



Post 372

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Commanders Message



As you might know by now, we have stopped printing the Scoop as it was getting too costly for us. The Scoop will be emailed to our members who we have an email address for, it will also be on our web site at alch372.com.

We had the last one sent to everyone's email address.

The changeover took a little longer than anticipated, so articles written were not in the last Scoop. I had a few things in there that I would like to mention here as I feel it is necessary to thank those who contribute all their time.

The SAL's had a great family day, we thank you for that.

The Riders had an awesome pig roast, thanks.

Contributions from many, especially from Sue Quinn, the POW/MIA Recognition Day event went very well, I hope that this is the

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- General Mtg—4th Tues 7:30pm
- Auxiliary Mtg—1st Mon 7pm
- SAL Mtg—3rd Wed 7:30pm
- Riders Mtg—4th Mon 7pm

(Be sure to check with an Officer for any changes in meeting dates/times)

start of an annual event at the Post.

Thanks go out to the Cherry Hill PBA for another outstanding Veterans Appreciation Dinner. All at the Post are grateful for all that you do for us.

It would be great to see more of our general membership show up occasionally to our meetings, we could use your input on ideas and other help for our veterans, community etc. It is great being a member, but just being a member to say you're a member doesn't help the Post move forward. We have a membership department which includes, well everyone. We should all be looking for new members, our application is small you could carry a couple in your wallet.

This way you will have it with you just in case so you can sign up a new member.

Just a little bit of information, in 1969 the Legion membership was just a little over two million members. In the 90's it grew to three million. As of today, we are about one and a half million. Our membership is going the wrong way, that's why we all must talk to any vets we meet to help get the numbers back up to where they should be.

This is the 100th anniversary of the American Legion, we

are in the planning stages of a celebration for this event. Hope to see all out there, more information will be provided when it is complete.

Don't forget March and April we have nominations for officers with elections following in April. Make sure you have your membership card for 2019 with you so you can run for office and to vote. Hope to see many of you out at the meetings.

For God and Country
Joe (GRIZZ) Merimonde
Commander

American Legion

SHUFFLEBOARD

Sundays 2pm (March 24 - May 19)

"Just for Fun"



Every Sunday March 24th,
To Sunday May 19th

Can't make it some days? That's okay,
Just come when you can!

X's Game

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Daily Upkeep and Spring Cleaning!

Kudos to the members who help out with daily upkeep of the Legion—from emptying trashcans, sweeping, replenishing toiletries, and such. It really helps when everyone chips in!

Aside from normal upkeep, we've got some maintenance / upgrades going on with the help of several

of our handy members!

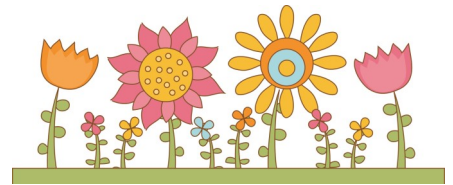
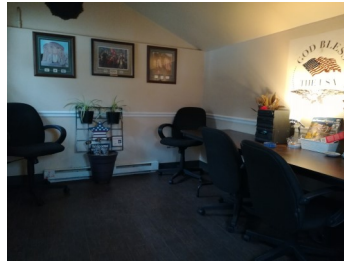
With Spring right around the corner, stay tuned as we may schedule a "Spring Cleaning" day. If we can get a crew together the tasks at hand, such as baseboards, pictures, fans, etc., won't seem so drab!

What a great way it would be to show our appreciation

and gratitude to the Post 372 Veterans!

Of course we can't forget cleaning up the outside grounds either! And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the beautiful array of flowers / plants that will soon fill in the Legion landscape!

If you have any flowers, bulbs, top soil, or mulch you would like to donate, please contact Sue at squinn9807@aol.com.



Legion Riders Director Message

Warmer weather means time to ride...

For some of the riders, riding never ended in the winter months and they continue to attend flag lines, funeral escorts for the fallen and welcome home events on their bike, but for others, their bike has been under wraps for the winter and they are ready to dust it off in anticipation of spring.

If you're a biker, you may be thinking maintenance might be needed before you hit the road or maybe an upgrade to gear that you've had for a while. In addition you may want to consider a rider safety refresher course. It can't hurt to brush up your skills and you may even learn something new along the way. The American Legion Website at www.legion.org/ riders is a great resource with the "Rider Safety Corner", rider's stories, event postings and more. With more drivers on the road than

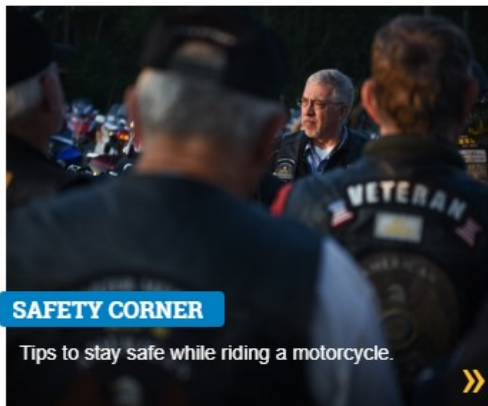
ever before, and some roads not being properly maintained, it helps to follow some simple safety rules:

- Do a pre-ride inspection of your bike
- Do a pre-ride before the planned ride so there's no surprises with road work or traffic patterns
- Wear safety gear/glasses
- Check your mirrors frequently
- Use signals, never assume someone knows where you're headed
- Ride with a friend, there's safety in numbers

It never hurts to prepare and rethink your trip on the bike....

With some riders still employed full time, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to attend daytime events, escorts or flag lines. For those of our retired riders that attend and make sure these events are covered during the day, we say, Thank you!

If you aren't part of the riders group, but would like to continue to support veteran's causes outside the legion, check out Patriot Connection at www.Patriotconnections.org founded by our very own, Sue Quinn Morris. Many events posted are not just bike events, but open to anyone who wishes to attend and support our veterans. Hope to see you on the road....



For God and Country
Frank Andrea
Director, Legion Riders

Auxiliary Presidents Message

How wonderful that spring is right around the corner. I for one am ready for the warmer weather although I will miss my seat by the fireplace. The auxiliary has been very busy these last few months. Our visit to Home for the Brave in January was well appreciated by the 30 veterans residing there. We supplied each one with new towels, wash cloths, body wash and razors. We also provided them lunch of hoagies, soda, chips and some homemade desserts by our auxiliary baker Teri

Cosgrove. It was a nice turnout from our Auxiliary, SALs and even our Commander.

The Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and once again supported our Luau dance and our raffle tree. Again it was a sold out dance in just 3 weeks. Everyone had a great time and our basket donations were a hit. Once again both were a huge success for our post. Congrats go to our auxiliary member Joyce Kent for being the winner of the pull tab tree. We cannot

thank everyone enough for your donations, support and help for this event. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Auxiliary ladies. We certainly could not have done this without you. Every dollar of the proceeds from this event will go towards helping our local veterans and our Post. Keep an eye out for more raffles during spring and summer from the auxiliary. We have some really nice donations to raffle off that you won't want to miss. We will post these flyers in the canteen when tickets become available. Auxiliary Officer elections are right around the corner. If you would like to run for a position, or not, come out and attend our meetings on the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm. We can always use your help and opinions. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

For God and Country,
Lynn Collings
Auxiliary President



Sorry Kitchen
CLOSED

TBones Grill Closed

We are saddened to report that the Legion kitchen is closed. Our most recent cook, Jim Theisen, went on a different career path and we wish him well.

We do have snacks and a wide variety of delivery menus for you to browse through. With a plethora of restaurants in our area, there is surely something that will appeal to you.