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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Spring is here - Flowers are blooming and the Post is growing. Pollen is in the air. We added 5 more electronic pull tab machines for your pleasure. We had SUPER events in February and March. Thanks again to Bob and Bonnie for putting fun back into the Post. Thank Patrick for the Day at the Races. Make sure you check our site at www.post152.com for the most current calendars as there are changes all the time.

Car enthusiasts will be busy as we have our First Post 152 JEEP show on April 13th and our annual Classic Car Show on May 25th.

April 8th at 7pm will be a short meeting for the POST 152 CRUISE group to provide some last minutes tips. If you are sailing with us, please try to attend as it will be informative.

The American Legion Post 152 Riders is coming along quickly and may even be Chartered by the time this letter gets published. Mike Thorpe is doing a great job getting this together.

NOMINATION for officers and Executive Committee are still open and we will take new nominations at the April 18 General Meeting. This will be the last round before elections: so get involved and get your name in the running.

The concrete slab around the burn pit in back of Post is completed. Thanks to Jose Ramirez (he donated all the materials and labor) and Glen Lathers for coordinating the project. We are still looking to finish the porch screening and also to complete some repairs around the building to ensure a safe and comfortable Post for our members.

The Executive Committee is the best and we added Brandon Zylstra to kick it up another notch. The Eboard is doing a fantastic job and when you see one of the members in the Post, please take a minute to thank them.

Don't forget our Bar Tenders are working hard to take care of you as best they can so tell them you appreciate them.

Be nice and live the dash!

Armond LaFramboise
Commander Post 152

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SUN 11AM-9PM, MON-THURS 1PM-10PM, FRI 1PM-MIDNIGHT, SAT 11:30 AM-MIDNIGHT

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

LEGION OFFICERS 2018/2019

Commander Armond LaFramboise
 1st Vice Commander Bruce Smith
 2nd Vice Commander Bob Lehmler
 Finance Officer Doug Fivehouse
 Chaplain Cathy Cornish
 Historian John Cannon
 Sgt. at Arms Lon Hathaway
 Adjutant Doug Fivehouse
 Judge Advocate To be appointed
 Service Officer Bruce Smith
 Immed. Past Cmdr Theresa Zipler

Executive Committee

3 Yr. Member Glen Lathers
 2 Yr. Member Cliff Zimmerer
 1 Yr. Member Brandon Zylstra
 Patrick Maguire

ALA OFFICERS 2018/2019

President Mary Kelly-Perkins
 1st Vice Patty Pritchard
 2nd Vice Bonnie Strohm
 Treasure Sheryl Kinsler
 Secretary JoAnn Lathers
 Sergeant at Arms Lisa Anseeuw
 Chaplain Kathy Driggers
 Historian LA Jespersen
 Executive Committee Debbie Kilcoyne
 Erin Vaughn
 Jeri Hoover
 Andrea Sherman

SAL OFFICERS 2018/2019

Commander Michael (Cowboy) Vaughn
 1st Vice Arty Bartlett
 2nd Vice Open
 Finance Office Jack Zambito
 Chaplain Open
 Historian Bob Testino
 Sgt at Arms Scott Hudson
 Adjutant Cliff Zimmerer

SUPER BOOSTERS

Harry & Lilo Bryant..... 05/19
 Jim & Theresa Zipler 05/19
 Cliff & Charmaine Zimmerer 05/19
 Gypsy & Larry Faulkner 08/19
 Bill & Lee Scott 01/20
 Peggy Clifton 03/20
 Buzz & Linda Bullock 07/20
 Robert Brink..... 05/21
 Phyllis Roman..... 02/23
 Ned Hazelhurst..... 02/23
 Phyllis Veihmeyer 12/23
 Bob & Debbie Lair..... 02/26
 Jim Powers 02/27
 Armond LaFramboise
 In Marti’s Memory 11/27

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A.L.A President's Message

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of our Post, Unit and SAL members for the great hospitality shown to our Department President, Michele DeGennaro, on her recent visit. You are all AWESOME. And to our Vice President, Patty Pritchard, thank you ever so much for stepping up and assuring that everything ran smoothly. To the volunteers in the kitchen, you all know who you are, you were fantastic.

Our Lady Legionnaire luncheon was not well attended as we had hoped but those that attended had a great time.

