

# The Solon Legion Family Newsletter



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## Commander's Corner

The Lenten Fish Fries are over and once again a huge success. Thanks to all those that helped at the Fish Fries and the generous dessert donations.

Memorial Day services will be held at the Legion Memorial at 9:00 a.m. We will be dedicating the Johnson County Freedom Rock at this Service. Also, we will be recognizing the 50+ year Members. The usual transportation and refreshments following the service will be at the Legion.

In addition to our Solon Service we will be Honoring three of our members at the East Overlook Veterans Trail ceremony at 1:30. Following that service we will be at The Sutliff Bridge at 6:00 p.m to honor the servicemen that lost their life at Sea.

Do you have your 2017 card? If not, contact me ASAP. We are three short of reaching our target.

Think about the Legion nearing its 100 year anniversary. Maybe reflect on why the Legion got started and what it done over the years. Will try and get some more information about the Legion to you.

Come to the Post meeting May 10, 6:30.

For God and Country.  
Commander, Jim Leland

## Avenue of the Flags

Put up flags - Thursday, May 25 - 5:00  
Take down flags - Tuesday, May 30 - 5:00  
Rain date - Wednesday, May 31



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

## Chaplain's Message

### How to Have a Happy Life

Many people have happy memories of their childhood. Their parents loved them, cared for them, and imparted moral and spiritual guidance. Such children are equipped to meet the challenge of life. Parents who fail to give character training are, as someone said, "fashioning sparrows and then sending them out to fight hawks."

In the Bible, Timothy had enjoyed a good upbringing. St. Paul writes to him, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also" (2 Tim. 3:15).

Teaching little children how to pray; telling them Bible stories, especially telling them about Jesus, their dearest friend; explaining to them their Baptism; setting a good example—these add greatly to the joys of childhood. How blessed are people who can say, "My parents cared enough about me to provide the very best—not always earthly riches, but something much finer than gold and silver: a Christian education." This is putting first things first; this is seeking first God's kingdom.

Thank God for all your happy childhood experiences and for your present nearness to Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you.

John McFarland  
Chaplain

## May


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

	1	2	3	4	5	6
						ALR Poker Run 8:30 - ??  Two Buck Chuck 8:00 - 12:00
					William n Wallace 5:00 - 8:00	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Auxiliary Mtg Our Lord's Church 7:00	ALR Mtg 6:30	Combined Floor / Board Mtg 6:30 Nominations		Chad Ambrose 7:00 - 10:00	Blue Scratch 7:00 - 10:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Notes from the Underground 7:00 - 10:00	Rock Lobster 7:00 - 11:00
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SAL Mtg 6:30			Avenue of Flags Raise flags 5:00		
28	29	30	31			
	Memorial Services Solon - 9:00 E Overlook - 1:00 Sutliff - 6:00	Take flags down 5:00				

June

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
						Olds Rock 7:00 - 10:00
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	Auxiliary Mtg Our Lord's Church 7:00	ALR Mtg 6:30			William n Wallace 7:00 - 10:00	Twist & Shout 7:00 - 10:00
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
			Flag Day  <i>Fly it proudly!</i>		Cedar Junction Tric 7:00 - 10:00	Notes from the Underground 7:00 - 10:00
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	SAL Mtg 6:30				Do's & Don'ts 7:00 - 11:00	Doug & Lisa Wedding
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Auxiliary Message

April was a busy month. We finished up with the fish suppers. They were all very successful. I want to thank everyone who donated desserts. A couple of times we ran out. Some folks were sad, because they said that's what we look forward to is all the good choices of desserts the Auxiliary provides.

I have been busy writing reports for the Department Convention. When you get everything all put together in a narrative story, our Auxiliary does a lot for our Veterans, Community, and School. The reports are due April 30. They are done, and on their way. Hope we get some awards. It takes a long time to sort it all out.

County meeting was good the end of March. I was really surprised when they announced that Solon had to come up with a Vice President. That's right, you guessed it, yours truly is it.

