



American Legion Post 155 Newsletter



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From the Commander

Now that the warm weather is here we have been into spring cleaning at the Legion. A couple of boy scout groups, the Carmel Rugby Team and some dedicated members have helped with our efforts. Our Legion Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Brookshire on Friday, July 22nd. This year we will be teaming up with the Carmel VFW to help with this event.

Our next monthly Vets visit from local retirement homes has been moved to the 2nd Friday of each month at 12:00pm-1:30pm for lunch and gathering, so please come meet and talk with our fellow veterans. Our daily lunch specials and our dinners from Tuesday through Friday have been very popular and delicious.

We teamed up with the VFW to provide Honor Guards to support the City Memorial Day celebration and to honor our fallen veterans at five local cemeteries on Memorial Day. We will again team up with the VFW for Honor Guards in the Independence Day Parade, for the evening musical tribute to our country at the gazebo, and for the U.S.A.F. Band at the gazebo on June 29th at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate, please give me a call ASAP.

In the past few weeks our Post has brought in several new members. On Saturday, June 25th we will have a Hog Roast and a great band "The Mad Women". They really aren't mad, but they are entertaining. You will not want to miss our next fantastic SAL steak dinner on Saturday, July 9th. Our 4th of July celebration with food, karaoke and fireworks will be at the club on Sunday, July 3rd beginning at 6:00pm. This is a pitch in affair, we supply the dogs and burgers, you bring your favorite covered dish or dessert. Join us for the Queen of Hearts drawings on Fridays at 7:00pm and the Treasure Hunt drawing on Saturdays at 3:00pm. The Monthly drawings are on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm. The Wednesday drawings are at 7:00pm.

We have been contacted by one of our community businesses and they have some grants to help some of our vets with home projects. Please contact me or our Post Service Officers if you need some help.

The Legion Officers have been installed and the new officers are posted on the bar east side wall. I continue to welcome your input, questions, and comments. My cell phone number is (317) 316-1919 and my email address is boilerbob1946@att.net

Bob Beck Commander

God's blessing to America, our troops, all Veterans and their families.



SAL Members,

Thanks to everyone who attended the June SAL steak dinner. We sold 139 steaks in less than 1 hour and unfortunately ran out prior to 7:00—sorry about that, and we hope you understand and give us another chance to serve you. Our steak dinner in July will be on SATURDAY, JULY 9TH from 6:00-8:00 pm. (We have planned for 175 dinners for the evening, which would be a record breaking night if we sell out!) There will be entertainment following the dinner.



In August, our dinner will once again revert to the first Saturday of the month, which will be SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH from 6:00-8:00. Entertainment will follow.

Thanks to the SAL and the Ladies Auxiliary, the parking lot has been patched and striped recently. We thank those who purchased raffle tickets so we could pay for the program. We also got help from the Rugby Team, 'Thank you'.

We are now taking membership renewals for membership in the SAL. Be an "Early Bird" and renew this summer and get a free breakfast in November!

Craig Olivares-Commander/SAL

Ladies of the Auxiliary,

As the newly elected president I would like to reach out to all of our 245 members strong to say, 'Thank you' for being a part of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. The Ladies Auxiliary had a very successful year for 2015-2016 and I know that we will continue the success for 2016-2017.



There are many events coming up in July and August, so please check out the calendar and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kym D. Olivares—President

There will be a Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00-3:00. For more information,



please call Joan Hause at 317-846.4479

From Charlie and Judy Holmes

Charlie and I would like to express our sincere and deep appreciation for all the donations, help, prayers, support and caring that our Legion Family has given us and is still giving us regarding my great niece Hannah. The help and support for Hannah's Chicken Dinner was unbelievable. Everyone pitched in and got it done. We served 259 dinners. With the dinners and donations we raised \$9,618.00. A huge thanks to all the contributors, especially Jackie Barton, Dee Lunt (as my brother called her...The Cupcake Lady) and the Legion Riders for their generous donation. To anyone who helped, prayed or donated...words cannot express our appreciation for your kindness.

