



Post News



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**AMERICAN LEGION
POST #155**

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From Dick Tucker:

Greetings:

Hi Members,



By the time you read this, we will have had a joint meeting of the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. I hope that you were able to attend and that you know how important each and every person is in the success of the post.

2nd Vice Bob Beck and Historian Paul Stankovich are undertaking new initiatives during their first month in office. Service Officer Steve Browne will be a regular contributor to the newsletter to keep our veterans informed of opportunities and services available to them, and Finance Officer Rock Effron continues to develop the Texas Hold 'em events. All of the officers and members of the Executive Committee are looking forward to serving the post in the coming year.

I'd like to thank Dick Tucker and his officers for the past years service and would further like to thank Dick, Don Hudson, and Club Manager Gail Young for continuing to help me get up to speed. You'll also be happy to know that Jean Hardwick is on board for another year as our in house caterer.

I do believe that the lifeblood of any civic/charitable/service organization is volunteerism. If one believes that an organization can thrive on the work of a handful of officers and a small percentage of members who volunteer for everything, he or she will be disappointed in the outcome. Now, more than ever, Post #155 needs everyone. Whether it's spearheading a project, recruiting new members, serving on a committee, being a part of charity gaming, or offering good productive ideas, (and then helping to make them work), we ask for your support. We won't be reluctant to ask you to get involved. We're 1,000 strong. Imagine what we can accomplish....TOGETHER

Jim Frederick, Commander

I would like to take the time to thank Mark Plummer & Josh O'Daniel for the wonderful job they did on Sunday, Memorial Day at the Post. Everything went off without a problem. Along with the food being great and everything else they did to provide all of us a wonderful day. After all the cooking was done Mark & Josh cleaned the cooking area and where food was served to all of us. I would also like to thank RJ for the generous donations.

Thanks Guys !!
Paul Stankovich, Historian

Hi Everyone!



Installation of officers is done and we will be blacked out during July and August. I will try to remember everything we have planned for this summer. Remember our meetings are on Monday (The second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.) We will be collecting for HVAF just changing or adding to our lists.

We are planning to have a Family Fun Day on the August 27th keep your eyes peeled at the Legion for this. August 14th 8:00am to 10:00am the ladies will be doing breakfast. Don't forget your up and coming events such as the Golf Outing. I'm sure if you want to play or volunteer they would be more than glad to have you.

This last year has been different and exciting. I'm sure the outgoing Commander did his best for the Legion, his members, the staff, and his family. It will be nice to have you home more often.

Memorial services were wonderful. Everyone was there and things went off like a dream. I had a different florist do the red, white, and blue bouquets for the officer of the day. Our blue (which stands for eternity) were "forget me knots". How touching is that to leave a sign of we haven't forgotten there sacrifice for all of us.

I hope we all have a great summer. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Love to all,
Jan Tucker

Notes from the Finance Officer

Honorable members. 2010 was quite a unique year. We took in approximately \$15,000.00 less in revenue than in 2009, but ended up the year at almost a breakeven point. In 2009 we had a loss of \$14,000.00+ and in 2010 we had \$422.00 loss. A lot of this was due to tighter controls on spending, charity gaming, and inventory control. It is becoming evident that we need to prepare for upcoming major expenditures, such as the heat/air which are over 24 years old, roof and the wind break on the west side of the Post, not to mention new bar stools and other upgrades. It will be necessary to make changes to accomplish these necessary expenditures and your support is needed to help get it done.

We need to put an operating line of credit on the building to make sure these major expenditures get done in a timely manner or when needed unexpectedly. We need your support to help get the bylaws changed, so that we may accomplish this LOC. We have not had a mortgage/lien on the property in many years, but it is time to think to the future.

Please contact a board member to express your support for this idea, so we may get this done asap.

Thanks for a great year and thanks to all of you who have given input to help this post thrive and grow. Our Texas Hold'em tournament was a great success. We made over \$1000.00 for the Post, not to mention bar revenue and kitchen revenue, and it was our first one! Thank you Volunteers! We will continue to have Texas Hold'em's once a month in the future. Next scheduled is Saturday June 18th, 2011 open to the public. We also gained 3 new members from this event.

Remember, courtesy, friendship, comradeship, respect and communication to one another at the Post are what is needed to keep us where we should be. An organization that not only gives to Charity, but is a place where we can gather to enjoy life, friends and family, our family of Veterans, SAL, and Auxiliary. All members should re-read our creed to make sure we are adhering to what our Post stands for and why we really are here.

We still need help in getting Hole Sponsors for the 20th Annual Golf Outing, July 16th, 2011. Everyone should ask at least 5 people if they would like to contribute, as it is tax deductible. Sponsorship forms are on the ledge near the ATM machine. If you have questions contact me, or Gail Young. We should have a full field this year but need more sponsors. I want to thank Tom Kimball for his efforts on the thermometer board. So far he has raised enough for one hole in one but we need one more. Let's get behind this effort for the golfers, and especially for our Charities.

H.J. "Rock" Efron, Finance Officer



SAL NEWS

As most of you know, after serving as an officer of the SAL for the past 5 ½ years, I decided to withdraw my nomination for Commander this year. I want to thank the countless number of people who have supported me and the SAL over that time and also want to assure each of you that I will continue to actively support the many activities at our Post.

Steve White was installed as the new SAL Commander on June 2, 2011. I am confident Steve and his officers will lead the SAL to a successful year.

The 2012 membership campaign begins this month. Renew now and you will qualify for our Early Bird Breakfast this fall.

