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AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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Comrades,

Where are you?

Of the 890 Legionnaires, the Post depends on a handful of individuals who step up to take Officer positions. It has been so for some years now. Unfortunately, these individuals can no longer carry the Post alone. They need your help. Two officers hold more than one position, two officers have had to move out of the area, and two more officers are battling extreme health issues. We no longer have a quorum at our meetings. This cannot continue. Something's got to give. If we do not get more participation - **I fear for the Post.**

I understand that some members cannot come to the Post and participate, but with 890 members we should not be having this problem. We are American veterans - NCOs, Enlisted, Officers, leaders, managers, superintendents, and benchmark workers. We have all manner of skills and talents. - Please help us.

Make no mistake...if something were to happen to this Post the surrounding community would be the worse for it...they would most certainly feel our absence. -And contrary to what some may think, we are **not** a bar. We are Limestone American Legion Post 979, Department of Illinois, with the mission of helping veterans and their families. This Post has been lucky enough to be a real force for the American Legion. We have been a heavy hitter...but **our luck has run out.**

Our meetings are the second Tuesday at 7 pm. If you care about the future of our Post, I'd like to see you there to discuss this further. As the Commander I can appoint a member in good standing to complete the term of any open Officer position to stop the bleeding now. After that we will need candidates for the elections in May. We will assist/mentor anyone who steps up - you will not just be tossed into the fire.

Now is the time...You must decide if you are going to save your Post.

For God and Country,
Michelle M. Aaron
Commander
Limestone Post 979

FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

In just a few days we will be celebrating the glorious birth of Jesus; Prince of Peace, Light of the World-Bread of Life. May your New Year be filled with Love, Peace and Joy.

Christmas gifts from Unit #979 were distributed to Heddington Oaks and Wayne Downing by Kay Ingram, VA & R chairman.

We need our paid members attending our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Unit #979 is striving for "gold" in membership by February 28, 2017. Please get your dues paid and the DD214's turned in.

Lincoln Pilgrimage is February 11 & 12, 2018 in Springfield. National Commander and National President will be featured speakers and all are invited to the laying of the wreath at Lincoln's Tomb. Meals and overnight stay are at the Wyndham City Center.

Patriotic Conference is Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at Marriott Conference Center in Normal. We will have speakers on Americanism and National Security programs.

There is a weekly need of bake sale items on Wednesdays. Contact Linda Harkness @ 258-2654 or Karen Dunn @ 232-1610.

Janice Gruber prepares the 3rd Saturday of the month lunches. The menu for Jan. 20th is tortellini soup and sandwiches; Feb. 17th is chicken sandwich and chips. Also on the 4th Monday, lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for Jan. 22nd it will be chili and grilled cheese and Feb. 26th wings strip and fries.

Our ALA Unit #979 Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules were recently updated and approved by Department Chairman, Ann Flanagan. Thanks to Kay Ingram our unit chairman for making these changes possible

The American Legion Family Membership caravan for 16th District will be held at the Henry Post #322 Home on Saturday, January 13th at 11:30 a.m. Here's our opportunity to get membership turned in and meet our Department Commander, Department President and Detachment Commander.

Kay Ingram would appreciate your support to honor our lady Veterans by supplying toiletries. Please bring your items to the bar area and have them "labeled for Lady Veterans, Kay Ingram," VA & R chairman

More details will be announced concerning our money making garage/craft sale in the shelter this spring. There will be table(s) to rent.

Ricky Stahl
Auxiliary President, Post 979

FROM A. L. Post 979 RIDERS

Fellow Riders,

Well another year has passed us by, we had some ups and downs along the way. We lost some great friends and fellow riders, but have also picked up a few new members to join in our efforts. I hope to all this upcoming year is filled with fun and excitement and brings us all good health and memories. Look for some upcoming raffles and other fundraisers from our group and help us raise money and awareness for the American Legion Legacy Fund. We will begin accepting dues for 2018 at the beginning of the year and look forward to catching the 2017 Iron Butt winners in our next newsletter. Please come join us at our upcoming meetings January 12th and February 8th at 6PM on the Hall side.

