

Post 11-11 Newsletter - October, 2008

Commander's Corner

Fall is definitely here as football season is really getting going. I hope everyone has done those things to prepare for the colder weather on the horizon.

September's Membership Meeting did not have a quorum of members to have a formal meeting. As a result, I do not have an agenda for the October Membership meeting at this time. It will have to come from items that crop up from now till the time of the meeting. We will have to cancel some anticipated speakers for the meetings because of poor participation. Post Membership Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is October 14th at 7 p.m.

I want to thank the Building Committee and those individuals who did the Post Business Office renovation and painting the exterior of the Post. The Post looks wonderful!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was a lot of hard work and we now have a very functional place to conduct the Post's business.

Don't forget about the upcoming events in November. The Post's birthday party on November 11th and the Blackhawk Chow Down on November 15th. Check out the Calendar in this newsletter for these and other activities for all of our members and families.

As always, keep our active duty military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Michael J. Carriveau
Commander

The Legion Low Down

This month has been a "Honey Do's" for the Post. Expansion of the office, new carpet, shelving and a computer, now I need to get busy and get the computer set up. Thank you to the "Honey Do's" for a Great Job. Everything looks so nice.

Upcoming Events:

Bronco Pot Lucks will be October 5th Tampa Bay 2:05 pm., October 12th Jacksonville 2:05p,m and October 20th New England 6:30 pm.

Country & Western Night - October 18th at 6:00 pm. Ham Steak, Beans, Corn Bread, Texas Toast, Salad and Toast. Country music and dancing, prizes for the best costumes and couples dance. Dance lessons may be available.

"Dead Man's Party" - October 31st, 7:30 - Until Whenever. Music, Costume Contest and dancing are some of the fun filled evening we have planned. Marki, Stephanie and Cindy are hard at work on this night to remember, "Dead Man's Party", don't miss this.

“Don’t Cook Tonight or Day” - Just Go to Post 11-11.

Our cooks are putting together the meals for this month. As always you won't be disappointed, we have the best meals in town. Please remember your cooks and bartenders are all volunteers. Tips are Greatly Appreciated.

Color Guard Practice will be held on the following days:

Sunday October 19th and October 26th - 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

Sunday November 2nd and November 9th - 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

Finally I have taken on the project of updating the back bar. A new gun is first on the list. The bartender and I on working on a few fundraisers to raise the money. We have the drawing for the Bronco jackets in the bar, \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Starting October 6th we will start the NFL Night Munchies, a few favorites for watching football, we will offer Pretzel and Nacho cheese, Supper Nachos, Chile Cheese Fries and Hot Wings. Check at the bar for the menu and pricing. All of the proceeds go towards the back bar. Check your calendars for drink specials; ask your bartender what's new and different.

Time to sign off; please remember all our service men and women, keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy

Auxiliary

Fall is in the air and the auxiliary kicked off the season with our first meeting on Thursday, September 4. We missed a number of our regulars. Hope to see you all next time. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 pm.

The year is flying by and it is already time to start thinking about Thanksgiving Baskets. The Auxiliary will once again donate Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. Please start bringing in non-perishable food items when you visit the Post. We will be assembling and distributing the baskets on Saturday, November 22. If you know of a family who would benefit from a basket, please provide their information to an Auxiliary officer.

The fall Merchandise Pickle will be held on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. This event is the Auxiliary's biggest fund raiser of the year, and as always, your generous support will be greatly appreciated. We are now accepting donations of new gift items, gift cards, checks or cash. This is always a fun evening. Our last two Merchandise Pickles set records for the shortest sell-out time, so come early and enjoy the frenzy, and you may even win yourself a nice prize.

American Legion Unit 11-11 Auxiliary is forming a team to participate in the "RACE FOR THE CURE." The Race is on Sunday, October 5 at 7:00 am at the Pepsi Center. We will meet early at the Post and take a bus to the Pepsi Center. We have quite a number of people signed up already (Auxiliary members, friends, relatives), but would love to have more. Anyone is welcome to join us. This will be a leisurely walk of about 3.5 miles. Anyone interested may pick up a registration form from the bartender at the Post.

God Bless our troops and their families.

Sherry Baker
President

BUSINESS COMMITTEE NEWS

Patronage has been picking up in the Lounge since the beginning of the football season. The NFL Sunday Ticket has given those displaced fans a chance to see their teams even when they are not shown on over-the-air TV stations here in town. Come join us for fun filled Sundays!!

We are continuing with improving the way we handle the business matters for the Lounge. Inventory control and cleanliness has continued to improve. Thanks to the Volunteer Bartenders and the Bar Manager for their teamwork!!

Don't forget that the Post has a great hall available for office parties, birthdays, anniversaries or any other function where you need room to have fun. Members have special rates. Contact Cindy the Bar Manager for more information.

Country and Western Night

When: Saturday, October 18, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM Until whenever

Cost: \$8.00 single, \$14.00 couple.

Menu: Ham steak, Beans, Corn bread, Texas Toast, Salad, Desert

Music: Country music and dancing

Other: Prizes for best costumes and couples dance

Dance lessons may be available

Building Committee

Thanks to everyone who helped with the August office renovation and exterior painting. It was a lot of work and all who helped should be thanked by the membership.

The improvements made over the last two years, hopefully, have made facility more comfortable for you. A major goal was to improve the facility so that old, new and future members could be proud of the attractiveness of their American Legion Post 11-11 home. Two major projects remain, bar renovation and hall remodeling; however, they will be completed by the next leadership. For the next six months our major goal is to develop a facilities maintenance plan, and to perform general maintenance of the facility and equipment.

Again, thanks to all who have given their time to complete the office renovation and exterior building painting

John Baker, Building Committee Chairman

By-Laws

The By-Laws have now been operational for about two years. The Executive Board has appointed Walt

Lee & John Baker to revisit the By-Laws to see if they can be improved upon. Any member who would like to participate in the By-Law review should contact Walt or John.

Bronco Schedule

Sun - 10/5 - TAMPA BAY - 2:05 p.m.

Sun - 10/12 - JACKSONVILLE - 6:30 p.m.

Mon - 10/20 - at New England - 6:30 p.m.

Sun - 10/26 - Bye

From the Editor

Articles for the November newsletter are due at the Post by Saturday, October 18th.