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Commander's Column

Nat'l American Legion website is: www.legion.org
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April is an important month at Marietta's Post 29. April is the month we open nominations for all elected Legion post offices. Check the back page of the newsletter for a list of all offices. The Adjutant position is appointed not elected. Nominations will be officially opened during the April general membership meeting and will close at the May general membership meeting. During the month of April there will be a clipboard in the social quarters (ask the bartender for it) where nominations can be entered. Once the nomination is verified and accepted by the named member that name will be placed on the nomination board which will be posted on the wall. The election chairman this year is Past Commander Larry Diehl. Larry is very familiar with the duties of each office and can answer any questions about the election or the office. He can be reached at 404-513-4268.

Please consider running for office this year, the post is only as strong as its leaders. We have about 750 Legion members and only about 150 of them vote during the election. We are an important part of our community but to some of our members we are just a bar.

We have some 600 members (the silent majority) that need to get involved. Our state American Legion headquarters holds spring and fall leadership conferences and a Georgia American Legion college every year. We need new people to get involved and take interest in these training sessions. Once nominations are closed we will ask our candidates to introduce themselves to our members in our newsletter. Do not run for office if you are not serious and willing to work hard for the post. This year we have been very active in many Legion programs and these programs need to be continued. Our new Boy Scout Troop 29 is meeting in our post every Tuesday night and is looking for new members, call me for more information. Our high school oratorical contestant has

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★ MEETINGS ★

1st@ 6:30 pm - Dinner
 1st @ 7:30 pm - Membership and Aux Meetings
 15th@ 7:00 pm - GVVA Meeting
 18th @ 2:00 pm - ALR Meeting
 26th @ 7:00 pm - SAL Meeting
 29th @ 5:30 pm - EC Meeting

BINGO

Friday & Monday @ 7:30 pm
 Sunday @ 7:00 pm
 Hall Rental Info. Call: 770-427-5900

☺ UPCOMING EVENTS ☺

2nd - Band - Southern Jam
 9th - Band - Undermined at time of print
 16th - Band - The Spaceheaters
 17th - Early Bird Breakfast: 8 - Noon
 Blood Drive: 9 - 1PM.
 23rd - Band - N-2-U
 30th - Band - South Paw

 VIRO : Open 2nd & 4th Wed. : 12pm to 5pm
 Open 2nd & 4th Sat. : 9am to 1pm
 Upstairs Bingo Hall

SOCIAL HALL HOURS

Monday through Saturday: 11:00 am to 10:00 pm (Fri. till 1 am)
 Sunday : 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Live Music every Friday from 8:00 pm to Midnight
 Free Lunch every Wednesday from 11:00 am until it runs out!

Post 29 Junior Shooting Program

Four years ago, the American Legion Post 29 of Marietta, Ga. was the first legion post in the State of Georgia to establish an "in house" Jr. Shooting program. This program was started by a group of legionnaires dedicated to teaching gun safety and 3 position marksmanship to the youth of the City of Marietta, Ga. The program was started by Mark Griffith, Bill Marsh, Chuck Johnson (American Legion state shooting Rep), Carol Patton, Mike Malone, Ron Haggard, Max Jones and later Dave Prezioso along with full financial and facilities support of the American Legion Post 29 of Marietta, Ga.



From left to right are: Elijah Stanthen, Logan Basette, Dave Prezioso (Club Leader), Joseph Greenwell, Bill Beaudin (Commander Post 29), Kelsey Prezioso (Team Captain), Cody (James) DeFriece.

Every Wednesday and Saturday the team members reconfigure the legion Bingo hall into a safe and licensed firing range. All of the people mentioned above have volunteered hundreds of hours of their personal time to provide rifle safety course and marksmanship training. They also have evolved the training courses into a hybrid of materials and guidelines that are provided by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Associations (NRA) competitive shooting programs.

Each of the people mentioned above have completed certified CMP/NRA coaching programs that qualified them to teach rifle and pistol programs and most are certified range safety officers.

Due to the size restriction of the Bingo hall, the legion provides the facilities and funds to equip 6 team members in the "sporter" shooting class per year. The candidates range in age from 10 to 18 years of age and are recruited from local junior and senior high schools.

Each team member must commit and sign contracts between the coaching staff, their parents and themselves to stay with the program from August through May of the following year. The contracts include declaration to stay drug and alcohol free, maintain scholastic standing, respect for team and coaching staff as well as develop and improve their abilities as individuals and leaders. In that time frame they must complete and prove competency in a 4-week classroom gun safety program that is also geared to the basics of 3 position competitive shooting. Once they have passed the classroom test they move on to the range for live fire and coaching that moves them into the competitive shooting programs sponsored by CMP and NRA. Each session the team members prepare to compete in 3 to 7 national postal shooting tournaments that rank them against their peers across the United States.

