

The Orr News

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From Your Commander

Another fiscal year is almost over and that means that elections were held in May and Post members have elected some new officers to run your Post. That means that some changes may occur when the new Executive Board meets the last Thursday of July.

Your new officers for the year 2008-2009 are as follows:

Commander--Amador Rodriguez, Jr.

Sr. Vice --Bill Beaudin

Jr. Vice --Tommy Blackburn

Finance --Craig Campbell

Judge Adv--Larry Heilmeier

Chaplain --Chuck Johnson

Historian--Neal Lawrence

Service Officer--Milton Dickson

Sgt.@Arms--Bill Monte

As always, if any of the Post members have any ideas on how to better the Post, please come to the meetings and have a voice in the running of your Post.

I, personally want to thank all of you for having the confidence in me to run your post, and I will run it in the best possible manner. I would also like to give my sincere thanks to last years Post officers for doing an outstanding job.

Many of our Post members were unable to vote this year due to other commitments. This are young men and women who are presently in Harm's Way. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers for their safe return. As I stated prior, it is the men and women in Harm's Way and the Veterans before them, that gave us all the right to vote as one pleases without pressure form any Government officials.

Committee chairpersons will be announced at the August meeting. Remember, that as a chairperson of any committee, Executive Board meeting are a must. Reports will be filed for reporting purposes. Enough said on that subject.

Membership cards have been mailed out and all will be stamped with the early bird symbol.

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September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 ☺	2	3	4 ★	5 ☺	6 ☺
7	8 ☺	9	10	11	12 ☺	13
14 ☺	15	16	17	18	19 ☺	20 ☺
21 ★	22	23 ★	24	25 ★	26 ☺	27 ☺
28	29	30				

★ **MEETINGS** ★

- 4th @ 6:30 pm - Dinner,
7:30pm-Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
- 21st @ 2:00 pm - ALR Meeting
- 23rd @ 6:00 pm - SAL Meeting
- 25th @ 5:30 pm - EC Meeting

BINGO

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

☺ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ☺

- 1st - (Labor Day) 1:00 pm - Dinner
- 5th - Band - 8:00 pm - Southern Jam
- 6th - 2:00 pm - Auxiliary Fish Fry
- 8th - Legion Charity Golf Tournament
- 12th - Band - 8:00 pm - N-2-U
- 14th - ALR Ride at the Alley 9:00 AM
- 19th - Band - 8:00 pm - Johnny Carlton
- 20th - SAL Breakfast -8:00 - 12:00
- 26th - Band - 8:00 pm - Black Diamond

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,

Here we are into another year and I want to thank everyone for all you did last year. I am looking forward to another great year.

A big thanks to everyone who brought food for the August meeting. It was great!

Although notices for the 2009 dues have not been mailed from national, it is time to renew. The notices will be mailed out in September, but our first goal is the 10th of September, so please renew as soon as possible.

The next Fifth District Meeting will be on September 14th at Post 296, 906 Atlanta Rd., Marietta, Ga. Hope we have good representation.

Fall Conference will again be held in Macon, on October 24 - 26. We need to turn in our housing reservations as soon as possible. I have the form if you need one, or see Todd Graham at the Legion he should be turning these in for us.

FUND RAISER: We will be having a Fish Fry on September 6, at the Legion. We will need everyone's help. If you have not signed up to work, we will discuss this at our September meeting.

Our next meeting will be September 4th. Dinner will be served at 6:30p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. We will be serving Pork Chops, so please bring a side dish. For

God and Country

Jane Lawrence

Janeal@yahoo.com



Fish Fry

\$8.00 per plate which includes:

Fish, fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and cookies

(all sides are home made by ALA members)

Saturday, September 6th at 2:00 PM

921 Gresham Ave NE. Marietta, GA.

Please help us raise funds for our many projects, some of which include: VA Hospital Christmas Shop, Sponsorship to Girls State, visits to local area schools at Christmas and at Easter, and so much more.

SON'S of the LEGION



FREEDOM! INDEPENDENCE! This year celebrating the Fourth of July brought many thoughts to mind while traveling by car from Georgia to Wisconsin to meet the family of my fiancée, Lori. No, I do not mean losing my individual freedom and independence as I look forward to my fast-approaching marriage in September, but rather of this great country that we have come to know and love as the United States of America. Throughout the 15-hour drive, I experienced the beauty of countryside that I have never laid eyes upon until now. Traveling through Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and finally Wisconsin, I witnessed lush tree-forested mountains, rolling hillsides, and miles of crops nurtured by family-operated farmers. I even experienced my first taste of cheese curds and toured a working dairy farm courtesy of Lori's brother. Although I was born in Wisconsin and left by the age of three, I have no recollection of it. Isn't it ironic that my future bride is from Wisconsin, and in a sense, has taken me "home?"

