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## From Your Commander

**Only two more months and we will be celebrating a new year. Where has the year gone? But, we are still in '08. November promises to bring some great events for the Post. There will be three major events that all members should get involved with. The first one is to vote. 04 November is election day. It doesn't matter what party you affiliate with, it is your right as a citizen of this great country to vote. If not for yourself, for the brave young men and women who are presently in harm's way to insure that you have that right. Assure that their great sacrifice, as well as those before them is not in vain. Remember, it was the veteran and not the politician who gave us that right.**

**The next event will be the Veteran's Day Parade in Marietta. This year the parade will be on a Tuesday. We will be needing help with the float's decoration and with Legion family members to ride on the float. If any one is interested please let any of the officers know and we will tell you the time to be at the Legion home for preparations. There will be goodies after the parade for all members of the Post. Last year we had some difficulties, but this year, we plan to show the City of Marietta, how proud we are of our Legion.**

**We will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day! The start of a time that all those on a diet hate to see come around. This marks the start of parties, celebration, and of course, FOOD!! It is the time for families to come together and enjoy the great season. There are those whose family will not truly celebrate. There will be an empty setting at the dining table. This is due to a loved one not being there. Again, I implore everyone to stop and say a prayer for all those in harm's way. They will not be with us and they will surely be missed.**

**I hope that everyone has had a chance to see the new patio. The compliments have been numerous. The board is trying hard to improve the Post, so that all Legion members feel more comfortable and can really enjoy the Post.**

**Membership is doing good. Our Sr. Vice is doing an outstanding job. Still, many members have not yet renewed their memberships. Please renew now.**

**One more thing, if you are a committee chairman, you have to make a report to the General Membership. If unable to attend, a written report, whether negative or positive, is to be submitted.**

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# November

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23	24	25 ★	26	27 ★	28 ☺	29
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★ **MEETINGS** ★

- 6th @ 6:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:30pm - Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
- 16th @ 2:00 pm - ALR Meeting
- 25th @ 6:00 pm - SAL Meeting
- 27th @ 5:30 pm - EC Meeting

**BINGO**

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

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

☺ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ☺

- 7th - Band - Southern Jam - 8:00 pm
- 8th - Rhett's Revenge Chili Cook-off  
10am - 3pm: Selling burgers, dogs,  
& chili from 1pm - 5pm
- 8th - Bill Hatcher's Trio - 7pm - 11pm
- 9th - 5th District meeting - Post 264  
Mableton
- 11th - Veteran's Day Parade  
Burgers & dogs @ Social Quarters  
After parade at 1pm
- 14th - Band - Black Diamond - 8:00 pm
- 15th - SAL (AYCE) Breakfast - 8am-Noon
- 21st - Band - N-2-U - 8:00 pm
- 28th - Band - Southern Jam - 8:00 pm

**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 -NO cover charge

Free Lunch every Wednesday from 11:00 am until it runs out!

## LADIES AUXILIARY



**Ladies, as we enter this holiday season let us remember to give thanks for all that we are so fortunate to have. Give thanks to all those men and women who are in harm's way so that we can enjoy the freedom we have, because freedom is not free. Give thanks to our friends and family who are always there to give a helping hand and it is time to give of ourselves to others who are less fortunate than we are.**

**We will be participating in this year's Veteran's Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11, in support of all our troops who are on active duty and in memory of those who have served and who made their ultimate sacrifice. Please meet at the Post at 9:00AM to help decorate the float and later ride in the parade.**

**Our next meeting is November 6, we will be serving our Thanksgiving Dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. So please bring a side dish.**

**The next Fifth District meeting is November 9, at Post 264, 625 Ivey Rd., Mableton.**

**We would like to welcome the following new members: Terri Alvery, Sara Cole, Sonya Dickinson, Myra Evans, Valerie Goss, Addie Moulton, and Julie Parris. Hope to see each of you at the November meeting.**

**We are still trying to reach our 2009 Membership Goal of 246. If you have not renewed, please do so ASAP. A big thank you to the 164 who have either renewed or are new members.**

**For God and Country**

**Jane Lawrence**

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

## FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**The Senior Vice is also the Membership Chairman at Post 29. If anyone has any membership questions or concerns that should be brought to my attention, please contact me. My phone number is 770-919-7109 and if I am not there, please leave a message. I also have an email address [legionbloodhound@bellsouth.net](mailto:legionbloodhound@bellsouth.net).**

