

Commander's Call (Continued)

the Executive Committee and present it for the March General Membership Meeting. Because of the hard work and dedication of Dennis Durcharme and the volunteers of this new committee that is done. I am asking that each one of you attend this very important meeting to vote on this Charter. Now the hard work begins. Please get involved in this vital undertaking, there is absolutely a place for every member of this Legion Family. Our first meeting was a huge success with over 40 members attending; however, we have over 1,000 in our Family. Initial sub-committees have been established and their objectives outlined. One of our local City Councilmen (a Legionnaire) is on board as an advisor and a conduit to the City of Converse government. Fundraising ideas are being reviewed (both internal and external), the financial framework is under consideration, publicity/marketing is formulating, and the list goes on. Find the time and effort this month to attend a meeting of the Building Committee or one of the sub-committees. We need your valuable insight and voice.

One last thing for this month, as with every month, membership is critical. If you are reading this and have not renewed your membership, please do so now. If you are having difficulty or know of anyone who is, please contact the Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander or myself. Thank you in advance for taking care of this matter.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today?

"Back to Basics; Forward to the Future!!"

For God and Country, *Nick*

From The 1st Vice

By Leanhart, 1st Vice Commander



Hello to everyone. It seems that there is a great deal more activity around our Post recently. By the time this newsletter hits the press, we will have in our possession a newer stainless steel beer cooler and large refrigerator. These come compliments of Denny Taylor. Thank you, Denny. Another nice addition are the two smokeeaters that are doing a fine job of cleaning up the air in the bar area. Thanks to Rick and Nita White. Now, a better time for all can be had.

This leads me to my topic of discussion. You guessed it....Membership! Now that we have made improvements to our Post, we need to tell those members that haven't been coming in lately. We need to promote our post so that we can get more participation from members living in our area. Maybe these improvements will also assist members to make a decision to RENEW their MEMBERSHIP.

As of this moment, our membership is at 731. That is only 61 less than the number that we ended with last year. I encourage all members to help me in getting all of those that have NOT renewed their membership to do so now. Let them know that our Post is improving itself through concerted efforts. We continually recruit new members each month. However, it is a losing battle if we lose 2 members that don't renew for every 1 person that we sign up. I am asking for all of you to think of people you know that have not renewed. Give them a call. Send them an email. Let me know about them. We need to get the word out that we are improving our Post.

Jack

Auxiliary News (Continued)

Remember that Membership is our Foundation! This time last year we had already made goal. We are currently at 90%, so please take a few minutes to renew now. Let us know if you are having difficulty with your dues.

Please plan to attend the 20th District Convention on March 31st at Post 2. It is always interesting and fun. Don't forget to sign up your children for the Easter Party April 1st at 1:00pm.

Our next meeting is April 4th at 7:30pm. See you there.

Loyally, Filda



Rider News

by Brad Pierce, Director
Post 593 American Legion Riders



Legionaries, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders of Post 593, thanks to all for your continued support and confidence in the ALR. We continue to plan for the Annual Fun Run which will be held at the Post March 31. Each year this event becomes bigger and this year is no exception. A big thanks to Matt Petrie who has stepped up to take the reins of this event. I also want to say thanks to Rick and Nita White for the new Smoke Eaters. They have made a remarkable difference in the Legion. The riders continue to open the Thurs. Night Canteen and thank all those who have come by with meals for the night. We have a visit to Lonesome Dove and the VA Hospital scheduled for Feb while continuing to support events at the Legion.

Very Respectfully

Brad Pierce, Director, ALR Post 593

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Ducharme, Post Chaplain



Hi Folks: I'd like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Four Chaplains' ceremony. I think we did our Legion proud. It's folks like you that make this Legion a great place to belong to. Special thanks to Tiny for providing the music and PA system.

Lent begins on March 1st. We set our clocks ahead on the 11th. Remember, Spring forward, Fall back. And the first day of Spring is the 20th. I tell you.....I have Spring fever!

If you know of anyone feeling under the weather, please let me know. **For God and Country,**

Dennis

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