Adam "Ace" Smith
Director, Post 979 ALR

OCT. / NOV. CACHE WINNERS

\$100	MIKE GARMAN KIM SMITH
\$ 75	LINDA ROBLEY GLEN HAGAN
\$ 50	CATHY Mc CORMACK LORI DAVIS
\$ 25	AL CAMPEN ROY ZABORAC

Sympathy Wishes to the Families of:

BETTY De FRAINE JOE OLSON BILL DURR

DANNY NORTHRUP (Mother passed) DALE McCLAIN (Sister passed)

LINDA CORRAY (Son Passed) PAUL DAVID (Daughter passed)

FALL FLING WINNERS

\$1000 WINNER - TOM GREEN

\$500 WINNERS - PATRICK GIBSON - JIM SHRYOCK

\$250 WINNERS - JERRY BLANKENSHIP - ESTER RUTLEDGE

\$100 WINNERS - DWAYNE ALLEN - ROD CAHILL - RON EDWARDS

DWAYNE ALLEN - ARCHIE "DOC" YELEY

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JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CHICKEN STRIPS, ZINGS, DINGS & FRIES EXEC BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	2 GOULASH, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD SAL MTG 6:30	3 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	4 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	5 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR HAPPY HEART 7:00 PM	6 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
7	8 BUTTERFLY PORK CHOP & BAKED POTATO BAR	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 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR BILLY WASHBURN 7:00 PM	13 HOMEMADE METABALL SANDWICH & FRIES
14	15 SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD	16 CHILI DOG or HOTDOG MAC & CHEESE & CHIPS	17 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	18 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	19 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR BANJOVI & HAWKINS 7:00 PM	20 CHILI COOK-OFF
21	22 TORTELLINI SOUP & SANDWICH	23 HAMBURGERS & SNAP BURGERS BEANS & CHIPS	24 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	25 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	26 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR RICH GILMORE 7:00 PM	27 CHICKEN STRIPS, ZINGS, DINGS & FRIES
28	29 SLOPPY JOES & LOADED POTATO SOUP	30 TENDERLOINS ONION RINGS & FRIES	31 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7			

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				1 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	2 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR DAVE & RODGER 7:00 PM	3 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
4 SUPER BOWL POTLUCK	5 ITALIAN BEEF SANDWICH & CHIPS EXEC BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	6 CHILLI & GRILLED CHEESE SAL MTG 6:30	7 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	8 FOOD 5 - 8 A L RIDERS MTG 6 PM	9 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR AL & DIANE 7:00 PM	10 CHICKEN STRIPS, ZINGS, DINGS & FRIES BE MY VALENTINE DINNER
11	12 HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP & GRILLED CHEESE	13 PIZZA MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING 7 pm	14 VALENTINES DAY 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	15 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	16 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR HAPPY HEART KAROKE 7:00 PM	17 CHICKEN SANDWICH & CHIPS
18 DAYTONA 500 PARTY	19 RIB TIPS & BAKED POTATO BAR	20 PULLED PORK BAKED BEANS & CHIPS	21 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	22 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	23 <i>FOOD 5 - 8 PM</i> MUSIC @ BAR BANJOVI & HAWKINS 7:00 PM	24 TENDERLOINS COLE SLAW & FRIES
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FEBRUARY 4th - SUPER BOWL POTLUCK

FEBRUARY 10th - BE MY VALENTINE DINNER
Cocktails - 5:00 pm Dinner - 5:30
\$30 per couple - payment due with reservation
Sign up at the bar until February 7th
Appetizer, Steak, Baked Potato & Salad

FEBRUARY 18th - NASCAR DAYTONA 500 PARTY 1 PM

Please remember \$5.00 All-You-Can-Eat Mondays and Taco Thursdays.
P.S. Stop in and play a game on our new shuffleboard table!!!

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks,

Monica Jordan
Building Manager

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