

The Solon Legion Family Newsletter



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Commander's Corner

Yes, 2016 has passed and we are now looking forward to the year 2017. I will be mixing the Commanders report and the adjutant/membership into one article.

As for the Commanders news, the Legion Club is doing pretty good. Our Manager Cliff has many activities available, the Bar has less vacant seats and our day Bar Gal has brought a nice sparkle to the Legion. Our cook continues to make people happy and content with his excellent breakfast and evening entrees.

Thanks to Curt for his undying devotion to the Legion. As for the Legion I hope to see some new faces taking over some of the Legion Duties. They will be announced in the next newsletter.

We still have some 39 members that have not renewed their membership for 2017. You can mail it in, drop your check off at the Legion or go on line and renew. Several have renewed on line. Thank you. You may want to take a look at a paid-up-for-life (PUFL) membership. Go to lalegion.org for information.

As I am leaving for warmer weather on Saturday, I will try and get membership cards out to those that paid.

For God and Country, Jim Leland, Commander



Some gave all, all gave some - Your Legion needs your support!

Chaplain's Message

Avoiding an Oil Crisis

People used to depend on oil lamps to give them light. Jesus refers to such lamps in His parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins. The five wise had a sufficient supply of oil on hand to keep their lamps burning when the bridegroom finally arrived. The foolish five, on the other hand, experienced a fuel crisis at the most critical moment. They cried to others, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

Our Lord teaches us to keep ourselves well provided with spiritual oil, that is faith in Him, our heavenly bridegroom. He truly loved the church as His spouse and gave Himself for her. Having died on the cross to save us, He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Before leaving, He promised that He would return to receive us to Himself and to take us to heaven. For reasons known only to Him, He is delaying His return; but this delay takes nothing away from the certainty of the promise.

In the meantime, we Christians need to remain alert, having made all preparations to receive the Lord Jesus when He comes. As the wise virgins knew where to obtain oil for their lamps, so we know where we procure the oil of faith: from the Word of God. Through the Gospel Christ gives us all that we need to stay spiritually alive. The Scriptures, says St. Paul, instruct and equip us for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Pray the Lord to supply you richly with the oil of faith, so that you can go forward when He comes to meet you.

Peace be with you.

John McFarland
Chaplain

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BREAKFAST SERVED / DAILY 7-11 AM
PATRIOT GRILL SERVING FOOD / MONDAY - SATURDAY / 5 - 9 PM / DAILY SPECIALS
BAR OPEN - MONDAY - SATURDAY / 11:00 AM - CLOSE / DAILY DRINK SPECIALS
BAR OPEN - SUNDAYS / NOON - CLOSE

1	2	3 ALR Mtg 6:30	4	5 William N Wallace 7:00 - 10:00	6 Chad Ambrose 7:00 - 10:00	7 Texas Hold-Em Noon - ?
8	9 Auxiliary Mtg Our Lord's Church 7:00	10	11 Combined Floor / Board Mtg 6:30	12	13 Kella N The Boys 8:00 - 11:00	14 Euchre Tournament Noon - ?
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 SAL Mtg 6:30	24	25	26	27	28 Underground Band 7:00 - 10:00
29	30	31				

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BREAKFAST SERVED / DAILY 7-11 AM						
PATRIOT GRILL SERVING FOOD / MONDAY - SATURDAY / 5 - 9 PM / DAILY SPECIALS						
BAR OPEN - MONDAY - SATURDAY / 11:00 AM - CLOSE / DAILY DRINK SPECIALS						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						Underground Band 7:00 - 10:00
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SAL Mtg 6:30					Do's N Don'ts 7:00 - 11:00
26	27	28				

Auxiliary Message

Greetings, and Happy New Year. Not to much activity going on with the Auxiliary at this time,so I thought it would be a good time to reflect on some of our accomplishments through out the past year.

Starting last August our Auxiliary meetings are now held, the first Monday of the month at Our Lords Church at 7:00 P.M.

