



COMMANDER'S CORNER

As with every newsletter that I write, I ask that everyone stop, give thanks and say a prayer for all the brave men and women who are or have returned from being in harms way to insure, as many of us and our forefathers did, have the freedom to enjoy this great country. Remember, that the only hero in any war or the ones that give the supreme sacrifice.

Well, the Post started out 2008 with a BANG!!! A great time was had by all who attended the New Year's party. It made me proud when I see other posts members attend our functions because "they know that 29 will have an excellent presentation". My thanks to Ms Julia Carter, Tommy Blackburn and Milton Dickson of the Social Quarters.

The Fifth District meeting was held at Post 29 on 13 Jan 08, and the compliments and kudos that were praised towards our Post was numerous. My special thanks to Post members - Tommy Blackburn, Auxiliary members - Terri Rodriguez and E.J. Nichols and SAL members - Bill Williford, Todd Cramer, Steve Kiessling, Bob Jackson, Max Jones and Lyle Chapman for making our Post shine again.

Of utmost importance to the Post and all members, is that the new By-Laws will be presented at the February meeting, so that we can vote on this in the March meeting. Remember, this is your Post, so if there is anything that you don't feel

comfortable with or you want change, be present and let your voice be heard.

Another topic of interest is that in the March meeting, we will have Col. Robert Certain, USAF/Chap/Ret, as a guest speaker. Col Certain was a crewmember of the first B-52 bomber that was down in Viet Nam. He spent time as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton. He will be speaking on his experience. I'm sure that it will be quite an experience.

Our membership is doing well, however we still have approximately 115 members who have not renewed. We realize that some of you think that your dues are will fall on the anniversary date of your joining the Legion. But that is a misconception. The dues payment period runs from June through December of each year. Therefore as of 1 January your dues became overdue. As of 1 February if you still haven't paid, your dues become delinquent. At this time you lose your continuous number of years of service in the Legion and all of your Legion benefits cease. This includes the free accident death and dismemberment insurance that you may have. If you wait to pay after 1 February of each year, it takes a lot of work on the part of your Post, Department and National Headquarters to get your benefits and continuous years re-instated. So please let's get those dues paid as soon as possible. Your membership means a lot to all of the veterans in this great country. Without our great organization, there is an enormous amount of veterans benefits that our past,

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present and future veterans would not have.

At the February General Membership meeting, we will pass out the registration forms for the Spring Conference which will be held the 15 – 16th of March in Macon. We have blocked 20 rooms at the Holiday Hotel/Clairion or what ever it's being called this year. And because we just received the forms which doesn't allow us much time, we will need to get these back as soon as possible.

All of the registration and room reservation forms for the Department Convention in Augusta have been sent in. We blocked 20 rooms and sent 29 forms. If there is anyone else who wishes to go, you will have to submit your form directly to the Department of Georgia and hope they still have a room.

The dedication of the Korean War Memorial Highway will be on the 28th of March. In honor of this event, your Post has ordered some of the commemorative pins. We will present these pins to the Post 29 Korean War veterans free of charge. The rest will be sold for \$3.00 each. So, all of you Korean War veterans get in here early and get yours first. If you are unable to come to the Post, have a family member come in on your behalf. On the same note, some of you Korean War veterans who are able, should get together and set up some car pools and go to Macon for the dedication. It would be nice to have some Post 29 representation for this event.

The U.S. Army and the American Legion have partnered together for the "Freedom Team Salute"

Program. We have packets in the Post for members who have served in the Army. These packets have an official U.S. Army Commendation in them. You will need to come by the Post and pick up these packets. Some folks already got theirs. See elsewhere in this Newsletter for the list of names that we have left.

You can learn more about this outstanding program by going on-line to www.legion.org and then click on the Freedom Team Salute icon.

For God and Country,

Amador Rodriguez, Jr.
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From the chaplain

Many thanks to Larry for writing this column for the last 2 months.

We have both computers up and running again and I will take this responsibility back again.

Once again I am sad to say that we lost another one of our members since the last newsletter went out. Please keep the families and friends of John Graham in your prayers and thoughts. John was a great friend and will be sorely missed by many. Also received word of the following folks needing our prayers and thoughts during their illnesses they are: Jim Pierce, Carol Patton, Doyle Smith, Louise Hopper and Joan Cramer.

Lots of things have been happening in our organization

and I have tried to be involved in as many as I can here at Post 29 as well as other posts throughout the 5th District. If you know of anyone who is ill or has passed away, please, please let me know as soon as possible. My home phone number is 770-427-2991, my cell phone is 770-596-9572 or you can email me at bomar7@bellsouth.net.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A church is an excellent place to go for faithlifts.

As always May the Lord watch over and protect our military serving around the world.

For God and Country,

Bob Huebner
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Ladies Auxiliary

Again, I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year and if you made a new year's resolution I hope you stick with it. If you did not make one, a good one would be to attend the monthly meetings.

At our December meeting, the Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to Radio Station WGKA 920 AM for their "Operation Reindeer" which supports the USO Care Package Program. As we know, the USO is a charity that depends on donations to fulfill its mission to provide services

to support the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

I would like to welcome our new members Charlotte Miceli, Andrea Kidd and Paula Kizziah. If I have missed anyone I apologize, sometimes I do not have everyone's name by time the news letter goes out. Members, please make our new members and guests feel welcome to our Unit.

If you have not renewed your 2008 dues, please do so as soon as possible. Our next target date is March 23rd. Starting January 3rd new key cards are being issued for the Social Quarters entrance door and if your 2008 dues have not been paid you will not be issued a new key card

The Department Convention will be held June 27 - 29, in Augusta, Ga. If you have not filled out forms to attend, I will have them at the February meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 7th. Dinner will be served at 6:30PM and our meeting will start at 7:30PM. We will be serving meat loaf, please bring a side dish.

