

Post 11-11 Newsletter April, 2008

Commander's Corner

Here we are starting April.

Now this isn't an April fools joke. We have some new things that I'm sure everyone will be excited about, but first things first.

On March 15th we had a very large crowd for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Everyone was talking about how Gene was very excited about the event and indeed so.

The Merchandise Pickle was more than was expected, it sold out in about 20 minutes. Hopefully some folks received something.

Our crowds are getting larger with each passing week. With all we have going on it should continue to increase. Our meals are excellent and with Chef Ann's help no one leaves hungry. Not only that but the SAL puts on a good feast also. Let us not forget the NASCAR Sunday events, what a turnout.

Now on to the upcoming events.

On Sunday April 6th we will be serving Chipped Beef on Toast for a Breakfast Special. We have had so many people talking about this since it was brought up, we expect a very large turnout.

The next big news is the Post 11-11 executive board from and, of course, Master Chef Bob Black will be having a Northeastern Fish Fry serving Walleye (only the best for our members). This will be April 26th. Watch for times in the flyers in the club room.

The last and most important is that during times when meals are being served, it takes some time. Please remember, we have ONE COOK AND ONE PERSON taking orders and a large crowd. Please be patient, our volunteers are not machines, and we do try hard to please everyone.

If we had more volunteers to help maybe we could do better, but in the meantime please be understanding about everything.

Until next time keep our Troops in your thoughts.

Tom Wartella
Commander

Kathie's Campsite

Hi y'all!

At this point, we are still working on April events! The calender shows what is planned to this point, but usually someone thinks of something special to get together for! So keep in touch.

I am so used to Easter in April, and this year St. Pat's and Easter showed up in March! What a great dinner we had for St. Pat's - and the Merchandise Pickle sold out in 20 minutes! Either a record or close to it. No wonder so many of you were here early.

Of course, karaoke is still the 1st & 3rd Fridays, and we've added it after Catfish Friday too! Bingo keeps us busy the 2nd & 4th Saturday nights at 6:00. Always a surprise as to what food is available, but it's always good and keeps us fortified to be able to dob those numbers! A lot of families gather to spend time together: it's always good to see that.

Tuesday night dinners in April have been taken card of! Yea!! Annie & Rosie get a break and you all stepped up to make that happen. What a great Post! A tentative menu is on the calendar and thanks to all who volunteered to pick up a Tuesday so we wouldn't starve. Anyone who would like to step up for a Friday to give them a break is also very appreciated. Let me know if I can give you a call in a pinch. Especially with vacations coming up, I'm sure we could use you. Thank yous to those who have and do feed us Fridays: Lionel, Mike & Jen, and Chuck & Crew, we really, really appreciate you all. Glen has also been on call and has helped out. Thank yourselves also for the pot-lucks. Great variety and good food!

Hey, NASCAR has started. Sundays have become fun with y'all cheering on your favorite drivers and bringing in snacks to share. Keep an eye on those Furniture Row drivers and their pits! Chuck hauls their vehicles and he gets on camera once in a while.

We are closing Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13, for general club cleaning; washing walls, a little general maintenance and anything we can do to generally keep us looking good. Come and help out a few hours if you can and help lighten the load for the few who will be here. There's a lot to do and the more of us that help, the quicker we are done - and think of all that quality time we can spend together!

That's it for this month!

Till the next campfire,

Kathie

Auxiliary

Happy Spring Everyone!!

First of all I want to thank everyone for helping make our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Merchandise Pickle such a huge success!! Annie did her usual spectacular job with our corned beef and cabbage, and I believe we set a new record for selling out our merchandise pickle - 20 Minutes!!!!!!! I hope you enjoyed the dinner and won some cool stuff. American Legion Post 11-11 - you are really something special.

Nominations were taken for next year's officers. If you would like to be an Auxiliary officer, or if you would like to nominate someone, please let an officer know, or come to the April meeting on April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

For now, our nominations are as follows:

President - Sherry Baker

Vice President - Janet Lee

Secretary - Rae Ryan

Treasurer - Shirley Starley

Sgt. at Arms - Kaye Serratore

Chaplain - Ann Cahill

Historian - Donna Flygare

I'll keep it short this month. Once again, thanks for everything you do!

Stephanie Carriveau
Auxiliary President

From the Chaplain

The American Legion has many programs and events for veterans and their families, but, to take full advantage of everything offered, we need your help and participation.

New officer election time is approaching and we can use your help as an officer or to serve on a committee. Remember, there is no rank in the Legion; all members are equal and more than welcome to attend any Post meeting. Your presence makes the difference, get involved.

Please pray for the well-being of our members and their families and the safety of our Troops.

The post website is www.legionpost11-11.org

Jim Bellew
Chaplain

Wanted! Young men who are completing their junior years of high school.

Last year, Post 11-11 sponsored four lucky boys and is looking to sponsor students for this year's event. Date: June 8 thru 14, Deadline for application submission is May 15, 2008.

American Legion Colorado Boys State aims to simulate and emulate Colorado State government through a fun and engaging program. Boys who have completed their junior year in high school help build their very own government from the ground up ... cities, counties, political parties, a legislature and they even elect a Governor, Lt. Governor and 2 US Senators. They are guided through the tools and resources they need to succeed by actual elected officials and business

leaders. Then it is up to them to make their system of government work. It won't always be easy, but they will have fun and learn along the way.

Boys State is now accredited through the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Students can **earn 4 college level, transferable credits** just by participating. Throughout the week the boys have the opportunity to earn several different scholarships reserved specifically for students attending the Boys State program. Plus, two young men will be selected for an all-expense paid trip to participate in the American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington DC. See <http://www.colegionboysstate.org> for details and application.

For information on Girls State, June 15-20, 2008, see an Auxiliary Representative.

News From The Business Committee

Patronage at the Post Lounge has been picking up the last few months. That increased traffic has created a need to work harder at keeping the facility standards up. This is one of the driving factors to having the Post Clean-up on April 12th & 13th. It has been a few years since our last major clean-up day because of the great assistance of the members who volunteered their time and energy and we have enjoyed the results they accomplished. I'm asking again for that assistance in bringing the facility back up to the standard that everyone expects of Post 11-11. There will be sign-up sheets located in the Lounge to for tasks (like; painting and painting prep, etc.). For more information you may talk to anyone on our committee, the Building Committee or any Post, Auxiliary or SAL Officer.

I look forward to seeing the Post 11-11 spirit in action again.

REMINDER: Post 11-11 will be closed on Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13 (no Sunday Breakfast).

***** NOTICES *****

REMINDER: The Executive Board wants to remind all members to have their guests sign the Visitor Book at located at the Post entrance. It is a courtesy and protects our Not-For-Profit status.
THANK YOU

The Post will be closed on April 12 & 13 for a general cleaning. Anyone who would like to help should contact Mike Carriveau.

The SAL is looking for volunteers to help with their Sunday Breakfast. Anyone who would like to help should contact Lionel Sandoval.

The Executive Board is seeking nominations for Post 11-11 officers for the upcoming year. Please contact Tom Wartella (Commander), Walt Lee (Adjutant) or John Baker (Finance Officer).

The Roaring Twenties party was a success. Thanks to all who attended and participated. The costumes were a hoot.

The Executive Board is seeking volunteers to work on the “Blackhawk Chowdown” for November 11th. Interested persons should contact any Post 11-11 officer.

From the Editor

The deadline for the May newsletter is Saturday, April 12th.