We had a District conference April 22 in Columbus Jct. It was astonishing as to how many members that were lost last year, both Legion, and Auxiliary.

May is an exceptionally busy month. Poppy day is scheduled for Saturday May 20. Volunteers will be out going door to door distributing Poppies, and asking for a donation. Please be generous as all donations are used for our Veterans Affairs programs at the V A Health Center. May 29 is Memorial Day. The Auxiliary furnishes all the rolls, doughnuts, kolaches, and cookies that are served at the Legion after the morning services.

June is election of officers for the ensuing year. If you are asked to serve as an Auxiliary officer or committee person, please considerate it an honor for being asked. We need some new people so we can keep the Auxiliary going.

I guess it's not too early to start thinking about "Beef Days," scheduled for July 21, & 22. The Beef Days work schedule will come out in the July, August newsletter. If you know you're not going to be available to work, please let me know at 624-2356. In the past everyone has been faithful for showing up at their scheduled time. All is greatly appreciated. Thank you. The profits made from our food tent is how we are able to contribute money for scholarships, school supplies, sending girls to Girls State, and many other contributions that we make.

Our meetings are held at Our Lords Church, the first Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. May 1st hostess are Mary Kucera, and Norma Dunbar. We will be having our Gold Star program. June 5th hostess are Liz Kroul, and Nancy Wittich.

Have a Great Summer!  
Jean Stinocher Unit President.

## SAL News

To all SAL members: Thank you for all your help and support in the past. If you can help to put the flags up for Memorial Day at the cemetery, please join us Thursday night, May 25 (5:00ish) and show that the membership of the SAL has respect for our veterans. The flags will be taken down on Tuesday, May 30. Thank you.  
Patrick Dolphin-Leahy, Commander.

If you haven't already done so, NOW is the time to pay your SAL dues for 2016-17.

## ALR News

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

## Good of the Legion

WOW!  
2018 Officers and Board Members nominations will take place at our meeting in May. The meeting is at The American Legion, May 10th, at 6:30 P.M. If you are a member of this Legion, you are encouraged to attend. Pretty much, ALL positions are open, and EVERYONE is encouraged to attend, and nominate someone, or yourself, for a position at Your American Legion for 2018.

As Curt has stated, many times, the 2018 term will be his final term as Finance Officer. So, having said that, just to be clear, in June of 2018 it would be best for The Legion, and everyone involved, to have a replacement Finance Officer ready to step in. This will involve a seamless transition, and payroll, and bills will get taken care, and the day to day operation of the bar and kitchen will continue in an uninterrupted fashion. If there is nobody to fill this position by June of 2018, then this Legion will experience severe problems after that date.

PLEASE CONSIDER STEPPING UP, AND DOING YOUR PART, TO KEEP THE OPERATION OF YOUR LEGION GOING.

Brad Storck, a Solon Legion member and a Legion Rider, is being added to the Veterans Trail at East Overlook during the Memorial Day ceremony. Sergeant Storck recently retired after serving 18 years in the Iowa National Guard as a Combat Medic, which included deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Among other decorations, he is the recipient of a Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal. Congratulations and Thank You, Brad!

### 2017 Veterans Trail Honorees:

SP4 Floyd D. Smith Service Dates: July 17, 1968 - February 18, 1970 Vietnam  
SSG David L. Schapira Service Dates: October 15, 1968 - August 31, 1970 Vietnam  
SP4 Keith J. Hodapp \* Service Dates: Service Dates April 7, 1969 - November 3, 1970 Vietnam  
CPT Jacob E. Cannon Service Dates: March 17, 1993 - July 1, 2009  
SSG Bradley J. Storck Service Dates: 1998 - 2016 Iraq Afghanistan  
SPC Brandon J. Burgus Service Dates: October 3, 2001 - July 10, 2010 Iraq  
CPT Andrew B. Letarte Service Dates: October 5, 2009 - August 1, 2015 Afghanistan

\* Also a Solon Legion member