

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, here it is July already and summer is definitely here. As we prepare for the heat, I want to thank all of those Post members who attended last month's meeting and voted. The Post now has a few new officers. I think this will invigorate all Post Members to do new and more veteran focused projects during the coming year. Congratulations to the Post Officers for 2009-2010!!!!

On the 4th of July, come join me and the Post Officer's for a potluck at the Post, starting at 4 p.m. Celebrate the nation's birthday with us, and then go see the areas' fireworks displays after a nice meal.

Membership meetings for the months of July and August have been suspended and will resume on September 8th. Should you have any problems or concerns in the mean time, please contact any Post Officer.

As always, please keep our young men and women in the armed forces of our great country and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Till next month,

Yours in comradeship,
Michael J. Carriveau
Commander

LEGION LOW DOWN

July 4th is right around the corner and our Commander Mike Carriveau is cookin. Starting at 4:00 p.m., he will be serving up the hamburgers and hotdogs, all you need to do is bring a side dish to share. Let's have a pot luck that afternoon and celebrate together.

Starting Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., we are bringing Corn Hole to Post 11-11. Practice up every Tuesday. We will have the Corn Hole play off the first Saturday of August, that's August 1st 2009. Two man teams, \$10.00 per team, cash prize. Use these Tuesday's for practice, August 1st will be the tournament. See Cindy Borrego or Tim Schench for this up coming event.

Chili cook off is July 28th. Signup sheet is at the bar. Red or Green, mild or hot, your Chili is the main dish. Post 11-11 will provide Mexican theme to go along with your Chili. Who will take the serape and cash prize?

For the month of August, Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, we will have the Post 11-11 Steak Throw Down. We need 4 teams, 1 team per Friday for the throw down, signup sheet will be at the bar. Post to provide all the same type of steaks, potatoes and salads. What you do with the steak is your own secret recipe. Who will be the keeper of the steak thrower and of course the cash prize? Put your teams together now - there is only room for 4 teams.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work cooking the Tuesday Night, Wednesday Night, Friday Night and Sunday morning meals. The bartenders, all of these people volunteer to cook and serve up your favorite bubbly. Tips are Greatly Appreciated! Anyone who would like to volunteer please contact Cindy.

Remember to keep our service men and women in your prayers.

Cindy

AUXILIARY

Happy Fourth of July. I hope you're all enjoying your summer. I can't believe it is July already.

Be sure to check out the beautiful flowers on the back patio and in the yard. Thanks to Mary Ann and Chuck Blay for their donations and hard work.

Poppies are still available in the Post lounge. Be sure to pick one up. Donations are appreciated.

The Auxiliary does not meet in the summer months, but if you have a need that we can help with, feel free to contact any officer.

Our next meeting will be September 3, 2009.

Newsletters will be folded on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 1:00 PM. All help is appreciated. Hope to see you there.

The next Auxiliary Breakfast will be July 26.

Keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

Sherry Baker, President

POST ADJUTANT

I am proud to be the new Post Adjutant and will be ready to serve you when all records are in my charge. Walt Lee had preformed this responsibility for many years and will be hard to replace; thank you Walt. As I am retired, my intentions are to maintain a regular schedule at the Post where all records will be kept with proper security.

I will remain as a member of the Post Business Committee; webmaster for the Post website www.legionpost11-11.org and the District 5 Chaplain/Historian. I will also fill in for newly elected Post Chaplain Norm Harpole until he is able to perform his duties. We wish Norm a speedy recovery. My new phone number is 720-945-9915.

Our new officers for 2009-2010 are:

Mike Carriveau, Commander
Chuck Blay, Sr. Vice
Tami Talbot, Jr. Vice
Jim Bellew, Adjutant
John Baker, Finance Officer
Norm Harpole, Chaplain
Tom Wartella, Service Officer
Tim Schench, Sgt-at-Arms
Ava Barden, Historian

SERVICE OFFICER

Our wish for a speedy recovery for the following Post Members who have been ill:

Norm Harpole
Glenn Medley
Mike O'Bryan
Tom Ryan

Our deepest sympathies to ***Shirley Creger***, Auxiliary member and volunteer bartender, whose Father, William L. Matheney, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2009.

As Service Officer, please let me know if you know of any of our Legion, SAL and/or Auxiliary members who are ill, hospitalized or have passed away. You can call the Post at 303-466-1278 and leave me a message with the information.