**Where are all the veterans?? I recently saw some figures from the VA about Veteran population estimates: 23,701,354 total veterans in the 50 states, Georgia has a vet population of 765,289 and Cobb County has a vet population of 56,817. These figures are a veteran population estimate as of September 30, 2007 by the VA Office of the Actuary. The total membership of the American Legion in the State of Georgia is about 51,500 so we have more vets (who are potential members) in Cobb County than the Legion has in the whole state. As compared to the veteran population our membership totals are small. We have strength in numbers and we could be a lot stronger. Help us sign up new members and renew our current members. Every veteran is important. Our Post 29 membership goal this year is 576 paid members.**

**The Veterans Administration is a branch of our federal government. In Georgia we have something called the State Department of Veterans Service. They maintain a claims staff in the US Dept of Veterans Service Regional Office, 1700 Clairmont Road in Decatur and also operate field offices in the state's 159 counties. They assist veterans and their dependents in filing claims that will be filed with the VA or other federal state agencies. The field office that covers Cobb County also covers Cherokee, Gilmer and Pickens counties. The office is located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite G-20, Canton, GA 30114-2779. Their phone number is 770-720-3538. Their job is to help veterans so give them a call.**

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



### **Don't forget our big fund raiser project on November 8<sup>th</sup> !**

**Here is a tentative agenda: From 10am 'til 3pm we will be having a Rhett's Revenge Chili Cook-off with an entry fee of \$10.00. Judging and prizes between 3 and 4pm. You will be able to buy hamburgers, hot dogs and chili from 1:00 till 5:00. At 5:00 we will have a small auction with some great items. During the afternoon and evening we will be selling Rhett Butler T-shirts, a 50/50 drawing, and chances on a liquor basket. At 7:00 the true fun begins with as many people who played or sang at Rhett Butler's that we can find, anchored by Bill Hatcher's trio to entertain us until 11:00pm. This will be a full day of great fun. So pace yourself and enjoy the time together with both new friends and old.**

**Just a reminder: SAL breakfasts are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 8am to Noon. \$5.00 for all you can eat. (This would be an excellent opportunity to bring along a perspective member. Let them see for themselves what a great organization we have!)**

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN



**It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that we lost two of our comrades recently. Jim Pierce passed away in August and John Strickland passed away in October. I did not know Jim real well but I certainly remember "Big" John. He was a happy-go-lucky guy that loved life and he chipped in and did his share at the Bar-B-Que pit on occasion. Please keep the families and friends of Jim and John in your prayers and thoughts.**

**Also received word that the following folks need our prayers and thoughts during their illnesses. They are: Charles "Andy" Anderson and Tom Cerwon. Both of these Legionnaires are World War II veterans and they are really great guys. May the Lord lead them to a speedy recovery.**

**As we move into November, the holiday season approaches with the celebration on Thanksgiving on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for us all to reflect on the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed on us as opposed to hardships we may be faced with. We must truly acknowledge how fortunate we are to be living in this great country.**

**"That being enriched in all things, you may abound unto all simplicity, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God." II Corinthians 9:11**

**Let us never forget those that are less fortunate than ourselves and our comrades left behind. May the Lord also protect those who are currently serving in defense of this country and watch over their families as well.**

**For God and Country,**

**CHUCK**

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

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



**In the October edition of The Orr News it was mentioned that in December our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Toy 4 Tots" event date and place was to be set. This year it will be held at Brewster's in Marietta on Canton Road. The date we decided on is Sunday December 14, 2008 and the time is 18:00 and if it is anything like last year we expect a big crowd. As you all know this is a cause which is near and dear to the Marines as it is for all of our Legion family. Watch for more details on the Post 29 website under the Legion Riders link, flyers to be posted in the Social Quarters and in next months Orr News. If you missed it last year I'm sure you must have heard about it. Why don't you come and check it out?**

**One of the highlights from last years event was a raffle for a dance with the attending Marines who were all decked out in their dress blues. Of course, everyone knows there is something about a man in uniform that brings out quite the competition from the women attending the event to be the one who wins the dance. Our very own Director of ALR, Rick Cope, is likely to be the Master of Ceremonies (won't you Rick?) which is an event in and of itself.**

**If you have yet to renew your Legionaires, SAL or Auxiliary membership please do so ASAP remember your Post membership is necessary to allow your continued ALR membership.**

**Several of the ALR membership has already signed up to switch to e-mail to receive their copy of The Orr News, have you sent your request in yet? If not, an e-mail to the Webmaster / Editor (David Noel) is all it takes you can send your request to Dave at [alpost29@gmail.com](mailto:alpost29@gmail.com) and he will gladly oblige. Remember not only will you save Post 29's money (cost of printing and postage) you can save a tree. Additionally, you will get to see it and read it before the snail-mail bunch even gets their copy in their mailbox.**

