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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER**

**FOR AN "L" AFTER YOUR NAME.**

**AN "L" ON THE LABEL INDICATES YOUR 2009 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID AND THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE.**

**If our records are incorrect or you have any membership questions, please don't hesitate to call our Membership Chairman Bill Beaudin at 770-919-7109 with any membership questions.**

## From Your Commander

**The end of the year is upon us, and what a year it was!! As you may have noticed, numerous changes have occurred in the Post, all to improve your comfort and to insure that you enjoy yourself when you visit. You will be noticing more changes to be done with all its members in mind. One of the major changes will benefit those members that do not smoke. It will make the Post more "non-smoker friendly". Other changes will deal with lighting of the Social Quarters. Again, to make it a more friendly atmosphere for all members. All the board members are working hard to insure that all members come to a place that they can enjoy and want to come back to. Sort of a home away from home.**

**The Social Quarters Director has many ideas for the coming year, the Junior Shooting Club has twice the number of young people in its rolls, and the ALR continues to assist in fundraisers. Let us not forget the Ladies Auxiliary and the SAL who are doing outstanding work for the Legion and the Legion families.**

**Ironically, there are presently young men and women that, like those before them, are in Harm's Way insuring that we can plan for the future as a free nation. They are fighting, like those before them, so that we can enjoy our most precious beliefs: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers for their safe and quick return.**

**Membership is doing good. There are still a large number of members who have not renewed as of yet.**

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# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1	2	BAND SOUTH PAW		
4	5	6	7	8	MEMBERSHIP AND AUXILIARY MEETING	9	BAND ALL STARS	
11	12	13	14	15	GVVA MEETING	16	BAND SOUTHERN JAM	
18	19	20	21	22		23	BAND BLACK DIAMOND	
25	26	27	28	29	EC MEETING	30	BAND SOUTH PAW	
							17	SAL BREAKFAST ----- Blood Drive

## ★ MEETINGS ★

- 8th @ 6:30 pm - Dinner (moved date this month)**
- 8th @ 7:30 pm - Membership and Auxiliary Meetings**
- 11th - District Meeting - Post 57 in Newnan**
- 15th @ 7:30 pm - GVVA Meeting**
- 18th @ 2:00 pm - ALR Meeting**
- 29th @ 5:30 pm - EC Meeting**
- 27th @ 6:00 pm - SAL Meeting**

## BINGO

- Friday & Monday @ 7:30 pm**
- Sunday @ 7:00 pm**

**Hall Rental Info. Call: 770-427-5900**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- 2nd - Band - South Paw**
- 9th - Band - The All Stars**
- 16th - Band - Southern Jam**
- 17th - SAL Breakfast - 8am - Noon**
- Blood Drive - 9am - 1pm**
- 23rd - Band - Black Diamond**
- 30th - Band - South Paw**

## 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,**

***I would like to thank each of you who have been so loyal in preparing food for our monthly meetings. Our Christmas dinner was so delicious.***

***The end of the year is near and I would like to reflect on some of our accomplishments, such as sponsoring the five young ladies for Girls State, working at the airport for the USO, Children and Youth Committee distributing gifts for Easter and Christmas to children at two elementary schools, for Betty's and Henrietta's work at the VA Hospital and for all the tickets sold for raffles. These are just a few. Thanks for everyone's hard work.***

***Our next monthly meeting will be January 8, since New Years Day is the first Thursday.***

***We will be serving meat loaf as our entree, so please bring a side dish. Hope to see you there.***

***I hope that you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and I would like to wish everyone a very Prosperous and Blessed New Year.***

***For God and Country***

***Jane Lawrence***

***[janeal1@Yahoo.com](mailto:janeal1@Yahoo.com)***

## FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**MEMBERSHIP membership MEMBERSHIP membership MEMBERSHIP**

***Without membership we are just an empty building. You are our life blood.***

***Please check your membership card and make sure it is a 2009 Legion membership card. We have a number of members who have not renewed yet and we are wondering what you are waiting for.***

