



American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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Air Force Reserve Birthday – April 14th
Army Reserve Birthday - April 23rd

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Commander's Message

Commander Puckett reports:

April is Children and Youth month. I am happy to report that one boy is going to attend Boy's State this summer. The other boy who was interested was unable to meet the dates for the program. The boy who is attending this year is Bobby Adams, the son of member Bob Adams. Also, the second round of nominations of Post Officers will be reopened at our meeting on the 10th. We will also present our valor award for Law & Order that night. Please come out and join your fellow members for this Auspicious Occasion. I hope to see you there. Please say a prayer for our young men and women serving our beloved country throughout the globe, for a safe return home from their duties. Thank you.

Sick Call & Relief

Chaplain Ken Herkey reports:

Say a prayer for our troops!

1st. Vice Commander PC

Ed Tyczka reports:

We are now at 478 paid up members, things are slowing down, still a great turn out, thanks to all. Work on the bar room is just about completed. Can't thank enough for the help from, Roy and Kathy Brenner, Jim and Gail Sokolowski, Al Szaras, Jerry Johnson. They all contributed in updating the bar room. We will take a break from major projects during the Summer months, more to come in the Fall. There is still time to sign up for the Easter Brunch. Please come out and support the Post on Saturday night's entertainment. Say a prayer for the Troops and have a Happy Easter.

2nd Vice-Commander

Katie McCarthy reports:

Hi everyone, hope you had a wonderful Easter! First, I want to thank everyone who came out and supported the NASCAR Daytona 500 party. We raised \$1,823.00 which will be divided between needs for our post home and VALOR. There will be a check presented to Paul Rudnicki (VALOR chairman) on 4/16 at the Sons meeting if you are interested. Second, I'd like to thank Park Edge Sweet Shoppe for their continued support of our Bunny Roll Offs. Everyone has fun with the event and 15 lucky folks get to take a delicious bunny home! Your contributions to these veteran focused events help feed and clothe needy veterans and their families.

Coming in May is the very busy Memorial Day weekend that includes the Bike Run on 26th and the parade and pop/beer/hot dog finale supported by the West Seneca Veterans Organization on the 28th. Barbeque Thursdays' will be back on the 31st of May, hope you can make it for a delicious grilled sandwich! Happy Spring!

S.A.L.

Commander Mike McCarthy reports:

We have 191 paid members 39 Outstanding. Saint Patrick's Dinners and Sandwiches were a big hit. Thanks to Dennis Kessler and crew for a great job. Mother's day brunch is May 13th, **Bob Saar** is the chairman. Second round of nominations and voting at April meeting. Also a short presentation by VITAL ICE. Music is on Saturdays at 8:00 pm. God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

April 16th, 2018 is our next meeting at 7:35 pm

Auxiliary President

Mary Ann Kessler reports:

Our membership goal is at 89% with 202 members paid. Our Unit goal is 226 Members. Please send dues to **1st Vice Toni Kruger**. If you have not paid for this year 2017-2018, you no longer have Auxiliary or Post privileges.

April 4th meeting is our final 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. Voting will take place at this meeting. We are also looking for committee chair members and volunteers.

Our enrollment of new members and installation of Officers is May 2, 2018 at 7:00pm. A reception with appetizers and desserts will follow the ceremonies. Please sign up at the April meeting night to bring your choice for the reception. Please be specific.

Poppies will be distributed at area businesses in the month of May. We will need lots of Volunteers for Poppy Month! Sign up for dates to volunteer will be at the April 4th meeting night. Please help to support our Unit! All Poppy funds raised go to Veterans in our area! **Sue Solly** is our Unit Poppy chairperson see her with any questions.

Our Marching Unit will resume again this year in May. If you are interested in joining see **Captain Sue Solly** by our April meeting night. (716-361-6984)

April 4th, before our meetings you can order Marching Unit / Auxiliary apparel. Orders will be taken from 6:15pm- 6:45 pm. All money due this evening.

Looking ahead our Unit will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for the West Seneca Food pantry Kids summer vacation. Please bring your donation to the June 6th meeting. This will be our last meeting before summer break.

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

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

Board of Directors

Dennis Kessler Reports:

The new floor is done in the bar room and behind the bar, base boards, and strips into the other rooms to make the floors all level.

Roy, Eddie and Jim did a great job installing the floor and making the post home look even better....Thank you guy's for all your hard work, shopping and picking up and get all the supply's into the post to do all this work. It was a large under taking and all the work was done by are member's...

The B O D would like to welcome are new post weekend cleaner Collen Mays. We will no longer use the cleaning company that we used in the past and Collen is a great addition to our post. Welcome.

The board will be meeting on April 7th to do some cleaning and inventorying items in the basement to make some room for other units that use the post. Units will have 1 representative at the post that day so we don't move, store, or trash there items by mistake. This will clean up the basement and everything will be on shelves and not on the floor.

The front of the bar area that was green is also getting a face lift, wood finish and trimmed out and it should be done by Easter thanks to Roy and Eddie again for their time and hard work. It looks great!

If anyone has a suggestion, thought's, or would like to improve your post. Please write it down and put it in an envelope and ask the bartender on duty to place it in the B O D mail box. Address to Dennis Kessler and it will be read and discussed at the next board meeting. I will also call you with a response, we are here to serve the post, help, and look out for the membership of the post. We are always looking for idea's, support your Post Home and its Membership.

Have a great Easter holiday and will see you at the post home soon.

God bless are troops and we pray they all come home safely.

Legion Riders

Ron Kelly Reports:

The 12th annual Legion 735, MC Run to Support Veterans in Need MC Run, April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:35pm in the back room. We will also be taking preorders for this year's shirts (both short and long sleeve), so that our order can be placed and shirts printed. Please make an effort to attend this meeting, there is only one more meeting in May then the run will be here, and we have many items that need to be addressed. As always, support from the entire post is crucial to a successful run.

Say a prayer for all our troops!

Important April 2018 Dates:

- 4th** - Auxiliary Meeting
- 10th** - General Meeting
- 16th** - SAL Meeting
- 17th** - Board of Directors Meeting
- 24th** - Executive Board Meeting