



AUG.-SEPT. 2010 **The**
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Commander's Column

By Dick Juhl

Well, Post 259 Family,

Here we are again. The start of a new Legion year and along with that a new slate of officers and a new year of challenges. We are trying to be Eco-friendly. You will notice that a few of the officers are "recycled."

With that in mind, I plan to have a joint meeting on August 5th for all of the family so we can introduce the officers and talk briefly about what's in store for the upcoming year. We have, of course, all of the usual events, but I have some ideas for some things we haven't tried before that could be fun and beneficial at the same time. And as always, we want your ideas on ways to raise money for charity but more importantly, we need ideas for ways to help veterans and their families (especially locally).

One of the things that was brought home to me very clearly in my time as a District officer is that "WE" are the only ones who know about all of the good things that we do. There is still the perception that a Legion is nothing more than a bar where a bunch of old guys are sitting around telling war stories. Well folks, that is our fault. We do not tell our story. That goes for each of us individually as well as our organization. We need to take advantage of opportunities in our community to be more visible and tell the public about all of the great things we do and get some media exposure at the same time. What better way can you think of to bring in new members than

by helping our local veterans and their families and showing the public what we're really all about.

I am looking forward to this coming year. We have some really great officers and I am seeing an enthusiasm I haven't seen for a while. Let's have some fun and do some good at the same time.

Thank you for your support and also for your faith in me by electing me as Commander. See you on August 5th.

Dick Juhl

Commander

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It's Back!!!
S.A.L. FAMOUS
Omelet Breakfast



Sunday, September 12th
Omelets made your way with all the fixin's!
8:00 - Noon
\$9.00

Check out our new improved website at:
www.legionpost259.org



Auxiliary News

By Dawne Juhl, President

I know summer is always busy and before we know it, we're putting away the lawn furniture and making plans to winterize the car. Well, it's August already and time to get busy on Unit stuff. We'll have our monthly dinners, host the membership breakfast, Veteran's Day get-together, The American Legion birthday and probably something else in there somewhere. And we need to make a decision about Breakfast with Frosty and some possible changes with the Memorial Day observation.

However . . . while these functions can be fun, we need ideas for putting some money in the checking account. Please share your thoughts on what would be fun AND bring in some money. Maybe we could do another wine tasting. Or maybe we could do a "baby shower" where we bring in baby items, auction them off and then donate the items to a teen or homeless shelter. Even if something sounds outrageous, let's kick it around. Look at what happened with ladies' horseshoes!

If you have any ideas about anything, bring them up, either call or drop a note off at the Post. Our new/old officers for 2010-2011 are Dawne Juhl, President; Diane Sullivan, 1st Vice; Daiva Kulas, 2nd Vice; Robin Day, Treasurer; Sally Bergman, Secretary; Suzie Sanborn, Sergeant-at-Arms; Joani Aspholm, Chaplain.

Speaking of horseshoes, don't forget August 14. Bring your hard hat—or buy one that day—and sun screen. It's a lot of fun whether you're playing or kibitzing, and it's for a good cause. If you missed Boone and Bubba in their pink-and-white striped shirts last year you really missed a piece of history.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped with the dinners and lunches and everything we couldn't get done without willing hands. We do it because we care about our veterans and our community and it's no small thing that we care about each other.

See you around!

Dawne

P.S. The August 5 meeting will start as a joint meeting with the Post and SAL so we can introduce the new officers and talk a little about what we'd like to get done this year.



3rd Annual Ladies Day

“*Filly Shoes*”



for Susan G. Komen

August 14th
11:30 Sign-up • Shoes @ Noon

Limited Number Available!! Tournament play limited to first 32 who sign up.

A \$20.00 donation will get you a pink hard hat (or if you already have one bring it along and get your 2010 sticker!), lunch, tournament play if you wish, door prizes and lots more! All profits will go to The Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

The Auxiliary will also hold a fantastic Silent Auction, Farmers Market and Bake Sale, during the event—this one is going to be HUGE so don't miss out!

Lunch will also be available for everyone who wishes to join in the fun.
Everyone is welcome

Please note that we are starting to collect our auction items and if you have anything you would like to donate, especially those prize veggies, flowers, jams & jellies, we would love to have them for our Farmers Market. If you have any questions, please contact Daiva or Robin at the club.



S.A.L. News

By Chris Hogle, SAL Commander

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer.

As of August the SAL's new (recycled) officers will take over and we are ready for the same old fun as before!!! Our first meeting of the year is August 5th.

I want to thank everyone that pitched in at the beer tent for the All School Reunion. It was a lot of fun and a great money maker for The American Legion Family.

The SAL omlette breakfasts are back! And we will kick-off our first breakfast on Sunday, September 12th. We will need volunteers and of course we need lots of hungry customers!! I am looking forward to serving as your SAL commander, we will see you at the Club!

The American Legion Emblem

“There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning.”

The Rays of the Sun form the background of our proud Emblem, and suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.

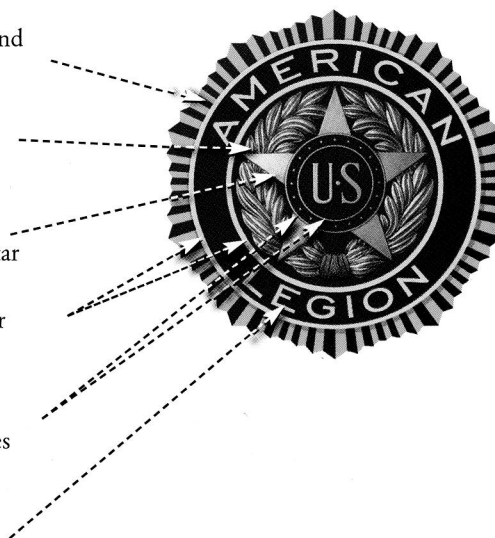
The Wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States, that liberty might endure.

The Star - victory symbol of World War I, symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.

Two Large Rings – the outer ring stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of America's children.

Two Small Rings set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our states and the Nation.

The words American Legion tie the whole emblem together representing truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS elected/appointed to higher offices with-in The American Legion Family

Dick Juhl

10th District Legislation Chairman

Dawne Juhl

10th District Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

Steve Sullivan

10th District Membership Chair for SAL and Legion Riders as well as Detachment (State)

SAL- ALR Legacy Run Chairman

Diane Sullivan

10th District American Legion Rider Director and Department (State) Auxiliary Brain Science Chair

Lowell (Boone) Day

Voiture 40/8 1281 Commissire Intendent (Finance Officer) and 40/8 Ritual Team

Robin Day

40/8 Cabane Sr. Sous (membership) and 40/8 Grande (State) Nurses Training Chairman

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Joint Meeting - Aug. 5
SAL Omelets - Sept. 12

Texas Hold'em Tournament
Saturday
Nights

August 7 & 28
September 11 & 25
Registration 7:30 P.M.
Start Time 8:00 P.M.

For Sick
Call or Taps

- Service Officer •
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Noon Lunches
(Monday-Friday)
11 am-1:00 pm
Daily Specials
and Regular Grill

LUCKY
STRIKE
Drawing

Sign up every Monday
2:00 p.m. – Close
Drawings held
every Wednesday
between 7 - 8 p.m.
Must be
present to win.

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Saturdays in September
at 3:00pm



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