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ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER - The annual Legion Birthday Dinner will be held at the Post on March 14th to commemorate the Legion's 90th birthday. A cash bar will be available at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meal, except for dessert, will be catered. The menu will include roast beef, ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. The birthday cake will be provided by the Auxiliary. Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members eat **free!** Spouses and other guests pay \$6. Bill Gohier, SAL Squadron Commander, will be the main speaker. Cards and patches will be awarded to Legion members listed below whose continuous membership years are any multiple of five, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.!

5 Years - Laurence C. Anderson, Leslie E. Baehre, Dean W. Banks, Albert A. Boyce III, Darrell R. Brown, James F. Cole, George Dike, Richard Ingersoll, David W. Kuenstler, Chester W. Lewis, Michael T. Middlewood, Terry L. Palmer, Richard J. Perkins, James A.

Pocock, William E. Porter, Douglas R. Ratterree, Clarence R. Sedell, George H. Swanson, Richard W. Thompson, Donald J. Walter, Eric D. Willoughby
10 Years - Harold C. Allen, Joseph J. Burzych, Michael L. Cullimore, Alvin R. Johnson, David H. Miller, Albert E. Powis Jr., John C. Richards, Harold C. Shooter
15 Years - Thomas A. Dutch, David C. Fountain, Harold E. Old Jr., Lawrence W. Wilson
20 Years - John F. Bourland, James E. Rainwater, Richard T. Reist
25 Years - Glenn L. Cairns, Richard X. Epple, Donald A. Haines, Allen D. Webb
30 Years - Michael L. Johnson, Charles F. Pritchard
35 Years - Victor T. Bellingar, Charles C. Corbett, Everet B. Cowan, Robert L. Cross, Victor V. Derosé, James Foote, Eugene Fuller, Mitchell E. Hansel Jr., Lawrence A. Rost, Dale A. Weaver
40 Years - Dean Armstrong, Charles D. Hefner
45 Years - Edward H. Kessler, Larry P. Rogers

Join us for the Birthday Dinner and have a great time!

NEW WEB SITE - The Post has a new web site at: www.haslettpost269.org. Our sincere thanks to Mike Erb, Dave Pohoda, and Mary Sheridan for their many hours expended in setting up the site. The site will be a continuing work-in-progress that provides Post location,

history, officers, events, programs, pictures, newsletters, etc.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS - The Legion Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting members to fill all officer positions in the Post.

If you care about the future of the Post, and are concerned about the way the Post is being run, get involved and volunteer some of your time to fill one of the positions. The Nominating Committee shouldn't have to beg members to get involved. If you would like to make a difference, please contact Ted Powis, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

NEW MEMBERS - **John Lenhard** and **Gordon Smith** have joined our Post since the last newsletter. Please welcome them when they visit the Post.

POST ACTIVITIES:

FISH DINNERS - The Friday night fried fish dinners will be available at the Post on Friday nights from 5:00-7:00 p.m. during the Lenten season (Ash Wednesday through Easter). The dinners are available to members and the public. Dinners may be consumed at the Post or ordered for take-out at 339-9018.

THANKS - Our special thanks to Barry Fenn for his donation of paint for the Post Hall and to Darryl Smith, Jim Sheets and Ed Luther for painting the hall.

POST OFFICE - Thanks too to Jon Chiesa, Mark Iansiti, Dave Pohoda, Ken Schaibly, and Mary Sheridan for building a new office for the Post. The office is located in the small room adjacent to the front door of the Post.

INTERNET CAPABILITY - Larry Lose recently donated a computer to the Post. The computer is located in the new office and has a high speed internet connection. The computer is available for use by Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL

members.

NEW FIREPLACE MANTLE - The Post has a new granite mantle over the fireplace thanks to the raffle proceeds from MSU basketball tickets, donated by Jim Suehr, combined with the proceeds from tools raffled during the Super Bowl Party.

SUPER BOWL PARTY - The Post's Super Bowl Party was a great success thanks to all that attended and lots of good food and activities.

Our special thanks to Bob Cross for his superb fund raising efforts and to Pam Nalett and the bar staff for their outstanding efforts selling the raffle tickets. We are also grateful to Darryl Smith, Bob Cross, Mike Johnson and Jim Sheets for helping set up the tables, Jim Suehrs for helping with the tool auction, and Cindy Sutton for making the posters. Thanks also to all those that brought the great food, to Darryl Smith for decorating and to the Auxiliary for helping with the clean up -- a job well done!

FIREPLACE WOOD - The following members are thanked for providing and/or loading, unloading, and stacking wood for the Post fireplace: Dick Datema, Jim Suehrs, Joe Shank and Rod Sheridan. A fire in the fireplace makes for a much cozier lounge.

U.S. COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY - The Post celebrated the birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard on January 28th with free sandwiches, snacks and \$1 drinks from 4-7 p.m.

