



American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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Commander's Message

Commander Puckett reports:

February is Americanism Month. It is also the month we remember "The Saga of the Four Chaplains", who gave up their life jackets to the crewmen aboard The U.S.A.T. Dorchester and went down with the ship on that fateful morning, February 3, 1943 in World War II. Also be sure to remember the observances of Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. Please continue to keep our young service men and women in your prayers.

FYI: I am hoping to send two boys interested in Boy's State this coming summer. I will keep you informed as the process continues on this matter. Thank you and I hope to see you at our Membership Meeting on Tuesday the 13th.

Sick Call & Relief

Chaplain Ken Herkey reports:

Say a prayer for our troops!

1st. Vice Commander PC

Ed Tyczka reports:

We are at 461 paid up members to date. If you know anyone that hasn't paid their 2018 dues please remind them to send in dues money. I think that by now everyone has noticed the work done in the bar room. Give Roy and Kathy Brenner a big thank you for all the work that they did in the bar room. Remember the 50's/ 60's dance on Saturday, February 3rd at Vigilant Fire Hall from 8:00PM to 12M, tickets at the bar, a really good time. Say a prayer for the Troops.

2nd Vice-Commander

Katie McCarthy reports:

Hi all, February is a busy month for our Post home! The Sons are hosting the annual 50s/60s dance at Vigilant on the 3rd, tickets are only \$15 each and its lots of fun! The 4th is our Superbowl party. There will be pulled pork sandwiches served before the game at 5:00PM. Our annual Daytona party is on the 18th, proceeds are split between the post and a worthwhile veterans organization. There will be auction baskets and 50/50 splits. Hope you can participate in one or all of these events, your support keeps these fun times going!!

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Commander Mike McCarthy reports:

We have 150 paid members 72 Outstanding. If you're not paid, your Post privileges are revoked. See Dennis Kessler or pay with the Bartender on duty. 50's Dance is Feb 3rd. **Frank Sandor** is the chair. He can answer any Questions, We will need help with set up and at the door. We are meeting at the fire hall at 5:30pm. Daytona Party is back for Feb 18th, we need donations for auction prizes and we have a donation letter if you need one. Will have a couple SAL shirts to try for sizes at the meeting. Super Bowl party bring a dish to pass, pulled pork at 5:00pm pm, Feb 4th. Music has returned on Saturdays at 8:00pm.

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

February 19th, 2018 is our next meeting at 7:35 pm

Auxiliary President

Mary Ann Kessler reports:

Our membership goal is at 79% with 179 members paid. Please send dues to **1st Vice Toni Kruger** if you have not paid for this year 2017-2018. We are very positive on reaching our 100% goal again this year! We are always looking for new members. Eligible guests are welcome with a member to our monthly meetings, join us to see what our Unit is all about.

Our 2018 Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by Department. Copies will be available in the future. 50's / 60's Dance basket donations can be dropped off at our Post home February 3rd by 4:00 pm.

Liz Kuciel is our coordinator for Hospice Spring Bouquet sale. All orders are Pre-sale, sign up by February 20, 2018. Posters and signup sheets are in our Legion. Mixed bouquets are \$8. and Tribute bouquets are \$30. Delivery is March 6th, pick up will be at our Post #735, that day between 5:00-8:00 pm. Our Unit is still collecting Box Tops for education, all collected are given to the West Seneca Schools.

March 7th meeting is our nomination of Auxiliary Officers for 2018-19. If you are interested in becoming an Officer please have an Auxiliary member nominate you at this meeting. 2nd nominations and voting will take place at the April 4th meeting. We are also looking for committee chair members and volunteers.

Looking ahead, Poppies will be distributed at area businesses in the month of May. We will need lots of Volunteers for Poppy Month! Please help us out!

Please contact **Chaplain Laura Little** 716-949-9815 if you know of a member who has taken ill.

Happy Valentine's Day!

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

Board of Directors

Dennis Kessler Reports:

The board would like to thank Kathy, Roy and Eddie for removing all the items from the walls, repairing, priming, painting, and replacing items back on the walls, in the bar area of our Post. They also removed the old blinds and hung new blinds on all the windows to accent the freshly painted bar area. It looks great thank you for all your donated time and labor to make our Post home look so great.

We are just waiting on some bids to replace the older chairs, that will be taken out of service and replaced with new ones in the bar area.

We are also replacing the runners on the floors at the entrance in the bar area and the hall, taking the old ones out of service to help keep the floors dry and safe for are members at are Post home.

We will be replacing the cash register with a newer update register that will make things a little easier on our bartenders as well as for inventory of products, We are half way thru our Legion year 2017-2018 (Legion year not calendar year) so please check your cards to make sure they are for the 2018 year.

God bless our troops and keep them all safe.

Legion Riders

Ron Kelly Reports:

Our first meeting concerning the Motorcycle Dice Run to support Veterans in Need will be held Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00pm in the back room of the post. This will be an important meeting as we will discuss whether or not we will continue to sponsor the run this year. All members of Post 735 are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion or volunteer for this event. Please support the Daytona 500 party at the Post this month as well as other events sponsored by the different groups within the post. Say a prayer for our troops!

Important February 2018 Dates:

- 7th** - Auxiliary Meeting
- 13th** - General Meeting
- 19th** - SAL Meeting
- 20th** - Board of Directors Meeting
- 27th** - Executive Board Meeting