From Beth Hoke, Grandmother to Hannah:

Never take life for granted is what my family has learned in the past few months as we cope with our sweet granddaughter Hannah's brain injury. Last weekend there was a benefit dinner held at the Carmel American Legion Post 155. Charlie and Judy Holmes are the Great Aunt and Uncle of Hannah. Love of family knows no bounds, as these two dear relatives organized this fund raiser that raised over \$9,000.00.

Friends, relatives, Legion members, Legion Riders and so many compassionate people gathered to work this event on May 21 to help three year old Hannah. So many others came to support the cause because we all have little ones. Hanna's recovery is going to be a long journey It is just like starting life over again. She will need to learn to swallow, eat, walk and talk. Rehabilitation will be a long road with many hurdles and expenses. The generosity, love and support from members of your community is overwhelming. The family of Hannah is humbled by all those who rallied in support of our precious little granddaughter.

HVAF

The annual HVAF Car Wash and BBQ was a huge hit. The Car Wash netted \$800.00 and will be a great help to the REST division of HVAF. The REST and Manchester House residents had lots of fun with the Hula Hoop contest and "What's in you Pocket" game. Everyone got a door prize and enjoyed "Charlie's Chicken and Fixin's" It was very hot, but we got through it.



Once again, at this time, HVAF is not accepting clothing donations. They're at a capacity and do not have the storage facilities at this time. I will let you know when they are in need again. Their urgent need is always non-perishable food items for their pantry. Remember your donations can be left in the blue barrels at the Post.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Our Veterans and the Auxiliary truly appreciate your help

Judy Holmes
HVAF Committee Chairman
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



We are riding, having lots of fun and growing by leaps and bounds. We had applications for six new members presented at the last meeting.

Rider Summer Cookouts are on the fourth Thursday of the month through September. We serve hamburgers, bratburgers and two sides, \$7.00 from 6:00pm-7:30pm on the patio. (Inside if it rains.)

Our "Dogs 4 Warriors" benefit ride will be July 23rd. Registration is 8:30am-9:30am with KSU at 10:00am at the Post. This is a non-profit organization out of Southern Ohio serving the Midwest Region. Dogs are trained for Veterans and provided to qualifying Veterans free! Their funding is strictly donations and volunteer workers. Little details are still being worked out but we are ready to ride.

Last month's Bike Night Dinner was held at Maggie's Roadside Café in Eagletown. The food was okay, but the waitress was extremely busy (and only one). The important part... eleven riders sat outside and had a good time sharing stories, and camaraderie. Rating3 thumbs up.

We had 15 riders that rode in the Riley Miracle Ride June 5th. We rode for "Team Davi" and all Riley Children. Ride was nice but slow going.

Keith Neilson is posting upcoming ride info on our bulletin board at the Post and Barry Schafer is posting on Facebook. If you are wondering what's up and coming check there.

We will not have our "Bike Night Dinner" in July due to the holiday. We will decide at July's meeting where to meet in August. It is always the first Monday of the month. We meet at different restaurants each time and have a very good time. Hope to see more members attend.

Reminder that our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Weather permitting, we will have our meetings on the patio

