

JAN / FEB 2016

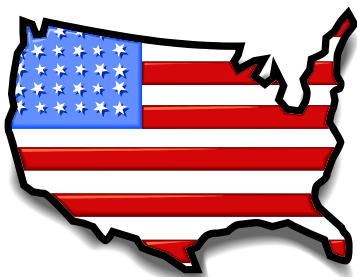
Greetings from the Post,

The new year is upon us and we have much work to do. Our National Commander Dale Barnett's theme for the year is "Duty, Honor, Country." It's a theme that is familiar to us. It was ingrained into all branches of service. It is our duty to pledge ourselves to our veterans, our youth, our National Defense, and the ideal of Americanism. We must do our best to support these four pillars of strength that shape our America. We must act honorably and serve alongside each other to better our communities. Finally, we still need to answer the call of our country. She needs us to fight for her principles.

January starts the new year as we recognize the Vietnam War cease fire on the 27th. February is Americanism month where we are reminded of our love for America and her principles. We reflect on our liberty, individualism, happiness, religious freedom, and patriotism. February also marks the anniversary of the sinking of the troopship USAT Dorchester and one of the greatest acts of Americanism and brotherhood. As the troopship sank, four chaplains, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Methodist, and Dutch Reformed, gave their own lifejackets to four other soldiers. They were last seen, united in prayer and song as the ship went down. Finally, February brings us President's Day where we recognize our forefathers and give thanks for their wisdom.

We are 2.5 million veterans; With our Auxiliary and our Sons we are 4 million. Come stand with us!

If you have not already paid your dues – get it done! We need you.



**For God and Country;
Commander,**

Michelle M. Aaron

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: JANICE GRUBER

We need a volunteer to take over the Wednesday night raffle bake sale starting in January. Desserts are needed ladies.

We also need a treasurer. You must be able to attend the meetings. We want to wish Karen Mills, our current treasurer, good luck on their new move. We will miss her.

I have scholarship info. Nursing scholarship is also available. Call Janice at 697-2373 for more info on any scholarships.

Lunch for January and February will be tenderloins and fries.

Dues after January 1st will increase to \$35/yr. New members will need to turn in a copy of DD214 for the person you are joining the auxiliary under.

Patriotic Conference will be March 18, 2016 at Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel / Conference Center.

Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield, IL on February 12th.

If you would like to volunteer with the auxiliary, please attend our meetings and let us know. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Post 979.

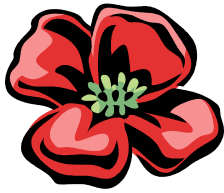
American Legion Riders Post 979



Fellow Riders,

Well the cold weather has brought many of our riders' season to an end, but we are planning our events for the upcoming year. We are working on events, raffles and ideas to represent ourselves in the community in the same positive way we always have. We will have raffle tickets available soon for this years' bike project. One of our largest representatives will be leaving us for a new start in Tennessee. Dave "General" Mills, and his wife Karen "Pidge" will be leaving after the new year. We all wish them the best in their new adventure together, they both will be missed among our group. We will be posting our 2015 Iron Butt winners and starting off a new challenge as the New Year begins. Dues are also needed at the start of the year, if you have not already done so. Come join us for our next meetings on Jan 14th, and Feb 11th at 6PM on the hall side.

**Adam "Ace" Smith
President, Post 979
American Legion Riders**



Sympathy Wishes to the Families of:

KENNETH SIEBENTHAL
DANNY SCHUTTE
EVERETT SKAGGS
JOHN "KURT" HIDDEN
WILLIARD "BILL" BENEAN
WANDA RIPPER (Mother passed)
BILLY RANDALL (Step-Son passed)
DON GUDAT (Brother passed)
JIM TRANCHITELLA (Brother passed)

CACHE WINNERS FROM NOV. / DEC.

\$100 DWAYNE ALLEN
CLARENCE WORLEY

\$75 HANK KELLINGTON
BOBBY SANFORD

\$50 MIKE CLOSEN
JOHN DICKSON

\$25 DALE REAKENWALT
GENE SAAL

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

JANUARY 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM



Dinner is open to members and family.
Subject is Investment Services and issues with
Medicare, Social Security, Veterans Affairs,
and other related subjects.
Sign –up sheet is at the bar.

FALL FLING WINNERS

\$1000- JIM KOEHL

\$500- JUDD SCHWINDENHAMMER

\$500- TANYA WILLIAMS


\$250- JUDY BILL

\$250- JEROLD PITZER

\$100 WINNERS:

JAMES SHRYOCK, LAWRENCE WILLIAMS, ROBERT
HEIRMAN, DERELL, FLEENER, & EARL EDGINGTON

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Happy New Year! FOOD/ 5 - 8 PM	2 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
3	4 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	5 GOULASH & GARLIC BREAD SAL MTG 6:30	6 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	7 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	8 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	9 SLICED CHICKEN POTATOES & GRAVY GREEN BEANS
10	11	12 PIZZA MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING 7 pm	13 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	14 FOOD 5 - 8 A L RIDERS MTG 6 PM	15 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR TOM BECKMAN	16 TENDERLOINS & FRIES
17	18	19 CHILLI & GRILLED CHEESE VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER (free) 5:00 PM	20 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	21 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	22 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	23 PORK WILD WINGS POTATO SALAD & COLESLAW
24	25	26 HAMBURGERS, CHIPS & BAKED BEANS	27 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	28 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	29 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR NUT & HONEY	30 CHICKEN STRIPS WINGS & FRIES
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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	2 TENDERLOINS & FRIES SAL MTG 6:30	3 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	4 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	5 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	6 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
7 SUPER BOWL PARTY	8	9 PIZZA MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING 7 pm	10 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	11 FOOD 5 - 8 A L RIDERS MTG 6 PM	12 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	13 CHILLI COOK-OFF
14	15	16 CHICKEN & NOODLES GRN BEANS, PEAS, BREAD & BUTTER	17 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	18 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	19 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR AL & DIANE	20 TENDERLOINS & FRIES
21 NASCAR PARTY	22	23 HAMBURGERS, CHIPS & BAKED BEANS	24 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	25 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	26 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR NUT & HONEY	27 SLOPPY JOES POTATO SALAD & COLESLAW
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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

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

The American Legion **50/50 Drawing** held every Wednesday at the Post helps support many Legion and Community Projects like these and more.

AMERICAN LEGION

Legion Baseball	Gifts to the Yanks
Quincy VA Home	Special Olympics
Danville VA Home	Legion Special Projects
Manteno VA Home	Boys State

COMMUNITY

Limestone Sports	Grade School Sports
Special Programs	Community Requests
Limestone Band	Little League Baseball
JFL Football	Relay for Life
Food Pantries	Christmas Baskets