This years team, shown in the attached picture, display their badges of accomplishments awarded by attaining specific levels of marksmanship of which there are seven levels in all. We are proud to announce that our senior team members have achieved the level of expert and working toward "Distinguished Expert", which is the highest level of NRA competitive shooting.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Nat'l Auxiliary website is: www.legion-aux.org/
Ga Auxiliary website is: www.galegion.org/auxiliary.htm



Many thanks to everyone who prepared food and attended the March meeting. A special thanks to Regina and Barbara for preparing the corned beef and cabbage. It was delicious.

There will be a Homecoming Dinner/Dance to honor the Fifth District American Legion Commander, Auxiliary President and Sons of The American Legion Commander on Saturday, April 24th, at Post 296, Atlanta Road, Marietta. Social Hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Program 8:00 PM. Ladies, please plan on attending to honor these individuals, especially Marilyn Huebner, Fifth District Auxiliary President.

The April meeting will be April 1st. We will be nominating individuals for the 2010-2011 officers. If you would like to nominate someone, please plan to attend the April meeting. Election of officers will be held at the May meeting. Our entree for dinner will be Fried Chicken, so please bring a side dish. Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM.

If you have not renewed your 2010 dues, please do so ASAP, we need your help to reach our goal of 100%.

Please keep Nita Robinson, Secretary, in your prayers. Nita is having health problems and needs our prayers.

The following is an interesting Easter story.

THE PINETREE CROSSES

When I was about 8 years old, Pop and I were out fishing and that's when he told me that the Pine trees know when it is Easter. I had no idea what he meant by that, so I pressed him for more information.

He continued on... The Pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter and if you look at the tops of the trees two weeks before, you will see the yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday, the tallest shoot will branch off and form a cross.

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Gary Fletcher is starting to show some progress. He is able to speak and carry on a conversation. Gary has been moved to Signature Health Care Center of Buckhead, 54 Peachtree Pk. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30309, Room #304. Please, if you can find the time to go and visit him, please do. In addition to him appreciating some visitors, **WE** have to make a visual check with him to insure he is getting the appropriate care as required. The reason I say this is some of us know how the medical system can mess up.

I also want to mention Gary's son Jesse. He has been a true man in looking after his father and he has definitely earned my deepest respect. Please keep Gary and his son, Jesse, and Jesse's family in our prayers during this very difficult time.

As we come into April, the 6th is Army Day, the 9th is National Former POW Recognition Day and on the 11th The Persian Gulf War Cease Fire was declared in 1991.

On the 1st Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is the Christian holy day which commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles. On the following day, the 2nd, our Christian brothers observe Good Friday followed by Easter Sunday on the 4th. Our Jewish brothers will be celebrating the last day of the Days of Unleavened Bread on the 6th.

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

James 1:19-20

I wish you all a very pleasant Holy Day season this month and please remember the true reasons we celebrate these days.

For God and Country,
CHUCK



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Nat'l ALR website is: <http://www.usalr.org/index.html>

Ga ALR website is: http://www.usalr.org/GA_DEPT_PAGE.html

Post 29 ALR website is: <http://sites.google.com/site/alrpost29/>



In March, members of the Post 29 Legion Riders attended funerals or viewings for WWII veterans. A viewing that an ALR member attended was that of David Neil Desautels Sr., a WWII veteran who was a member of the VFW post 5408 and was also a member of our own Post 29 Marietta.

We monitor the PGR website at <http://www.patriotguard.org/> to determine if there are local missions that we could participate in. You do not have to be a motorcycle enthusiast to participate. You simply have to be a patriotic citizen willing to take time out of your day to stand for those who stood for you. If you do not have a computer there is a Legion computer in the pool room at our post. It was donated by the Wounded Warrior Care project.

Plans are in progress to visit our adopted cemetery to spray for poison oak and sumac, date to be determined. Thanks to Legionnaires who voted to purchase weed killer to be used at the three cemeteries adopted by this post.

Our ALR membership is now up to 47 that have paid their respective Legion membership dues.

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Post 29 Youth Wins Departmental High School Oratorical



He did it! Joseph Rondone, an 11th grade home schooler who won our Post 29 Oratorical Competition on February 6, went on to win at the District, Area, and Department levels. Facing his stiffest competition to date, Joseph's oration, Responsible Ownership, and his assigned topic presentation on Amendment V to the Constitution, earned him the right to compete in next month's National Finals in Indianapolis on April 9th through 11th. There Joseph will be competing with Departmental representatives from around the country, the winner receiving over \$20,000.00 in college scholarships.

