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AMERICAN LEGION POST 71

Are You using your Membership Benefits?

Being a member in good standing with The American Legion has many benefits, some which you may not be aware:

Prescription drugs: Members receive a 20% saving on CVS products nationwide visit www.caremark.com/legion

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Want to know more? Go to www.legion.org, select Who We Are, then Member Discount Programs. Don't miss out on the benefits you deserve as a member of The American Legion.

Auxiliary members, you have benefits, too. Go to www.legion-aux.org , select Membership, then Discounts/Benefits.

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Commander's Corner

As I'm writing this, our Post #71 Color Guard is on it's way to pay final tribute to a departed veteran. The temperature is 9 degrees and our guys are out there. I get a lot of thanks for what these guys do for our Post and all the veterans. All I can say is I'm proud of them and thanks for all that they do.

We will be presenting a check to Department for over \$6,000.00 for The Gifts to the Yanks Program. For every bag of 13's we sell, \$5.00 is donated to this program. The Gifts to the Yanks program gives comfort items to our veterans in Illinois VA Hospitals and Nursing homes. The veterans and their families appreciate it very much. I received a thank you card from Martha Curtis for the sweat suit her husband Wayne received at the Champaign County Nursing Home. We also donate the proceeds from 1 breakfast each year to this program.

American Legion Baseball

Post 71 will again have a Legion baseball team. I've heard we will also have a Junior team. Our coaches can now register their teams on line. I'm sure this will save them a lot of paperwork. Come to the February Breakfast and help support our young ball-players and have a great breakfast, too. 8 bucks takes you all the way. Hope to see you February 7th.

Volunteers

Would you like to come to the Employees and Volunteers Xmas Party next year? Here's how. Volunteer! Not just 1 time though. We have a great group of volunteers and we usually have between 20 and 25 workers for the breakfasts. I am already planning our Special Olympics trip to Bloomington. That will be June 12

from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's fun and you get to see where our hard work by our all our volunteers goes to help these Special Olympians.

Nominations of Officers

Nominations for Officers at Post 71 will be taken at the February meeting. Interested? Come to the meeting on Monday February 8th at 7:00 p.m. I will guarantee, you could probably get an officer spot. Jim Marshall was appointed as the chairman and Neal Bollman and Gary Michael are also on the Nominating Committee.

Have you seen it?

40/8 Voyageur Chris Bonner still hasn't seen his Marine Corps beer huggie since Christmas. Maybe he was a bad boy and Santa took it. I'm sure it will show up.

Spring is on the way..

Yours in Service
Bruce Brown
Commander

From Your President

Dear Members,

Our meeting was held January 13, 2010 at 6:30 with 7 members present.

Our Education Chairman, Starr Dalton, reported the donation of 100 pairs of gloves to the local schools, as part of the "Give 10 to Education" program. She also made motions to donate to the Department Scholarship program.

She also reported the Scholarship application will be coming out in March or April, since we

now award the scholarships in August.

Our VA and R Chairman was not present, but we are waiting for information as to the needs at the Illiana Health care system. Maura Michael will be contacting a representative of the Champaign County Nursing Home concerning needs and wishes for Easter gifts.

Our Past Presidents Parlay Chairman, Maura Michael, will be assembling Valentine's Day gifts for the women veterans in the Illiana VA and nursing homes.

The Poppy Seminar will be held in Danville in March. Poppy Chairmen Joann Brown and Kayla Kidwell plan to attend.

We received thank you notes from all of the soldiers we sent packages. All were so surprised and pleased to receive so much from our Post.

We will be hosting the Champaign County Auxiliary meeting February 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our next meeting will be February 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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From Your President continued

PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY

Members who have served the Auxiliary as Unit, Department and/or National Presidents are a valuable resource to the organization. As members of the Past Presidents Parley committee, they put their leadership experience to good use, offering guidance and/or counsel on any activity or problem requiring special support or emphasis. Committee members also maintain a scholarship fund for nurses and contribute to the "Women in Military Service" memorial. The Past Presidents Parley is a primary source of support for hospitalized women veterans. (from American Legion Auxiliary website)

Our Past President Parley Chairman is Maura Michael.

God Bless America

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SUPER BOWL PARTY

Join us February 7, 2010 starting at 4:00 p.m. We will have food and snacks and you can watch the game on one of our 12 TV's. After the game we will be drawing the winners of our 2 40" TV's.

TUESDAY DINNERS AT THE LEGION

Serving from 4:00 to 6:30p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 PEPPER STEAK/ROAST PORK
FEBRUARY 9 FRIED CHICKEN/MEAT LOAF
FEBRUARY 16 BAKED FISH/SMOTHERED STEAK
FEBRUARY 23 BEEF STROGANOFF/CHICKEN BREAST

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE SALADS, ENTRÉE, VEGETABLE, HOMEMADE PIES AND CAKES AND COFFEE OR ICED TEA

TO GO ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE

PRICE: ADULTS \$8.00

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$4.00

SAL News

Dear Comrades,

Our Honor Guard has been busy this past month with military rites for several departed comrades. May they rest in peace. Let's take a moment in our busy lives to pray for these men and women who have dedicated their lives to our freedom.

Thank you Honor Guard for braving this extreme cold weather to pay respects.

At the January meeting, we have prepared to elect new officers for 2010-2011. The nomination committee is as follows: Gus Robertson, (Chairman), Tony Rubin and Richard Brand. If you would like to make a nomination the February, March and April meetings are the times to do so. Nominations can be made from the floor. SAL meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Service

Dan Schmidt

SAL Commander

BREAKFAST



The next breakfast will be February 7th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you're hungry for a big breakfast, come on down to the Post for biscuits and gravy, breakfast potatoes, fresh fruit, bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs and homemade cinnamon rolls. February breakfast proceeds go to American Legion Baseball Hope to see you there.



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FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 BREAKFAST 8-11 SUPERBOWL PARTY	8 SAL. MTG. 7:00 P.M. BUDWEISER.	9 DINNER FRIED CHICKEN MEAT LOAF	10 AUXILIARY MTG 6:30 P.M.	11 \$1.50 BEER EXCEPT CORONA AND MICH	12	13
14 \$2.00 BLOODY MARYS	15 Service Brd Mtg 5:00 p.m. BUD SELECT	16 BAKED FISH SMOTHERED STEAK	17	18 \$1.50 BEER EXCEPT CORONA AND MICH	19	20
21 \$2.00 BLOODY MARYS	22 BUSCH	23 DINNER BEEF STROGANOFF CHICKEN BREAKFAST	24	25 \$1.50 BEER EXCEPT CORONA AND MICH	26	27
28 \$2.00 BLOODY MARYS						