**Our next ALR meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, but first we meet in the Social Quarters beginning at 1:30 PM, then we move to the upper room (Auxiliary meeting room) for our business meeting at American Legion Post 29. As usual bring a friend.**

**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**

## GEORGIA NATIONAL CEMETERY

**Georgia National Cemetery opened for burial operations on April 24, 2006. A dedication ceremony was held at the cemetery on June 4, 2006.**

**The property on which the cemetery rests was donated by Scott Hudgens, the late Atlanta World War II veteran, land developer and philanthropist. The site lies midway between Cartersville and Canton, near the Etowah River, offering views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Lake Allatoona.**

**The cemetery is open to the public every day of the year during daylight hours for visitation of cemetery grounds. The gravesite locator is a kiosk at the Public Information Building. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.**

**Directions from I-75: Take exit 290 (Highway 20) toward Canton (east). Travel ten miles, turn left at the main cemetery entrance, cemetery gates will be approximately 2 miles.**

**Burial arrangements can be made through a funeral home or by the next-of-kin directly with cemetery staff. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed on federal holidays except: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Memorial Day; and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Veterans Day.**

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## SOCIAL QUARTERS



**We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves at the Early Bird Luncheon. Tommy did it again! Please thank him for all of his hard work!**

**We will have the Halloween Costume Contest winners in the next edition of the newsletter. We hope that everyone will have enjoyed themselves at this years' party!**

**Please be sure to join us for this years Veterans Day celebration at the Legion! It is Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers after the parade in the Social Quarters. Please bring a side dish to share! We will be serving at 1:00 p.m. (Information on the parade is in the Social Quarters).**

**We have a free lunch every Wednesday. Please be sure to check the bulletin board by the door for the menu. Lunch is served at 11:00 until it runs out.**

**Information on the New Year's Eve Party will be posted in the next issue of the newsletter. The fine**

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Please welcome to Post 29 the following new members since Sept 1**

<b>James Pickens</b>	<b>Calvin Foster</b>	<b>Sean Henderson</b>	<b>Victor Foster</b>	<b>Patrick Weber</b>
<b>Robert Knight</b>	<b>George Palmer</b>	<b>Rebecca Nichols</b>	<b>Theresa Hunt</b>	<b>Carl Weinberg</b>
<b>Roy Lantz</b>	<b>Zhen Zhen Song</b>	<b>Cathy Bennett</b>	<b>Isidor Rodriguez</b>	<b>Jeffrey Jaeger</b>
<b>Joseph Harrison</b>	<b>Kenneth Thornton</b>	<b>Anthony Parker</b>	<b>Steve Kurtz</b>	<b>Daniel Bonnes</b>
<b>Adam Mathes</b>	<b>Greg Podany</b>	<b>Michelle Christian</b>	<b>Brian Huelskamp</b>	<b>Shandrecka McKenzie</b>
<b>Bob Evans</b>	<b>Davis Adcox</b>	<b>Raphael Limontos</b>	<b>Corey Creighton</b>	<b>Angelita Coloa-Francia</b>
<b>Bennie Nelson</b>	<b>Russ Allen</b>	<b>Patrina Sheffield</b>	<b>Manuel Diaz</b>	<b>George dean Crawford</b>
<b>Michael Drake</b>	<b>George Johnson</b>	<b>Tim Welch</b>	<b>Jonell Bosket</b>	
<b>Jeffrey Hardman</b>	<b>Wanda Greene</b>		<b>T. Shook</b>	
			<b>Kermit Hall</b>	

