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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to start out by thanking all of you that volunteer your time to this post for any and all events we have. Everything we do takes someone to organize and work for it. We had some really cool dinners this

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past couple of months. Thank you to the SAL for a wonderful Catfish Dinner. Thank you to Jeannie and Crew for two wonderful meals. The Oriental Night was great. I really loved the uniforms your crew was wearing and the atmosphere you created made this an event worth talking about. You and your crew are also responsible for a great Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. I know you put a lot of thought and effort in to these events and it shows. Thank You. Although I was not there I wanted to thank John Carter for arranging the Chili Cook Off. I showed up right after the event and everyone that was still there were ranting and raving about the good time they had. Thank You.

We have elections coming upon us. I would like to reach out to each and every one of you to search within yourself and ask if you can do something for this Post. We have a momentum started that I do not want to loose. If you don't realize it, the Commander is not the one making the decisions. It is your elected officers. The Commander is simply your representative to direct what you want to accomplish through the elected officers. They are the ones that actually vote it in and make it happen. With that said. I am reaching out to all of you that feel you can make a difference. It is possible to make many good changes with the right team. Your team is your elected officials. Please consider what you can bring to the table and then bring it.

If you do not have the time or patience to be an elected officer then I reach out to vote on Election Day. This is your opportunity to select your representatives that will guide all post activities for the upcoming year. I would also ask that you to attend our monthly general membership meetings. This is where you as a member can express your ideas, concerns, and recommendations. I know a lot of you have great ideas. Please bring them to our monthly meeting so we "your" team can help make them happen.

We have discussed bringing in some new bands for the next 3 to 4 months. Please come out and support them so we can continue to have entertainment on Friday evenings. The Entertainment committee gets together every last Thursday of the month. Please bring your idea's and lets get some fun back in to Post 152.

Thank you,

Troy O. Pazos
Commander Post 152

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MON-THURS 10:00AM-11:00PM SUN 11:00AM-10:00PM FRI-SAT 10:00AM-1:30AM HAPPY HOUR M-F 4:00PM-7:00PM

*EXCEPTIONS: HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (I.E. SUNDAY NITE FOOTBALL, ETC.)

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Chaplain	Bill Scott
Historian	Open
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2 Yr. Member	Bob Lair
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Appointed Committees

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Lounge Committee	Jim Dawson
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	Bob Lair
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	Bob Lair
Disciplinary	Keith Tinsley
	Richard Brown
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2010/2011

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Girls State	Mary Perkins
Poppies	Jeanne Kerens
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2nd Vice Commander	Fred Brown
Adjutant	John Taylor
Sgt. at Arms	Tommy Harwick
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Advisor	Open
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open

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*“Nearly all men can stand
adversity, but if you want to test
a man’s character, give him
power.”*

- Abraham Lincoln



A.L.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived. I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't believe it is April all ready. Where is the year going? First thing though I would like to thank Erin Pritchard and Kimberly Williams for helping out with the Auxiliary and wanting to get involved. The Auxiliary in February purchased 60 boxes of Girl Scouts Cookies and had them sent to our Troops.

It is that time of year – April 15th –year-end reports are due to the 15th District Chairman.

We have a lot of important events coming up in the next couple of months, so it is time to take out your calendars. The children's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00-4:00. As always we could use donations of candy and plastic eggs. There will be a Junior Auxiliary member's camp this year on May 6th & May 7th at Post 5. (Friday is a sleepover). We will be having the election of officers at our Auxiliary meeting on May 16th. Anyone wanting to run for an office please get in contact with our nominating committee: Shirley Patz, Erin Pritchard & Kimberly Williams. The Constitutional Conference is May 21st at Post 139 – registration is at 9:00. At this conference you get to hear what other Units are doing in our area.

We all have heard the saying "April Showers brings May Flowers". What better flower is there than the poppy. We will be distributing Poppies on Memorial Day Weekend – Sat & Sun. in remembrance of our Veterans. Please mark your calendars to participate in this important event. An hour of your time is such a small price to pay for everything they have done for you,

For God and Country,

**Kathy Driggers
President**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

TIME FOR GOD

Read only if you have time for God

God, when I received this e-mail I thought, I don't have time for this, and this is really inappropriate during work.

