

### **Officer's Call** **Commander's Report**

I would like to thank those members who took the time to come out and vote. We did not fill all the Officer positions, but I feel confident that the right people will come forward to volunteer to serve in those vacant positions and we will have another productive year. Anyone who is a member in good standing and thinks they would like to fill one of the empty positions, Sgt-at-Arms, Historian or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, please contact myself or any other Board member. A very big thank you to the members who did volunteer to fill a position, and to those who stayed on board for the 2009-2010 Legion year.

Installation of the newly elected Officers will be Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. I would like to see a good turnout in support of those you have chosen to lead our Organization for this year.

I am excited about what I am hearing of spring and summer activities at our Post .home. As I have said before, I would love to see some thing that would get the local community more involved with our Post, such as Car washes, yard sales, Bar-B-Q's.

I am very proud of the breakfast we hold once a month which is talked about by everyone. Thanks for a great job done by all. While on the subject, we used to hold more dinners and this is sliding by the way side. If there are people who think they would like to do a dinner, please talk to me and we will get a team of volunteers together and get things going.

For God and Country,  
*Tony Gerner, Commander*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice's Report**

As of the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, our membership stands at 545, including 25 new members. 396 of our members have renewed for 2009 which puts us at 95.38%

Keep in mind, **“The cost of membership is small in comparison to the price you paid to be eligible.”**

*Lloyd Loy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice's Report**

Congratulations to the winners of the pool tournament for May, they are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place-Steve Holt and Bob Nagle. No 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The winning team won four games by the opposing team scratching on the eight ball. That's a first! Cliff Burns' new nickname is now "SCRATCH", Steve and Bob both said to tell you thanks.

As you may or may not know, I have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander for 13 out of 15 years and have enjoyed it but I did not run this year. Alan Kravitz is your new activities coordinator and I will be helping him all I can. He welcomes your suggestions for some new and old activities and please come and volunteer at the post so we can get some new blood and new things going on around here. I have enjoyed being 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and hope this year brings good things to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who has helped with anything around the post, your assistance has and still is appreciated. See you around the post.

June scheduled events:

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009-Pool Tournament

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009-Installation of new officers

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009-Karaoke with Babs @ 8pm

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Karaoke with Babs @ 8pm.

**Upcoming Key Events**

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Auxiliary meeting at 6:30PM**

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM**

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – General Membership meeting and installation of officers at 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – House Committee meeting at 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – SAL meeting at 6:00PM**

*Diane Ramsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander*

**Club Manager's Comments:**

Thanks to Bob "Sunshine" Giradot for buying Sunday food for the post on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, just because he wanted to. Thanks sweetie, we love you!!

I would like to thank John Disler (Jack Disler's son) for coming by the post and looking at the stove and ovens, they were not working properly and he came by on his time just for us. Thanks again John.

Thanks to Jerry Sall for painting the shed. It looks great. I would also like to thank Jack Disler for fixing the light in the kitchen and the one over the member's everlasting board. You are awesome!

**June Birthdays**

Mark Felske – June 12<sup>th</sup>

Mark McFann – June 15<sup>th</sup>

Wanda Newman – June 20<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to participate in the monthly birthday recognition, please forward the month and date you were born to me at the Post Home at [rpcomm6759@aol.com](mailto:rpcomm6759@aol.com) or at 703-941-9608.

*Diane Ramsey, Club Manager*

**Post Adjutant's Corner**

**Executive and General Membership Meeting**

**Reports:**

**Executive Committee meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 5th.

Commander Gerner opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Members present were Commander Gerner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ramsey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Knight, Adjutant and Service Officer Wohlford, Auxiliary President Keating, SAL

Commander Cole. Absent from the meeting were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Loy, Sergeant-at-Arms Conger and Historian Strickler who had resigned from the position.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ramsey reported that the pool tournament would be held on the first Friday of the month. She also reported that there would be karaoke with Babs on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May, and there would be a wedding party in the hall from 5 to 11 on the 11<sup>th</sup>, also that the breakfast scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> had been moved to the 31<sup>st</sup>. She also reported that we would be entering a bed in the Annandale bed race for charity.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Knight reported that the House Committee had reviewed the purchase of a hot dog machine along with a nacho machine and the total would be \$1155.00. The purchase of these would split between the Legion, the Auxiliary and the SAL. Until we hear from the Auxiliary and the SAL on their contributions the purchase was tabled.

Finance Officer Long reported that the Post lost money in April and that we need to severely curtail our giving money to charity.

Service Officer Wohlford had nothing to report.

Chaplain Trujillo reported that Tommy Longuillo was in the hospital, and that her efforts towards raising funds for breast cancer research had netted \$3800.00 so far.

SAL member McFann discussed getting Verizon FIOS in the post and gave the Committee a rundown on the costs. A motion was made to go with FIOS, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commander Gerner closed the meeting at 7:20 PM after thanking all Committee members for their service over the past year.

**General Membership meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup>

Commander Gerner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a salute to the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

Chaplain Trujillo gave the opening invocation.

Officers absent were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ramsey and Sergeant at Arms Conger.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Loy reported on membership which stands at 455 with 396 renewals 26 new members and 33 Paid Up For Life members.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Knight reported on the House Committee on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. He also reported that complaints had again been received about the use of language in the club room, and reminded everyone that obscene or abusive language is not acceptable.

