



OCTOBER 2011

Dear Legion Family,

Our membership renewals are at 73%, which is good, but I know we can do better. So if you haven't sent in your renewal, please do so now.

The purple key card will not work after November 21st.

We have made several improvements to our facilities over the past few months including a new parking lot, new curtain dividing the dining room and lounge area, and we moved the hall bar out 2 ft. to make it easier for the bartenders to do their job. The money for these improvements came from our raffle on Wednesday Nights. This is a very important fundraiser for our Legion that helps us pay our monthly bills and keep our prices low. Also, helps us support the programs and make donations that we feel are important. I know that some members do not like us opening our doors on Wednesday Nights to the general public, but we need to do this to make our raffle a success, just like when we hosted Bingo.

In September, at the National Convention, the American Legion Legacy Foundation received over \$650,000.00 in contributions from all of the American Legions. The Department of Illinois donated \$15,000.00, with our Post donating \$2,589.00 of that amount. I think that it is great that our Post could contribute this amount of money for such an important cause. A BIG Thank You to everyone involved.

We are hosting the AARP Senior's Safe Driving Class in November. This class is free to veterans in the month of November. If participants successfully complete this class, it will lower their liability insurance a minimum of 10%. The dates and time will be in next month's newsletter.

The Halloween Party will be held on October 29 starting at 5:30 pm, so come out and roast a hot dog and marshmallows with your friends and fellow members.

For God and Country;

Commander,

Bob Welborn

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: JANICE GRUBER

Please keep bringing in desserts for Wednesday nights. It is greatly appreciated.

Due to the low interest, we will not be doing bears this year.

There are still tickets from the craft sale for a \$100 Kroger gift card and \$100 cash. Please see auxiliary member for tickets, or call 697-2373.



We will be working on fleece blankets on October 4th.
Times are 10 am and 6:30 pm in Hall side.
Bring your scissors and be ready to tie!

Please get your dues for 2011/2012 in ladies, as the key cards will change on November 21st.

Saturday, October 15th - Lunch will be Chili and Grilled Cheese.

Save your calendar for upcoming events for October. If you have any suggestions for events for the auxiliary please call me or attend a meeting. Don't forget ladies our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the hall.

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Thank you for the donations of toiletries from the hotels you visited. We still need more, as we bag and give them to the veterans.



If you would like to donate your time helping at Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of the month, please call me @ 697-0740. I try to schedule a month in advance. We need at least 3 ladies to help at each Breakfast.

Vice-President ~ Kay Ingram



Get Well Wishes to: PATSY BOSTER

Sympathy Wishes to:

The Families of: JIM HAPPACH LEONARD GEORGE
FRANK BURY RAY BRAGG

DAWN FITZGERALD (Husband passed) DIANE PEACOCK (Father passed)
BETTY MYERS (Son passed away) JIMMY McELFRESH (Mother passed away)



I would like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday, September 17, for the First Horse Shoe Tournament. We had 22 contestants; entry fee was \$5 and was a blind draw for partners.

- * First Place team was John Hartsiel and Nick Simonson.
- * Second Place team was Terri Tesdall and Mike Lightbody.

This was the first of many, so keep practicing and hope to see you at the next tournament.

Thank you,
Mike Davis

CACHE WINNERS FROM AUGUST

\$100 DALE McCLAIN

\$75 STEVE MADISON

\$50 JAMES HALL

\$25 OWEN SCHWAB



American Legion Riders Post 979

Fellow Riders,

Things are winding down as far as the riding goes, but we have an abundance of fall festivals and OKTOBERFEST heading our way. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th at the usual 7:00 P.M. at the Post, also on that date is the final day for closeout of those who participated in the Iron Butt Contest. So bring with you your closing odometer readings so we can announce a winner in November at the Veterans Day activities at the Post. Our final Ride and Dine for the season will be on Friday October 7th. During our down time we will be working on our projects of events for next season and classes on proper riding in a group so we can be better prepared.

Ride Safely,

Jeff Yates
979 ALR Director



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.

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

DAVE POLLITT - \$200
DAVE HARKEN - \$200
BROWDER - \$200
SMITH - \$200
GRISWOLD - \$200

MIKE QUINN - \$200
BOB AVIS - \$200
JIM ARNETT - \$200
BILL HOOGERWERF - \$200
MIKE DAY - \$200

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

As of 9/27

**JACKPOT
\$50,000**

**2nd
JACKPOT
\$ 21,080**

OCTOBER LUNCHES

Lunch starts at 11:30

Cost of lunch is \$4.00

SATURDAY

- 10/01/11 ACT** TENDERLOIN & FRIES
- 10/08/11 ACT** FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
- 10/15/11 AUX** CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE
- 10/22/11 ACT** TACOS
- 10/29/11 ACT** WINGS & FRIES

TUESDAY

- 10/04/11 SAL** VEGETABLE SOUP &
GRILLED CHEESE
- 10/11/11 SAL** PIZZA
- 10/18/11 SAL** SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD
- 10/25/11 SAL** HAMBURGERS, BEANS & CHIPS



*Come join us on Sundays
for some NASCAR Racing.*



Bring a snack & cheer for your favorite driver.



**WE HAVE THE
NFL PACKAGE**



**BRING A SNACK & CHEER
ON YOUR FAVORITE TEAM !**

HALLOWEEN PARTY



In the shelter...

On October 29th at 5:30 pm

Hot Dogs & Chili

provided by the Post