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From Your Commander

The last of the year is here and what a year we've had. Our Post has seen a lot of improvement throughout the year and hopefully will continue through the coming year. Our membership has grown and continues to grow, with all your help. Unfortunately, we have also lost many good Comrades that have gone to be and serve the Supreme Commander. Our prayers will always be with them. Our Post continues to be the desire that other Posts throughout the state would want to have. With your help, we will continue to be that way.

The Department will be sending out the Christmas labels to all members in December. This is one of the only projects that the Department has to increase revenue for it's various projects. Please use them and please send in a contribution to help them in fulfilling Christmas wishes to our needy veterans.

Christmas is the time of being with family members and of gift exchange. I will keep repeating myself -- There are young men and women in harms way that will be away from their loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers for their safe return.

On behalf of all Officers of the Post, and from my family I wish the Merriest of Christmas' and a prosperous New Year.

I would like to leave you all with a poem that I found the other day. It goes like this:

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check payable to 'The United States of America,' for an amount of 'up to, and including his or her life.'

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.

MERRY CRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Commander29@bellsouth.net

Amador Rodriguez, Jr.



December 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 ★ MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING	5 ☺	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 ☺	13
14 ☺ ALR -TOYS for TOTS	15	16	17	18 ★ EC MEETING	19 CHRISTMAS PARTY	20 ☺ SAL BREAKFAST
21	22	23 ★ SAL MEETING	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 ☺	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS PARTY			

★ MEETINGS ★

4th @ 6:30 pm - Dinner

4th @ 7:30pm - Membership and Auxiliary Meetings

18th @ 5:30 pm - EC Meeting

21st @ NO ALR Meeting this Month

23rd @ 6:00 pm - SAL Meeting

BINGO

Friday & Monday @ 7:30 pm

Sunday @ 7:00 pm

Hall Rental Info. Call: 770-427-5900

☺ UPCOMING EVENTS ☺

5th - Band - Southern Jam - 8:00 pm

12th - Band - Southern Jam - 8:00 pm

14th - ALR Toys for Tots - 6:00 pm

@ Brewster's on Canton Rd.

19th - Christmas Party - Band - Chris and the Allstars

20th - SAL (AYCE) Breakfast - 8am - Noon

Blood Drive - 9am - 1 pm

26th - Band - Black Diamond

31st - New Years Party - Band - N-2-U

Party starts at 6 PM

Dinner served at 7 PM

Band starts at 8 PM

Champagne at Midnight

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!

LADIES AUXILIARY



LADIES,

Again, thanks so much for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal we had at our November meeting. A special thanks to Gail Hurst and Heather's Dad for preparing the Turkeys. And thanks to all who brought side dishes. I heard a lot of good comments from the men on how good the meal was.

I recently received a letter from a Marine stationed at Camp Al Taqaddum, west of Baghdad. The library staff there has asked our help in providing books, DVDs and College prep books for the men and women there who range in age from 18-30.

Books may be sent to:

Sabine Glascoe
KBR/MWR (B-6)
APO. AE 09381

Before mailing, check with the post office, these may be mailed by **PRIORITY MAIL** and a special Flat Rate may apply.

If you have not renewed your 2009 membership, please do so **ASAP**, we are trying to reach our goal of **100%** by December 31st.

I would like to welcome the following new members Beverly Aldridge, Jennifer Greene, Angelia Jones, Mary Lee, Carolyn Newberry and Shirley Pope. Hope to see each of you at our December meeting.

Ladies if you see some of these new members, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Our next meeting will be December 4th. The entree will be Ham, please bring a side dish. Dinner is at 6:30p.m. and the meeting at 7:30p.m.

The Children and Youth Committee, along with Santa Neal, will

be carrying gifts for Kindergarten and 1st grade children to Lockheed Elementary School on December 17th.

They will be preparing the packages on December 13th. If you would like to help, please be at the Legion around 9:00a.m. on the 13th.

I know this is a busy time of the year for everyone, but as we enter this holiday season please keep the men and women who are fighting for our freedom and their families in your prayers. Remember Freedom is not Free.