Joseph will be presenting his winning oratory to a combined Legion/Auxiliary session on Thursday, April 1, at 7:30. You are invited and encouraged to attend this celebration of Americanism. The meeting will be preceded by dinner, beginning at 6:30. At only \$5 per person for dinner, this represents one of life's great bargains!

Post 29 Oratorical Chairman Roy Lantz wishes to recognize the many volunteers at our Post competition who helped make Joseph's victory possible; Commander Bill Beaudin and his wife Lorri, Sam Perry, Gail Evilsizor, Chaplain Chuck Johnson, Tommy Townsend, Amador Rodriquez, Larry Diehl, Neal Lawrence, Auxiliary President Jane

Lawrence, and Al Friel. A very special thanks is offered to Al, who suggested that we approach Joseph, a member of his Scout Troop, to enter the competition. A huge thank you is also offered to Departmental Oratorical Chairman Dave Burdette, from Post 304, to Post 304 Commander Alan Johnson and to Post 304 member Richard Ray. If you have a child or grandchild (or great-grandchild!) or neighbor or church member, or any kid you know, who will be in grades 9 through 12 next year, please have them consider entering the competition. With over \$20,000.00 in prizes awaiting them, why would you not? Contact Roy Lantz at roy@roylantz.com or 678-560-1082 for more information.



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DEPARTMENT

BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Larry Boyter	4/14 Claude Edwards	4/22 Judson Knighton
4/2 William DeLamater	4/16 J. Blalock	4/22 Carolyn Mortimer
4/2 Titus Lee	4/16 Todd Graham	4/23 Chester Nabors
4/4 Cathy Bennett	4/16 Bill Norton	4/24 Brenda Kemp
4/6 Archie Nalbandian	4/17 Paul Connolly	4/25 John Farkas
4/6 Dwight Swanson	4/17 Nancy Massey	4/26 Robert Bailey
4/7 Richard James	4/18 Ann Poole	4/26 Ben Greenwell
4/7 Michael King	4/19 John Buffa	4/27 Nolan Coffey
4/10 H. Hale	4/19 Anita Fischer	4/27 Judy Taylor
4/10 Lois Hawkinson	4/19 Thomas Hall	4/28 Ricky Geissett
4/10 Paul Howard	4/19 George Mingledorff	4/28 Betty Kelly
4/10 David Mendelson	4/20 Brian Maher	4/30 Jephtha Foster
4/12 Delmar White	4/20 Roxann Parker	
4/13 Jack Gaskin	4/21 Edgar Lucas	
4/13 Kermit Hall	4/21 Syble Russell (with 2 L's)	
4/14 Regina Chapman	4/22 Diane Jones	



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Nat'l SAL website is: www.sal.legion.org/
 Ga SAL website is: www.sonsga.org/home.html



Congratulations to Squadron 29. Because of your efforts we have reached our 100% membership goal as of the 7th of March. But we can't quit now. We are still lacking several renewals for 2010. If for any reason you can't renew at this time, please let one of the Executive Committee members know. We will work something out with you.

In other places in this newsletter you will see that Joseph Rondone, an American Legion Oratorical contestant, sponsored by Post 29 has won the Post, District, Area and Department Oratorical contest for this year. A GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS to him on this outstanding achievement. And we wish him the best of luck at the National American Legion Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis on April the 9th. The members of Squadron 29 can be especially proud as Joseph and his father Steve are both members of Squadron 29. We got them both signed up after the Department Contest in Macon on Saturday, March the 6th.

As a reminder the third Saturday (April 17th) is the SAL Breakfast/Post 29 Blood Drive., so mark your calendars to join us. If you haven't tried it, then you are missing out. It's all you can eat for \$5.00 per person. Just some of the selections are: eggs to order, grits (two styles) bacon, sausage, potatoes, toast, biscuits, sausage gravy/SOS, fruit, milk, coffee, and juices. And while you are letting all this food settle, you can go to the back meeting hall and donate some much needed blood. And normally you can get a free t-shirt for donating. Breakfast is served from 8 AM until Noon. Blood donations are taken from 9 AM to 1 PM. I wonder if I can convince my wife to let me take her to breakfast and to give blood for our anniversary? I always take her to the best places to eat. For her Birthday I took her to Taco Bell.