## BIRTHDAYS

1st Andy Padgett	6th Donald Needham	14th Bruce Mote	22nd Lillie Blevens	
1st Wille Rohner	7th Bob Humphries	14th James Reinebold, Jr.	22nd James Carr	
1st Ruby Ward	7th Claude Shelby	14th Maria Rodriguez	23rd Linda Bone	
1st James Wilson	8th Thomas Albright	15th Richard Dendy	24th Richard Cope	
2nd Robert Charleston	9th Barbara Barfield	15th Scott Tusin	24th Joseph McDonald	
2nd Harold Hollingshed	9th Irving Nagle	16th Jack Barfield	25th Robert Fernandez	
2nd Glen Thompson	9th Gwendolyn Walraven	16th Ronald Lawrence	25th Charles Hood	
4th Richard August	10th James Brady	17th Roberta Johnson	25th Neal Lawrence	
4th John Callahan	10th Sherman Pauley	17th James Silor	25th Thomas Muller	
4th Frank Jerrel	10th Betty White	18th Ken Baskett	26th Ernest Buckner	
4th Leslie Reaid	11th Curtis Arrant	18th Gene Gwaltney	26th Valencia Cauley	
5th Roger Berrong	11th George Baker III	18th Gary Szablak	26th Ronald Haggard	
5th Freddie Dobson	12th Chaskey Barry	19th Mark Bessette	26th Charlie Hewatt	
5th Attilio Guarnieri	13th Nancy Cash	19th Thomas Blanks	26th Cynthia Rankin	
5th Thomas Haley	13th Joseph Kuppe	19th Charlita Myers	26th William Thompson	
5th Gerri Lumsden	13th Anthony Miceli	19th Harrison Stewart	26th Bob Tomassi	
5th James Martin	14th Helen Camp	20th Edwin Crapps	27th Wayne Bryant	
5th Richard Outwater	14th Terry Hamberger	20th Angelica Dobbs	27th David Davis	
5th Steve Shasteen	14th Candence Hipke	20th Donald Givins	28th Elizabeth Blevins	
6th Bobby Brawley	14th Robert Knight	20th Frank Robinson	28th Claire Collins	

## COMMANEDER

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**Don't forget, the next 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>, at Post 264 Mableton. Registration is at 1000 with the SAL meeting at that time, and the Legion meeting at 1300. Maximum participation is encouraged from the members.**

**If any Legion member has any ideas for improving our facility, please come forth and mentioned it to a Post Officer. We are here to help.**

**Amador Rodriguez, Jr.**

**Commander29@bellsouth.net**

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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**Did you know that any veteran in Georgia that served during a wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the president can be issued a free drivers' license if they have lived in Georgia for the past 5 years or were residents of Georgia when they enlisted in the service. They must also have been separated under honorable conditions. Any member who served in the Reserve forces or National Guard for 20 or more years are also eligible.**

**Senior Vice Commander**

**Bill Beaudin**

## EARLYBIRD WINNERS

**We held a drawing for an early bird refund of dues for four members who paid their dues during the early bird period.**

**Congratulations to the following 4 members who won a refund of their 2009 dues: John Warlick, David Miller, David Prezioso, and Steve Beck.**

**Thanks to everyone that paid their dues during the early bird period. Have you paid your dues yet?? What are you waiting for?**

## SOCIAL QUARTERS

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**details are being worked out. This year we plan on having the party upstairs with a full buffet-style dinner to be served, as well as a full bar and wait staff. N-2-U will be performing at this years' party. Your ticket price will include your dinner and party favors! There will be more room and a better menu than in years past. We look forward to blowing your socks off!**

**Milton, Jack, and Julia**

## GEORGIA NATIONAL CEMETERY

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**The cemetery is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.**

**Before they can approve burial of a veteran, spouse, or dependent, they must have proof of the veteran's eligibility. The best way to prove eligibility is with documentation of service and discharge, such as the DD Form 214. Once eligibility is determined, they can schedule the burial.**

**National cemetery interment includes U.S. government-provided benefits including: a burial plot; assistance with a committal service; gravesite opening and closing; a grave liner; a gravesite headstone, marker or columbarium cover with inscriptions; a U.S. burial flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a memorial certificate bearing the President's signature. Funeral directors' services are not covered.**

**Almost all veterans are eligible for military honors, which may be requested through the family's funeral director and are provided by the Department of Defense.**

**Gravesites are assigned and cannot be selected in advance. Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors. A husband and wife are interred in the same plot unless both were veterans. In that case, they may be buried side by side in separate plots. Cremated remains are buried in the ground in a specially designated section of the cemetery or in a columbaria or scattered in a designated garden.**

**All veterans interred at a national cemetery are eligible for a headstone or marker. It normally takes less than 60 days following a burial for the headstone or marker to be completed and in place.**

**Burials and interments are scheduled at 30-minute intervals between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. Out of respect for all persons buried that day, the cemetery's main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service.**

**For more information, contact the Cemetery Administration Office at (77) 479-9300.**

## WE COLLECT WORN US FLAGS

**Post 29 collects worn US flags for proper disposal during our flag retirement services.**

**Worn flags can be placed in the wooden collection box that is located on the front porch of the legion hall at anytime.**

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**TIME DATED MATERIALS, CONSIDERATIONS APPRECIATED**

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