Our next SAL dinner will be on Friday, July 15th from 6-8pm as part of our Annual Golf Tournament. We will offer our NY Strip, Baked Potato, Salad Bar and Roll for \$13.00. The August Steak Dinner will be on Saturday, August 6th from 6-8pm for a cost of \$13.00.

On Saturday, August 27th we will host a JAM session beginning at 8:00 pm. Members are asked to bring a canned good as a donation to our homeless veterans.

SAL meetings are on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The meetings generally last only 1 hour. All members of the SAL are invited to attend and get involved in the many activities our Post offers to its members.

-Craig Olivares . Past SAL Commander

The son of William (Bill) Mengel, Lt Col William Mengel Jr., received a bronze star on Friday, June 17th. Bill Jr., who is currently assigned to the Pentagon, is a member of the Carmel American Legion Post 155.



Come in and meet our new Commander, Jim Frederick

The Post is trying to save money on postage for the Newsletter, so please help us out. We would like to e-mail the Newsletter to you and if you do not have e-mail you can still get your Newsletter delivered in the mail. If you have an e-mail address please send it to Dan Hause at djhause@sbcglobal.net or Gail Young at gail@americanlegionpost.org. Thanks



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POST 155 AWARDS FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2011

This year's Post 155 Scholarship recipients include two grandchildren of Carmel Post members as well as graduates from Hamilton Heights and Fishers High Schools. Receiving \$1,500 each are **James Knight, Gabriela Baez, Breanne Lahart** and **Andrew Riester**. The awards will be made to their respective schools for use in meeting tuition costs this fall.

James will be attending Yale University to study Pre-Medicine. In addition to being an outstanding student (he decided to attend Yale rather than Harvard) he is also an Eagle Scout. **Gabriela** will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy and intends to make the Navy her career. Appropriately, she will be on their swimming team. **Breanne** is the granddaughter of Post members Dan and Dick Tucker. She will attend the University of Southern Indiana to study Education. She will likely also play some softball since she played in international competitions for Team Indiana while in high school. **Andrew** is the grandson of Post member Terry Feeney. He will attend the University of Indianapolis to major in Pre-Medicine (looks like we'll have plenty of doctors in a few years). He too attained Eagle Scout and was on his high school swimming and soccer teams.

I'd like to thank the Scholarship Committee members, **Bill Ensign, Moe Haralson, Dick Tucker, Dan Hause, Don Hudson, Kevin O'Daniel, Jan Tucker, and Joanne Hause** for volunteering their time and efforts to review and make the tough decisions on the awards. We had over 30 applications this year and every student was deserving.

You don't have to be a committee member to make the Scholarship Fund successful. You can lend your support by making a donation in any amount throughout the year. Just make your check payable to: "AMERICAN LEGION POST 155 SCHOLARSHIP FUND" and mail it in or leave it at the bar. It is a deductible, charitable contribution and we will send you a receipt for use with your taxes.

We should all be able to give \$25.00 to support this worthy effort. THAT'S JUST THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE BEER PER MONTH !!!

Steve Browne, Service Officer

HVAF

(Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation)

HVAF is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating homelessness for veterans and their families. I wrote an article last month explaining how this organization helps our homeless veterans in many ways. Our Auxiliary has been collecting bedding, personal items, cleaning items and money to help HVAF supply their housing units. They have asked us to specifically help with supplying items for their new 42 unit apartment facility. If anyone has contacts to get discounts or, better yet, donations from suppliers please contact me or our Post. HVAF is in need of 42 of just about anything that would help make these apartments functional. I have a list but some examples are bakeware sets, mixing bowls, canister sets, microwaves, trashcans, alarm clocks, lamps, phones, rugs, plungers, toilet brushes, broom/dust pans, mops, vacuums, etc. We have barrels placed at the Post for any donations you would like to bring in and drop off. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can give it to bartender or mail it in marked HVAF Donation. Include your name and address and we will be happy to mail or give you a receipt for tax purposes. We will be collecting items for several more months. When you are visiting the "dollar stores" or see those "buy one get one" sales, please think of our veterans that need our help. Thank you for any contribution or donation you may have made and we hope you will continue with your kindness. If you have any questions or have that "special contact person" please call me or our Post.

Judy Holmes

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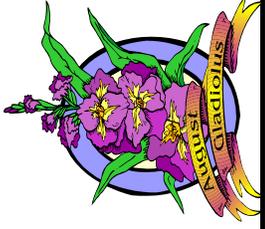
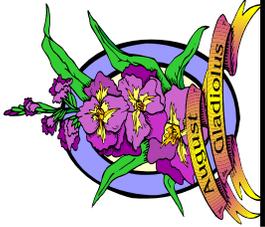


July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Parade Cook out Pitch in	5 Euchre	6 Legion	7	8 Euchre	9 Pig Roast 6:00pm Pitch in
10	11	12 Euchre	13 S.A.L.	14 Legion Meeting	15 Steak Dinner 6:00 pm	16 Golf Outing
17	18	19 Euchre	20 Auxiliary	21	22	23
24	25 S.A.L. Meeting	26 Euchre	27 Legion	28	29	30 Jam Session
31 Brick yard Cook out & pitch in						

August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
			S.A.L.			Steak Dinner Karaoke to follow
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
		Euchre	Auxiliary		Euchre	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
		Euchre	Legion			Corvette Show
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
		Euchre	S.A.L.			Family Fun Day Jam Session
28	29	30	31			
						
	S.A.L. Meeting	Euchre	Auxiliary			