If it weren't for our forefathers gaining independence from England, the proud members of Post 29, and the young men and women in uniform today defending our country, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms to which we have grown accustomed. Freedom to choose where to live and raise our families, freedom to select careers or entrepreneurship, freedom to acquire education and knowledge for betterment, and finally the freedom to vote who we believe is better qualified to lead our country. Many of us, me included, have taken these freedoms for granted so I encourage each of you to take a minute and ask yourself where you would be if none of these freedoms were afforded you. If you are like me, you probably didn't like the picture portrayed in your mind. If this is the case, I urge you to take a moment and thank one of our men or women in uniform, past or present, for all they have done.

The newly installed SAL Officers are looking forward to another successful year. It is an honor to be associated with an outstanding group of people who are willing to serve and do what is necessary to fulfill our agenda. On July 26 we held our first SAL Breakfast. I am proud to say it was a great success due in part to our Legion family. Many thanks to Larry Kesner, Lyle Chapman, Bill Willford, Randy Wright, Neal Burke, Mark Bessette, Ed Potruski, and Gary Brown. Also, special thanks go out to Regina Chapman, Tommy Blackburn, and Bill Norton for always helping out when we need them. The next SAL breakfast will be on September 20 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. I hope to see everyone there.

On a final note, I would like all SAL members to email me so that I have a current list of email addresses to use as another way of keeping members informed. My email address is stevekiessling@yahoo.com

For God and country – Steve Kiessling

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Our second annual Boob-a-licious event was a huge success. Thank you to all sponsors and participants who gave their support. Please check out an article in the August issue of US Riders News which will include event pictures and a thank you from the Post 29 Legion Riders. We could not have had a successful event without all of you.

If you missed it not to worry our next event will take place on Sunday September 14th at The Alley in Woodstock, GA. Again this event is to raise funds for Breast Cancer. Keep watching Post 29's Legion website for a flyer with more details.

Registration begins at The Alley on 9/14 at 09:00 AM first bike out will be at 10:00 AM. Riders will pay \$20 with a \$10 fee for passengers. This event will consist of a T-shirt for participants, a Ride, a Bike Show, 50/50 Raffle and Auction items. The ride is to Carters Lake then back to The Alley for the Bike Show and other festivities by 14:00 through 18:00. If you wish to enter your bike in the Bike Show the fee will be \$10 per bike. Hope to see you all there! If you don't ride please join us at The Alley for the festivities and for a great cause.

One more thing: Riders lets lead by example and renew our Legionnaires, SAL or Auxiliary dues by end of September. We can show the Post that we are the Early Birds that will get the worm! Hey we could go fishing at Carters Lake with all those worms. Speaking of dues believe it or not Post 29's ALR has been actively in place since September of 2007. You know what that means!?! It's time to renew membership for ALR too! Let's be first in the Post to git-r-done.

Our next ALR meeting will be held on Sunday September 21st at 1:30 PM we meet in the upper room at American Legion Post 29.

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 contact Michael "Dick" Willis at Michael_willis@bellsouth.net.

For God and Country,

Olga T Noel

Secretary and Membership – Post 29 ALR

SOCIAL QUARTERS



We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves at the Fourth of July Cook out. We will definitely have more staff on hand next year! Thanks to everyone for being so patient! Please be sure to thank Tommy Blackburn, Milton Dickson, Wes & Gina Kramer, Bill Norton, Reggie Stout, Bill Watson, Mike Pope and Rupert Raines for cooking! And a big thanks to all of our members who brought a dish to share with the members! There was plenty! The turn out was huge! The parade was a great success and a big thanks to the Legion Riders for the float and to all who showed up early to decorate it and ride in the parade. I think I speak for everyone when I say we could not be more proud of the efforts of everyone and how it all turned out. It was a FUN day! A lot of hard work goes into an event such as this and it came off without a hitch. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!** You should be proud!

We here at Social Quarters would also like to thank everyone for the feedback on last months newsletter article. Most of it was positive. *Constructive* criticism is always welcome.

Upcoming events for September are Labor Day, Monday, September 1. The menu has yet to be determined, but we will be eating at 1:00. We do ask that everyone please bring a side dish to share. The menu will be placed in the Social Quarters as soon as we know more.

