Peace contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

When you next visit the Post, you will immediately notice the new lighting. My thanks to Ed Collins for obtaining the new LED lights and for coordination getting members to help install the lights. The LED lights put out more light than the old florescent lights and are more economical to operate. My thanks to each of you who helped Ed with the installation. We still have several more lights to be installed. If you can volunteer to help, please let Ed know. His contact number is 288-3171.

On June 1st and 2nd, we had seven members of our Post that attended the State Department Convention. Several amendments to By Laws were voted on. The one we were most interested in the one vote for each Post, was again voted down. We will continue to bring this up. As it is now, the larger Posts have more votes, due to their size and basically dictate to the smaller Posts, like ours. New Officers for the State Department were elected.

We have already received information for the State Department Fall Convention, which will be in Columbia, September 28th, 29th and 30th. If you would like to attend, please let our Adjutant, Tony Dunn know. The registration fee is \$25.00. If you have never attended, you will find it interesting. Tony's number is 979-9867

We concluded our 3rd Annual Weapons raffle. The raffle grossed \$6,000. For the Post General Operating Account. We had two winners. The winning tickets were sold by Ken Hemm and by Chris Baird. **Thank you all for getting out and selling these tickets.**

Our next scheduled fund raiser is our **golf tournament**, which is scheduled for **September 8th**. Steve Ehrlick and John Banning are heading up this fund raiser, along with their committee members. They are already in the process of selling hole sponsorships, which are \$75.00 each. We would like as many of our members as possible to help sell. Please contact John Banning and he can get you the information needed. If each member would sell just one sponsorship, just think of the income. If you don't feel comfortable selling, and would like to recommend a business that you do business with, just let John know and one of the committee members will call upon them. This is the way the Post will make money on this event is by selling sponsorships. John's contact number is 230-0049.

Our Post will also host **the District 5 meeting** on the morning of **September 8th**. The Adjutant and myself will represent our Post and will provide refreshments for attendees.

Our Post will also participate in the **Home Builders Fall Home and Garden Show, which is September 21st through the 23rd**. Last time we participated, in the Spring, we met a lot of veterans and sold some of our merchandise. If you can volunteer for 4 hours, let Clyde know. Contact number is 304 5350.

Ed Collins is planning a **second Car Show**, which will be at the Post. The tentative date for this event is **October 6th**. Further information will be made available, as Ed gets plans finalized. Again, if you can help Ed, please contact him. Contact number is 288-3171

We may try to plan some type of social event for Post members before Summer is over, so stay tuned.

You can see we have a lot of activities planned, and we certainly can use any help you can give.

Pete Bellinger, our First Vice conducted the General Membership Meeting in May and did a great job. Thank you Pete!!

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS JULY 17TH . REMEMBER OUR MEETING PLACE IS NOW THE LEE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF LEE ROAD AND EDWARDS ROAD. I UNDERSTAND A COUPLE OF MEMBERS WENT TO THE TAYLORS BAPTIST MINISTRY CENTER LAST MONTH.

We have lots planned for the July meeting. We will be celebrating the Post's Anniversary, which is actually on July 4th. We will have an anniversary cake for all to enjoy. We will have as our Guest Speaker, Debby Whitsett, President of Gold Star Mothers and will have the Quilts of Valor Program, presented by Ken Hinkle. We will also be honoring some special guests that provide on going support to our Post. This will be a great meeting and I hope each of you will be able to attend. Meeting begins at 6:00. **If anyone needs a ride, if you will let me know in advance, I will try to arrange this. Contact number 304 5350**

July 1st starts our new year for the Post and membership dues become due. **If you pay early, your card will be stamped with an early bird stamp.** We would like to get everyone to pay as early as possible. If you have difficulty paying your dues, please let Clyde or Tony know and we will try to see if we can help. We want to keep our members and will try to assist, as we can. Tony's number is 979-9867 and Clyde's number is 304 4350.

Charlie Porter is in need of Color Guard participants. If you would like to participate, please let Charlie know. It is always good to have back up participants, as well. Charlies contact 201 3389.

The Post Color Guard presented the Colors at the July meeting of the Republican Women's Club at the Poinsett Club. Thank you Color Guard for a job well done.

If you know of any of our members or their immediate families that are sick and in need of assistance or prayer, please contact one of our Chaplains. Jack Dorn-444-8944 and Earl Nutz-834-9339. We would like to make sure we are aware of members that are sick and in need of our assistance and prayers.

If you like to read, here are a couple of good recommendations:

"Above and Beyond" Author Casey Sherman- **This book tells the story of Major Rudolf Anderson.**

"This is a story that is timeless, but is also timely given the geopolitical situation that we are living in right now. But I think this is an inspirational story about unsung heroes." Casey Sherman

"Conversations with Major Dick Winters" By Colonel (Ret) Cole C. Kingseed, USA, This is a very good read on leadership, as told by Major Winters to Col. Kingseed. You will recall Major Winters was the CO of Easy Company in Band of Brothers.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please contact Clyde 304 5350.

If you have any recommendations on how to improve our Post and Post meetings, please let one of the Officers know. Your feedback and recommendations are always welcomed and important to the well- being of our Post.

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