



Post News



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IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Our post faces the probability of major capital expenditures to replace heating and/or air conditioning components in the near future. The cost of these projects, when they arise, cannot be taken from our operating accounts. The Executive Committee proposes, therefore, that the post open a special line of credit with a local bank to draw upon should these repairs become necessary in an emergency situation.

Article XI, section 1 of our By-Laws states (in part): "The real estate now owned by the American Legion Post 155, Carmel, or hereafter acquired by the American Legion Post, Carmel, shall not be sold, conveyed, mortgaged, or otherwise encumbered, except by the approval of the Post Executive Committee and majority vote of two thirds of the Post membership at a special meeting of the Post, called for that specific purpose....."

Obviously, any line of credit accessed by the Post would require putting forth security against default of such a loan. In other words, any loan would have to be secured by a portion of property.

Furthermore, Article XI, section 3 states: It will be the duty of the Post Adjutant to notify all Post membership of any special meeting called for decisions described above. Members will be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting."

The newsletter being our only form of written communication, please consider this to be the required notice of a special meeting to be held in the upstairs meeting room, immediately following the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on January 5, 2012.

**Please try to attend.
Don Hudson, Adjutant**



Hi Everyone!

It has been a good two months. Keep your eyes peeled to the calendar, we have lots going on. Santa will have come and gone. I'm sure we all had a good time.

January 14th we are having an Auxiliary dinner of Italian food and it is a fund raiser for HVAF they are in need of long johns and underwear.

I'm sure you will have heard all about our breakfast for the Manchester House residents. Warm heartfelt fuzzies for making our Veterans happy and feeling good about themselves.

I'm making this short for I understand this newsletter will be big. Happy New Year and great holidays. I hope that our 2012 will be happy and prosperous for us all and our post.

Love,

The Head Heifer, Jan Tucker, President



AN EARLY NEWSLETTER WITH LOTS OF INFO

As the holidays approach, we have a lot of things upcoming. I'll try to just cover the basic information on several items for the next two months.

Holiday Schedule - Darlene will have the Post open on Christmas Eve. She will be making ice cream drinks and have some light snacks that evening. A good chance to drop by after shopping, bring in some out of town visitors, or just sit and find a haven from the holiday rush. We will have a New Year's Eve Party on....SURPRISE!!...December 31. You can get the details elsewhere in the newsletter from 2nd Vice Commander Bob Beck's article. Debbie will also be open on New Year's Day Sunday for fun and football.

Super Bowl - Yes, we will have a full meal deal for the Super Bowl. The post will open at 3:00 PM and this will be a private party for members and their guests. Just show your membership card for admission of you and your guests. Those who have purchased a square on the "board" will be admitted free and will receive two drink tickets PER SQUARE. Walk-in admission is \$8.00 and includes a meal of Fried Chicken, an 8 oz Rib eye steak, two side dishes, rolls, salad bar, and dessert. We will have additional opportunities for participation the night of the game. We expect to have some door prizes available to everyone who attends. It will be a cash bar.

Valentine's Day - We'll have a Valentine's Day Dinner. The date and details are still in the planning stage, and we'll be asking members what they'd enjoy for that special day. so stay tuned to the signs and announcements in the Post as the date nears.

I'd like to thank everyone who is enjoying the new jukebox. As you might expect, our "take" is significantly better since its installation. Keep on playing and enjoying it.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO BE SURE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER THAT CONCERNS THE POST'S FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS. The Executive Committee would like your support in helping us be prepared for the future. Not for the next six months, but for the long term. Please give due consideration to the business of the Post.

Thank you for making Post #155 a great place.

Jim Frederick

Commander

Attention American Legion Post 155 members!!!

We are in need of your help. With thousands of military personnel returning home from the Iraq war, we should be trying to bring them into our Post as new and valuable members. One way to do this is to alert our Post to anyone you know who is returning so we may contact them to drop by for a tour of our facility.

Other ways of bringing in new members is to advertise in the Carmel "Current" weekly that is widely distributed throughout Hamilton county. However, we will appreciate and consider any and all suggestions you may have for other means or sources in order to spread the word.

Your help in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Al MacKinnon

HVAF UPDATE

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Clause. What a wonderful response we have had to help the HVAF organization. Through fund raisers and hard work we raised money to do many things for our veterans in need. The Legion donated the left-over supplies from the Early Bird breakfast and our Auxiliary invited the HVAF residents to a Holiday Breakfast. We made Christmas stockings for all 51 residents at Manchester House and had gifts for the residents that came to breakfast. We served our guests breakfast, had door prizes, treats and entertainment. We were even blessed with a visit from good ole' St. Nick.

Our guests were surprised, had a good time and were very appreciative.

Our membership has also made many donations of personal items, non-perishable foods and cleaning supplies. Please keep up the generosity as these items are in constant need. There are many people and organizations that have been generous and to you our Auxiliary says "thank you so much". Without your kindness and support we would not be able to help HVAF and our veterans.

We continue to stay in contact with HVAF to try to supply their greatest needs. On their "Immediate Needs List" are deodorant, shaving cream, long john's and men's underwear (all sizes, **new** please). Once again, I ask you to keep your eyes open for good deals and sales and then remember our veterans. The barrels for donations are still at the Post, *and I like it very much when they need emptied.*

I want to say a personal "Thank You" to all the Auxiliary members that have helped and especially to my committee: Shirley Browne, Joan Hause, Kym Olivares, Betsy Pope, Kelly White, Dee Lunt, and Bobbi Gettys. They have done so much and worked very hard. Thank you girls, you're the best!

Judy Holmes

HVAF Committee Chairman

SAL NEWS



I would like to thank all those who helped make the November SAL Prime Rib dinner successful.