Our Post has formed a Legion Riders Chapter and if you as an Auxiliary member would like to participate please see Mike Thorpe.

Our Unit will be having nominations for the 2019-2020 year at the April and May meeting with elections being held at the May meeting. Ladies if you are interested in becoming an officer please see one of the members of the nominating committee. We will be electing a President, 1st and 2nd VP, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms and 3 members to the Executive Committee.

Our constitution and bylaws have been approved and there will be a \$5.00 increase in dues starting July 1, 2019. I realize that many may think this is a big rate of dues however our Unit does not get to keep all of the \$40. We only keep about \$15 and this is what we base our budget on. We do many things for our Veterans, Community and Children & Youth. We do ask that you participate in our and the other events held at the Post so we can continue doing our programs.

Some of our members still meet on Wednesday mornings to do crafts and we welcome newcomers to join them.

We will be distributing Poppies over the Memorial Day weekend and if you would like to help please see Donna Pomeroy or Debbie Kilcoyne.

I am looking forward to seeing our new members and old members at our meetings.

Please remember to keep our Veterans and active duty service members in your prayers.

Yours in Service
Mary Kelly-Perkins
 Unit President



Springtime marks a time of fresh beginnings. Flowers start blooming, up north snow starts melting and new life is appearing all around in many forms. It is a time of renewed hope.

It also marks one of the most important dates in the Christian calendar - Easter. Just a few days before, darkness not only came over the land but in the hearts of Jesus' followers. He had died a brutal, criminal's death on the cross and was laid to rest in a borrowed grave. Many of his followers thought all was lost.

Two of his apostles had key roles in the events of those few days. There was Judas who betrayed Jesus to the temple leaders for thirty pieces of silver. There also was Peter. He assured Jesus he would stand by him, even if he had to die with him. But when bystanders recognized that he was one of Jesus' followers, he denied three times that he even knew him, just as Jesus predicted he would (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75).

Both witnessed Jesus teach and saw him heal the blind, deaf, sick and crippled. They heard him say he would die but would rise again in three days. Both felt guilt and remorse for what they did. Judas let his guilt overwhelm him so much that he hung himself. Peter also felt remorse, so much so that he wept bitterly. But he was there to see the resurrected Jesus. So, what was the difference? I believe that the difference was that Peter remembered what Jesus promised and it was that hope that Jesus would rise from the dead as he said he would that helped him to pick himself up, dust himself off and wait with the other apostles for their risen Lord. Judas, on the other hand, forgot those promises, and he lost hope. If he had held on another three days he would have witnessed the resurrection and the birth of a faith that is still growing and changing lives even today, over 2000 years later.

Sometimes the challenges of life can seem overwhelming and there is no end in sight. It is so easy to despair and want to quit. It's in those times that we need to remember God's promises and cling to them.

"God is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry." Deuteronomy 31:8 (MSG)

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

"Pile your trouble on God's shoulders - he'll carry your load, he'll help you out. He'll never let good people topple into ruin." Psalm 55:22 (MSG)

There are so many more promises & reassurances like these. Hold on to them & draw strength from them. Find your hope in them. That very thing you are praying for could be just three days away.

In Christ and in your service,
Cathy Cornish
 Post Chaplain

Coming Events

April 5 - ALA Dinner - Tuna casserole or Fish sandwiches w/F.F. and other items by Bonnie served 5:30 for \$6.00

April 6 - Kids Easter Party - The ALA will host their annual Kids Easter Party from 1 - 3 PM

April 6 - April Birthdays Party - Celebrate the Birthdays of everyone who has a birthday in April. Cake will be provided. See Paula Smith for more information.

April 10 - ALA Dinner - The ALA will have a dinner served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

April 12 - ALA Dinner - Fish sandwiches, French Fries, Mac & Cheese and more by Patty served 5:30 for \$6.00

April 13 - Jeep Show - Show off your custom Jeep. Prizes, Best of Show, Cleanest, Dirtiest, Used & Abused, Mall Crawler, Jeepiest Jeep. Registration \$25 includes one lunch, door prize, show. Additional meals, door prize tickets and drinks available for purchase. Email legionjeepkrewe@gmail.com. with your contact info including phone #. Fee will be collected day of show.

