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THE BUGLE



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank all of the Officers, Trustees, Auxiliary members, Honor Guard, and Bingo and Pancake Breakfast workers for the jobs and support they have provided this year with their time and efforts.

Let's not forget the upcoming **Memorial Day service on Veterans Plaza across from the courthouse, Monday, May 31st at 11 am.** Post 52 will be the hosts again this year. After the ceremony, refreshments will be served down the street at the VFW Hall. The cake will be provided by the North Central AR Veterans' Council, and coffee by the VFW Auxiliary ladies.

A special thanks to Suzan Kaye for the time she spends getting this Bugle out.

I want to wish the future Officers for the Post and the Auxiliary the best. Times will always be rewarding and challenging, however with team work it will always be a success.

Lyle Royer, Commander

New Officers' Installation Dinner

Post 52's 2nd Vice Cmdr **Ed Parkin** has announced that the 2010-11 Post & Unit officers will be installed on Saturday, June 12, at the Elks Lodge in Mountain Home. Tickets are \$15 each and go on sale May 1. Entrée choices include 1/2 a baked chicken OR rosemary pork, with all the trimmings, of course, including dessert and nonalcoholic beverage. Social hour starts at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, and installation of officers at 7 pm. Call Ed at 453-5212 if you have any questions.



DISTRICT 2 CONVENTION

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

@ POST 52

LEGION EXEC CMTE MTG @ 12:30 PM

JOINT MTG WITH AUX @ 1:30 PM

POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY
AUXILIARY MEMORIAL SERVICE
ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOLLOWED BY DINNER
(COURTESY OF UNIT 52)

*ALL POST & UNIT MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND*



Jean and I would like to express our gratitude to all who came and helped make our wedding the very special occasion that it was. We'd especially like to thank Bert Whitesell and Jude Zack for their help with the food, Flossie Wiesend for the Guest Book, and Bartenders Extraordinaire Don Owens and Joe O'Halloran. If I forgot anyone, I apologize. Again, you all who attended made it a blessed and happy occasion. I'm already getting used to the leg irons.

Jean and Larry Voss



Mark Your Calendars!

Poppy Drive Coming Up

Saturday, May 22 / 9 am-3pm

**Please give an hour of your time
to support Disabled & Hospitalized Veterans**

Call Carolyn Hadley to volunteer @ 431-3855



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

**HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



By the time you read this issue of *The Bugle*, the 2010 membership year will nearly be over. Our unit accomplished a

lot in 2009-10, and we've all sent in our end-of-the-year reports to prove it! (Haven't we???) Hopefully our efforts will be rewarded at the Department Convention in July with another fine batch of awards to add to our collection.

Project Baby Shower is now wrapped up for another year; we delivered a year's worth of **Box Tops for Education** to the Mountain Home Christian Academy and **Campbell's Soup UPC's** to the MH Schools' Special Education office; we picked our **Girls State** delegates (4 this year, 2 from MHHS, 2 from Cotter); and awarded **scholarships**. (More on all of these in the next *Bugle*.)

At the April meeting, two important changes were agreed upon. #1: After 8 months, our **coupon-clipping project for military families on bases overseas** would come to an end. From Chairman **Christine Cordial**: "We have decided to discontinue the Overseas Coupon Program, with the last batch being sent out at the end of April. It would appear that the need for coupons is not as great as we had believed. Thank you to the many members who have supported the program,

clipping, sorting and counting. Since the first shipment in August 2009, we have mailed coupons with a total value of \$200,070.53." If we decide to bring the program back in the future, we'll have to make some serious changes to the process.

#2: The **aluminum can "pop-tabs"** we collect will now be donated to a local 2nd grader who is battling bone cancer. Austin Snyder attends Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, but gets his medical treatments at St. Jude's in Memphis; his folks use the pop-tab money to cover their travel expenses. Once Austin is out of the woods, we'll go back to sending the tabs up to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield.

Also at the April meeting, the nominating committee presented their **slate of officers for the coming year**. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the May meeting, following which elections will be held. Installation of new officers will take place Saturday, June 12, at the Elks Lodge.

Our condolences to the family of **Marie Mansfield**, who passed away March 31.

Several events are coming up soon, so mark your calendars: Sunday, May 2nd, is the **District 2 Convention**; we will hold a Post Everlasting ceremony & Auxiliary memorial service honoring all the members in the district who have passed away since June 1 of

last year. We'll also elect officers for the coming year. The joint meeting starts at 1:30, followed by separate Legion & Auxiliary meetings, then a luncheon organized by our Special Events chairman, **Toni Sendziol**. Thanks in advance to all the ladies who provided food and helped serve and clean up.