Our Auxiliary ladies do a lot of work toward our Auxiliary programs. This all comes to light from the awards we receive at the Department Convention. Some of the awards that were received were, Americanism report, Children & Youth, Community Service, and the Unit History report.

Beef Days 2016 was a record this past July. The Weather was very nice, & there was a huge hungry crowd. Our food booth ran out of everything. The profits from Beef Days is how we can donate to the various programs, and our Veterans. It's alot of work, we all might grumble, but everyone enjoys working their shift in the booth meeting & greeting our friends. "Beef Days" is only 7 months away.

Since National raised their dues, it was necessary for us to do the same. Our dues are now \$25.00 per year. However if you pay them before January 31st they are still \$19.00. We need to enhance our membership goals, such as wear your pins, Auxiliary attire, Red White & Blue. Someone will ask What it is for. Support the address labels, greeting cards, & using your Poppy credit cards.

We sent 2 girls to Girls State. We participated in the Blind Veterans Golf Tee Tournament in September. In October we donated 620 pencils, and safe Halloween brochures to the Lakeview School. In November our Unit provided bowls of candy treats for the entire staff at all 3 Solon Schools, & bus drivers. Also \$250.00 of school supplies was donated to the supply shelf from the Stinocher family. For Veterans day our Unit paid for breakfast for all the Veterans who ate at the Legion.

At our December meeting we provided & wrapped kleenex for the residents at the Solon Care center, and for the SAL who provides kleenex for the Chatham Oaks home.

We lost 2 members this year.

Our membership goal for this year is 100. We welcome all new members.

Our next meeting will be February 6th at Our Lords Church at 7:00 P.M. Judy Shulista & Kathy Barry will be hostess.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Unit President , Jean Stinocher.

SAL News

SAL "FAMOUS" KETTLE-FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday, Feb 4

Serving 5:00 - 7:30

50 / 50 Raffle

Join us for the Best (and, well, the only) Kettle-Fried Chicken in Johnson County!

If you haven't already done so, NOW is the time to pay your SAL dues for 2017.

ALR News

Officers for 2016:

President - Mark Ekstrom

Vice-President - Scott Storck

Secretary - Don Griffith

Treasurer - Jackie Bohling

Ride Captain - Jeff Schmidt

Good of the Legion

FISH DINNERS:

Our annual Fish Dinners will start 3/3/17 and run through 4/14/17 this year. WE NEED HELP! This is one of YOUR Legions biggest fund raisers of the year, and your help, and support are needed.

Each Thursday afternoon, before the Friday of the Fish Dinner, there is A LOT of prep work to do with the fish, potatoes, cole slaw, tarter sauce, shrimp cocktail sauce, etc.

Friday's of the Fish Dinner, a lot of volunteers are needed to make the dinner a success. THERE IS A SIGN-UP BOOK, AT THE BAR, FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SIGN-UP FOR HELP ON BOTH THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, AND FRIDAY NITES.

IF YOU CAN HELP, THEN PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP BOOK AND PENCIL IN YOUR NAME.

POST OFFICERS:

I know, this summer seems a long ways off, but really, its not that far away. At present, we have a Finance officer, and a Commander, AND THATS ALL WE HAVE.

These TWO people are doing the work of 7 or 8 people, and this cannot continue.

Nomination for officers will take place in MAY of 2017, and new officers will be sworn in JULY of 2017. We currently have about 270 Legion members. If we can't get a minimum of 6, out of 270, who would step up and take an office for just one year, then we might just as well dismantle POST #460, and call it quits.

On that same note, Curt Phillips has agreed to stay on as Finance Officer (unless someone would like that position, it always seems like there are 4-40 that seem like they would like it) for one more term. That means that at the end of that term, in 2018, he will NOT accept the nomination, or position of Finance Officer.

That gives more than one full year for someone to step up, and take that position. Let me make this as clear as possible.....in July, of 2018, Curt Phillips will step down as your Finance Officer (unless someone would like it sooner).

Curt has been holding this position since 2012, and it's someone else's turn now.