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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It is a new year and Post 7530 is entering its 59th year of being Chartered and we continue to grow. This is due to the support of all our members, Regular, Auxiliary and Associate, and the dedication of the Post Officers and Board of Directors. Last but not least a special thanks to all of our employees!

We closed out 2009 with several important events. Our Veterans Day program had the largest turn out of any program since we've been in our new building. Thanks to all who attended to honor our nation's veterans! Also, last fall several members of our post accompanied West Fairview Legion, Post 984, to a flag retirement ceremony at an American Legion in Tower City. The "old" flags you deposited in our container, as well as many many others, were retired (burned) after a very nice ceremony. Next, many of us including Santa and Mrs. Claus went to the Lebanon VA Hospital on December 21st for a Christmas bingo session with the patients. We all had a great time at this rewarding event. Finally, the Children's Christmas party was a success. A special thanks to Jay Dunn (Santa), Mary Anna Conrad (Mrs. Claus) and their Elf (Buzz Krone) for their support. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for taking the lead on the trips to the Lebanon VA and the Children's Christmas Party.

To start 2010, many of us participated in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down on January 8th and 9th sponsored by the Greater Harrisburg YWCA and held at the 28th Division Headquarters in Harrisburg. Thanks to Wendy Prescott, Past Auxiliary President and now District 18 President, for getting us hooked up with this great program 4 years ago. Bill Reed, who has joined 7530 as a Regular Member, is the veterans coordinator at the YWCA. We had members there both days doing a variety of chores. Dave and Judy Barninger, Jr. Vice Commander and Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, got the West Fairview Legion involved as well. This event brings in homeless veterans from Harrisburg, York, Carlisle and other areas. The veterans get cleaned up, clean clothes, haircut, warm food and warm place to stay even if it is only for two nights. Also, several organizations including the VA were there to provide whatever assistance they can to these needy veterans.

Both the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary have achieved 100% membership. This is a significant accomplishment. Congratulations!! Post 7530 and the Ladies Auxiliary both had a very good 2009 and we are looking forward to an even better 2010.

John Hafer
Commander

Ladies Auxiliary

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully all the bad weather and frigid temperatures are behind us.

The Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to announce that with your support we have increased our membership to over 100% for 2010. Remember, your membership in the Ladies Auxiliary enables us to support our Veterans.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Post and Ladies Auxiliary was a huge success. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's Special Elf made this an exciting party for the 70 children who attended. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

The Post and Ladies Auxiliary also visited the Veterans Hospital in Lebanon on December 1st. Santa and Mrs. Claus gave out gifts, refreshments and bingo was played with the veterans who were able to attend.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Annual Buddy Poppy event during the month of May. We will be requesting donations for Buddy Poppies at the Farmers Market, Karns, Boscov's, Glenn Millers and at the Camp Hill Memorial Day Parade. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mary Anna Conrad or Linda Kreck. The proceeds from this event enable the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary to continue to support our veterans.

One again I want to express my appreciation to everyone who participated and helped with all of our events this year. Please keep up the good work. The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on March 1st at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend and bring an eligible friend. Should you need additional information concerning the Ladies Auxiliary and their activities please feel free to contact me at 697-5544



Joyce Elfreth
President

Regular Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars

There are many "eligibility categories" for Regular Membership in the VFW. Currently, service in Iraq or Afghanistan are the most obvious. However, veterans or active duty personnel may qualify for VFW membership by many other types of service. For example by serving on a submarine classified as "SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol (Navy)" from January 21, 1961 to present. Also, having served in an area where Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire Pay was received. If you have a friend/relative interested in VFW membership bring them to our post and talk to our Quartermaster. As always we would need a copy of the individuals DD-214 or pay slip for verification. Additionally, you can go to the Website for the National VFW Headquarters www.vfw.org and review eligibility on line.

LANDSCAPING



We continue to accept donations for our planned spring 2010 landscaping. The 3 levels of donations are as follows:

- 1) Silver Donation - \$100 to \$499
Name listed on silver plaque inside building
- 2) Gold Donation - \$500 or more
Name listed on gold plaque inside building
- 3) Designated Planting Area (DPA) -
There are 5 DPA's with donation values ranging from \$800 - \$1000.