Post 52 will once again host the **Memorial Day ceremony**, scheduled for Monday, May 31, at 11:00 am, on Veterans Plaza across from the courthouse. Refreshments will be served at the VFW Hall afterwards. **The VFW Auxiliary ladies would welcome some help from us with the cake and coffee**; call me (424-6235) and let me know if you can help, either before OR after the ceremony.

Department Convention is set for July 16-17, at the Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock. Details about hotel reservations, etc., are in the current issue of *The Legionnaire*.

In closing, please accept my sincere thanks for your support these past 2 years; we've made a pretty good team, in my opinion, and have done a lot of really good things for our community and the Veterans whom we serve. If nothing changes between now and the May meeting, I will soon be passing the gavel to your new Auxiliary president, and slipping into the secretary's seat, allowing Miss MaryAnn to take a well-deserved rest.

For God & Country — Suzan Kaye



From the Desk Dug out of Mountain Home American Legion Baseball Board President Ron Proctor

"That's the true harbinger of spring, not crocuses or swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of a bat on a ball." ~ Bill Veeck, 1976

Play Ball!!

It is time for the American Legion Baseball 2010 season and we are all so proud that spring and baseball have come again! We are also thankful for the continued support we receive from the Mountain Home area, especially the support and monetary contributions from our very own Alley-White Post 52. We thank you and our boys thank you!

Coach Lester White begins his 27th year as head coach of the Lockerroom AAA Team, and Mountain Home Bomber baseball coach **Ronnie Blevins** will again coach the Hopper Environmental Services Junior Varsity team this year. Our players for both teams will be blessed to have outstanding coaches who not only know the game of baseball, but also will provide life-learning experiences for our players. We are fortunate to have this group of coaches mentoring our ball players. Be sure to check out the coach's new baseball practice "equipment." Your Mountain Home American Legion Baseball board approved the participation with Mountain Home High School Booster Club in the purchase of a "Fungoman." From what I've seen, this practice machine will serve up fly balls, ground balls, pitch to the batters and put mustard on the hotdogs. Check it out!

We anticipate a large turnout for tryouts in May at Cooper Park. Be sure to mark your calendars now for **Saturday, May 29th, for the**

Special Notice to ILLINOIS WWII Veterans:

According to Post 52 Judge Advocate Rod MacLeod, and the IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs website, a bonus of \$10 per month for domestic service and \$15 per month for foreign service is payable to a veteran who was a resident of Illinois at time of entering service, served at least 60 days on active duty between September 16, 1940, and September 3, 1945, and received an honorable discharge. Survivors are entitled to a benefit of \$1,000, if the veteran's death was service-connected and within the period specified.

There are \$100 bonus payments available for ILLINOIS Veterans of the Korean, Vietnam & Persian Gulf Wars and the Global War on Terror; residency & other requirements vary.

Forms may be found at <http://www.veterans.illinois.gov/pdfs/bonusapp.pdf> — or by calling Suzan Kaye at 424-6235.

Hopper intra-squad game starting at 4:30 p.m., followed by the famous Cake/Pie Auction. This auction has become a favorite means of garnering financial support for the American Legion ball teams. Please bring your checkbooks!! After the pie auction, you can enjoy a slice of pie and support the Lockerroom team as they take on the American Legion Alumni team. This is always a lot of fun.

The Brooks Robinson Twin Lakes Classic will begin Wednesday, June 16th. Coach White already has 15 teams lined up for this annual event and is expecting more.

Please join us in supporting our local "boys of summer," Mountain Home's American Legion Baseball teams.

POST EVERLASTING



ORRIN J. CHICK
NOBLE R. DEAN
GERRIT G. GELDER

FOSTER O. GREENE
WILLIS B. MORLAN
NELSON E. SNIDER



Chaplain's Corner



The Gospel of John has long held a place of high honor and devotion among Christians. Its message is often readily accepted by people to whom the truths of Christianity are new. John's Gospel has

played a crucial role in major theological issues through the centuries: the nature of Christ, His relationship to the Father, the essence of genuine Christian experience, and the Incarnation. The devotional and spiritual values of this Gospel have never been surpassed.

The Gospel of John appears to have been written against the background of needs and circumstances found in the late first-century church. At that time, heretical teachings known as Gnostic had begun to influence the doctrine and life of the church. Renewed emphasis was thus needed on the teachings of Jesus and the spiritual dimensions of genuine Christian discipleship.

— *From the New King James Bible commentary.*

Chaplain, Jim Bell / (870) 425-4286

Service Officer's Report

I would like to start out by saying that I think Veterans deserve the best in everything. Personally, I have been making it through college thanks to the Post 9/11 GI Bill. I have a 30-day break coming up and would like to encourage anyone who feels that I could help them to please call me at (870) 404-9725, or at the Baxter County Veterans Service office at (870) 425-8155. I work there as part of the VA's work-study program. This part-time, minimum-wage job helps me pay the bills while I continue my education. Please feel free to come by anytime, especially during the break, and talk to me. I certainly do not know everything, I am still learning, but with the help of Clay Stacks, we will surely help you in any manner necessary at our expense. If you need to get on the Internet, come by and we will assist you getting any forms that you may need.

