

Post 11-11 Newsletter - March, 2009

Commander's Corner

Here it is March already and Spring appears to be on the horizon.

Last month we had to do emergency repairs on the main flagpole due to the high winds in December and January. Over the years water had rusted the bolts holding the pole to the concrete pad under the flower box. Several members noticed it was really swaying with the wind. Now that the repairs have been completed, it should be many years before we have that problem again.

If you haven't paid your 2009 dues, please do so. We would like to close out our current members books by the end of this month. If you have paid your dues and have not received your 2009 membership card, please contact our Post Adjutant Walt Lee.

Post Officer Elections are coming up soon. Any member can be nominated for the many positions and the Election Committee. Let any of our current Post Officers know if you are interested in participating.

Did you know..... Elsewhere in this month's newsletter is information on how and when veterans may render a military hand-salute to respect our country's flag.

In February the Post had a couple of nice events. First, there was the Four Chaplains Memorial Service and then the Valentine's Dinner. Both were well attended. A big "Thank You" goes out to those volunteers who made the events possible.

This summer we'll be supporting our new Legion Baseball Team. Holy Family High School has given us the opportunity to support their program. More information will be coming out in the near future with schedules and other details.

As always, please keep our young men and women in our armed forces around the world in your thoughts and prayers as they protect our freedom each and every day.

Till next month,

Michael J. Carriveau
Post Commander

Legion Low Down

I am proud to say, Cuban Night was a Hugh success. This was a collaboration of volunteers and Post members. I would like to thank Nick O'Donaghue who planned and did all the cooking. It was Delicious. Denver wholesale donation the fresh flowers. Kathy Myers did all the flower arrangements. Maryann and Pam were in charge of the decorations. Mike Carriveau was the music man. Last, all of you who came out to support our Post and had dinner. I hope everyone enjoyed dinner as much as Tony and I did. Again, Thank you.

Every Friday and Saturday we have a friendly game of Pool and Shuffle board. The other board game is Debbie's Cribbage in the bar, every Saturday. Don't forget Bingo that is every other Saturday evening starting at 6:00 pm.

Looking for a place to meet up with the family or may be car club, bike club. Every Wednesday is All American Burger Night. The burgers are one of the best in town. Come out and see what she has come up with, man sized burgers with chips only \$5.00. Chocolate malts are on the menu.

This month I would like to start a suggestion box. Let us know how we are doing. From food, drinks and entertainment, what would you like to see in Post 11-11? I want this to be an enjoyable Post. Look for our suggestion box by the front door, good, bad, or indifferent just let us know. Please help me help you.

Looking for volunteer cooks for Tuesday night dinners and Volunteer breakfast, if anyone is interested, contact Cindy. If you check your calendar you will see Annie is back for one Tuesday evening. Tuesday Night, Wednesday Night, Friday Night and Sunday Breakfast are all done by volunteers. Tips are greatly appreciated. Let's not forget our bartenders.

St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday the 17th, Annie's cookin. Shirley should be serving up green beer. Please plan your evening at Post 11-11.

Remember to keep our service men and women in our prayers

Cindy

Auxiliary

A big thank you to District 5 President Nita Calkum, Vice President Judy Hulvey and DEC Lynn Cody for visiting during our February meeting. There is a lot going on in the District. The Auxiliary was able to donate \$500 to "Calkum Cares Spinoza Bears," the President's platform for this year. The District Office is currently looking for a Secretary to fill the open position. Anyone interested should contact Pat Stranka. A Leadership Conference, "Back to Basics," will be held on 4/25/2009 at the Radison Hotel for anyone interested.

President Calkum offered to host a Texas Holdem night at the Post. Tables and dealers are provided, and the Post needs only to provide a snack. The entry fee is \$20 per person. 50% of the proceeds will be paid out. There will be a beginners table for anyone interested in learning how to play. We are working out a date, and more news will follow. President Calkum also requested that we write to our Congressmen and ask them for their support in funding to provide iBOT wheelchairs to returning wounded veterans. These wheelchairs are made by Johnson & Johnson and are able to go up and down stairs. The cost per chair is \$25,000. District 5 convention will be May 2, 2009 at Post 161 beginning at 10:00 am. Department convention will be held June 19-21 in Grand Junction.

Spring is just around the corner, and it is time to start preparing for elections of new officers. Nominations are now being accepted for Auxiliary Officers and will be announced at the March meeting. Elections will take place at the April meeting and installation will take place at the May meeting. We need some new people to step up and fill some vacant positions.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring a Poppy Coloring Contest. Look for the picture, rules and deadlines in the newsletter insert. Prizes to be announced.

Girls State brochures were delivered to several high schools and others will be delivered shortly. Remember, if you know of a young woman who is currently a junior in high school, who might be interested in attending Girls State, pick up a brochure/application at the Post.

At the February meeting, the Auxiliary recognized Shirley Starley with a lifetime membership for her many contributions to the Post. Shirley is responsible for brightening up our Post with the ceiling tiles she paints. She maintains a book in the Post for all veterans who have given their lives in the war in Iraq. She has made

wonderful covers for our pool table, shuffle board table and the cabinet in the back hall. And she is always willing to help with Auxiliary sponsored events. Thank you Shirley for all your contributions.

MERCHANDISE PICKLE: Remember our next Merchandise Pickle will be held on May 15, 2009. Donations are being accepted now. We again thank you for your support.

Next meeting is 3/5/2009.

Newsletter assembly 3/22/2009.

Sherry Baker
President

Did you know.....

Oct. 31, 2008

New law allows veterans' salutes during anthem

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) — Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

“The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation’s armed forces,” said Dr. James B. Peake, secretary of Veterans Affairs. “This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation’s flag.”

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year’s provision also applied to service members while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation’s veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization’s official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform service members during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008. (Courtesy of VA News)

From the Editor

The deadline for the April newsletter is Saturday March 14.