Then I realized that this kind of thinking is exactly, what has caused a lot of the problems in our world today.

We try to keep God in church on Sunday morning. Maybe, Sunday night. and, the unlikely event of a midweek service.

We do like to have Him around during sickness. And of course at funerals. However, we don't have time, or room, for Him during work or play, because that's the part of our lives we think we can , and should, handle on our own.

May God forgive me for ever thinking, that there is a time or place where He is not first in my life. We should always have time to remember all He has done for us.

Jesus said, If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before my Father. Yes I do love God. He is my source of existence and Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I would be nothing. But Christ, He strengthens me. (Phil 4:13).

Easy vs.Hard

Why is it so hard to tell the truth but yet so easy to lie?

Why are we so sleepy in church but right when the sermon is over we suddenly wake up?

Why is it so easy to delete a Godly e-mail, but yet forward all the nasty ones?

Of all the free gifts we may receive, prayer is the very best one..... There are no cost, but wonderful rewards.

God Bless!

Yours in service

**Bill Scott
Chaplain**



SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

I would like to start out by thanking those of you who have become active in the SAL activities. We have had great turn out for our meals and we even had 8 people at our last meeting. It doesn't sound like much but it is a huge improvement.

Our catfish fry in January was a great success and I would like to give a special thanks to Mike (Cowboy) Vaughn, Tommy Hardwick, Brownie, Lee White, Jim Dawson, Jenni Neal and Fred Brown. For all of the hard work they put into preparing a great meal. And I would also like to thank Boomer and the Swift Kick Band.

We are hoping to start doing our steak

shoot again in March Cowboy and Erin are going to call cards.

We still have a couple officer positions available if anyone is interested. Below is a list of current officers

Commander – Scott Hudson
1st Vice – Mike (Cowboy) Vaughn
2nd Vice – Fred Brown
Adjutant – John Taylor
Sgt at Arms – Tommy Hardwick
Finance Officer – Bob Lair
Historian – open
Chaplain – open
Advisor – open

**Yours in service.
Scott Hudson
SAL Commander**

SUPER BOOSTERS

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Cynthia Martell	04/12
TJ & Shirley Ramsey.....	04/12
TN & Donna Hair	07/12
Buzz & Linda.....	09/12
Bill & Pat Seeman.....	10/12
George & Jeannie	11/12
Cliff and Charmaine	11/12
Arsenio Trivin	01/13
Duck Green.....	03/13
D.W. Green	04/13
Phyllis Veihmeyer.....	12/17
Jack & Geraldine Billett, Sr.....	07/18
Gypsy & Larry Faulkner.....	08/19

If you would like to be a Super Booster, please pay your \$10.00 dues to the Post Finance Officer. The Post appreciates the support of all the Boosters.

A special thanks to the SAL & Auxiliary for their monthly donation towards our printing costs.

Coming Events

Notice: Post 152 has become the sponsor of the Tampa Bay Thunder Drum and Bugle Corp. Check out this fine organization here. <http://tampabaythunder.org/home.html>

February 7 - April 18 – Income Tax service Every Monday starting February 7th though April 18th, from 9 AM - 1 PM you can get help with your income taxes at the Post.

April 23 – Kids Easter Egg Hunt The Auxiliary is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 23rd from 2-4 PM. All kids under the age 93 are invited.

May 7 – Officer Elections - Nominations are being accepted for the Post Officers for the 2011/2012 year. Any Post 152 Legion member in good standing is eligible to run for office. If interested, contact Patrick Maguire, Armond Laframboise, or Bob Lair. Nominations will be closed during the general membership meeting on April 21st. Don't forget to vote on May 7th. You can make a difference.

May 28 – Memorial Day Celebration U-Cookem steaks – Classic Car show.

