

# Post 11-11 Newsletter - January, 2009

## *Commander's Corner*

Here it is another new year. Last year had a few bumps but we made it.

As we move in to the New Year I want to get the Post back to being a happy place again and dispel some bad rumors going around. Rumor 1, Ann and Rosie were fired. This is false. Ann and Rosie decided to stop volunteering in October and other volunteers stepped up to fill their shoes. Rumor 2, the Post has been losing money. This is false. The Post currently has more than \$90,000 in the bank. (And, we have no mortgage...) Rumor 3, the TV service outage was caused by the bill not being paid and someone reporting to Directv that the Post was fraudulently getting service. This is False. Direct tv has auditors who travel around the city inspecting establishments for compliance with their contracts for service. An auditor stopped by on a Sunday and found that the front door was propped open since breakfast was being served and just walked in as it appeared to be open to the public. The bartender did not card him or request he sign in and even turned the TV on for him. After a few days of contact with the Direct TV Attorneys I was able to get them to do some research and they found that we were classified correctly because of a national agreement with the American Legion. They apologized for any inconvenience and service was restored. And the account was confirmed to be paid up-to-date according to their records. But, it was a wake-up call that we are a private club for members and authorized guests who must sign in each time.

These are a few of the ridiculous rumors that keep getting started and ultimately cause hurt and embarrassment to our members and guests. It's become increasingly difficult to retain members and their guests, or even to recruit new members into the Post when this behavior is going on. This Post was built on volunteers who took pride in this organization. Now, we struggle getting support because no one wants to be treated that way when giving of themselves to the betterment of the Post. A lot of improvements have taken place in the last few years which makes it difficult to understand why some people are so bitter. Some of the great things to happen to the post are; new parking lot, new kitchen floor, the exterior of the building was painted, hall got a new floor, new beer taps, new doors in the hall, hall interior was painted, and remodeled the office to name a few. Volunteers helped get these projects completed and even contributed time and money, and the Post still has a \$90k reserve. What is the problem? We have a very nice facility compared to some other posts or other establishments in the area and it needs to be properly maintained. I hope that all of us can keep moving forward and continue to make this the best and friendliest Post in Colorado. Let us make this our number 1 priority as this New Year begins.

As always, keep our young men and women serving our country around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

Till next month,

Michael J. Carriveau

Commander

## *Legion Low Down*

Well ready or not we have started 2009, I can't believe it.

Starting Friday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m., we will have our first go around at 9 ball. Saturday at 2:00 will be 8 ball - single and partners. If pool isn't your game, starting January 2nd at 1:00 p.m. will be the first go around of shuffle board. Please sign up at the bar. There will be cash prizes and trophies for both tournaments.

Come out and enjoy a free Comedy Show. Kam Stover, Marine Midshipman from the University of San Diego, and Eagle Scout from Troop 385 / Post 11-11, will be performing his unique brand of Military, College and observational humor on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Karaoke will follow.

If you missed the Low Country Boil last month you missed one of the best! But Nick, will be back with another delicious meal. Watch for flyers announcing the next mouth-watering feast. Thank you Nick and we can't wait for what is next.

Happy New Year to all.

Remember to keep our service men and women in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy

## *Auxiliary*

Happy New Year to all. I hope you all enjoyed a Blessed Holiday Season with family and friends.

The December 5 Merchandise Pickle was a huge success again thanks to the support and generosity of our members and friends. My special thanks to Stephanie Carriveau for all of her shopping, preparing gift lists and organizing gifts in preparation for the event.

Thanks also to all who participated in the Angel Tree project and the adoption of Dawn Marie's class. I'm sure we'll never know how much these gifts mean to these children.

The Merchandise Pickles are the major fund raising events for the year. At the January meeting the Auxiliary will decide what charities we will contribute to this year. If you have suggestions, please be sure to come to the meeting.

During the January meeting, we will also re-visit how, or if, we wish to proceed with the Poppy Program and sponsoring a student for Girl's State.

Auxiliary is looking for volunteers and suggestions for the Auxiliary Sunday breakfasts. The next breakfast is January 25, 2009.

Since the first Thursday of January happens to be New Year's Day, we will meet on Thursday, January 8 instead.

Newsletters will be assembled at 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 25.

God Bless our troops, and may He keep them safe and healthy.

Sherry Baker

President

### ***From the Chaplain:***

**I wish all a warm and happy new year and may God forever keep you in the hollow of his hand.**

**Time to plan on attending our Four Chaplains Tribute on Sunday, Feb 1, 2009 at 1pm. One of the finest acts of courage you will ever hear about.**

**It is that time of year to send in Boys and Girls State applications. This program is for high school students completing their junior year. Imagine, they will spend a week in college, earn 4 college credits, participate and learn how to form a government and return home with a lifetime of friendships. Application is available online at [www.coloradolegion.org](http://www.coloradolegion.org).**

**Chaplain Jim Bellew**

### ***Business Committee News***

**The Post had a good holiday season with a lot of things going on. Now it's back to business as usual. A couple of new volunteers have stepped up to do some cooking, so be looking for new menus in the future.**

**Michael Carriveau resigned from the Business Committee at the December Post meeting. Ava Barton was appointed by the Executive Committee to serve out his term. She brings a lot of experience to the committee. She works for the Brunswick Zone as a bookkeeper and supervises the snack bar and lounge operations. Welcome Ava!!**

**Please check the Post calendar for all the new and exciting happenings that are scheduled for this month.**

### ***From the Editor***

**Articles for the February newsletter are due on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.**