The Legion Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 8. Larry Diehl is heading this up and will have more information in his column.

The Bell Center Reunion is Saturday, September 27. The menu has not been determined as of yet, but we will have signs posted about this in the Social Quarters as soon as we learn more.

The band line-up for September is as follows:

Friday, September 5th – Southern Jam.

Friday, September 12th –N-2-U.

Friday, September 19th –Johnny Carlton.

Friday, September 26th – Black Diamond.

All bands start at 8:00 and play until midnight! There is no cover charge. Please be sure to come out and see some of the new bands we are introducing this summer!

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.

For God and Country,

Milton, Jack, and Julia

POST OFFICER SELECTED AS "LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR"

Post 29's Senior Vice Commander Bill Beaudin was selected as 5th District "Legionnaire of the Year" by 5th District Commander Nathan Conn on July 13 at the 5th District installation. Beaudin is also the Blood donor chairman at Post 29 and also holds the office of Junior Vice Commander in the 5th District. At the Department (state) Convention Beaudin was appointed as public relations officer for the Department of Georgia, and on June 23rd he was appointed as a member to the National Public Relations Commission by American Legion National Commander Marty Conaster.

Overnight Casino Charter Bus Trip

We are researching an overnight charter bus trip to Pearl River Resort, home of Silver Star Casino and Golden Moon Casino in Philadelphia, Mississippi. It would be a weekday trip leaving the post on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning around 8 AM and returning the following day arriving back at the post around 8 or 9 PM. call Bill Beaudin at 770-919-7109 with questions or to get you name put on a list.

If we get enough interested people we will move ahead with this project. The cost of the trip has yet to be determined, it depends how many are interested.

Commander—cont'd

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We are planning on having the luncheon in October. More info to follow. Don't forget that membership is everyone's priority. Bring one person to The Post, and I am sure that they will join.

August went by so fast, kids are back in school and traffic is back to "normal".

Please remember to keep our young men and women who are in Harm's Way in your prayers.

Amador Rodriguez, Jr.

Commander29@bellsouth.net

Membership Renewals Are Important

Membership is the life blood of any organization and Post 29 is no different. We need all of our members to renew their membership by sending in their dues. We are presently in what we call the Early Bird period.

Every member that renews before October will be entitled to a free Early Bird luncheon that will be held in our bingo hall on one Saturday in mid October. The date hasn't been set yet. During this luncheon we will hold a drawing and a few of our members will get a \$30.00 refund on the dues they paid. They can take the cash or tell us to hold it for next years dues or donate it to a needy vet dues program.

As we have in the past we are paying membership dues for all World War II veterans, This is our gift to the members of the Greatest Generation. If you are a WW II veteran and you still want to pay your dues, you can and we will earmark the funds to pay dues for veterans who are presently going through hard times and can't afford the dues to join or renew in our organization. I have met veterans who have been denied on their VA claim and need our help for their appeal. We want them to be in our Legion family and we want to help them until they get back on their feet. Any post member can donate to this needy vet fund, just note that on your check. All funds will be used in Post 29 only. If you know of any post members going through hard times, please let us know. We are a family of veterans and helping veterans is what we do. Please RENEW now.

Thanks, Bill Beaudin 770-919-7109 legionbloodhound@bellsouth.net



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SR VICE COMMANDER: Bill Beaudin	SR VICE COMMANDER: Hugh Tucker	1st VICE PRESIDENT: Marilyn Huebner	SECRETARY: Olga Noel
JR VICE COMMANDER: Tommy Blackburn	JR VICE COMMANDER: Mark Bissette	2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Heather Holcomb	TREASURER: Mike Willis & Olga Noel
FINANCE OFFICER: Craig Campbell	FINANCE OFFICER:	SECRETARY: Nita Robinson	CHAPLAIN: Arnold Grizzle
JUDGE ADVOCATE: Larry Heilmeier	JUDGE ADVOCATE: Lyle Chapman	TREASURE: Regina Chapman	HISTORIAN: Dave Noel
CHAPLAIN: Chuck Johnson	CHAPLAIN:	CHAPLAIN: Sherry Dill	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Kevin Pickett
HISTORIAN: Neal Lawrence	HISTORIAN: Max Jones	Historian: Ellen Golliver	RIDE COORDINATOR: Bobby Fernandez
SERVICE OFFICER: Milton Dickson	SERVICE OFFICER:	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Joan McIntosh & Olga Noel	
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bill Monte	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Neial H. Burke	PARLIAMENTARIAN: Kitty Barrett	