I also would like to ask anyone who might want to participate in the Veterans History Project to please let me know. The requirement to participate is that the Veteran has to have served during a period of War. He/she could have been involved in the conflict or War, or on active duty during that war, even if it was stateside. There are already many Veterans in this area who have participated in this Project. Interviews will be held with Honors college students at ASUMH, who earn a grade in the process. The information will go to The Library of Congress. I can't think of a better way to learn than from a Veteran who has experienced many great (or not so great) moments in his/her life.

In the upcoming month while on break, I plan to create a binder and post it at Post 52 in order to inform all members of certain VA actions that may benefit or affect you. I will try to update it as often as possible. I would encourage everyone to attend the monthly meetings and come by the County Service Office. It would be a pleasure to meet each and every one of you. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do call.

Honor Guard Report

The following military funerals were performed by the Post 52 Honor Guard since the last "Bugle":

March 4 ... Jim "Doc" Fouts

March 5 ... Thomas P. Hancock

March 7 ... Perry E. Hand

March 11 ... Josh Thompson

March 17 ... Carl Roden

March 18 ... Ronald L. Lewis

March 20 ... Woodrow H. Conkling

March 31 ... Eugene G. Jedlicki

March 31 ... Nelson E. Snider

The Post, now more than ever, needs members to step up and volunteer as Military Funeral Honor Guard members. Call Jerry for information at 870-492-6333.

Jerry Montgomery
Military Funerals Honor Guard Captain

I have to end this by telling you that I think about George Pastove almost every time a tough situation arises, because he volunteered in that office every day and always seemed to have the answer. He wanted to assist and get the best for you, the Veteran, and it seems that is the key issue here. The Veteran should come first, no matter what. That is what is lacking in some areas today. I also feel that if someone wants to help me to serve you to the best of my ability, they should step up and take George's place, or let me know what you need and how I can help you. I hope your Spring is going very well, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next monthly meeting.

Roger Sallee

Adjutant's Corner

A question I am asked most often is ... How many members do we have in Post 52? The answer changes weekly ... however ... as of this writing, there are 622 members' names listed on the membership register. In the last twelve months we have had 42 members die and one transferred to another post, which gives us a net total of 589 members. If we set aside those members who are in the hospital, sick under a doctors care, not feeling very well and/or injured doing yard work, the total of "up and running members" is about 25.

We are only a little over two months away from that day we receive in the mail a letter notifying us that it is time once again to pay our annual dues. For those members who have 50 or more years in the Legion, the Post pays their dues – and of course, there are the PUFLs (Paid Up For Life members).

For God and Country ... Jess Milford



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Loyalty Day, May 1
National Day of Prayer, May 6
Military Spouse Day, May 7
Victory in Europe (VE) Day, May 8
Armed Forces Day, May 15
Memorial Day, May 31
Flag Day; June 14

COMING UP IN MAY / JUNE



Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm
(doors open at 11:00 am)

Every Friday at 5:30 pm
(doors open at 3:30 pm)

The Auxiliary Bingo Kitchen
is open every session, selling
sandwiches, chips, desserts
& drinks

- **Pancake Breakfasts:** Suspended until further notice
- **Monthly Meetings** – **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ 6:30 pm, preceded by potluck dinner @ 5:30 pm.
- **Coffee Socials:** Saturday mornings, 9:00-10:30 am
- **Legion Exec-Board:** Third Thursday of the month, at 10:00 am
- **Auxiliary Exec-Board:** Third Saturday of the month, at 9:30 am

LEGION

Commander	Lyle Royer	467-5488
1st Vice Cmdr.	Jim Wallin	425-0375
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Ed Parkin	453-5212
Adjutant	Jess Milford	425-1075
Finance Officer	Frank Kaye	424-6235
Service Officer (acting)	Roger Sallee	425-8155 404-9725
Chaplain	Jim Bell	425-4286
Judge Advocate	Rod MacLeod	
Sgt-at-Arms	Larry Voss	
Historian	Jim Whitesell	
Trustees	Steve Kozlowski	424-5753
	Don Owens	
	Leroy Buffon	
Post telephone		424-6277

AUXILIARY

President	Suzan Kaye
1st Vice President	Chris Schwartz
2nd Vice President	Rita Streetz
Treasurer	Bert Whitesell
Historian	Pat Luedeking
Chaplain	Flossie Wiesend
Sgt-at-Arms	Kay Owens

Assistants Appointed By The President

Secretary	Mary Ann Sladek
Parliamentarian	<vacant>

Visit the Auxiliary's web site at
<http://www.orgsites.com/ar/unit-52/>