April 17 - Commander's Dinner - Mac & cheese, salad, rolls, by Armond and dessert by Phyllis served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

April 19 - ALA Dinner - Fish sandwiches w/F.F. and other items by Bonnie served 5:30 for \$6.00

April 20 - Car Wash - The Scouts will hold a car wash from 8:30 - 12:30.

April 20 - Shriners Motor Corps BBQ - BBQ Chicken, ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and dessert. There will be 50/50. No advance purchase required. Served from 1 - 5 PM for \$10.00. Proceeds go to American Legion Post 152.

April 24 - SAL Dinner - Dinner by SAL served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

April 27 - Past District Commander Dinner - Cocktails at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00PM followed by a blind auction.

May 1 - Commander's Dinner - Turkey & stuffing casserole, salad, and bread by Armond and desserts by Phyllis served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

May 4 - Officer Elections - Voting for Legion Officers will be from 11 AM - 3 PM.

May 8 - ALA Dinner - ALA dinner served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

May 11 - April Birthdays Party - Celebrate the Birthdays of everyone who has a birthday in May at 8 PM. Cake will be provided. See Paula Smith for more information.

May 12 - Mother's Day - Celebrate Mother's Day with a traditional breakfast including eggs to order. Mothers eat free. Served from 8:30 - 11:30.

May 18 - Car Wash - The Scouts will hold a car wash from 8:30 - 12:30.

May 18 - Golf Tournament for Wreaths Across America - Silver Dollar Golf Course, 4 person scramble, 8 AM shotgun start, Steak dinner after, prizes. Benefits Wreaths Across America.

May 20 - Auxiliary Elections - Voting for ALA Officers will take place during the general meeting.

May 22 - SAL Dinner - SAL Dinner served at 6 PM for \$7:00.

May 25 - Classic Car Show - The Eighth Annual Bob England Classic car show from 10 AM - 1 PM. Prizes, 50/50. Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert served from noon to 1:00 PM.

May 26 - Blood Mobile - The Blood Mobile will be at the Post from 1 - 6 PM. Please give the gift of life if you can.

May 29 - ALA Dinner - Dinner by Kathy served at 6 PM for \$7:00. Proceeds go to Children and Youth.

April 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Updated 2/25/2019	1 AARP Tax Service 9AM - 1PM Free pool all day SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	3 ALA Crafts 11 AM Bingo 7:15 PM	4	5 ALA Dinner Tuna Casserole or Fish Sandwich w/FF and more By Bonnie 5:30 PM for \$6.00 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight	6 SAL Steak shoot 1PM Kids Easter Party 1 - 3 PM Apr Birthdays Party 8 PM Karaoke By Mike 8 PM - Midnight
7	8 AARP Tax Service 9AM - 1PM Free pool all day Post 152 Cruise Group Mtg 7 PM Dessert by Phyllis	9 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	10 ALA Crafts 11 AM ALA Dinner Bingo 7:15 PM	11 Ent Mtg 6:00 Legion E-Board Mtg 7:00 PM	12 ALA Dinner Fish Sandwich w/FF, Mac & Cheese and more By Patty 5:30 PM for \$6.00 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight	13 Jeep Car Show 10AM-2:30PM Prizes, Food Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight
14	15 Tax Day Free pool all day Auxiliary E-Board MTG 6:30 PM Auxiliary General MTG 7:15 PM	16 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	17 ALA Crafts 11 AM Commander's Dinner Mac & Cheese, Salad, Rolls by Armond & Dessert by Phyllis Bingo 7:15 PM	18 Legion General MTG 7:00 PM	19 ALA Dinner Tuna Casserole or Fish Sandwich w/FF and more By Bonnie 5:30 PM for \$6.00 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight	20 Boy Scout Carwash 8:30AM - 12:30 PM ALA Steak shoot 1PM Shriners BBQ Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 Free pool all day	23 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	24 ALA Crafts 11 AM SAL Dinner Bingo 7:15 PM	25 Shriners Mtg 7 PM	26 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight	27 Past Dist Cmdr Dinner and Blind Auction -Cocktails at 5, Dinner @ 6PM Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight
28	29 Free pool all day	30 Scouts Meeting 7 PM				