May 28 -29 – Poppy Distribution The Auxiliary will be distributing Poppies on Memorial Day Weekend – Sat & Sun. in remembrance of our Veterans. Please mark your calendars to participate in this important event. An hour of your time is such a small price to pay for everything they have done for you. See Kathy Driggers for more info

Members Helping Members

While we do not endorse any of the services listed, we are providing this service to match those members who provide a service to those who are in need of help. If you would like to be added to the list, leave a note with the bartender addressed to "Liberty News".

Service Provided	Name	Phone
Bookkeeping and Accounting	Ray Calliari	813-375-0107
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Handyman	Thomas Schmidt	813-241-5884
Handyman	Steve Barger	813-435-5468
Pre-Paid Legal Service	Armond LaFramboise	727-251-9294
Reverse Mortgage and Home Loans	Armond LaFramboise	727-251-9294

Radiation: Diseases Related to Ionizing Radiation Exposure

Veterans may be eligible for **disability compensation** and **health care benefits** for any disease that VA recognizes as related to military service or radiation exposure during military service. Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who died as the result of diseases related to military service or radiation exposure during military service may be eligible for **survivors' benefits**.

- **Presumptive Diseases Related to Ionizing Radiation Exposure**
- **Other Diseases Related to Radiation Exposure**
- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)**

Presumptive Diseases Related to Ionizing Radiation Exposure

VA has recognized, or presumed, certain cancers as related to ionizing radiation exposure during military service. These are called "presumptive diseases."

If a Veteran who participated in a **radiation-risk activity** (including "Atomic Veterans") develops one of the diseases listed below, VA presumes the disease is related to ionizing radiation exposure during service. These Veterans do not have to prove a connection between these diseases and their military service to be eligible to receive **disability compensation**.

Cancers of the bile ducts, bone, brain, breast, colon, esophagus, gall bladder, liver (primary site, but not if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated), lung (including bronchiolo-alveolar cancer), pancreas, pharynx, ovary, salivary gland, small intestine, stomach, thyroid, urinary tract (kidney/renal, pelvis, urinary bladder, and urethra), leukemia (except chronic lymphocytic leukemia), lymphomas (except Hodgkin's disease), and multiple myeloma (cancer of plasma cells).

Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who participated in a **radiation-risk activity** and died as the result of one of the diseases listed above may be eligible for **survivors' benefits**.

Other Diseases Associated with Radiation Exposure

If a Veteran who was **exposed to radiation during military service** (including "Atomic Veterans") develops one of the diseases listed below and meets other requirements, **disability compensation** may be provided, on a case-by-case basis, according to VA regulations.

Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who were **exposed to radiation during military service** and died as the result of one of the diseases listed below may be eligible for **survivors' benefits**.

Eligibility depends on how much radiation the Veteran received and other factors, such as the period of time between exposure to radiation and the development of the disease. For these Veterans, VA recognizes that the following diseases are possibly caused by radiation:

- All cancers
- Non-malignant thyroid nodular disease
- Parathyroid adenoma
- Posterior subcapsular cataracts
- **Tumors of the brain and central nervous system**

For Atomic Veterans, VA asks the Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency* to document status as an Atomic Veteran and provide the actual or estimated radiation dose received by a Veteran.

Note: VA also will consider the possibility that other diseases not listed above were caused by radiation, if supported by medical or scientific evidence. To be eligible for disability compensation, VA must be able to establish that it is at least as likely as not that a Veteran's disease was caused by his/her exposure to radiation during military service.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is not associated with radiation exposure. However, VA has recognized ALS diagnosed in Veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military was caused by their military service. Learn about VA benefits for ALS, including **health care services** and **disability compensation and other non-health benefits**.

WHY I SERVE

By Lysaght, Gary J.

Command and General Staff College, Staff Group 9B

No one has ever really asked me why I serve my country and similarly, I haven't ever sat down to really think of the reasons why. I have to go back to 1992 when my search for a college to attend started. Initially, I chose to apply for an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship while I was in high school. I was selected to receive a 3-year scholarship and the university I ultimately chose to attend offered to pay for the year that the Army was not going to be paying for. Honestly, I initially chose to serve my country so that I could get college paid for and have an almost guaranteed job when I graduated. I figured I would do my required lieutenant time to pay the Army back and then get out and get a "real" job.

