



# THE AMERICAN LEGION ALLEY-WHITE POST 52

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# THE BUGLE



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Legionnaires:

Many of you may be as I was. After being out of the service for several years, I joined The American Legion in appreciation of their efforts to protect our benefits in Congress and because of the motto, "For God and Country." I had no desire to get involved locally, but agreed to transfer my membership to the local post. Coffee and cookies after ceremonies were good for several years, but I still had no interest until I was asked to serve on the Honor Guard. I liked rifle manual with the M-1. You can actually serve on the Honor Guard without getting involved otherwise, and you meet some good men and women with common interests. Conversations among the men led to my being asked to serve as Post Chaplain. That was a great honor for me. I met more good people and learned of the many services performed for veterans and the community, and that led me to this position.

I imagine that many of you transferred your membership to this post but never got initiated. Below are some brief excerpts from our manual of ceremonies. If you would like to be initiated and get the goodies that go with that, please let me know and we'll schedule an Initiation Ceremony a few months from now. In the meantime, please consider joining the Honor Guard or some other service activity. (Your wife would like our active auxiliary!)

### Brief Excerpts From Initiation Ceremony

Heavenly Father, Bless The American Legion and those here who await its obligation, that together we may advance the sacred cause of Justice, Freedom and Democracy; that together we may serve you and our country in undivided loyalty. Amen.

The American Legion cherishes four great principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. Its pledge is service to veterans, especially the disabled, the distressed, and their widows and orphans. The cause of service to community, state and nation is jealously guarded and opportunity to serve is offered to all members. Before you are asked to assume the responsibility of membership in The American Legion by accepting its obligations, you will hear an explanation of the principles and symbols of our organization.

**JUSTICE** for our sick and disabled veterans must forever be the first concern of the American Legion. Rehabilitation of those who suffered in response to their country's call is our hallowed duty.

**FREEDOM** is an ideal of surpassing strength; it is the power of self-determination.

**DEMOCRACY** is American in principle and universal in appeal. Democracy carries a responsibility which each Legionnaire should accept.

**LOYALTY** is an attribute of The American Legion as it is the first virtue of the person serving in the uniform of our country. It is as dear as Justice is desirable, as Freedom is glorious, as Democracy is practical. Loyalty to our country is the basis of true Americanism.

Art Wallace, Commander

P. S.: Remember: Profaning the names of God and Jesus Christ is dishonoring to God, and I don't want to serve in an organization that dishonors God. Police yourselves and your friends, please.



**9-11 REMEMBRANCE  
CEREMONY**  
☆☆☆  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010**  
**Veterans' Plaza, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Across from the Courthouse**

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
**7:30 am - 10 am / Donation \$5**

*All-you-can-eat pancakes, biscuits & gravy,  
sausage links, orange juice and coffee*





Dear Friends,

We have been busy since the start of the New Year. We purchased the basic school supplies for the children of the 224th Maintenance Company unit based here in Mountain Home. There were 54 kids, a big job, but my, how rewarding for us to help so many! Thanks to the ladies who came and helped.

My President's Project (soft huggable toys for kids ages 6 months to 96 years) is going well. We do need donations as our expectations are high. The toys can be new or VERY gently used, and will be donated to police & sheriff's departments, nursing homes, day care centers, and other such places right here in our area. Also we appreciate you bringing canned and dry food donations for the Mountain Home Food Basket. We will have the containers set out for your donations when you come to the Picnic. The 2011 membership cards are here and our dues are the same this year - \$15.00. Early-bird cutoff date is October 31st.

Thanks for all your help and we'll be looking forward to seeing each Auxiliary member soon. September meeting, Monday the 13th, and October's, Monday the 4th.

Your President, Chris Schwartz



Quilt maker **Toni Sendziol** with the queen-sized patriotic quilt she created and donated to Unit 52 as an Emergency Fund raffle project. Tickets are available at meetings - \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing date will be announced in the next Bugle.

### Are You Prepared?

September 2010 is the 7th Annual National Preparedness Month. NPM is held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

Visit the Ready.gov website ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)) and (1) Get a Kit, (2) Make a Plan, (3) Be Informed & (4) Get Involved. Or call 1-800-BE-READY for more information.

### BEST CHOICE BARCODE BLITZ!

*It's the time of year when MaryAnn Sladek, our Community Service chairman, turns her attention to our collection of Best Choice barcodes.*

*If you've been saving these barcodes, please bring or send them in as soon as possible (please don't wait until the last minute!!). She has counted & bundled 2000+ already, and is shooting for 3000 (or more) by the deadline at the end of December. We turned in 4000 last year and earned \$150 for our efforts, which goes into the general fund for use in the many projects we do during the course of the year.*

*To refresh your memory, these barcodes are on any Best Choice brand product that comes in packaging you can cut the barcode off -- boxes, bags, cartons, cans or bottles with paper or plastic labels, whatever. You can find more info about the program on the Best Choice website:*

<http://www.awgbrands.com/savealabel.html>



### Memo to Post 52 E-Board Members & Committee Chairmen - from the Cmdr

Please call or e-mail the Commander ahead of time with items you would like to discuss so they may be added to meeting agendas. Phone 425-4134; e-mail: [arthur\\_wallace@hotmail.com](mailto:arthur_wallace@hotmail.com)

### POST EMERGENCY FUND REPORT

In the 2-1/2 years since the Post Emergency Fund was established, we have collected \$9042.05 in charitable donations and have helped 22 local Veterans and their families with rent, food, clothing, home repairs, moving expenses, etc., totaling \$7481.30. This has occurred because of the kindness of our members and the local community. Thank you, one and all!