I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

For God and Country,
Jane Lawrence

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FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Post 29 is now over 600 paid members in the American Legion. Have you paid your 2009 membership dues? If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If not paid by February 1, the member is suspended. Please check your membership card and make sure it says 2009. If it says 2008 please pay your dues ASAP. In the star of your membership card is the number of continuous years you have been a member. If your 2009 number is 5, 10, 15 or any number by five year periods the post will get you, free of charge, a continuous membership certificate and lapel/hat pin with that number on it. We will only order this if requested so if you want one call the legion or tell any officer to get put on a list. We are a growing organization and we don't want to lose any of our existing members.

RENEW NOW. Support the Legion and Legion Programs. Membership questions: call Senior Vice Bill Beaudin @ 770-919-7109

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP IN DECEMBER

The Legion family is asking you to look at your family, friends or co workers. Is an eligible member missing out? If so, sign him or her up and make them part of the Legion family. Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders are all looking for new members. Membership applications are available at the Post or visit our website at www.galegion29.org. Let's continue our growth, build on our momentum and bring families together through the Legion Family of service organiza-

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The Rhett Butler Reunion and Chili Cook-off was a huge success due to the hard work and effort put forth by Lyle Chapman. Proceeds from the day were used to benefit Mark Arneson who is our National Detachment Commander for the state of Georgia.

The next SAL Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 20th from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The cost is \$5 for all you can eat. Be sure to come out and spread some Christmas cheer with your family and friends.

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. As November comes to a close, I can't help but think about the historical Presidential election, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving. Each of these events defines our country's past, present, and future. Take a moment and reflect on each of these events and what they mean to you, your family, and your country.

The hustle and bustle of December brings cooler temperatures, Christmas lights to hang, trees to trim, presents to buy and wrap, holiday baking, parties to attend...and the list goes on. When all is said and done, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. Also, keep in your thoughts and prayers those that are serving our country. May they find Peace on Earth on December 25th.

For God and Country

Steve Kiessling

SAL Commander

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

As of this writing Charles "Andy" Anderson is still in the hospital but he is at least out of intensive care. Andy is a Master Parachutist who served with the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. Andy is a super trooper who is well liked by all. May the Lord lead him to recovery soon.



As we move into December the days of celebration are upon us. It is a time of the year when our hearts are filled with joy and a benevolent feeling towards the less fortunate. This is a time for us to reflect on the greatness of God and to remember the real reason for the season.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:14

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful Holiday Season and to each of you a safe and fruitful New Year.

For God and Country,

CHUCK

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Become an "Active" Member

As Legion members we need to help all veterans and our local communities. Are you a Good Legionnaire ?????????? Become an active member not just a member. We can use help in all areas, call the Commander or any officer to volunteer to help.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Saturday, October 25, 2008, was a historical day. Saturday was the first time we all rode together as the Department of Georgia American Legion Riders! How befitting that on this historical day we all gathered for a very special occasion, to honor our fallen hero and brother, Capt. Lorenza Conner, MIA for 42 years! This historical day depicts the very essence of what we, the American Legion Riders, are all about.

There were nine members of ALR Post 29 in attendance for this mission. These members included myself, Mark Talley, Christy Cole, Don Needham, Ricky Geissert, Russ Hunter, Rick McDowell, Bruce Publicover and Kathy Lowder.

For what its worth here is my story regarding this event.

This was my first opportunity to participate in a Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) Mission and I can only say from my experience that this is something that each and everyone of us should find the time to participate in as soon as you are able. This was a very moving experience. First the camaraderie of so many members drawn together for a single purpose. To honor and welcome home to rest one of our fallen brothers. This goes to show that whether the individual has been gone for one day, one month or even over 40 years we gather to honor their service and sacrifice for us. You and me and everyone else who calls the USA their home. Just seeing the numbers and the opportunities to meet others of like minds all together for one. This was all before the ride even began. There is just this feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood with our flags and our pride to be part of this great country. IT was just more than words can say.

