



AUGUST 2011

Dear Legion Family,

The State American Legion Convention was held in Peoria on July 13 -16. We gathered a lot of good information, but once again membership was the hot topic. Our Post did a very good job with membership, but overall the State lost members.

I am sure by now everyone has received their membership renewal. Please send in your renewal as soon as you can. With your new membership card you will receive a green key card. The green card will work now, so you can dispose of your purple key card. Membership is a very important part of keeping our Post great. We are the 2nd largest Post in the State, with Springfield being the largest. They have about 200 more members than we do, so this gives us a goal to work towards.

Our American Legion Riders cooked for the Cruzin that we hosted in July. This was their first time getting together. They had several members volunteer to help, and they did a very good job. The money they raised went to the Legacy Fund. This Fund guarantees kids of Veterans that are Killed in Action after 9/11 a college education. Thank you ALR.

Our Flag Disposal Ceremony will be held on August 13, at 2:00 pm in the shelter. Please attend if you can.

For God and Country;

Commander,

Bob Welborn

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: JANICE GRUBER

Rita still needs desserts and workers for the Wednesday night raffle.
Please call **Rita @ 697-2282**.

More on convention next month.

Don't forget...
Craft Sale is August 20th.
Show hours will be 9 am - 2 pm on Saturday.
Come out and join the fun.
Any questions please call **Janice @ 697-2373**.

Saturday, August 20th / Lunch- Sloppy Joes & Chips.

Remember ladies our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Post.
Meetings are at 7 PM. We would like to see you there. Remember we all can't do
this without our members, so please come
to the meetings. Any questions call **Janice Gruber @ 697-2373**

FROM THE AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT: JENN YATES

The 71st session of Illini Girls State was held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois from Sunday June 19th to Saturday June 25th, 2011. Illini Girls State is a simulation based on Illinois Government to provide citizenship training for girls about to enter their senior year in high school.

Two girls from Bartonville attended this year's session. Both girls are members of Limestone Community High School's class of 2012. Brianne Henderson plans to attend St. Ambrose University and graduate with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Cheyenne Durr plans to attend college in Texas studying Law or Criminal Psychology. Thanks to the generosity of Bartonville Bank & the Limestone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 979, the girls were able to attend the session at no cost.

Good luck to Janice and thanks to all those who supported me over the past 3 years.

Nancy Schwindenhammer - Retiring Auxiliary Preside



Get Well Wishes to:

GEORGE REDELL

JOANNE WORLEY

DONALD BRADFORD

RON POLHEMUS

Sympathy Wishes to:

The Families of: LEROY COURTRIGHT ALVIN DEEWEERTH

NORM SIMMERING (Sister passed away) DALE COOKE (Sister passed away)

LOREN OPPER (Sister passed away) OWEN HARMISON (Wife passed away)

FROM THE S.A.L.: GARRETT SLEVIN

Congratulations to Garrett Slevin Jr. for a good year as Detachment Commander. The 2011 year at close of books Squadron 979 has 75 new members. We received a membership award for the largest numerical increase over last year of any squadron. We had a 100% all time high, but we still have 43 members that did not pay 2011 dues. We are the second largest squadron in state, just 34 members behind the largest squadron.

CACHE WINNERS FROM JUNE

\$100 DEE GEORGE
\$75 BRUCE TESDALL
\$50 ARLA KNOLL
\$25 TY SPRAGUE



American Legion Riders Post 979

Fellow Riders,

We are starting with the hottest part of the Summer with The American Legion Riders busiest month. In lieu of the American Legion National Convention, the ALR promotes their charity with the Legacy Ride which will tour through Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota ending in Minneapolis. This is our last push for donations to the Legacy Fund. For those who do not know what the Legacy Fund is it is a charity for tuitions to The Children of Combat Veterans. At the bar is posted donation cards of the people who have contributed in the last month to the Legacy Fund. If you haven't donated yet please do so. We will be closing it up in the second week of August. On August 7th is the Purple Heart Day Ride at the Bartonville VFW at 12:00 pm. August 11th the ALR standard meetings resume at 7 pm at the hall side, on the 12th will be our Ride and Dine rolling out at 5:45 pm. August 14th Illinois State Fair Veterans Day Ride meet at Post at 8 am. August 20th Ride to Indianapolis to see off the Legacy Ride and present 979's donation to the Legacy Fund. Anyone going please contact me a.s.a.p. for information.

Ride Safely,

Jeff Yates
979 ALR Director

POST 979 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE

This event will be held each Wednesday
With food served from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The DRAWING will be held at 7:00 pm each Wednesday night.

Tickets can be purchased daily at the bar
2 tickets for \$1 or 20 tickets for \$10

Proceeds go to Legion & Community Programs

POST 979 50/50 JACKPOT WINNERS

JAMES BROWDER II - \$200 WENDI HIBSER - \$200
MARY KALLISTER - \$200
SUSAN WRIGHT - \$ 200 LARRY RENNER - \$ 200

If present, when your name is drawn,
guaranteed to win a minimum of \$200

As of 7/27 JACKPOT \$

43,061



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM

Sunday – AUGUST 14th \$5.00 per person

Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled/fried eggs,
biscuits & gravy, rolls, toast, coffee, milk, juice.

**R & R Catering will be closed
for their annual vacation
on the following dates:
July 30th -
August 4, 5, 6 & 11, 12, 13.
R & R will reopen on August 18.**





American Legion Post 979 GOLF OUTING

COYOTE CREEK – Sat. - October 1st, 2011 8:00 AM Start

4 Person Teams - **\$55.00 Per Person** - Skins Game Included

**FOOD, BEER, & SODA available at the Shelter
of the American Legion after the outing.**

AUGUST LUNCHES

Lunch starts at 11:30

Cost of lunch is \$4.00

TUESDAY

- 08/02/11 SAL** SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD
08/09/11 SAL PIZZA
08/16/11 SAL MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES
& GREEN BEANS
08/23/11 SAL HAM & BEANS, CORNBREAD
08/30/11 SAL HAMBURGERS, BEANS & CHIPS

SATURDAY

- 08/06/11 ACT** FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
08/13/11 ACT CORN BOIL, BBQ & HOT DOGS
FREE TO MEMBERS
08/20/11 ACT SLOPPY JOES & CHIPS
08/27/11 AUX TENDERLOINS & FRIES



*Come join us on Sundays for NASCAR Racing.
Bring a snack & cheer for your favorite driver.*



**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS AND CLEAN UP THE BAR
TABLES OF CANS & OTHER TRASH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

**THANK YOU
FROM THE BARTENDERS**