***Your 2008 membership expires on December 31, 2008. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. Call our membership chairman Bill Beaudin at 770-919-7109 with any membership questions. Change of Address please contact Bill or fill out a member data form at the post. The American Legion has a special membership offer for new members who are on active duty. Your first year dues will be at half price just \$15.00. Please sign up a friend or relative and include them in our Legion family. World War II veterans' dues are paid by the post every year as our way of thanking these members of the greatest generation.***

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

***If you are interested in helping your fellow Veterans, working with youth, getting involved in community activities, or are just generally interested in doing your part, you are our kind of Legionnaire. Our post has a number of committees which may be of interest to you. Some of these are: Americanism, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Membership, Employment, Public Relations, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Boy Scouts, Hospital Visitation. Just because our post doesn't have a particular program is no reason one can't be started. Attendance and participation in our post meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of each month, (eat at 6:30 meeting 7:30) is the best way to derive the most from your Legion membership. Get Involved- Get Active. Contact any officer for information.***

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!! As 2008 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the past year and wondering what 2009 will hold for me and my family. 2008 was a year with many downturns, and I am hoping that 2009 will bring about good changes to our financial and job markets.**

**Many of us believe the dawn of a new year is an opportunity for new beginnings. These new beginnings are also known as resolutions...you know those things we vow to do because deep down we know it will be good for us. If you are anything like me, you find it is impossible to change all of your bad habits at once. I have vowed**

**not to make resolutions this year, but rather be conscious of making good choices. I was blessed in 2008 with a new wife and family, and I have quickly learned this life-changing event brings new responsibilities and rules. For example, I have lost all selfishness as I no longer have control over the TV remote, willingly give up my time to carpool teenagers to activities and games, and know that a completed "honey do" list makes for a happy wife and home. Time for self is limited, but I don't mind. I think about those serving our country and how they have willingly given up their selfish behavior to serve and not be served. For each of them I am thankful. By**

**the way, I do have one resolution and that is to keep all our servicemen and women in my daily prayers. Why not add it to your resolutions too!**

**The next SAL Breakfast will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 - 12 noon. The January SAL meeting will be on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.**

**For God and Country**

**Steve Kiessler  
SAL Commander**

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

**It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Suzanna Hill, the beloved wife of Dick Hill. The short time of fifteen years they spent together is like a grain of sand on a beach compared to the eternity they will spend together with our heavenly Father. Our sincere condolences go out to Dick during this difficult time.**

**Please keep in your prayers "Andy" Anderson and Mark Fruchie. Both are fine Legionnaires with some health issues. May the Lord lead them to a speedy recovery.**

**With the New Year upon us we face many uncertainties. The war on terrorism, the changing political environment and the economic situation in this country present new challenges for this nation. It is during these trying troublesome times that we should not forget the Lord and use the power of prayer to help this country and our personal lives on a daily basis.**

**"Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake."**

**Daniel 9:17**

**May the Lord watch over and protect us, our families and this country and keep us safe this coming year.**

**For God and Country,**

**CHUCK**

**[Chuckj007@BellSouth.Net](mailto:Chuckj007@BellSouth.Net)**



**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.**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



**As a new year dawns we would like to reflect on our accomplishments. In September of 2007 the inaugural meeting of Post 29 ALR was held with 16 members present. Elections were held and all offices were filled by appointment or by vote of the membership.**

**In November 2007, ALR members participated in the Veteran's Day Parade for Post 29.**

**In December 2007, we held our first charity event to raise money for the Marines Toys 4 Tots campaign \$4320 was raised at this event.**

**In May 2008, several members participated in the Rolling Thunder run to Washington DC on Memorial Day weekend.**

**In June 2008, our biggest event was held to raise funds for Breast Cancer this was the Poker Run "Boobalicious" and nearly \$10,000 was raised. In July we participated in the 4th of July Parade.**

**In September 2008, another fund-raiser for Breast Cancer was held. ALR members also participated in a fund raiser for "A Soldiers Call Home" donating \$125 to which the Legion added \$500. The \$625 was the largest contribution made at this event.**