Charlie Holmes, ALR Director

4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 3rd at our Post

Pitch in cookout begins at 6:00

Sal and Auxiliary supply the meat

You bring in your favorite covered dish/dessert

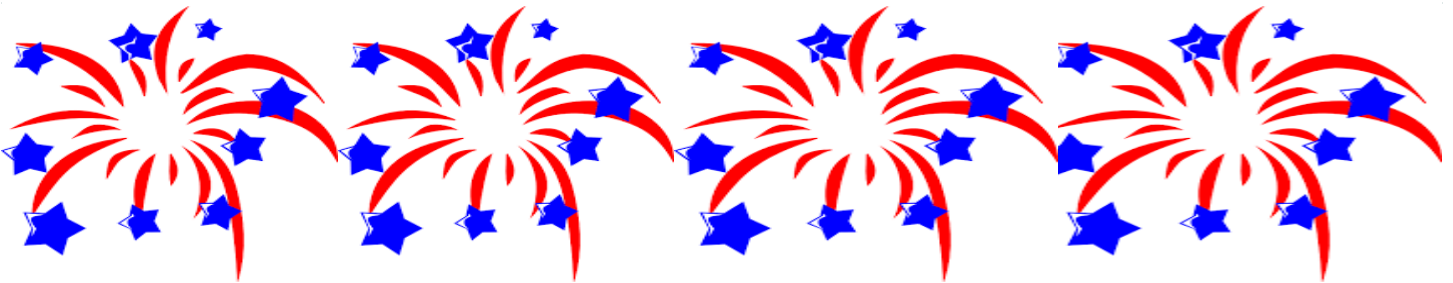
Karaoke by Jamie Sams 6:30-9:30

Fireworks at dusk (about 9:30)

Fireworks donated by:

Craig and Kym Olivares

USA Fireworks (Larry Lee)



Scholarship Committee:

Our Post awarded (4) \$1000.00 Scholarships in May. Many of the donations are received from our card players who donate each time they play cards.. Thank you very much. It is donations like these that provide the resources necessary to keep our scholarship program alive. If you would like to donate, we have a collection box located in the trophy room.

We received a "thank you" letter from one of the winners. I would like to share it with you

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for your kind scholarship. My computer had been broken, our WIFI kept going out so I had been unable to open my email for a period of time, so when I finally was able to go through my emails in late April I (quite literally) jumped for joy when I saw your email about the Carmel American Legion Scholarship Program. I am so very grateful and cannot wait for the future.

Sincerely, McKenna Turner

If you would like more information on how to get involved with the Scholarship Program, you may contact Steve Browne.

HORSESHOE **SOUTHERN INDIANA**



Join in the fun on SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016. Bus leaving the American Legion at 9:00am \$30.00-Pay in advance at bar or Debbie Renie

WANTED

We are in the process of getting as many emails from our members as possible. One of the reasons is that we can drastically save on the cost of producing our newsletters. The April-May issue cost over \$900.00. Another reason to use emails is so we can communicate to our members weekly events, specials and notices. This will enable you to become more aware of activities throughout our normal news cycle. We will publish our lunch and dinner specials every Monday for the upcoming week, along with other events such as bands, special dinners etc. If you are interested, please call Craig at 317-846-0001 or email Craig at ClubManager@AmericanLegionPost155.org.

A Message from the staff at your American Legion Post 155

We take great pride in offering our members and their guests a clean environment with great customer service with high quality meals and refreshments. We also want to thank everyone for visiting our Post throughout the days, weeks, and months ahead. Our staff includes;

Kitchen : Mary Decker, Chuck Krise, Jana Shimer, John Shimer

Bartenders: Darlene La Mar, Deb Roggenbuck, Jeanira Sebastian

Maintenance: Tom & Patty Ketchum

Club Manager: Craig Olivares



Indiana Veteran Benefits

Hello Members and Friends:

Tom Blandford and Doug Reynolds are the new Post Advisors. In every newsletter we will publish information regarding benefits for veterans, including benefits for spouse's. You may contact Tom at 317-902-1577 tom.blandford@yahoo.com or Doug 317-695-2071 duke9258@yahoo.com.

Hoosier Veterans and military service members may be qualified for state benefits. Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deduction is available for peacetime veterans who are 100% service connected disabled or over the age of 62 with 10% or greater service connected disabilities. Veterans who qualify for property tax deduction but do not own property may qualify for a \$70.00 credit on vehicle excise tax. Another source for the Military Family Relied Fund for activity duty troops is www.in.gov/dva. Before you donate to any organization check it out. Too many organizations only benefit the company officers. Be cautious.

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