

# Commander's Call (Continued)

Will you be a doer or a hanger-on? Only you can answer the question. Come out to a Building Committee meeting and read about the progress on the website. Do not get left in the construction dust! Lastly, how about getting involved in our community of Converse. The Post is looking for a representative to the City Council for Post 593. All you have to do is attend one of the two City Council meetings each month and listen. Not very hard! Bring items of interest to the Post Executive Meetings or send to me for inclusion in the agenda. Come on you can do it! Oh, two little items, you need to wear your Legion hat and you need to be a citizen of Converse.

Speaking of our great city, how many of you know what Converse/Legion event took place 35 years ago this coming March. That's right the dedication of Legion Drive. I am looking for a few Legion Family members to form a working group with the City of Converse to begin the planning of a re-dedication ceremony in March. If you are interested, please contact me. In addition, if you know of any Legion Exec Members or City Council Members that were part of the process 35 years ago please send me their names. They will be guests of the re-dedication ceremony.

Don't forget the new membership year has also begun and it is not too early to renew your membership. The 2008 cards are in the hands of the Adjutant. Let's have an outstanding membership year. If you know of anyone who has any concerns or questions about membership please refer them to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander or anyone on the Executive Committee. We will take care of the problem.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today and what are you going to do for the American Legion tomorrow? Contact me and I will help you answer the question!

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

For God and Country, *Nick*

## "Could I Have This Dance?"



I've been playing around with an idea that Nick Mills, our Commander, and I once talked about. I was talking to him about starting an exercise class on Sundays in the hall and he said he was thinking about starting dance lessons. Well, dance lessons can certainly qualify for exercise.

I'd like to see if there's enough interest to start dance lessons in the hall on Sundays from 4 to 5 pm. I've talked with the new 2nd Vice, Rob, and he's on board with this idea. I'm thinking we could ask for volunteer instructors. I'd like to try to get at least 4 instructors, that way, each one could take one Sunday a month. We could charge each student \$2, which would go to the instructor for his/her time.

We could create a schedule at least one month ahead of time so we know what type of dance would be taught on any given Sunday. With the right instructors, we could teach country, line dancing, ballroom dancing, etc. Then, come "Friday Night at the Legion" time, we could practice what we learned.

I'm just in the information gathering stage right now, but I think it could be a lot of fun. If you would be interested in either TEACHING a class or TAKING a class, please let me know. Send an email to the Post at Post593tx@yahoo.com or talk to me if you see me at the Post. *Just Call Me Lefty, Dennis*

# Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Ducharme, Post Chaplain



I want to acknowledge the folks who helped conduct a truly wonderful Post Everlasting. First, I want to thank my wife, Irma, for getting the cake and snacks and the Auxiliary for preparing the coffee. I'd like to say a big thank you to DJ Tiny for providing the music and Gary Bartel for helping with the certificates we presented to the families who attended the ceremony. I'd also like to thank Karen Paris, our Sergeant at Arms, for helping set up the hall. And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all the folks who were in attendance that night for being there. I cannot think of a better way to honor and remember our deceased comrades, and to let their families and friends know how much they mean to us, than by conducting a dignified and respectful Post Everlasting ceremony.

There are a few special dates in August that I'd like to remind you about. August 7th is Purple Heart day. On August 10th, the American Legion Riders from our Post will be conducting a fundraiser dinner in support of the American Legacy Fund on August 14th; we'll remember V - J Day. And on August 24th, the 89th American Legion National Convention will convene in Reno, Nevada. Please take a moment on each of these special days to pray to either pay your respects to those who have given so much, or to ask for divine help in providing guidance in making positive decisions for The American Legion.

For God and Country, *Dennis*

## Building Committee News

by Dennis Ducharme, Comm. Chair.



First, the hall repairs from the car accident are complete. The hall is once again fully functional and we held our induction of officers in it on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. The first stage of fixing the water problem has been completed and with much success, but we're not finished yet. The foundation has been "water proofed" and this is a major accomplishment. We still have three other stages that the Post is in the process of completing to eliminate all the water problems.

We're still in the early stages of creating marketing materials for our Post. We hope to have this process completed by the end of August and put a "full court press" on soliciting for donations in September. We can use some help here. If you've got the gift of gab and can create some flyers, brochures, and pamphlets, and would like to help out, please contact Jack Leanhart or me.

We still have openings for the chairs of the Marketing and Fundraising sub-committees. As you know, fundraising is the only thing standing between us and a new building. We need lots of help here. And, on a sad note, we might be losing one of our other chairs soon because he's moving out of our area. We meet every third Monday of the month in the Post hall at 7:00 pm. Our next monthly meeting will be held on August 20th at 7:00 pm. We encourage everyone to get involved and help out.

In Loyal Service, *Dennis*

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see Post Adjutant Gary Bartel