Donations at this level will result in a plaque in the DPA and a listing on the indoor gold plaque. The design is posted in our small meeting room and you are welcome to view it there. Donations should be by check indicating they are for landscaping. If you are interested in donating for a DPA please contact Jay Dunn, Board President. All donations in any amount will be accepted and appreciated.

Jay Dunn,
Board President

SICK CALL

Jim Thorne – Clairmont Nursing Home
Mary Boob - Recuperating at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all our members who have chosen to read this Newsletter on line or to pick up a copy in the canteen. Those members who filled out the form in the Fall Newsletter will continue to receive the newsletter via U. S. Postal Service. Newsletters returned to the post with an "undeliverable address" will be deleted from mailing list. Thank you for helping to keep the newsletter costs to a minimum.

Welcome to all new members who have joined us since the last newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the canteen operation please see the Manager, Bill German.

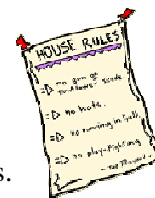
The Honor Guard is always looking for additional volunteers. In 2009 the Honor Guard participated in 23 graveside services. In addition to funerals, our Honor Guard participates in functions at our post on Veterans Day and Memorial Day as well as the Memorial Day program held at Rolling Green Cemetery.

The Annual Picnic has been booked at the Mechanicsburg Club Picnic Grounds for August 15, 2010. Tickets will be available this summer and will remain at \$10/member and \$15/guest. Each member may bring one guest. Watch for details later.

The small container under the front portico is for distributing flags that had been displayed at Rolling Green Cemetery. This container is out just before and just after Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The large container is for the disposal of old flags. These flags will be "retired" at an appropriate ceremony. PLEASE do not place any trash in either of these containers.

As always please help us keep our building and grounds looking great by disposing of your trash/cigarette butts appropriately.




HOUSE RULES





1. Bar personnel are in charge at all times.
2. Disorderly conduct, profanity and excessively loud talking are strictly prohibited.
3. Foul and abusive language and behavior will not be tolerated.
4. All members are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their guests.
5. Members may bring up to 4 guests at any one time.
 - a. Guests must be signed into guest book.
 - b. A sponsor's spouse/significant other does not have to be signed into the guest book, nor do they count towards the 4 guest limit.
 - c. Guests may not purchase alcohol.
 - d. Guests must leave with their sponsor.
 - e. Guests under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must leave the canteen by 9:00PM.
6. No alcohol is allowed outside of the building, except for the patio area.
7. Check cashing – Bar personnel can approve personal checks up to \$25. Personal checks above \$25 and up to \$300 must be approved by a Home Association Board member. A bounced check will result in a charge plus the loss of check cashing privileges. An ATM is available for the convenience of members and their guests.
8. Members must have a current canteen card on their person while in the canteen. Cards may be checked anytime. Failure to produce a current Canteen Card will result in the person being required to leave canteen.
9. Gambling – The only gambling allowed on the premises are the small games of chance, raffles, junk boards etc. sanctioned by the Home Association Board of Directors. All other forms of gambling are prohibited.
10. Violation of House Rules by members or guests will be cause for disciplinary action.
11. Please use the Suggestion Box for complaints and concerns.

Upcoming Events

2010

14 February	District 18 Voice of Democracy Banquet	
19 February	Band - Flashpoint	
1 March 7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	
3 March 7:00 PM	Post Meeting	
12 March	Band - Cornwallace	
26 March	Band - Special Friends	
5 April 7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	
7 April 7:00 PM	Post Meeting	
9 April	Band - Flashback	
30 April	Band - Cornwallace	

3 May 7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	
5 May 7:00 PM	Post Meeting	
14 May	Band - B. T. & Cruisers	
28 May	Band - Special Friends	
31 May 11:00 AM	Memorial Day Program	
15 August	Annual Picnic	

NOTE: Be sure to check the sign in the lobby for any band changes and the announcement board for any meeting changes.

NOTE - All bands are from 8:30 PM till 12:30 AM



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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