Tom Wartella, Service Officer

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

If you haven't noticed, we now have Saturday & Sunday domestic beer specials in the Lounge. \$1.00 for a small glass and \$1.50 for a mug from noon until 6 p.m. This beats happy hour prices, so come on in for a cool one.

In this newsletter, you will notice a survey. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete it and either mailing it back or bringing it into the Post. A box will be available in the lounge to deposit your survey. No names are necessary! We value your opinion and suggestions. Good or bad, please let us know.

Ava Barden

NEW TO www.LegionPost11-11.org

New to www.LegionPost11-11.org * **Member Services** page is now on our website. This is a free service page offered to our members and friends of American Legion Post 11-11 as a thank you for your support and is based on one of the founding principles of the American Legion: **“To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”**

Many members offer expert services that are sometimes hard to find and unknown even to us.

If you can tutor, baby sit, teach a computer class or install security systems, paint or whatever, just submit your information to web-admin@legionpost11-11.org or drop it off at the Post and it will be listed. Of course, if you can barter or offer a discount, this would even be a better reason to shop here first.

To be included, please submit up to a business card size listing of what you have to offer associated Post members and it will be on the internet.

The Post or the American Legion does not endorse the services listed and will maintain the right to refuse, edit or cancel a listing at any time.

Coming soon, renew your membership online.

Jim Bellew, Webmaster

HONOR BOARD - OUR HEROES

We, at Post 11-11, are honored to have a special place to display pictures of the current active military and of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, killed in action in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. These pictures are family members of our Post family. Our Honor Board is located on the north wall between the bar and the pickle machines.

Please take a few minutes to view these photos as they are our Heroes fighting to keep our country free.

This tradition was started at the first annual Black Hawk Chow Down in 2007. Thank you John Baker for starting this wonderful tradition.

We would like to see our Honor Board continue to grow. If you haven't already done so, please provide a 4 x 6 photo of your Hero along with his/her name, rank and where they are stationed. You can submit the photos to Donna Flygare at Post 11-11, 9959 Wadsworth, Broomfield, CO 80021.

Donna Flygare

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Whether you call it Independence Day, Declaration Day, or the 4th of July, it is a day we think about many things. We think about our family and friends gathering. We think about BBQs and picnics. We think of Parades. We look forward to the ooohs and aaahs of fireworks.

We remember the men and women who are still fighting for our freedom and not able to be home with their families.

We proudly fly our American Flag this day and celebrate the birthday of our country, the United States of America.

DID YOU KNOW.....

- During the [American Revolution](#), the legal separation of the 13 American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, not July 4th. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the [Declaration of Independence](#), a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a [committee](#) with [Thomas Jefferson](#) as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.
- After finalizing the text on July 4, Congress issued the Declaration of Independence in several forms. It was initially published as a printed [broadside](#) that was widely distributed and read to the public. The most famous version of the Declaration, a signed copy that is usually regarded as the Declaration of Independence, is on display at the [National Archives](#) in Washington, D.C.
- [Independence Day](#) was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. The Liberty Bell sounded from the tower of Independence Hall summoning citizens to gather for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.
- According to most historians, Congress signed this document on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4, as is often believed.
- June 4, 1777, the Continental Congress, looking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag.
- The word “patriotism” comes from the Latin patria, which means “homeland” or fatherland”
- The second sentence of the Declaration of Independence is a sweeping statement of [human rights](#) and has been called “one of the best known sentences in the English language” and the most potent and consequential words in American History

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that [all men are created equal](#), that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are [Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness](#).”

- Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two [founding fathers](#) of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become [president](#), died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.
- President [James Monroe](#) died exactly five years later, on July 4, 1831, but he was not a signatory to the Declaration of Independence.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Post 11-11's Boy Scout Troop #385 need volunteers for Eagle Advisors and Order of the Arrow. Please contact Tina at 720-290-0556 or Bruce at 303-432-8608 if you can help out.

DATES TO REMEMBE4R

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY

NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN JULY

NO SAL MEETING IN JULY

7/4/09 @ 4:00 PM

BBQ Potluck at Post.. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

7/26/09 @ 1:00 PM Newsletters to be Folded

7/28/09 Chili Cook-off at Post 11-11 Lounge

8/3/09 Survey Due Date