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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Spring is here and it's time to start getting that yard work done with a little spring cleaning and we'll be doing a few things here at the Post too.

At the post, a few new projects have begun to take shape. The back bar in the hall is being renovated. It will add space and move the bar soda machine to a better spot. It was located in the walk-in cooler which made dispensing the product difficult because the syrup was to be kept at 50 degrees or higher and it was too cold to operate properly. With more space behind the bar, it will make it more efficient for the bartenders to serve customers during activities in the hall. It also forced the cleaning up of the storage above the old bar. It really makes quite an improvement. The kitchen island will be removed and some stainless steel tables will take its place. The stainless steel tables will make it easier to keep the workspace sanitary while making all the great meals the Post serves.

John Baker has requested that someone take over the Black Hawk Chow Down / Open House this year. He is willing to assist but we need someone to take charge. Anyone who is interested in that position or wants to help with any of the other tasks to make this happen again should contact me or John. This really was a good community event held here at the Post the last two years.

Its election time here at Post 11-11. Nominations for Post Officers will be accepted this month and next month at the membership meetings. We need to fill almost all of the positions this year. Make a difference, and join us in making this the best Post in the state of Colorado.

We as members of Post 11-11 are very lucky. We have a beautiful facility and a great bunch of volunteers who keep the place running which helps keep costs down maintaining the facility. Your patronage of the Post Lounge not only provides reasonably priced food and beverages but also helps support the programs we have pledged as Legionnaires to support, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Legion Baseball team, Veterans programs and our community. Thank you to all who help to make these great accomplishments possible.

I would like to thank Kay Davidson who has retired after many years of volunteering to do the Post's monthly newsletter. It was a lot of hard work with few accolades. Everyone who ever got the newsletter appreciated your dedication to keeping our membership informed. You will be missed.

As always, please keep our young men and women in the armed forces of our great country and their families in your thoughts and prayers. We should never forget when we were in their place, far away from home and alone, serving our country.

Till next month,

Yours in comradeship,

Michael J. Carriveau
Commander

LEGION LOW DOWN

This past month we have had an awesome group of volunteer dinners - Paul's Mexican Fiesta; John and Sherry Baker's Chicken Cordon Bleu; Seth's Prime Rib and the Auxiliary's Corn Beef and Cabbage. As always, Friday Night Steak Night with Dave, Jerry & Crew with Catfish Mike; Larry, Ava & Ben w/Ben's mushrooms; and Paul and his grilled shrimp. Let's not forget Pat and Kathy's All American Burger Night. To all of you, thank you so much. All were very delicious.

Speaking of delicious, he's back. Nick is back this month so mark your calendars. On April 18, at 5:00 pm, he will be serving Chicken Marsala with mushrooms, onions over linguini with garlic butter sautéed asparagus at \$10.50 per person.

Band Night – April 25th 2009, 7:00pm – 12:00pm. Presenting “Peg Leg Meg” a night of folk, blues and Rock-n-Roll. Special Guests – The Wharf Rats and Singer/Songwriter Keith Wegner. Watch for flier with drink specials.

This month is the beginning of our Post 11-11 networking place. We are at the very early stages of network advertising. Some of our new members are - Florist, Travel Agent and Hair Dresser. Stop in and ask to see our Bridal Brochure, its coming together. Anyone interested in placing an ad, contact Cindy. I have started with some of our new and existing members. Let me know what you think. Remember the suggestion box is up and going.

Due to price increases across the board, all drink prices are going up by .25 cents per glass as of April 15th, 2009.

Quack needs a home... Selling tickets for Quack, \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Quack is on display in our lounge area and winning ticket will be drawn April 11th during Bingo. All proceeds to go towards the kitchen cabinet fund. Come on buy a ticket, Remember Quack needs a home for Easter.

Keep our service men and women in our prayers.

Hoppy Easter, Cindy

AUXILIARY

Spring has arrived and hopefully the cold and snowy days are over for now.

At the March meeting, the Auxiliary nominated officers for all positions. Nominations will remain open until the next meeting on April 2, 2009. If you would like to be considered for an officer position or if you would like to nominate someone, please advise one of the current officers.

Current nominations are as follows:

President - Sherry Baker
Vice President - Janet Lee
Secretary - Rae Ryan
Treasurer - Shirley Starley
Sgt. At Arms - Maryann Blay
Chaplin - Joyce Allen
Historian - Donna Flygare

Elections will take place at the meeting on April 2, 2009. Installation will take place at the meeting on May 7, 2009.

MERCHANDISE PICKLE will be held on May 15. Auxiliary is accepting donations. Funds raised by our Merchandise Pickles are used to support our charities throughout the year. Thanks in advance for all your support.

The District will hold a Texas Hold "EM tournament at the Post on Sunday, April 26, at 2:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are available at the bar. The entry fee is \$20 per person. Half is due at sign-up. 50% of the fees will be paid out in prizes. 50% will be donated to the District President's Spinoza Bear Project. The Auxiliary will provide snacks during the tournament.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Kay Davidson for her many years of service doing the newsletter. Kay has decided to take a much deserved break. Donna Flygare has agreed to take Kay's place. Thanks again, Kay for a job well done and thank you, Donna, for agreeing to take over.

The next newsletter will be assembled on Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 pm.

The next Auxiliary meeting is Thursday April 2.

Please remember to pray for the health, well-being and safety of our troops.

Sherry Baker,
President

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

April is a great month to get together with family and friends, a time to celebrate religious holidays. I wish all a happy Easter and Passover.

To update all on my legion activities, I have been busy as the District 5 Chaplain and Historian performing services and maintaining a historical summary of our activities. As the webmaster, our post website always needs updates. As a member of the post business committee, marketing our back hall has been a priority. Frequently renting our banquet hall helps us finance many projects for veterans and our community. Pick up one of our new brochures and pass it along to your friends outside of the post, they'll appreciate the savings.

I express my sincerest thanks to our lounge manager, Cindy Borrego, for creating a one stop shop, creating complete event planning for weddings, parties, seminars, etc. The services of our members now include complete travel services, floral service, entertainment, hair design and catering along with my chaplain services to officiate weddings. Get on the list.

I also thank all committee members and volunteers for maintaining the highest standards for Post 11-11, compliments from visitors are abundant.

The post is now sponsoring Holy Family High School's Legion Baseball program. Their coach is Marc Cowell, we wish them great success, "Go Tigers".

Kay Davidson has done a remarkable job with our post newsletter, I wish her and Ron the best in the future. Let's all give a lot of assistance to Donna Flygare in assuming this new responsibility.

Chaplain Jim Bellew

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi my name is Donna Flygare. I am replacing Kay Davidson as Editor of Post 11-11's newsletter.

Kay has been Editor of Post's newsletter for the last five years and has decided to hand over the reins to someone else.

Kay, thank you so much for all of your hard work, dedication and years of volunteering as Editor. You have done an excellent job.

The deadline for the April newsletter is Saturday April 19, 2009.

Happy Easter