SAL NEWS

The SAL is conducting its annual winter raffle. Prize drawings will be held each Friday in April between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. The prizes include; 1st prize \$200, 2nd prize \$50 and 3rd prize \$20 each week. All tickets (including winners) will be eligible for subsequent weeks'

drawings. Only 300 tickets will be available for a donation of \$10 each. Net proceeds will be used for Post projects/enhancements, veterans programs and community projects. Tickets will be distributed by SAL members beginning on March 1st.

The SAL recently made donations to two very worthy causes. The first is the Haslett Community Food Bank and the second contribution went to Kids Against Hunger. Kids Against Hunger is a program where volunteers package nutritious meals at a low cost of 28 cents per meal. There are many people needing a hot meal these days and we are thrilled to be able to help those around us. The SAL has also voted to donate \$300 to the YMCA Open Arms Fund to send needy children to camp.

The S.A.L. Constitution and By-laws are going through a review process. All our members are encouraged to attend the March 19 and April 16 meetings to help in the process.

The S.A.L. will elect officers at their monthly membership meeting on April 16. Those who are interested in serving as an officer are encouraged to do so and can contact any of our current officers to express interest. A nominating committee is being organized as this newsletter goes to print.

The American Legion Birthday Party will be on March 14, 2009. The SAL Commander, Bill Gohier, will be the featured speaker. He requests your support by attending this event and having a great time together.

AUXILIARY NEWS

SOCIAL EVENTS

The annual "Sweetheart Dance" was an especially fun evening for all those who attended on Valentine's Day, February 14th, 2009. Congratulations to Kay Fellows who was selected as our "Sweetheart of the Year". She chose chocolate as her cake of choice which was very tasty and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the decorating committee for the array of "hearts"

hanging from the ceiling and the other decorations. More thanks to Jill Clifford for picking up some "extra" decorations to complete the ensemble and kudos to Kathy Sedell for taking them all down. Our thanks also to Diana Sedell for her photos of the event.



Kathy Sedell, Arleen Kessler, Jill Clifford, and Kay Fellows

At our next meeting we will be taking nominations and secret ballot casting for our Unit's "Woman of the Year" to be honored at the Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday, March 14th, 2009. If you have someone in mind you would like to nominate, please come to the meeting on Sunday, March 1st to do so. Also, at the birthday dinner, Auxiliary members will be receiving certificates for length of membership as follows:

5 Years - Carmen McDonald, Donna Hodgson, Diana Sedell, Anne Stackable, Maria Carroll, Lori Sheets, Caroline Sailor, Nancy Houthoofd, Wendy Stinnett, Mary Ann Korrey, Pam Nalett.

10 Years - Carol Sober, Joyce Elowsky

20 Years - Patricia Dutter

25 Years - Murriel Miller, Sue Savage

30 Years - Betty Crown, Sheila Mund

35 Years - Doris Mund, Rita Farr, Mary

Taylor, Dorothy Tomlinson

Special note: Our longest standing member at this time is **Norma Bachman** with 48 years!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 142 paid members, with no new members at the time of this printing. Please carry your membership card with you at all times. You may be required to show it to be served at the bar.

UNIT NEWS

The Winter Conference was held on February 21st and 22nd at the Causeway Inn (formerly Holiday Inn South). Mary Sheridan, Kathy Sedell, and Sue Savage attended the leadership seminar on Saturday and picked up many helpful hints pertaining to meeting protocol and other topics.

We are now collecting manufacturers coupons to be sent to our military families overseas. They can really use these. Any coupons you have on hand or collect from the Sunday paper or receive in the mail, please give them to Kathy Sedell or place them in the Auxiliary mailbox.

POTPOURRI:

Please don't forget, if any of you Auxiliary members are doing volunteer work for friends, be sure to make a notation of your hours and any money spent, so it can be noted on our Home Service report to be sent to district.

COMING EVENTS:

- **GAME NIGHT** - The Post will hold a board game night on March 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and be prepared for a good time. Also, bring your favorite snacks/hors d' oeuvres.

- **POST BIRTHDAY DINNER** - The Post will hold its annual Birthday Dinner on March 14th. See page one for details.

- **SHUFFLEBOARD BANQUET** - The shuffleboard league banquet and tournament will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Post Hall. All players must arrive by 3:00 p.m. to enter and

determine teams for the tournament. Prize money will be distributed, League rules will be reviewed, and officers for next year's league will be elected at the banquet. Food will be pot luck, so be sure to bring a dish to pass. Note: Tournament details will be established at the March Team Captains meeting.

We thank all the subs that fill in for regular team members when they are out of town or unable to make games for other reasons.

- **POPIES** - Poppies will be distributed May 14-16 this year. All proceeds are used to help veterans and their families. Members are encouraged to sign up at the Post to help with this worthy cause.

- **MEMORIAL DAY** - The Post's Memorial Day Observance will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009 at the World War II Monument at Ralya Elementary School. The service will be moved to the Post in the event of inclement weather.



TAPS - We regret having to inform you that **George W. Bachman** and **Martin L. Raby** have passed away. They will be greatly missed by their families and friends, including those at the Post.

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?