Finance Officer Gordon Long gave the finance report.

Chaplain Trujillo reported that there was no update on "Big" Mike Gillians.

Commander Gerner asked if there was any new business to be brought before the membership.

Commander Gerner asked if there was any unfinished business.

#### **For The Good of the Legion**

Chaplain Trujillo reported that a team of 12 had participated in the "Walk to Empower" walking 3 miles and raising \$3000.00.

The post will have a team in the Annandale Bed race.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 waiting for the counting of ballots to finish. The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 with Commander Gerner turning the meeting over to Past Commander Plaugher.

Past Commander Plaugher informed the membership of the rules surrounding the election of officers, and informed the membership of the officers elected. Commander Tony Gerner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice is vacant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Alan Kravitz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Lloyd Loy, Finance Officer Randy Newman, Chaplain Gretchen Trujillo, Service Officer Marv Rodney, Sergeant at Arms is as the Historian position.

Chaplain Trujillo gave the closing Benediction.

Commander Gerner closed the meeting at 8:45PM with a salute to the colors.

#### **Finance Officer's Report**

The finance report for May 2009 will be placed on the Post Bulletin Board prior to the June General Membership meeting.

*Gordon Long, Finance Officer*

#### **American Legion Auxiliary Report**

Girls State/Boys State program  
The Girls State and Boys State Program is a week-long training in government, citizenship and

leadership sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary. We believe that educating our youth about the basic ideals and principles of our system of government will help to ensure the survival of our republic. Through a unique citizenship training program, the youth of our nation are guided toward an understanding, comprehension and appreciation of their roles as United States Citizens.

The 2009 Girls State will be once again held at Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia, June 21-June 27. Boys State will be at Liberty University in the same time period. They are divided into two parties and live in dorms that are separated into cities. Among other events, they participate in mock elections, run their cities and state governments, observe the POW/MIA ceremony, and learn respect for the flag and proper flag disposal. In many cases, it is a life-changing experience. The delegates also enjoy meeting others from all over the state with different cultures and backgrounds, and making life-long friends.

Our assignment within the Seventeenth District is to sponsor delegates from our close schools. The Boys State Chairman, Tommy Longuillo, and Auxiliary Girls State Chairman, Karen McDaniel, work with the high school counselors in the selection.

This year the Girls State delegates will be: Annandale High School: Cassady Keller, Christina Bui, Salma Mohamed, Jennifer Oakes. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology: Amelia Friedman, Alison Kosmacki, Lyndsey Wheeler. Lake Braddock Secondary School: Francisca Montoya Rodriguez, Kelly Vingelis, Coleen Garrott, Megan Larsen. The names of the Boys State delegates are not available at this time, but we are sponsoring nine rising seniors from Annandale High School and Thomas Jefferson. Due to health problems, Tommy will probably not be able to serve as a counselor at Boys State for the first time in many years. Ken Knight will be there!

Funding for sponsorship comes from various sources. Post 1976 paid for four Boys State delegates and two for Girls State. The Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion Squadron 1976 paid for one girl each. The schools are asked to help. Knights of Columbus, (Fairfax Council 4492) provided money for one each for Boys and Girls State. The Rotary Foundation of Annandale paid for two and Annandale Women's Club, one. If you know members of these organizations, please give them a handshake! We are proud that Girls State/Boys State was one of the first programs to be supported by Post 1976. THANK YOU LEGIONNAIRES!

*Karen McDaniel, Girls State Chairman*

Our Poppy drive on May 9<sup>th</sup> was a success as was our trip to Rolling Thunder. I sure hope that we can out do last year. I will keep you posted. Thanks for the help.

*Wilma Ranck, Poppy Chairman*

done more and I'm looking forward to working with Marv to assist our members and other Veterans.  
*Bob Wohlford, Post Service Officer*

### **Sergeant-at-Arms Column**

At this time there is nothing new to report.  
*Ricky Conger, Sergeant- at- Arms*

### **Trivia and Quote Section**

#### **Answers to Last Month's Regular Trivia**

What were Sterlings, Halifaxes and Lancasters? British bombers in WW-II

What actually killed Elvis? Elvis had an irregular heart beat.

#### **Answers to Last Month's Sports Trivia**

Who is the only NBA player to score 100 points in a game? Wilt Chamberlain.

#### **This Month's Regular Trivia**

(Answers next month)

What was the relationship between Gengis and Kublai Khan?

What bird is multicolored in the summer, but it's feathers turn white in winter?

#### **This Month's Sports Trivia**

(Answers next month)

Where was the first West coast baseball game played and in what year?

#### **Bar Talk**

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### **Chaplain's Report**

#### **Sick Call**

**Mark Felske  
Tex Malin  
Mike Gillians  
Taps**

Our Legion Post 1976 has raised approximately \$5000.00 for the Breast Cancer Network of Strength. Thanks to all team participants for doing an outstanding fundraising job. The team is very appreciative of all the support from the Post, Post members, and contributions from the 40 & 8.

Please keep Mike Gillian in your prayers.

*Gretchen C. Trujillo, Chaplain*

### **Post Historian Column**

We are presently without a Historian.

### **Service Officer Column**

Nothing to report this month. Starting in June, Marv Rodney will be your new Service Officer. I have enjoyed helping those I did, I just wish I could have


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