REMINDER: The SAL new memberships and renewals are going on now. Renewal fee is \$25.00. (Please see our Adjutant Don Merrick)

KUDOS: THANK YOU to the Auxiliary for a wonderful HVAF breakfast. A special thanks to Madeleine Hair for singing the National Anthem and Stevie White for being Santa's little helper. Also we can't forget to thank SANTA for coming all the way from the North Pole to pass out presents to all of the Veterans who attended the breakfast.

SAL DINNER: Next SAL Dinner will be March 3, 2012@ 6pm-8pm. We will offer a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner with a Salad, and Garlic Toast - \$7.00 - and Karaoke to follow.

MEETING: SAL meetings are on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held February 27, 2012. The meeting generally lasts one hour. All members of the SAL are invited to attend and get involved in the activities to help make "OUR POST" everyone's Favorite!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Looking forward to some fun pool & shuffleboard tournaments. I also promise you we will light that fire pit outside this winter! Please keep your eye on the digital sign and advertising at the Post for more SAL fun in February & March.

GAMING: Hopefully by the time you receive this letter the Queen of Hearts Game has taken off. Come and join the fun every Friday night @ 7:15pm.

Please keep supporting the Auxiliary and their efforts in donations for our Homeless Veterans Home. Because of all of you - many wonderful gifts were given to our Homeless Veterans Home. THANK YOU~

Steve White – SAL COMMANDER

Support Our Students Through the Post 155 Scholarship Fund

In the last three years our Scholarship Fund has provided \$15,000 in awards to deserving Hamilton County students wishing to pursue post-secondary school education. This year we hope to help even more students. The funding for these scholarships is primarily a result of your generosity. If you're looking for a worthy cause this is it. Or, if you hit the "weekly or monthly" drawing consider a contribution to the fund in lieu of buying a round at the bar. It's a great use for part of your winnings and I can't think of anyone who will stand up and complain because you contributed to charity instead of buying a beer. **SO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO "STICK IT TO THE TAX MAN"**. To make a contribution use the form below and either mail or drop it by the Post. Additional forms will be available at the Post if you need them. Don't forget to tell your deserving graduating student that the 2012 Scholarship Application Forms will be available at the Post the week of January 16th



CARMEL AMERICAN LEGION POST #155 2012 SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

The Carmel American Legion Post #155 Scholarship helps qualified students throughout Hamilton County in their pursuit of post-secondary education. On their behalf your tax-deductible contribution is greatly appreciated.

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your contribution to: Scholarship Fund, American Legion Post #155, 852 West Main Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032-1430. Make Checks Payable to: *American Legion Post #155 Scholarship Fund*.

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I Wish To Donate:

\$10

\$25

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LASAGNA FOR LONGJOHNS

Saturday, January 14, 2012
6:00—8:00 PM
American Legion Main Dining Room
\$8.00 Per Person
Dinner Includes:
Three Main Italian Courses
Mixed Italian Green Salad
Buttered Bread Sticks
Homemade Dessert



Sponsored by Post #155 Ladies Auxiliary's HVAF Committee. All proceeds to benefit our HVAF Project helping homeless Veterans.

Your support and/or donations of men's new long johns (M-XXL) would be appreciated

S.A.L. Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner

While the S.A.L. is currently on its winter break from providing Post# 155 members with monthly steak dinners, we are already looking ahead for the start of the 2012 S.A.L. Steak Dinner season.

The first S.A.L. Dinner of the New Year will be Saturday, March 3, 2012.

For the third consecutive year the S.A.L. will begin the dinner season with a Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner for the low, low price of \$7.00 per person. The menu will consist of made from scratch meatballs, spaghetti with marinara sauce, garlic toast, and an Italian salad. My wife Angie and I will once again be preparing our special Italian meatball recipe that we hope everyone will find as delicious and satisfying as we do.

And as in past years, all of the food will be donated allowing 100% of the dinner proceeds to help support various S.A.L. programs and charities.

Please plan to join us on the first Saturday of March, 2012 for a special Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner.

Don Merrick,

S.A.L. Adjutant

Carmel American Legion Post 155

January/February 2012 News Letter Inputs

From Bob Beck (Second Vice Commander)

As we have approached the end of another exciting and productive year here at the Carmel Legion, it is good to look back at what we have accomplished and do "Lessons Learned" on our activities so we can do an even a better job planning for next year's entertainment. We have enjoyed many successful events at our post this year, including the car shows, children's Christmas Party, children's summer fun day, children's Easter Egg hunt, Oktoberfest celebrations, several dinner parties, golf outings, many fun Sundays watching football games and enjoying pitch-ins, frequent card parties and Texas Hold-um evenings, and bus trips to Hoosier Park. For sure we like to have fun at the Carmel Legion.

One of the events to look forward to in the near future is the New Years Eve Dinner Party on 31 December. We will serve Prime Rib, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, and desert. The price for the dinner is \$13.00 per person which also includes party favors and champagne. Dinner will be served from 7:00-8:00 PM and we will have DJ and Karaoke until 1:00 AM to help us welcome the New Year. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the bar as we will need to have a accurate head count for the dinner.

We are also planning for a Valentine's Day Dinner Party for February and will be taking suggestions from club membership as to the date and format for the evening. We are also planning another trip to Hoosier Park in March. Stay tuned for the details.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish a Happy, Healthy, Safe, and Prosperous 2012 to all of you and to your families as well. May God continue to bless the Carmel American Legion family.

Bob Beck Post 155 Second Vice Commander



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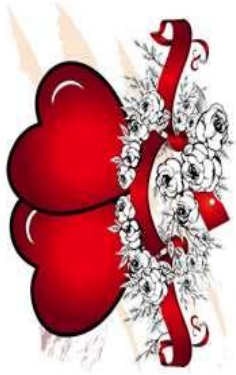
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