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April / June 2024 Newsletter



Commander's Corner:

Things are happening at the Mighty 443. As we grow in numbers, and gel as a family-oriented organization, we must start the process of creating events that get our members actively involved in our post. Not only activities, but our meetings as well, because without every member having a voice, or presenting ideas, the organization becomes stagnant. With that being said, I need members to join us for our meetings. The SAL meeting is the first Monday of the month, Legion and Auxiliary the second Monday, and Riders the third Monday of the month. Come on out and see what's going on within your organization, the benefits that you've earned through membership and enjoy a night out.

Welcome to Spring. As we start into spring, I need members to get more involved with your post. I don't care if it's 30 minutes or 100 hrs. We have almost 600 total members and I made it my mission this year to talk to as many of you as possible. This spring also means elections, with that being said, have you thought about becoming an officer? I know, it's a lot of work, but at the end of the day it really is rewarding representing almost 600 members and carrying their voice to the next level.

Are you a younger generation Soldier? If so, I really need your help. You see, there is about a 35 year gap between war eras, and if we don't get our younger Soldiers involved in the American Legion we are setting ourselves and post up for failure. So, this is my vision that I would like to share with you. I need to facilitate an environment that will entice the younger veteran to not only join the American Legion, but also to participate in the events that we hold. We have already added some new events, but we need more, and we also need to change the facility to incorporate some of these changes. I know you all have families and are on the go all the time, but if I could get a handful of you to meet with me to discuss the future that would be great. Let's not forget those veterans that are already in our ranks, they went through the same process that we are about to embark on. I don't feel that we need to change everything at once, but seek guidance from all generations of members to make a smooth transition. Please get involved with your post, you are the future and we need your input.

Volunteers are also needed for a lot of different projects and events that we are going to be doing this year. With that being said, I am developing two lists, one for general volunteering incorporating events and projects, and another for special skills. If you are a skilled trades person, marketing person, sales person etc. you would fall into the second list, not saying you can't be on both, but we need to ensure we have the right person for the job when it comes to doing certain things around the facility. If you are interested, please send me an email to

mklohao762@gmail.com, or let one of the officers know and they will get me the information.

In closing, please check on each other with buddy checks, let us know how we can help you, and lastly have a happy new year!!! Mark

Taps:

Richard "Dick" Pytlac January 29th 2024, David Wayne Patrick January 20,2024

Adjutant's Corner:

I want to thank everyone for a great membership year. We have surpassed the 100% membership goal at 108.75% to goal. We have brought in 102 new members so far this membership year. However, we still have approximately 98 members that have not renewed. If you haven't renewed there is still time to get your 2024 membership card and not lose your continuous membership years.

Welcome new members from January through March.

Trf 225	Chuck Barko	Vietnam	USAF
New	Malcolm Clever	Other	USAF
New	Debby Farrar	Other	USAF
New	Jeffrey Gale	Lebanon Grenada	USN
New	Donald Gilson	GW Terrorism	USA
Trf 225	Vern Gray	Vietnam	USA
New	Clarence Hinkle	GW Terrorism	USA
Trf 171	Michael Huber	Vietnam	USAF
New	Woodrow Raymond	Vietnam	USN
New	Denise Komperda	Vietnam	USN
New	Ty Larson	GW Terrorism	USMC
Trf 225	David Miller	Vietnam	USMC
Trf 225	Kevin Murphy	Other	USA
Trf 225	Gerald Noe	Vietnam	USN
Trf 22	Andres Perez	GW Terrorism	USN
New	Floyd Perry	Panama	USN
New	Bradley Peterson	Other	USN
New	Anthony Smith	GW Terrorism	USA
New	Mark Smith	Other	USA
New	Randy Standard	Lebanon Grenada	USMC
New	Louis Thompson	Vietnam	USA
New	Karilyn Trent	Lebanon Grenada	USAF
Trf 225	Leslie Watters	Lebanon Grenada	USN
Trf 225	Daniel Zdziepk	Vietnam	USA
Trf 558	Aaron Zoppetti	GW Terrorism	USA

We still have lots of opportunities for volunteers. We need to hear from our members for fresh ideas. Come in and enjoy your Post.

Nominations for officers are in April and elections in May. We also need to fill committees.

We are looking at the talent in the Post. If you are an electrician, plumber, carpenter etc. let us know. There is always something that needs fixed or a new project to be done.

Lastly, be safe and remember the Post is here for you!

Sons of the American Legion:

****Excitement and Gratitude: A Look Forward to a Vibrant Summer with the Sons of the American Legion***

Dear Members and Friends of the Sanford American Legion #443,

As the warmer months approach, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) find ourselves buoyed by a sense of anticipation and community spirit. Our dedication to our community and country remains unwavering, and we are eager to embark on the activities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

****A Tradition of Support and Celebration: The Annual Gun Raffle****

This summer, we continue a cherished tradition that not only brings us together but also supports our ongoing projects and initiatives. The SAL is in the initial stages of planning for our yearly gun raffle. The enthusiasm for this event is palpable, as we soon will commence our selection process, ensuring that we offer an exciting array of options for our participants. This raffle is not just an event; it's a manifestation of our commitment to unity, support, and the principles we hold dear.

****Catering Services: Bringing Our Hospitality to Your Events****

In our ongoing efforts to serve and engage with our community, the SAL is proud to offer catering services for local events held at our post. Our team is ready to provide exceptional culinary experts tailored to your needs. Whether you are planning a small gathering or a large celebration, we invite you to contact us for a quote. Our dedication to quality and service is unmatched, and we look forward to enhancing your events with our catering expertise.