As time progressed and I entered my first unit I learned to appreciate the job I had and the impact that we as an Army had on the rest of the world. In 1999 I had the opportunity as a Second Lieutenant to deploy to Kuwait as part of Operation Southern Watch. While in Kuwait, I met several local people who experienced the attacks and subsequent occupation from Iraq in the early 1990's and saw how much they appreciated the American forces for giving them their freedom and their way of life back. I learned that being in the Army was more than just a job, but a way of life and would give me life experiences that none of my friends in "real" jobs would have. It was an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, whether that life was a Soldier in my platoon that I became a mentor to or the difference in the life of someone in a land far away. That gave me a reason to stay in the Army to serve my country.

Although our deployment to Kuwait was just 5 months long, the impact on our unit was great. The camaraderie and unit cohesion was definitely stronger after spending months in a tent with nothing to do but train your platoon. Though several Soldiers departed the unit upon our return, those that remained had a unique bond and similar experiences that they can only share with those that were there. I still keep in contact with Soldiers from that unit to this day. This trend continued with each deployment I went on, whether it was Afghanistan or Iraq. There is nothing quite like a combat experience in a land far from home to create a unique bond. It is this experience of living in tents, working next to each other 12 hours a day for 7 days a week that cannot be matched in a "real" job. Another reason I serve my country is for this camaraderie. There is nothing quite like it.

After subsequent deployments and finishing my command, I entered an Active Component/Reserve Component (AC/

RC) battalion. In this job my battalion was responsible for a collective training program that deploying National Guard and Reserve units went through prior to departing for theater. In this training, we were able to teach potentially lifesaving skills to Soldiers who previous to this training had only worked together on weekends and in the summer. We knew that what we were teaching and the lanes we were running would be the basis of each unit's ingrained battle drill reactions to what would be their real combat experience. Replicating a combat environment in the middle of Indiana was not easy, but the impact we had on the units was greater than we knew. Here it became the fact that I was making a difference and saving the life of a fellow Soldier that added to the reasons I was serving my country. There aren't too many "real" jobs that can replicate that.

Throughout these years and experiences, I also came to appreciate the little things in life that I might have missed had I not been in the Army. I learned to appreciate every day that I get to go home at night to be with my family after I experienced combat losses while deployed. I learned to appreciate a roof over my head after seeing the mud huts and half built buildings in Iraq and Afghanistan. I learned to appreciate the shoes on my children's feet after seeing shoeless kids in Iraq in the middle of winter. I learned to appreciate my country and all that she stands for after seeing those countries where people do not have the same pride. I always stood up as the flag went by in the parade as a kid, but I have learned to appreciate the flag of the United States and appreciate the Veterans who have served before me that protected that flag in the past and continue to do so today. The mere fact that I am able to serve this country that has given me so much is why I continue to serve my country today. I suspect that my lawyer fraternity brothers from college do not get this same sense of pride working their "real" job.

The opportunity to make a difference, to be a mentor, to save a life, the camaraderie and the sense of pride and respect are the reasons why I serve my country. A lot has changed from my ROTC scholarship days when the Army was something that was just going to get me through college to the point where I am at now: a thirteen year veteran of the Army. It has taken me this many years to sit down, think of and then to truly list multiple reasons for why I serve my country. Maybe that is why I still have not left to go get that "real" job!

April 2011

	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
3	Commander's Breakfast 8:30-10:30	4 Free pool all day Tax Prep 9 AM-1PM TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	5 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	6 Member Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	7 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	8 Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Band Double Density	9 Steak shoot John Hall 70 th B'day Party Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00PM
10	Legion Breakfast 8:30-10:30	11 Free pool all day Tax Prep 9 AM-1PM AUX E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	12 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	13 Dinner by Charmaine Ham, Potatoes, Green beans. 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	14 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Legion E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	15 Past Commanders Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Band Rich Kelly	16 Steak shoot Jim Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00PM
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