Then there were all the people throughout Cartersville standing at the road side with flags waving and hands over their hearts brought tears to my eyes. Moms and Dads with children, young couples, individual men and women all standing as the procession of motorcycles road by. There were the elderly out in the front yards a flag in hand and the other over their heart as we rode past. The one that choked us up the most was a lone elderly man standing tall with chest puffed out in front of his home with one hand in salute until we all rode past. When I say all I am talking about well over 200 riders and many were two up. The turnout for Captain Conner was just unbelievable! ALR Post representation from across the state of Georgia and a few from Florida, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee.

I hope I did justice to this description of what I saw and felt this day. Please do yourself a favor and participate at least once in one of these missions. I feel absolutely certain you will be glad you did.

FYI - There is no requirement to "ride a motorcycle" to participate in these missions. Just because we ride does not mean we are different than anyone else at this Post. We are first and foremost American's but we are also members of the Legion family who choose to take time out of our lives to honor One who Served and was finally brought home to rest. The members of ALR Post 29 were proud and honored to represent this post at such an auspicious occasion. Eight of us were on motorcycles and I was in my car but we all "rode" to honor and lay to rest Captain Lorenza Conner US Air Force who gave his life on October 27, 1967 on a mission in Vietnam serving his country. We the membership of ALR simply choose to "ride" to honor those that served and gave the ultimate sacrifice. His life for our freedom. Need I say more?

OK I will get off my soapbox now. Thanks for "listening".

Please join us for our annual Toys for Tots event to be held on Sunday 14 December at 6:00 PM. This event will be held at Brewster's in Marietta, GA please join us in raising funds for this most excellent cause.

**For God and Country,
Olga T Noel Secretary and Membership
ALR Post 29 Marietta**

BIRTHDAYS



1 st James Trapnell, Jr.	7 th George Black	15 th Joseph Billoni	20 th Kevin Wright	
2 nd June Chandler	8 th Stephen Hardy	16 th Jack Culver	21 st Henry Bagley	
2 nd Roland Fleming	9 th Wendall Bailey	16 th William Herndon	21 st Lorri Beaudin	
3 rd Robert Baer	9 th Gordon Fahey, Sr.	16 th Ronald Leone	21 st Glenn Haller	
3 rd Steve Barney	9 th Paul McGinnis	17 th Franz Haller	21 st Cheryl Hill	
4 th Robert Parmer	9 th Ron Morris	17 th Russell Wills	21 st Kathryn Huebner	27 th John Kennedy
4 th James Pierce	10 th Rita Haynes	18 th Lisa Cobb	21 st Steve Kavaddellas	27 th Charlie O'Quin
5 th Clifton Bode	10 th Pete Nawrocki	18 th Raymond Kerr	21 st Janis Simms	27 th John Thomas
5 th Walter Costello	10 th Bo Sefers	18 th Ralph Thomas	22 nd Albert Brewer	27 th Chuck Tynes
5 th Emil Trefzger	10 th C. Doug Townsend	19 th Thomas Bevich	22 nd Ronald Wilkins	29 th Roxanne Martin
6 th Aaron Browning	10 th Mable Wright	19 th Candler Crim Jr.	23 rd Woodie Williams	30 th Ronald Johns
6 th Ita Fox	11 th Barbara Baldwin	19 th Eric Musgrove	24 th Al Sager	30 th Joel Usher
6 th Pamela Givens	12 th James Crockett	19 th Zhen Zhen Song	24 th Tom Samples	30 th Imogene Yentsch
6 th Charles Griffith	12 th Janet Hardy	19 th Russell Wooten	24 th Shirley Schneider	31 st Andy Daily
6 th Graham Hill	12 th Janet Smith	20 th Kathleen Austin	25 th Edward Hamrich	31 st Candace Krugel
6 th Sherman Landers	13 th William Torella, III	20 th Susan Carey	26 th Max Jones Jr.	31 st Rex Mote, Jr.
6 th Gary Rankin, Jr.	14 th Les Davy	20 th Ellen Golliver	26 th Steven Smith	31 st Carl Murray, Jr.
6 th Rolan Wooden	14 th Joe Simmons	20 th Richard Woyar	27 th Roberto Bosco	

SOCIAL QUARTERS



Here it is already! Time to gear up for the Holidays again!

Reminder: we will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27.

