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AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Post,

As I write this, 851 of our 977 Legionnaires have paid their dues and I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of this outstanding organization.

That does mean that 126 of you have not renewed and that's who I'd like to address for a moment. I have sent each of you a letter and hope you will take the time to renew your membership. I have appealed to your sense of patriotism, I have appealed to your logic, and I have appealed to your heart. Still you have not paid and are now delinquent. You have been able to say "no" to me. However, I challenge you to take a hard look in the mirror and see that young sailor, soldier, marine, guardsman, or airman that you were. Look into those eyes and explain to that young man or woman why you have chosen not to support your family. I'm not sure they would understand.

A couple final thoughts for everyone – if you are able please come to the meetings to stay informed and help make decisions that guide our Post. Also, if everyone who is able could volunteer even a couple hours a year we would have plenty of manpower towards our programs. For the bold, the officer elections are coming up in May and we'd be more than happy to mentor some new officers!

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

FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We need Bake Sale donations/workers for Wednesday night raffle. It takes all of us to make this work.

The Sweetheart Steak Dinner was very good. Jr, Cheryl, and Norm did a good job. As with everything with the first year there are bound to be kinks to get worked out for next year, but it was a good time and good food. Good job!

16th District Meeting is set for April 1st in the hall. This is a tentative date until I hear back from district.

Scholarship apps (\$500) are in for 2017 graduating high school seniors. I have some others if interested please call me: 697-2373.

Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 8th in shelter at 1:00 pm. Rain date is April 15th. This is open to members only children & grandchildren up to age 10. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in bar. Please put the child's name/age/sex and phone number please. We will fill eggs at 6:30 pm on April 6th.

Gail Schindler will be doing the poppies this year. She will have a sign up sheet for times to help distribute them on the bulletin board in bar area. We need everyone to help, this money helps our veterans.

Lunch for March 18th: Spaghetti & garlic bread.

Lunch for April 15th: Sloppy Joes & French Fries

There will be a St Patrick's Day Lunch on the 17th from 11:00 - 1:00 pm.

Ladies who have not paid your dues yet please do so now. Remember our year runs from July 1st to July 1st. Still need DD214.

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm in the hall. Please plan on attending. We can't help our veterans with out your help.

Janice Gruber
Auxiliary President, Post 979

FROM A. L. Post 979 RIDERS

Fellow Riders,

Well the weather has teased us a few times, and some of us have gotten the chance for some early spring riding. We are excited to get out and start the next adventure.

This year we are changing gears with our raffle and doing a gun drawing. We have 3 great prizes this year. Win 1 of the following:

Henry .22 cal Military Service Special Edition
Winchester Super X3 Black Shadow 28" 12 ga. shotgun
Taurus 738FS TCP .380 Conceal Carry handgun

1st place gets 1st choice, drawing until all 3 are gone. Winner will be responsible for FOID transfer fee of \$35, We are drawing July 12th, 2017- Need not be present to win. Contact any of the Riders for a ticket, we will be selling on Wednesday nights during the next few months at the Post drawings.

Come join us for our next meetings March 9th and April 13th at 6:00 PM.

Adam "Ace" Smith
Director, Post 979 ALR

CACHE WINNERS DECEMBER & JANUARY

\$100	CHARLES TERRRELL MARIANNE LUNA
\$ 75	STEVE DUDLEY KELLY ROBERSON
\$ 50	CHARLES NACHTRIEB MIKE TAYLOR
\$ 25	WAYNE SCHNEIDER DEAN SCHMIDT

Sympathy Wishes to the Families of:

John T. McCormack Dave Diekow William Eisler Eugene Praul
Shirley Myers Robert Ditch Ernest Wileman Thomas Kearns

Jamey & Loren Peacock (Father passed) Tom & Cathy McCormack (Son passed)
Judd & Nancy Schwindenhammer (Son passed) Gary Schwindenhammer (Brother passed)
Ken Webb (Father passed) Nancy Thompson (Father Passed)

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

We have a very active Internet Home Page and a Facebook page:

limestoneamericanlegion979.com is the home page address.

Facebook page is American Legion Post 979.

Check us out. A lot of important information is there for your instant use. Check on activities. Things are happening around our post. NASCAR Sundays, Drink specials and food, and Baseball is ready to start. Any ideas for activities come talk to us. Let's get ready to have some fun!!!!

Bob Zimbelman
Sr. Vice. Commander, Post 979

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, & Green Beer

Friday, March 17th 11:30 am-1:00 pm

American Legion 98th Birthday Party

Keg, Cake, & Ice Cream Provided

Saturday, March 18th 2:00 -5:00 pm

Kids Pizza Party

Pizza & Game Of Bags for the Youngsters

Saturday, March 25th 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt

At the Shelter - Rain date April 15th

Saturday, April 8th 1:00 pm

Memos to the Military

Children write letters to our troops on behalf of the Auxiliary. Not just for the older kids, if the little ones can't write they can draw or color a picture. Hot dogs, chips, & soda will be provided for the children.

Saturday, April 22nd 11:30 am -1:00 pm

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	2 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	3 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	4 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
5	6 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	7 RIB TIPS POTATO SALAD, & COLE SLAW SAL MTG 6:30	8 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	9 FOOD 5 - 8 A L RIDERS MTG 6 PM	10 FOOD 5 - 8 PM MUSIC @ BAR DOUBLE SHOT 7:00 - 11:00 PM	11 WINGS, STRIPS & FRIES
12	13	14 PIZZA MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING 7 pm	15 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	16 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Lunch 11-1 FOOD 5 - 8 PM	18 SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD <i>American Legion Birthday Party 2:00-5:00 pm</i>
19	20	21 TENDERLOINS & FRIES	22 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	23 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	24 FOOD 5 - 8 PM MUSIC @ BAR TOM BECKMAN 7:00 - 11:00 PM	25 TACOS <i>Kids Pizza Party 11:30-1:00 pm</i>
26	27	28 SNAPPER BURGERS CHIPS & BAKED BEANS	29 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	30 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	31 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
2	3 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	4 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, MASHED POTATOES, & LIMA BEANS SAL MTG 6:30	5 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	6 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	7 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR NUT-N-HONEY 7:00 - 11:00 PM	8 PORK WILD <i>EASTER Egg Hunt 1:00</i>
9	10	11 PIZZA MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY MEETING 7 pm	12 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	13 FOOD 5 - 8 A L RIDERS MTG 6 PM	14 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	15 SLOPPY JOES & FRIES
16 CLOSED EASTER	17	18 HAM & BEANS CORNBREAD	19 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	20 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	21 FOOD 5 - 8 MUSIC @ BAR DOUBLE SHOT 7:00 - 11:00 PM	22 TACOS <i>Memos to the Military 11:30 am -1:00 pm</i>
23 30	24	25 SNAPPER BURGERS, CHIPS & BAKED BEANS	26 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7	27 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	28 FOOD/ R & R 5 - 8 PM	29 PULLED PORK SANDWICH, FRIES & VEGETABLE

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