Well folks it's Squadron Officer Election time. Nominations for the various offices were opened at the March membership Meeting and will close at the April Meeting. Elections will take place during the May Meeting. Installation of Officers will take place in July with the Post Installation. Keep in mind, if you are a valid member of Squadron 29, you are eligible to run for any office. If you are interested, let us know.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Mark Arneson's Homecoming and the Spring Conference will have come and gone. However, there are a couple of other important dates coming up in the next few months that we need to be aware of: The Georgia American Legion College will be held on the 21st through the 23rd of May at the Marriott Hotel off of Windy Hill. For the first time there will be a section devoted to the Sons of the American Legion. This is one event you don't want to miss. I highly encourage every one of you (especially those running for office) to attend. Your attendance will benefit you and our Squadron. The 2010 Department Convention will be held in Augusta on June 24th through the 27th.

Also, don't forget to mark you calendars for the fourth Tuesday of each month for our 7 PM

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Commander (cont)

won the Post, District, Area and State championships and will compete at the National level in April. Good Luck Joseph.

GET ACTIVE - GET INVOLVED

Call or email me with any questions or comments about Post 29 or the American Legion.

For God and Country,

Bill Beaudin, Commander Post 29

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ALR (cont)

ALR members who have not yet renewed Legion dues are no longer eligible to be members of Post 29 ALR. Please check your cards for the year of 2010, if it is not please pay your dues now.

Make plans to attend our next meeting on Sunday April 18, 2010. We meet in the Social Quarters at 1:30 PM, and then we adjourn at 2:00 PM to conduct our business meeting which is held upstairs.

If you would like to join, have any questions, or would like to attend a meeting of the Legion Riders, please contact Rick "White Boy" Cope @ 678-906-1300 or e-mail him at rickcope57@gmail.com or contact Michael "Dick" Willis at Michael_willis18@yahoo.com.

For God and Country,

Olga T. Noel

Secretary and Membership

ALR Post 29 Marietta

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AUX (Cont)

By the time Easter Sunday comes around, you will see that most of the Pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all the tallest shoots.

Remember to look at the Pine trees on Easter Sunday to see if the tall yellow shoots are crosses stretching to Heaven.

Author Unknown.

Again, remember to keep all those men and women who are fighting for our Freedom, in your prayers.

For God and Country

Jane Lawrence

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SAL (cont)

SAL Membership Meeting, food will be served at 6:30 PM. See you there. Until next month:

For God and Country,

Larry Diehl, Commander

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FROM A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

It's been busy around here. For those who haven't visited, the remodeling is done. Doug, Tommy, Larry and many others did a fine job. Sometimes the lights are too bright, but they have dimmers on them, that's cool. Ronnie, Stacey and Ruth are doing a great job. There's free lunch on Wednesday 'til it's gone and live music on Friday nights from 8:00 'til midnight with no cover. Bring a guest and come dance your buns off, please! Let's expand our Legion family.

There's been much ado lately about the AMERICAN LEGION being so much more than just a bar. We already know that. We know so many ideas and efforts are the results of gatherings in the SOCIAL QUARTERS. It is more than possible that many good things have come about after a few adult beverages. We are not, "just a bunch of old drunks," as was recently overheard in the SOCIAL QUARTERS.

The AMERICAN LEGION is a benevolent organization. Giving not only of ourselves; within our membership, but also to those currently serving who haven't found us yet and especially to our community. Should you see a young man or woman in uniform; introduce yourself, thank them and ask them to join us. You can promise them a free hot dog on Wednesday, good music on Friday and Bingo upstairs if they are of a mind to do that. You can tell them much more.

You can tell them about the SOCIAL QUARTERS. Beer is cheap, drinks are strong and the company is damn good. SOCIAL QUARTERS is a tribute to all who have served; past and present, regardless the capacity they served. SOCIAL QUARTERS is a shrine to those who didn't come home. Many of us know too many of them. SOCIAL QUARTERS is a testament to brotherhood. A testament to a fellowship of faith and honor borne for some in the face of fear and unimaginable horror. A brotherhood stretching from Utah Beach to Bastogne to Luzon to Iwo Jima to Pusan to Inchon to Hue to Au Chau to the Mekong Delta. Currently to those in the sands and cities of the Middle East. That's why we don't call it a bar, because it's not. It is so much more.

This frequent visitor to the SOCIAL QUARTERS would like to thank Milton and the girls for the job they do. We all know the obstacles they have had to contend with of late. S.A.L. and Ladies Aux are also to be complimented, but this Legionnaire wishes to pay special thanks to A.L.R.

God bless and keep your powder dry.

Ed Clower



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