****Leadership and Recognition: Nominations and Thanks****

As we look to the future, the importance of leadership and recognition within our ranks cannot be overstated. In April, we will be holding officer nominations, a crucial step in ensuring that our organization continues to thrive under capable and visionary leadership. The voting on these nominations will take place in May, with the officer installations scheduled for June. This is a significant time for us, as it reaffirms our commitment to strong leadership and the values we uphold.

In this spirit of recognition, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dennis Murray for his many years of exceptional service as commander of the SAL. Denny, your contributions have been invaluable, and your leadership has left an indelible mark on our organization. You are truly a SAL ROCKSTAR, and your legacy will continue to inspire us.

****A Call to Participation: Monthly Meetings****

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. These gatherings are not only a time to conduct our business but also an opportunity for fellowship and shared purpose. Your participation is crucial to our success, and I encourage all members to attend whenever possible. Together, we are stronger and can achieve great things.

As we move forward, let us carry with us a sense of purpose and community. The activities and events we have planned are more than just items on a calendar; they are opportunities to reaffirm our commitment to each other and to the principles that guide us.

Until we meet again, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Dean Titus - SAL Commander

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary:

Hi Ladies, remember this month is poppy month, come to the meeting to see how we will help the post with the Poppy sales, see you at our meeting. Samanta

American Legion Riders:

Beef Raffle- Contact any of the Riders for tickets or get them at the bar. April 27th Brisket day, presale to reserve coming soon, Contact Riders for more information. Memorial Day on Main St 10am.

June 1st Lawnmower raffle day get your tickets from Riders at the bar. June 14th Legacy Run we are making our post a stop.

June 15th Beutel Run-public welcome! Diner and silent auction

June 24th 98.5 bike night 6-8 pm

Post Service Officer

Hi, If you need help with a VA claim, VA Pension, missing medals, DD form 214, burial information or anything else, come to a post meeting and meet with me or call 361-443-4106 or email Phillipglass57@yahoo.com . If you would like your newsletter by hard copy regular mail please contact me on the above phone number we will be emailing your newsletter the next quarter to save costs. See you at the post meeting
Phil

House / Building Committee:

We are busy with the building repairs. We have fixed a lot of cosmetic things around the building hall, bar, and restrooms, put in some new emergency lighting and repaired tiles in the hall floor. We have had a few meetings and discussed our future building expansion. As the Commander said earlier, we need people with trade skills to help us with the building and grounds. We recently had our first work party to repair items and a deep clean of our kitchen thanks to all who came to help. We meet on the 1st Monday evening at 7:30 after the Sons meeting. Thanks Phil





2024 1st Annual Car Show :

On Saturday June 22nd we will be putting on a Car Show to benefit our veterans programs, see the attached flier. Bring out your favorite car or motorcycle or just come out to look and have a burger and visit. We will be selling post Shirts / hats, 50/50 drawings, cooking some burgers and dogs and will have some good music playing.





Post Elections :

The post elections will be held on May 13th this year, with nominations being held on April 8th, it's your chance to determine your post supervision and management team. Ensure your dues are up to date so you can vote. Membership cards will be checked at the door, we need all Legion members to attend as this is a very important event.





April 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 SAL meet 6:30pm Building /house committee meeting 7pm	2 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	3	4 Bingo 6pm	5 Vet Grill 4pm	6
7	8 <u>Legion &</u> <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>meeting</u> <u>7pm</u>	9 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	10 Blue star mothers 6pm	11 Bingo 6pm	12 Vets grill open 4pm	13 Hill Billy Hoe Down 6:30pm
14 8:30 am SAL Breakfast	15 <u>Legion</u> <u>Riders</u> <u>meeting</u> <u>7pm</u>	16 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	17	18 Bingo 6pm	19 Vets Grill Open 4pm	20 SAL Volunteers 5pm
21	22	23 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	24 <u>County</u> <u>Emerg</u> <u>meeting</u> <u>7pm</u>	25 Bingo 6pm	26 Vets Grill Open 4pm	27 Brisket Cookout 5pm
28	29 <u>Executive</u> <u>Board</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>7pm</u> 6pm Bar Committee	30 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 				

May 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Bingo 6pm	3 Vets grill 4pm	4
5	6 <u>SAL</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>6:30pm</u>	7 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	8 <u>Blue Star</u> <u>Mothers</u> <u>6pm</u>	9 Bingo 6pm	10 Vets grill 4pm	11
12 SAL Brunch 8:30am Mothers Day	13 <u>Post</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>Elections</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>7pm</u>	14 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm  (Auxiliary)	15	16 Bingo 6pm	17 Vets grill 4pm	18
19	20 <u>Riders</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>7pm</u>	21 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm  (Riders)	22	23 Bingo 6pm	24 Vets grill 4pm	25
26	27 <u>Memorial</u> <u>Day</u> <u>No</u> <u>meetings</u>	28 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	29 County Emerg meeting 7pm	30 Bingo 6pm	31	

June 2024

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2	3 SAL Meeting 6:30pm Building/House 7:30pm	4 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	5	6 Bingo 6pm	7 Vets Grill 4pm	8
9 8:30 am SAL Breakfast	10 Post Meeting 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	11 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	12 Blue Star mothers 6pm	13 Bingo 6pm	14 Vets Grill 4pm Flag day ceremony Legacy Run	15
16 Fathers day	17 Riders Meeting 7pm	18 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	19	20 Bingo 6pm	21 Vets Grill 4pm	22 Post Car Show 9AM-3PM
23	24 98.5 Bike night 6pm BAR Committee 7pm E Committee	25 Hamburger 5pm-7:30pm 	26	27 Bingo 6pm	28 Vets Grill 4pm	29
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