**On October 25, 2008, several members participated in a Patriot Guard mission in support of the family of Capt. Lorenza Conner of Cartersville, GA. Captain Conner's remains were brought home to rest from Vietnam where he was shot down on October 27, 1967 this was just two days shy of 42 years to the day. We thank God for this long awaited day for our country and especially for his family. Throughout the year several other such missions that we at ALR Post 29 have participated in. These events involve riding as escort and staging a flag line to honor soldiers and in support of their families. We take pride in representing American Legion Post 29 on these missions.**

**In December 2008, we held our second annual Toys 4 Tots event. We want to Thank our host Kristen Arnold owner of Brewster's whose brother is currently serving in Afghanistan. Thank you also to Spirit for providing the music. We raised \$1,428 and the five Marine's present in their dress blues were thankful and presented us with a certificate thanking the Legion for our good works. Additionally, ALR joined in a Worldwide Candle Lighting ceremony in remembrance of children who have died in years past this is an annual event on the 2nd Sunday of December. The candles are first lit in New Zealand at 7PM and extinguished at 8PM, then the next timezone lights candles and so on, for a 24 hour continuance of light. There were several positive comments by patrons at Brewster's and Legion members thanking us for including this moving event.**

**In our first year ALR Post 29 grew from 16 members in September 2007 to 63 members to date. Thanks to all of you for making our first year a HUGE success. Please plan to attend our next meeting on January 18, 2009 we meet in the Social Quarters at 1:30PM, then adjourn to our business meeting upstairs at 2:00 PM.**

**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 @ 770-560-8924 or e-mail him at [harleytrucker6918@yahoo.com](mailto:harleytrucker6918@yahoo.com) or contact Michael "Dick" Willis at [Michael\\_willis18@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael_willis18@yahoo.com).**

**For God and Country,**

**Olga T. Noel     Secretary and Membership – Post 29 ALR**

**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**

## BIRTHDAYS



1/1 Lotaine Banister	1/8 Edward Matjasic	1/15 Dan Davis	
1/1 Hazel Barmore	1/8 James Patton	1/16 Jeff Hardman	
1/1 Paula Mowrer	1/8 Fred Tripodo	1/16 Troy Letchworth	
1/1 Bettie Porter	1/8 Nelson Wood	1/17 Ruth Clark-Pointdujo	1/22 Robert Willis
1/2 Rodney Moon	1/9 L. Butler	1/17 Andrea Fernandez	1/23 Ramon Burgos
1/2 Glenda Ridley	1/9 Larry Diehl	1/17 Richard Hill	1/23 Loyd Kelly Jr.
1/3 Onita Sassenberger	1/10 Margert Carlile	1/18 William Davidson	1/23 Keith Kortemeive
1/4 James Cropp	1/10 Clyde Roy	1/18 Patricia Robinson	1/24 Prince Dell
1/4 John Fluegge	1/11 Dwight Cole	1/18 Ruben Scott	1/25 Rex Burton
1/5 William Allnutt	1/11 Ruby Williams	1/19 Craig Campbell	1/26 Manuel Diaz
1/5 Mary Malone	1/12 Walter Cohen	1/19 Tom Cerwon	1/26 Janet Hurst
1/5 Sean McPherson	1/12 William Evans	1/19 Shirley Diehl	1/27 James Fisher
1/6 Billy Bozeman	1/12 John Pechenino	1/19 Steve Kessling	1/28 Jim Beck
1/6 Stephanie Holm	1/13 Thomas Downey	1/19 Bill Pickering	1/29 Catherine Day
1/6 Woodson McFarlin Jr.	1/13 James Judkins	1/19 Terry Townsend	1/30 David Keith
1/7 Lloyd Adsit	1/13 Dwight Pendley	1/20 Jonathan Jackson	1/30 Terry Robbins
1/7 Murray Deason	1/14 Russell Jones	1/21 Shelia Burgess	1/30 Abner Williams
1/7 Don Liner	1/14 John Brandenburg	1/21 Frances Kirkham	1/30 David Workman
1/7 Billy Lingo	1/14 Brian Gibson	1/22 Gerald Bassett	1/31 James Kinser
1/7 Kathreen Presgrove	1/14 George Palmer	1/22 Julie Smith	
1/8 Richard Garrett	1/15 Annette Bell	1/22 Amador Rodriguez III	

