

The Solon Legion Family Newsletter



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Commander's Corner

From the Commander/Adjutant

Time flies when having fun. My time in Florida went very fast.

Back to the Legion. Membership has slowed down. We are 20 members short of reaching our target. Please renew so you have your 2017 card. I will be around at the Fish Fry's (please come and eat) with the 2017 cards.

Our Board and Regular meeting is March 8th at 6:30. Please come and get involved. We have vacant offices. Also we need new Color Guard members.

For God and Country,
Jim Leland



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

Chaplain's Message

Deer: Like a Thirsty Soul

Swiftness of foot and gracefulness are the characteristics of a deer. The writer of Proverbs (6:5) has this advice for a young man about to get into trouble: "Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter."

How could Isaiah describe the great joy of people who, long afflicted by sin and its consequences, were to be healed by the promised Savior? He could think of no better example than the agile, jumping of a deer. "Then will the lame leap like a deer" (Is. 35:6). This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus healed the sick and lame. Imagine the spring in the step of the man, after 38 years of waiting at the pool of Bethesda (John 12), was healed by Jesus and now could walk! He probably skipped as much as he walked.

But how did this man and many others feel before Christ's help came to them? Surely like the psalmist who said, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" (Ps. 42:1-2)☞

People, too, are pursued and harassed by their enemies, especially by the enemies of the soul, the greatest of these being the devil. It causes them to have soul thirst for God, for the living water of His Word, for Jesus Christ, who not only gives the water of life but is Himself this Water. St. Augustine said, "Thou has made us unto Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

The Gospel of Christ's redemption renews and refreshes people. It gives them life through the merits of Him who gave His life for their salvation.

Ask that the Lord Jesus may quench your soul thirst with the water of life--with the Gospel.

Peace be with you.

John McFarland
Chaplain

March

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						
BAR OPEN - SUNDAYS / NOON - CLOSE						

			1	2	3	4
					Fish & Shrimp Fry 5:00 - 7:30 William & Wallace 8:00 - 11:00	Chad Ambrose 7:00 - 10:00
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	Auxiliary Mtg Our Lord's Church 7:00	ALR Mtg 6:30	Combined Floor / Board Mtg 6:30		Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:30	Oldies Rock 7:00 - 10:00
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bingo 1:00 - 4:00					Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:30 Joan & Jennel 8:00 - 11:00	Notes From The Underground 7:00 - 10:00
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	SAL Mtg 6:30				Fish & Shrimp Fry 5:00 - 7:30	Keepin' It Country 4:00 - 8:00
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Bingo 1:00 - 4:00					Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:30	

April

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						
BAR OPEN - SUNDAYS / NOON - CLOSE						

						1 Twist & Shout 7:00 - 10:00
2 Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	3 Auxiliary Mtg Our Lord's Church 7:00	4 ALR Mtg 6:30	5	6	7 Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:30 William & Wallace 8:00 - 11:00	8
9 Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	10	11	12	13	14 Fish & Shrimp Fry 5:00 - 7:30 Joan & Jennel 8:00 - 11:00	15 Do's & Don'ts 7:00 - 11:00
16 Easter Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	17 SAL Mtg 6:30	18	19	20	21	22 Tanner Ride 8:00 am - ? Keela & The Boys
23 Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	24	25	26	27	28	29 Notes From The Underground 7:00 - 10:00
30 Bingo 1:00 - 4:00	31					

Auxiliary Message

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary. We had an early taste of Spring way to early. No, I didn't plant any garden!

The Auxiliary sponsored a blood drive on February 24th. It was very successful. For every Unit of blood, three people will benefit from every donation. There were 18 donations. Thanks to everyone who participated.

February was Americanism month. Two of our Auxiliary members went to school and presented a brief program on Americanism, to the 3rd grade students. Each received a patriotic book marker and some Presidents rulers.

Our membership goal is 100. We have reached our goal and maybe have surpassed it. Thanks to everyone who have paid their dues and to our new members who have joined.

On March 27th there will be the County meeting in Coralville. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM, with a potluck supper at 6:30. There will be a business meeting at 7:30. Always a good time at County meeting, and good food.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Monday March 6th. Jeanne Erhart, and Jean Stinocher will be hostess. Hostess for April 3rd meeting will be Nancy Springer, and some willing volunteer to help her.

Happy Spring! Sincerely,
Jean Stinocher Unit President.

SAL News

"Thank you" to all of those who helped make our annual Kettle-Fried Chicken dinner a success: members and nonmembers and all those who came to eat and enjoy! If not for you this could not happen. Thank you from the SAL and please support us in our future endeavors. Patrick Dolphin-Leahy, Commander.

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

ALR News

The annual Legion Riders Poker Run will be May 6, 2017. Registration from 8:00 - 10:00. Details to follow.

Officers for 2017:

President - Mark Ekstrom
Vice-President - Scott Storck
Secretary - Don Griffith
Treasurer - Jackie Bohling
Ride Captain - Jeff Schmidt

Good of the Legion

Lenten Fish Fry's are about to start. They begin 3/3/17 and run through 4/14/17. Weekly prep for each Friday fish fry is every Thursday prior to the Fish Fry. This begins 3/2/17 through 4/13/17.

Weekly kitchen, fryer clean-up after each fish fry begins 3/4/17 through 4/15/17.

As you can see, ALOT of work. Prep for the fish Fry on Thursday, the Fish Fry itself on Friday, and kitchen/fryer cleanup on Saturday. Your help is needed, and there is a sign-up book at the bar, if you can help out with any of these things. If not, it will be the same 12 people, doing all of the same work, that's always done year, after year, after year.

GUN RAFFLE.

Again, this year, we will have a gun raffle at the Legion. This year, it's a gun raffle ticket for 20 guns, each ticket is \$20.00. if you win a gun, your name goes back into the barrel, and you could win again. If you win a gun, and don't want the gun, you can turn it in for a gift certificate of equal value. All guns were purchased at Theisens, so there is ALOT of merchandise to choose from, if you don't want the gun. There is a LIMITED number of tickets that are printed, and we will NOT print any more when they are gone. So buy early, and buy often. Raffle event will take place 9/9/17, along with a BIG party. Help yourself to a GREAT raffle prize, and help YOUR LEGION. Without your support, we're gone.

NEW LUNCH.

YOUR Legion, will begin serving LUNCH 3/9/17 from 11:00-2:00 Monday through Saturday. This starts due to a request of several patrons who ask us to do this. This is a pilot program, and we'll try it for 2 months. if we don't get the support we need, to keep this going, then it will die, as quick as it started. SUPPORT YOUR LEGION!

Again, it comes down to whether our members, and the public decide to support this, or not.

LEGION POSITIONS.

Just a reminder, in a few months, we'll be looking for nominations for the following positions to be filled. Post Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Service Officer, Finance Officer, and a few more. We currently are operating with a Commander, and a Finance Officer, those are the only two Legion Officers we have. We have 268 Legion members. The math here is pretty simple.

Again, we need help, but it's up to you, do we remain, or do we go away?