Frank R. Kaye, Emergency Fund Chairman

### STANLEY F. NOVAK INHERITANCE FUND

At the direction of the Post 52 Executive Committee, the Finance Committee (composed of Comrades Jim Bell, Rod MacLeod, Jerry Montgomery and myself as chairman) evaluated, selected and contracted with Thrivent Financial for investment purposes the sum of \$300,000, which was left to the Post by the estate of Stanley F. Novak, a Post member who passed away in October 2009. The balance of Mr. Novak's bequest (\$13,635.86) was left in the Post's General Fund to provide for utilities payments and general improvements for the balance of this fiscal year.

Our investment strategy is guided by three principles: protect the principal, provide for moderate-conservative growth and allow for liquidity. Income from this investment will help ensure that this Post will continue to provide for Veterans in need, their families and the needy in our community for many years to come. Please consider making a similar donation as part of your estate.

For God & Country,  
Frank R. Kaye, Finance Officer



# POST EVERLASTING



DONOVAN R. CROFOOT  
CHARLES L. CUNNINGHAM  
EDWARD T. DANIEL

BUD L. KISER  
LAWRENCE F. SCHIRO  
CHARLES W. SMITH



## Adjutant's Corner

Membership renewals are progressing steadily. Yes, we have until December 31st to pay our 2011 dues, but why wait until the last minute (day)? We have six new members in Post 52 since the last Bugle ... and they are: **David Meints, Alan Amman, Daniel Haberman, Bob Wajda, John Vincent and Richard Lamzik.** If you know any of these new members, welcome them to the Post.

We had a nice crowd at the August 21st coffee social. If you were not there (9 am until 10:30 am every Saturday), you missed some good coffee and donuts ... plus some really good conversations.

Jess Milford, Post 52 Adjutant



## Chaplain's Corner



The book of Romans is theologically the most important of all the books written by Paul. It is his most comprehensive and logical presentation of the gospel. This epistle has played important roles thru the history of the church. Augustine, an important theologian of the fourth century, was converted by reading Romans. In the sixteenth century Romans gave birth to the Reformation and Protestant church when Martin Luther discovered in it the truth of justification by faith. The body of the epistle has two major parts: theological [1:18-11:36] and practical [12:1-15:13]. These parts have a cause-and-effect relationship. Theology ought to issue in practical life and practical life ought to be grounded in theology. Either one without the other is not a complete gospel. [Holy Bible, New King James Version]

Chaplain, Jim Bell / (870) 425-4286



## **2010 SHOE FUND DRIVE**

**Saturday, October 30  
at Harps & Walmart**

All donations are used to purchase shoes and socks for needy school-aged children in Baxter County.

**Volunteers needed — call Jess Milford @ 425-1075**

## Honor Guard Report

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

July 15 ... Lee G. Johnson

July 19 ... James A. Reynolds

July 29 ...Vernon K. Fowler

A heartfelt thank you to Larry Jackson and Bob Wajda for stepping up to become Honor Guard members. We need 12 more of our Post members to do the same. Call Honor Guard Captain Jerry Montgomery at 870-492-6333 to volunteer.



## Service Officer's Report

**Need help filing for benefits?**

**Need a ride to the VA Hospital in Little Rock?**

**Need someone to talk to?**

**Call Post 52 VSO Roger Sallee  
at the Baxter County Veterans Service Office  
870-425-8155 (ofc) / 870-425-2003 (van reserv)**



## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**

The Disabled American Veterans van service, which transports Veterans to and from VA Medical Centers in Little Rock and North Little Rock, is in need of volunteer drivers to drive the DAV van. Without this service, area Veterans will not be able to receive needed health care.

Volunteers must: have a good driving record; have Arkansas vehicle insurance; pass a physical and a background check. Men or women, Veterans or non-Veterans, may apply for this position.

Pick up application at Baxter County Veterans Service Office at 213 East 6th Street (call 425-2003 for directions to office). For more information, call 431-8321; if no answer, please leave a message, and I will call back. Thank you!

Bill Bittenbender, DAV Driver Coordinator



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**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 11  
11:30 - 4:00  
COME HUNGRY!**



Come and enjoy yourselves, bring your family & friends and of course the children.

We are having hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, pop and dessert.

Come on down and meet your fellow

Legionnaires and it's all free. Hope to see you all there! God bless America!

Tom Elder, 2nd Vice

**COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER**



**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 BREAKFAST:** Saturday, Sept 25, from 7:30-10:00 am
- **Monthly Meetings** – First Monday of every month (except September, when it's the 2nd Monday) @ 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	Art Wallace	425-4134
1st Vice Cmdr.	Benny Wagner	491-7645
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Tom Elder	431-5029
Adjutant	Jess Milford	425-1075
Finance Officer	Frank Kaye	424-6235
Service Officer	Roger Sallee	425-8155
		404-9725
Chaplain	Jim Bell	425-4286
Judge Advocate	Rod MacLeod	492-4499
Sgt-at-Arms	Larry Voss	425-0507
Historian	Jim Whitesell	425-2240
Trustees	Steve Kozlowski	424-5753
	Leroy Buffon	425-5508
	Larry Jackson	431-4211
Post telephone		424-6277

**AUXILIARY**

President	Chris Schwartz
1st Vice President	Jana Smith
2nd Vice President	Jean Voss
Treasurer	Bert Whitesell
Historian	Pat Luedeking
Chaplain	Jude Zack
Sgt-at-Arms	Flossie Wiesend

**Assistants Appointed By The President**

Secretary	Suzan Kaye
Parliamentarian	<vacant>

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