At our February meeting we will have special entertainment, hope to see you there.

For God and Country

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The logo for "Sons of the Legion" features the text in a stylized, blue, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a background of horizontal lines.

Christmas, and 2007, have come and gone and we are looking forward to a good 2008. Actually,

2008 should be a good year. We start the year with the greatest number of members we have ever had and we still have some who have not renewed. On that note! It's unfortunate but those members, who have not renewed, have lost access to the Social Quarters until their dues are paid. Those who have renewed, but have not received their new "Key Card", can do so on their next visit to the Social Quarters.

By the time that you receive this newsletter, the 5th District meeting, held at post 29 on January 13th, will have come and gone. I know those who attended will have had an enjoyable time. I, personally, have never attended a 5th District which was not enjoyable. On that note, I am looking forward to the Department Convention in Augusta in June. I am also looking forward to the Spring Conference, in Macon. Those of you, who have not attended a conference, don't know what you are missing. It's a great trip and very informative.

I am proud to be part of the best Post, in the best State and in the best Nation on earth. Life is good!

For God and Country,

Bill Williford
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The logo for "Social Quarters" features the text in a large, blue, bubbly font with a drop shadow effect.

What a wonderful Holiday Season we've had here at Post 29.

Thank you all for your generosity and support. All of the staff is very appreciative of all the wonderful things our members have done for us! We truly hope that everyone had an incredible Christmas and that the New Year will bring us all blessings and good tidings, and let's hope that we can all get some rest in February.

Our Valentines dance will be held on Friday, February 8th this year. We will have a little something for all of the ladies. Please come out and enjoy an evening of dancing with Black Diamond Trio.

A quick note about tabs, the running of tabs is a courtesy we provide to our customers while they are in the Social Quarters. Things have been getting out of hand lately, and abusers will not be permitted to run tabs and leave them over-night anymore. Milton is on the task of eliminating this problem, so if you are a chronic tab skipper, be prepared to pay cash from now on!

Don't forget about the copy of the Emblem Sales Catalog that is behind the bar in the Social Quarters. If you need a Legion Cap, shirt, pin, etc., all you need to do is ask the bartender for the magazine. She will turn your order over to the Finance Officer. We also have bumper stickers, ball caps, vehicle tags, and patriotic car magnets for sale behind the bar!

February birthdays include, but are not limited to: 1st – Kebin Friel, Terri Porter, Randy Ward, 2nd – John Griffin, Nils Royem, 4th – Richard Canfield, Rita Loosier, Roy Shults, 5th – Rex Chapman, 6th – Johnny Coffey, Joan Cramer, 8th – Jerry Patton, 9th –

Helen Pack, Kathy Thomas, 10th – John Dudley, John Shelburn, 11th – Jean Cater, Robert Huebner, Roger Parker, Donnie Perry, 12th – Don Cramer, Robyn Fountain, Edna Haygood, Robert McGowin, Amador Rodriguez, Jr, C. R. Smallwood, 13th – Lester Martin, Betty Nunn, Ronald Schauer, 14th – Philip Chastain, John Miller, Jess South, Perry Sweppy, 15th – Patricia Chasse, Nita Robinson, F. Allen Secreast, 16th – Alan Friel, Lockett Pundt, 17th – Mary Arrington, Melinda Wright, 19th – Joan McIntosh, Sandra Miles, Ed Risse, 20th – Ralph Byrd, Michael Rogers, 21st – Don Ayer, Howard Prickett, Jerry Senesac, 22nd – Jerry Tanner, 23rd - Jesse Hawk, Billy Nigh, 24th – Elfriede Austin, Louise Hopper, 25th – Danny Miller,



26th – Edna Clark, Robert Luke, 27th – Elbert Cooke, 28th – Nancy Butler and Morris Pate. Have a happy, blow out the candles, and have many more! If your name is not listed, it is because we do not have your birth date on file. Leave it with the bartender in social quarters and we'll get it added.

We welcome the following new members: Charles C. Shiflett, Joel S. Usher, Lowell T. Melton, Anthony Miceli,



William F. Delamater, Jr., William R. Domenico, Patrick m. Melton and William F. Herndon. If you should meet any of these new members, welcome them to our Post.

The Band Line-up for February 2008 is as follows:

Friday, February 1st – N-2-U.

Friday, February 8th – Black Diamond Trio.



Friday, February 15th – Southern Jam.

Friday, February 22nd – Chris and The All-stars.

Friday, February 29th – Southern Jam.

All bands start at 8:00 and play until midnight! There is no cover charge.

General Membership Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. Dinner is usually hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary at 6:30 P.M. We only ask that the members bring a side dish to accompany the main dish that the ladies prepare!

Don't forget that every Wednesday we have free lunch served from 11:00 am until it's gone. We do post a menu on the bulletin board at the entrance door. Each Wednesday may be different from the week prior.



As always, remember to check the board by the door for the latest information for the week including the menu for Wednesday, and the performers for Friday night. Come join us. Thank you for supporting the Social Quarters and your Post.

And last but not least, on January 3rd, we started using the new door cards for 2008. Please renew now, if you have not paid your 2008 dues, you can not use the Social Quarters.

Once again, thanks for a great 2007, and here's hoping 2008 is even better!

Thank you for supporting the Social Quarters.

For God and Country,

Milton, Jack, and Julia



American Legion Riders

The Post 29 ALR will be holding its next meeting on Feb 17th at 1:30pm.

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 or Michael Willis at Michael_willis@bellsouth.net.

For God and Country,

Michael(Dick)Willis
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