

# Commander's Call (Continued)

Department Convention (from July to June this year). Post 593 will follow all the directions within our Constitution and Bylaws as we have in the past. The Department requirement is for our newly elected officer slate to be forwarded to Department 15 days prior to the Convention start. We will easily be able to accomplish this with no change in our regular process. Watch the newsletter calendar and the website for the dates of each electoral event.

For those that are wondering about my plans for the upcoming year; I will be seeking the office of Commander for another term. I appreciate your support and hope that I have earned your trust and confidence for another year. Thank you all for your support over the past several months.

The Building Committee Charter was tabled this past General Membership Meeting to allow for a more in-depth review by all of our Legion Family. If you have not seen a copy of the Draft please contact any of the Executive Committee or visit our website for a copy. Please try to attend the General Membership Meeting 4 April and let your voice be heard. The March meeting was very well attended and the Legion Family voice was heard. Thank you.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

## H & E News

By David Paris, 2nd Vice Commander



We're looking forward to several items this month. First, it's the end of the Biggest Loser Contest. There will be a report next month announcing final information. Also, we have a BBQ Chicken dinner from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to the building fund. We're still looking for volunteers to come and help out so if you can donate time, labor, or chicken please contact Peggy or myself.

Last month the shuffleboard crew did the breakfast and man, they made the place look great with the addition of the tablecloths. The sisters (JoAnn Joslin and Pat McLeod) donated them for use at other functions as well. Additionally, the breakfast expenses were kept down through the generous donation of the shuffleboard gang (Darrell Goemmer, Jack Leanhart, Pat & Sharon Parker, and Pete & Cat Johnson). The income this month was enough for both the Legion and Auxilliary to receive \$125 each. Thank you! If you would like to donate items for breakfast, just let Peggy or myself know in advance. We have a standing purchase form so we know how much we have on hand before the event.

Please remember Tiny and Stu will be playing the first and second Friday of the month.

*Dave*

# Auxiliary News (Continued)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Convention is May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Seguin. May 6<sup>th</sup> is our Girls State Reception. We hope to have some former Girl State Citizens and Connie Bridges, the Director of Girls State as speakers.

Our next meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. *Loyally, Hilda*

## Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Ducharme, Post Chaplain



Hi Folks: April already! And for Christians, it's a busy month. I've listed the most significant dates of the month below. There are also a few dates of events about things you might not have known about.

May God bless you and keep you,

**1st - Palm Sunday:** The first day of Holy Week. It celebrates the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where people spread palm branches and clothing before Him. During Palm Sunday services, many churches distribute cut palm leaves, sometimes woven into the shape of a cross.

**3rd Passover:** The World Book Encyclopedia says Passover, also called Pesah, is a Jewish festival that celebrates the flight of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, probably in the 1200's B.C. The word Passover comes from the Biblical story of the 10th plague, which God brought on Egypt for keeping the Israelites in bondage. The story says God killed the first-born child in every Egyptian home but passed over the homes of the Israelites. The word Passover also refers to the passing over of the Israelites from slavery to freedom.

**5th Maundy Thursday:** On this day four events are commemorated: the washing of the Disciple's feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

**6th - Good Friday:** The Friday on which the Church keeps the anniversary of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**8th Easter:** The celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

**10th - Happy Birthday American Legion Auxiliary!!** (April 10, 1919)

**15th - Yom Hashoah:** Holocaust Remembrance Day

**22nd - Earth Day:** Event established in 1970 to mobilize public sentiment toward environmental issues; suggested by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.

**27th - Arbor Day:** A day that has been set aside for planting and caring for trees. The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872. It was started by J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper publisher who encouraged Nebraskans to plant trees to beautify and enrich the treeless state. He offered prizes for the most trees planted; over a million trees were planted on that first Arbor Day. **For God and Country,**

*Dennis*

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