May 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Updated 3/3/2019			<p>1 ALA Crafts 11 AM Commander's Dinner Turkey Stuffing Casserole, Salad & Bread by Armond Dessert by Phyllis Bingo 7:15 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</p>	<p>4 SAL Steak shoot 1PM Officer Elections 11AM-3PM Kentucky Derby Karaoke By Mike 8 PM - Midnight</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Free pool all day SAL Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>7 Scouts Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>8 ALA Crafts 11 AM ALA Dinner Bingo 7:15 PM</p>	<p>9 Ent Mtg 6:00 Legion E-Board Mtg 7:00 PM</p>	<p>10 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</p>	<p>11 Legion Steak shoot 1PM May Birthdays Party 8 PM Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight</p>
<p>12 MOTHER'S DAY Breakfast 8:30 -11:30 Mothers Eat Free Eggs To Order By Armond and Bob</p>	<p>13 Free pool all day</p>	<p>14 Scouts Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>15 ALA Crafts 11 AM Bingo 7:15 PM</p>	<p>16 Legion General MTG 7:00 PM</p>	<p>17 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</p>	<p>18 Golf Tourney Wreaths Across America Boy Scout Carwash 8:30AM - 12:30 PM ALA Steak shoot 1PM Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight</p>
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<p>26 Blood Mobile 1 - 6 PM</p>	<p>27 MEMORIAL DAY Free pool all day</p>	<p>28 Scouts Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>29 ALA Crafts 11 AM ALA Dinner By Kathy Bingo 7:15 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</p>	



POST EVERLASTING

2017-2019

This is a place for remembering our brothers and sisters who have passed away. They are gone but not forgotten, and we will continue to carry on their legacy.

We salute the members of American Legion Post 152 that have been transferred to Post everlasting.

Jaqueline	Boulanger
John	Broughton
Charles	Cole
George	Greene
Elmer	Groves
William	Hardy
Clarence	Holley
Lenard	Ilgan
Stanley	Krick
James	Lucas
Dan	Macgregor
Michael	Mcintosh
Patrick	Neidig
William	Nemeth
James	Rogers
John	Savoreika
William	Scott
Kent	Sprenkle
William	Vanorden

2019-2020 Officer Elections

- Legion officer nominations will be accepted at the April 18 meeting. Elections will be on May 4 from 11 AM – 3 PM.
- Auxiliary officer elections will be at the general meeting on May 20 at 7:15 PM.
- Sons of the American Legion officer nominations will be accepted at the 7 PM April 1st SAL meeting. Elections will be during the SAL meeting on May 6 at 7 PM.

Please consider getting involved and running for an office. These are your organizations. Without membership involvement the organization can't exist.

Troop 246

This summer eight scouts from our troop will be attending Camp Woodruff in Georgia. We began planning for the trip in February. Part of this planning process includes selecting which merit badge classes each scout will attend during their day. Scouts can choose between classes such as: rifles, shotgun shooting, archery, computer game design, wilderness survival, physical fitness, citizenship and many more. Our first year scouts will be taking a course called Mountaineer which will help them with their tenderfoot, and second class ranks. One day of our week will be spent white water rafting on the Nantahala River in Tennessee which is just a bus ride away from camp. To pay for the cost of camp (about \$400 per scout) many of our scouts are participating in monthly car washes. In addition to the cost of camp, we have to pay for meals and gas on the way to and from camp. To commute to camp, we will be carpooling in some of our leader's personal cars. All of this would normally be very expensive but some of the burden of cost has been relieved with the help of fellow Legion and Auxiliary members. Jim Powers donated a very generous \$400 and Bob Lehmler and Bonnie Strohm donated about \$270. We send to them our biggest thanks from the entire troop!

Jacob Freeman, Star Scout, Patrol Leader
Adam Robitaille, Scout Master

FROM THE KITCHEN: Please write the date on containers you open before putting them in the fridge. Any unlabeled containers will be thrown away to comply with Health department laws. Also, please clean the kitchen after cooking. The group using the kitchen after you should not have to clean your mess before cooking.

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Which do you want? *Smoking or NO Smoking*

On May 16th, at the Legion general membership meeting,
we will have a vote on the banning smoking inside the Post 152 building.

If you have an interest either way, you should make your voice known
by attending the meeting and voting to ban smoking or to
continue with the current smoking policy.