## SOCIAL QUARTERS



***As fast as the Holidays got here, they're gone! Now all that is left to look forward to is the credit card statements! When they arrive, head over to the Social Quarters for a Bailey's and coffee to warm you up and make you feel a little better about going overboard on the grandkids again this year!***

***Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and now looking forward to another year. Can you believe it's already 2009? It seems like it was just yesterday everyone was gearing up for Y2K! Geez!***

***This year Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday. We will be celebrating with Chris and the All Stars on Lucky Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***I have not heard from Al Friel regarding the Flag Day Ceremony this year, but I am positive it will be held on a Saturday! More than likely Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please Check the Social Quarters for a precise date closer to Flag Day so he can get with the Boy Scouts Venture Crew for date and time. Flag Day is Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have information posted in the Social Quarters, or you can call for the information. It is a delightful ceremony that has gained quite a following. Please don't miss it this year!***

## NEED A NURSING HOME FOR A GEORGIA VETERAN?

The State of Georgia's Georgia Department of Veterans Service offers Nursing Home care at two locations in the state. The Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville 1-888-453-6836 and the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta 706-721-2531 are available at low or no cost to eligible war time veterans. These are not part of the VA healthcare system but are state run.

## COMMANDER (continued)

Don't lose your years of good standing. **Renew now!!** Comrade Beaudin, Membership Chairman, is doing an outstanding job with the phone calls he makes. Although we are over a 100% of our District membership goal, lets tell those who have not done so to renew.

For God and Country,

Post 29 Commander  
Amador Rodriguez, Jr.

## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WEBSITE LIST

Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Agent Orange

[www.va.gov/agentorange](http://www.va.gov/agentorange)

Center for Women Veterans

[www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet)

Gulf War Illnesses

[www.va.gov/gulfwar](http://www.va.gov/gulfwar)

Healthier US Veterans

[www.healthierusveterans.va.gov](http://www.healthierusveterans.va.gov)

Homeless Veterans

[www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)

Weight Management Program for Veterans (MOVE)

[www.move.va.gov](http://www.move.va.gov)

## VA WEBSITE LIST (continued)

My HealtheVet

[www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)

National Cemetery Administration  
(Burial and Memorials)

[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

Suicide Hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255)

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

VA Diabetes Program

[www.va.gov/diabetes](http://www.va.gov/diabetes)

VA Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

[www.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current\\_benefits.asp](http://www.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp)

VA Mental Health

[www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov)

VA National Center for Health Promotion and  
Disease Prevention

[www.prevention.va.gov](http://www.prevention.va.gov)

VA National Center for Patient Safety

[www.patientsafety.gov](http://www.patientsafety.gov)

VA National Center for Posttraumatic Stress  
Disorder

[www.ncptsd.va.gov](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov)

VA National Hepatitis C Program

[www.hepatitis.va.gov](http://www.hepatitis.va.gov)

VA National HIV/AIDS Program

[www.hiv.va.gov](http://www.hiv.va.gov)

VA Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care

[www.va.gov/geriatricsshg](http://www.va.gov/geriatricsshg)

VA Polytrauma System of Care

[www.polytrauma.va.gov](http://www.polytrauma.va.gov)

VA Public Health Influenza/Flu Website

[www.publichealth.va.gov/flu](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu)

VA Public Health Smoking Cessation Program

[www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking)

VA Seamless Transition Program

(for returning Active Duty, National Guard and  
Reserve service members of Operations Enduring  
Freedom and Iraqi Freedom)

[www.seamlesstransition.va.gov](http://www.seamlesstransition.va.gov)

VA Voluntary Service

[www.va.gov/volunteer](http://www.va.gov/volunteer)

VA War-Related Illness and Injury Center

[www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC](http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC)

Veterans Benefits Administration

[www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov)

Veterans Health Administration

[www.va.gov/health](http://www.va.gov/health)



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