H & E News

By David Paris, 2nd Vice Commander

Thanks to all our October volunteers who helped with Oktoberfest Dinner, Early Bird dinner, Breakfast, Steak Night, the Yard Sale, and Halloween parties for young and old.

Also thanks to Legion and ALR members who cooked burgers, dogs, brats, tots, etc. on Thursdays and the special Italian night. November brings a slightly changed schedule. We have a busy Veteran's Day with the Flag Program posting flags at dawn, breakfast starting at 8 a.m., flag disposal ceremony at 8:30 a.m., special Veteran's Day ceremony at Ft Sam Houston at 10 a.m. and dart tourney that night. The tourney is changed this month to the 2nd Saturday as the hall and lounge will be filled the 3rd Saturday with supporters of our own Robbie Ruppert serving proudly as the Department of Texas Auxiliary President. You go girl!!! On Thanksgiving we will have turkey available during the day with potluck sides. And steak night will be the held the next evening so bring your company down and show off the post!

We have a fundraising program titled "Butts for Floors". If you haven't seen the poster with pictures of posteriors, come in and get your ballot (for a \$1 contribution). Identify the fannies correctly and you'll be eligible to win one of three prizes. Contest closes December 1st. If multiple ties, we will have a drawing for the prizes. Proceeds go for new flooring in the lounge area to replace the current carpet.

Now if you think some of these rears are on the ample side, not a problem! Enjoy the holidays and eat up. Beginning January 2nd we will begin "The Biggest Loser" contest. Start getting your 4-person team together. We ask you collect pledges of \$1 per pound that you lose. And folks, this includes those outside the Converse area. If you belong here but live in Florida, you can join a team, weigh-in at a local post and have that Post Commander certify your beginning weight with a postcard or email. We will run this for 12 weeks (ends Easter Sunday). There will be two first-place winning teams. One for collecting the most pledge money, and the other the team that loses the most overall pounds. It could be one foursome takes all!!! But you'll be ready for that swimsuit come springtime. More info next newsletter.

Lastly, please note the ad in this issue for New Year's Eve. Tickets go on sale December 1st and again, more information next newsletter.

LAST MINUTE STUFF: We served over 100 dinners for Early Bird Nite! Thanks for paying your dues early. ALSO, Cudos to Pat Parker, John Orff and everyone that made the Garage Sale a success. Thanks to a lot of hard work these guys made over \$800.00 Bucks for the Post General Fund! GREAT!

For God& Country,

Dave



Preparation Prior To Death Essential For Family

Editor's Note: The following is provided by Legion Chaplain Dennis Ducharme to help members prepare in advance for their passing. Using this guide will help family and friends in their time of grief take care of those things we all need to plan for.

- l. Dated list of additional details on the final disposition of your body, such as names and addresses of recipients of donation of your body or of specific organs or tissues; cemetery plot description and location, or columbarium niche number and description; any desired inscription; or place of scattering of ashes; or details of a memorial.
- 2. Note any provision for partial or full payment in advance of funeral costs, including title and location of account, its number, etc.
- 3. Dated list of any expected death benefits, as Soc. Sec. death benefit, Vet's Admin. reimbursement for funeral and cemetery costs (a copy of discharge papers ready for making claim), lump sum payment or cancellation on a pension, credit union, accident insurance or mortgage.
- 4. Dated list of life insurance policies in force, with serial numbers.
- 5. Dated list of other insurance policies w/ serial numbers such as fire, automobile, accident, liability and dates when premiums due.
- 6. Dated list of location and appropriate numbers and combinations of safe deposit boxes, strong boxes, safes, and their keys.
- 7. Dated list of credit cards and charge accounts w/ serial numbers. Also dated list of merchandise or property on which payments must be made with dates and amounts.
- 8. Dated list of bank, credit union, building and loan, stock brokerage accounts, with serial numbers.
- 9. Dated list of securities and property which you own.
- 10. Dated list of names and addresses of your lawyer, accountant, next-of-kin and executor of your estate.
- 11. Dated list of all important papers in your safe deposit box.
- 12. Dated list of important papers, other valuable items not kept in safe deposit box, with their locations: insurance policies, auto title slips, bank books, federal and state income tax returns, birth, marriage and divorce certificates, discharge papers, jewelry.
- 13. Acopy of your will and note of location of the original. Alist of organizations to which you belong. A dated list of newspapers, magazines, journals, book and record clubs to which you subscribe.
- 14. Dated list of persons you wish to have notified of your death.
- 15. Get rid of your excess "stuff" now.



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