

Post 11-11 Newsletter - August, 2008

Commander's Corner

Where has the time gone? Fall is almost here and it seems like summer just got started. Starting this month we will be getting into Football and tailgate parties here at the Post.

Thanks to all our regular Volunteers and those who have stepped up to help while others were on vacation. It's been keeping the Post running smoothly. Thank You.

A few of the Post Officers attended the American Legion Department of Colorado Convention recently. We learned that there has been a trend lately that membership has been declining even though there is an increase in Veterans. Department wants all Posts to make an extra effort to recruit new members to the American Legion family. We will be making some organized efforts in that direction in the coming months.

I have been informed by the Post Adjutant, Walt Lee, that we have been receiving a lot of membership renewals lately. That's great!!!

It helps the Post Officers as we are set goals for paid memberships by the District and Department for each month.

You should notice a few added items in the coming newsletters. We are going to make an effort to keep all our members informed on the happenings at our Post.

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

Michael J. Carriveau
Commander

Kathie's Campsite

Hi y'all!

It's me again. I was asked to stay thru July and, of course, I said yes, so I would be able to see more of ya's. I still get to see my precious grandbabies for 3 days, so am very happy.

The hall is rented all but one weekend in August, tho we have 2 people interested in that open date. Looks like the Post will make a little extra money.

Check the calendar for planned events and Friday nite dinner options. Bingo is the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 6:00. Karaoke the 1st, 3rd & 4th Friday nights. The last weekend is Labor Day weekend, so Monday, September 1, we'll have our burger, hotdog and potluck about 2-ish. Y'all enjoy the last official weekend of the summer with family and friends, whatever your plans.

Hope your summer was enjoyable. Till the next campfire ...

Kathie

Auxiliary

Hope you are all enjoying your summer. It was nice to be on vacation, but it's great to be back.

Many of our normal volunteers have been out of town or unavailable for various reasons. A special thanks to Bill Jones for stepping up to cook breakfast on July 6. From all accounts it was a huge success, and people are wondering when we can do it again. Bill? Bill was assisted by Marki Foreman, Nancy and Tom Wartella. Thanks to all.

Have you noticed the new ceiling tiles going up in the post? If you would like to see yours displayed, or you would like to recognize a loved one who has served, pick up an application form from the bulletin board at the end of the bar. Shirley Starley is taking orders. You won't want to miss out.

Auxiliary does not meet in the summer, but our next meeting is September 4, at 7:00 pm. We have many opportunities to serve our veterans and their families. Come and be a part of the decision process.

The September Newsletter will be assembled on Sunday, August 24 at 1:00 pm. As always, help is appreciated.

Remember to pray for our troops and their families. We can't thank them enough for their sacrifices.

Sherry Baker

President

Chaplain

Hello everyone, thank you all for participating in our Post activities this past year, especially the scouts of Troop 385. In the coming year we will hold many special events honoring our Veterans and Active Duty Military and their families. We as a Legion Post are blessed to be in a position to make a difference and every member should feel proud for being a part of Post 11-11. Please get involved, visit our website at www.legionpost11-11.org. Plan ahead to attend the “Black Hawk Chow Down”, the “Four Chaplains Story” just to name a few, after all, we are the only post chartered on Veterans Day. Start grooming an 11th grade student to attend Boys or Girls State to earn four transferable college credits.

If you need the services of a Chaplain, call me at 303-495-3152, I also serve as the District 5 Chaplain and Historian.

Chaplain Jim Bellew

From the Building Committee

The Building Committee and the Executive Board have been in discussions regarding painting the exterior of the Post building and shed. The funds have been approved and Ron Lindemann has volunteered his time to do the painting. We originally scheduled the painting for July but have postponed it until the end of August to get more input from the membership. Nevertheless, the building should be painted before the Blackhawk Chowdown on November 15, 2008. The proposed color is “WHITE” for both the exterior and trim. Your suggestions and comments are most welcome. Please talk to any member of the Executive Board, Post officer or Building Committee.

Business Committee News

Football season is here!! As in past years the clubroom will be having Bronco Tailgate parties for each game. A special time is planned for the Bronco/Packer game on August 22nd. Since it is a Friday night, hamburgers, hot dogs and brats will be the fare instead of steaks. Bring a dish to share and let's have some fun!!

We have a new member of the Business committee on board. Jim Bellew has been a Post member for a few years and is also our current Post Chaplain. Welcome to our team!!

The Business Committee is working hard at keeping our prices low. With today's economy it is getting harder. We need your patronage.

Proposed Agenda For Post Meeting 8/12/08

- 1. Baseball Finances**
- 2. Painting exterior of building**
- 3. Calendar of Patriotic Events**
- 4. Expand Post Office**
- 5. Newsletter – ways to offset costs**

(all agenda items are subject to additions and deletions)

FUTURE EVENTS

Octoberfest

When: Saturday, September 27, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM Until whenever.

Cost: To be determined

Menu: Bratwurst, Knockwurst & Weisswurst; German Potato Salad; Red Cabbage; Bread; Salad; Desert

Music: German Fest music and dancing

Beer: Authentic German Bier may be available

Country and Western Night

When: Saturday, October 11, 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

Blackhawk Chowdown

When: Saturday, November 15, 2008

Time: 12:00 AM Noon - Social hour

1:00 PM: Fly over (Blackhawk or F-16s)

1:30 PM: Flag Burning Ceremony

2:00 PM: Invocation & Food Served (Pig roast like last year)

Cost: Free to all military & families and ALL POST 11-11 MEMBERS (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary)

Menu: To Be Determined

Music: Patriotic music

Donations: Donations (monetary, food or in kind services) are being requested. If you would like to contribute, please contact one of the committee members (John Baker, Chris & Donna Flygare, Stephanie Carriveau, Shirley Starley, Jennifer Soffel, Jim Bellew & Ginger Lowry).

Other: Flyover has been approved

A sign-up board will be made available in August