Our **CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on **Friday, December 19**. Chris and the Allstars will be performing. There is no charge to attend and no reservations are needed. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

We will be closing at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and we will be closed Christmas Day. We hope everyone has a warm and happy Holiday Season!

The **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** will be upstairs this year and Tommy and I will be rolling out a buffet-style dinner for everyone who makes a reservation to attend the party. **We are taking reservations now and we do have a cut-off this year of December 19th. The cost to attend is \$25.00.** Please see the bartender in the Social Quarters for the table layout and to make your reservation! We have a seating capacity of 104 with plenty of room to dance! The attire is dressy-casual. The details are as follows:

You will be issued a meal ticket to eat. You must have it to eat. We have made every effort to keep the cost very low; therefore we ask that you please plan on purchasing a ticket if you want to eat. There will be no food to spare, i.e., don't risk it by not signing up by December 19th if you want to eat with us!

The **MENU** will be: Prime rib with au jus, pork tenderloin medallions, candied carrots, orzo rice, green beans almandine, a dinner roll and iced tea. For dessert you have a choice of cheesecake or mousse.

The Party begins at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 and the entertainment will begin at 8:00. There will be a Champagne toast at midnight.

We think this is an incredible deal and hope that everyone will take advantage of it! It is our first New Year's Party upstairs and with the new upgrades the Post has made it is sure to be a wonderful evening for all who attend!

For those of you who do not wish to sign up for the New Year's Eve Party, the Social Quarters will be open for business as usual.

For God and Country,
Milton, Jack, and Julia

GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

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tions. Do you know any active duty members of any branch of service that are serving in harm's way at this holiday season. Please pass along their name so we can make them part of our family.

Saluting During the National Anthem

U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), a Senior Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, praised the President's signing of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, which includes a provision to allow veterans and military members out of uniform to salute the flag during the National Anthem. Senator Inhofe sponsored the amendment to ensure veterans and all members of the Armed Forces be given the right to render a military salute to the United States flag. The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 was approved by unanimous consent in the Senate on Saturday, September 27, and was signed by President Bush today. "With the President's signature today, we have finally revised the law to give veterans the proper distinction of saluting during the National Anthem," Senator Inhofe said. "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute. "I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

LEGION CAPS

You may notice various color combinations of the American Legion Caps. The blue cap (by far the most numerous) is the Post level cap. A person wearing a blue cap with a white top is a District officer. A Department (State) officer wears an

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all white cap, while National officers wear a red cap. Always wear your legion cap to all meetings or ceremonies. Don't have a cap? Ask any officer and they will show you how to order one. They are available from our National Headquarters catalog by special order.

A Freeloader's Last Request

Once upon a time there was a veteran who never joined any organizations. All his life, he took benefits and entitlements won for him by veterans' service organizations. He had a ten point preference, a G.I. Home Loan, he had gone to school on the G.I. Bill, Veterans' Employment even got him a job, among other things, but still he refused to join.

On his death bed he told his wife, "Please do something for me. I want to be buried in a National Cemetery, have a military marker and I want a Veterans' organization to provide an honor guard and be my pallbearers." "But you never belonged to any Veterans' organization," his wife explained. "Why do you want them for pallbearers?" "Dear" he replied. "They've carried me this far, they might as well carry me the rest of the way!"

3rd Saturday Post 29 Blood Drive

Saturday, December 20th

9 AM - 1 PM (Starting one hour earlier)

The need for blood doesn't take a holiday. We are holding blood drives every month now. You can only donate every 56 days, so please squeeze us in your schedule. If you can't make it this month, please try next month. Call Bill at 770-919-7109 to get put on our call list or email reminder list.

Also--->SAL Breakfast 8 AM - 12 Noon

Please Notify Us

Please notify us of any serious illness, surgery or even death of one of our family members. Make sure your family members or next of kin know to give us a call if anything happens. We can't help if we don't know. You can contact our chaplain, Chuck Johnson at 770-974-5786 or call the post at 770-427-5900.

Flags

Post 29 is collecting worn US flags for proper disposal during our flag retirement service. Worn flags can be placed in the wooden collection box on the front porch of the legion hall anytime.



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