

# NEWSLETTER



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*American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills*



## *Note from the Commander*

*Lee Phillips*

### *American Legion Post 712*



#### LEGION OFFICERS

Commander  
LEE PHILLIPS

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Adjutant  
THAD WEIDMANN

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Service Officer  
LEE PHILLIPS

Chaplain

Judge Advocate  
NICHOLAS  
KRAWEC ESQ.

Sgt-At-Arms  
BILL WEIKEL

I am looking forward to joining the American Legion Riders of Post 712 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August on their annual fundraiser ride. They will be having a post-ride event immediately afterwards at the Post. We all hope that the weather will be accommodating and they will keep the sunny side up.

Of course there will be the official installation of officers on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Congratulations to all the officers that have agreed to serve for the upcoming year.

At this time the kitchen is officially closed for everyday use, however we will still accommodate special events. While the closure is only temporary, guests are welcome to bring in or order food from outside the Post, that is, until the kitchen is up and running again. **There will be no dinner after the next Post meeting.**

I am taking responsibility in the cancellation of our picnic this year. With the cost of what a caterer would be and the kitchen in disarray, I thought that it would be in the best interest of the Post finances to cancel.

The condenser on the cooler downstairs broke and we lost all the draft beer. It is undetermined at this time when or if we can afford to fix the cooler and to restock the cooler once fixed. If we just put a "band-aid" on the cooler, it could break down again. Until we come up with a viable solution, there will be only bottled beer available to purchase.

Expenses have been enormous this year as our Post building is getting

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## *From the Desk of the Adjutant*

**Thad Weidmann**

As you may know, we had to cancel our annual picnic this year because of major unexpected costly equipment breakdowns this year. We had 3 different air conditioning units fail costing us approximately \$6000 to repair.

Many of you enjoyed renewing your membership at the picnic. That won't be an option this year. However, you can renew your membership by leaving your payment with our bartender, mailing it to our Legion at 650 Old Clairton Rd, Pleasant Hills, PA 15236 or paying online at 'www.legion.org/renew'.

We did pretty good last year on renewals. We reached 94%, second in our district based on our Post size for Veteran members. We processed over 800 renewals last year for Veterans and another 200 for SAL, ALA and Social. Because of the volume of renewals, our new Commander's wife Margie has volunteered to assist with processing memberships. In the first 2 weeks of July, she already processed over 200 renewals. Thanks for pitching in!

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older and equipment is wearing out, so we will need help and ideas in fundraising. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer in planning fundraisers.

By the time this newsletter comes out, I will have hopefully met with John Dillon, the President of the Riders; Mary Ann Marunich, President of the Auxiliary; and Gary Hartman, Commander of the Sons, all of whom do so much for our veterans and are to be commended for their leadership.

We are presently working on getting our membership cards out. There is a lot involved behind the scenes than just

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mailing out the cards. We appreciate your patience!

Working with our adjutant Thad Weidmann has been quite an experience. He has an enormous workload and we have been working to alleviate some of the pressure put upon him.

The Post is still in need of a Chaplin. This is a valuable, but not a difficult position. It requires being able to read prayers and attend memorial services and meetings. Please let me know if you would consider volunteering for this much needed position.

While working at the Post one day, I by chance discovered some photographs of years gone by. The meetings downstairs were full and the upstairs filled with people having a good time. I wondered what it would take to have that kind of Post again. Don't members care enough about the organization they belong to and leave their animosities behind to attend and support Post 712, or will they bail out and go to another place that is much more active? Do they care if the Post closes its doors for good? Time will tell!

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Phillips

Commander

American Legion Post 712



## PLEASANT HILLS

### POST 712 INC.

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## HOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

July 2, 2018

### SUMMARY:

The intent of these house rules and regulations are that all persons, while at our post, will at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high standard of the post and insurers adherence to the following expected behaviors.

#### 1) Proper attire

All members and guests will be properly attired at all times and service may be refused to anyone not meeting these standards:

- a. Footwear is required
- b. Profane or obscene image/wording is not allowed on clothing
- c. Public display of disrespect toward a post officer/employee/ or the flag is not allowed on clothing
- d. Active duty military personnel in uniform must wear the uniform in accordance with the appropriate military regulations governing its wear.

#### 2) Guests/Admittance

- a. The following individuals will be admitted to the bar and post area (current affiliation identification card must be presented if requested)
  1. Current members of the American Legion.
  2. Current members of the American Legion Auxiliary.
  3. Current members of the Sons of the American Legion.

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### HOME ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4  
Annual Benefit Ride

August 6  
Post Meeting (no dinner)

August 7  
Installation of Officers

August 13  
Home Association Mtg.

Legion Picnic ~~CANCELLED~~

August 23  
SONS Meeting

August 27  
ALA Meeting

*The new  
deadline for the  
Newsletter  
is the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
the month!*

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## Sons of the Legion,

Come join us for a quick and fun game of

### **"Shake Rattle and Roll"**

at 7:30 . . .

on

Thursdays

August 8<sup>th</sup>      August 22<sup>nd</sup>      September 6<sup>th</sup>



Thank you,  
Gary C. Hartman,  
Commander of the SONS

#### SAL OFFICERS

CoAugustmmander  
GARY HARTMAN

Sr. Vice Commander  
DON W. GOULDER

Jr. Vice Commander  
DON J. GOULDER

Adjutant  
MIKE HAVERTY

Finance Officer  
RICHARD HARTMAN

Chaplin  
AL DANKO

Sgt-At-Arms  
TIM MOWRY



## Auxiliary Corner,

I want to thank all of you that called or sent a card to my son during his time of illness. We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

We need volunteers for the sharing and caring boat ride on September 4th, please give me names and phone numbers within the next week.

We will be accepting donations for canned goods before the August meeting for operation military, as they are very short on food products. The picnic has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Our next meeting will be August 27, please try to attend.

God bless and protect our troops!

Mary Ann Marunich

Next Meeting  
August 27

Mary Ann was elected Chaplin to the  
2018 Department of Pennsylvania Convention  
of the  
American Legion Auxillary.

#### ALA OFFICERS

President  
MARY ANN MARUNICH

1st Vice President  
DONNA McCRUMB

2nd Vice President  
VICKY GOLDEN

Secretary  
MARGARET PHILLIPS

Treasurer  
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Chaplain  
BARBARA TERIHAY

Sgt-At-Arms  
ROSE BREEN

Sgt-At-Arms  
DONNA ROTTMAN

Sgt-At-Arms  
PAT O'TOOLE



### **Greetings Legionnaires:**

It was with a heavy heart that we said farewell to Veteran, Legionnaire and **Ghost Rider Larry Murin**. Larry passed away unexpectedly on June 18, 2018; and though he lived a long-life the loss of a man of his caliber is always a shock. Larry was recognized as a member of the Riders family and awarded the designation of, Ghost Rider in recognition of his works of service to Veterans and the community. As recently as Memorial Day Larry volunteered with the Riders to staff the Post 712 Honor Guard Rifle Team to render a 21 Gun Salute to our departed Veterans. Larry was a man of Action, he was a Veteran and he was our friend.

\*\*\*The Riders **Annual Benefit Ride will take place on Saturday, August 4th** to support Veterans in need through the **Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard and the American Legion Post 712 Veterans Fund**. Join us for a ride designed for riders of about 90 miles through the curvy roads and rolling hills of the Laurel Highlands to Laurel Hill State Park for a break and then return to Post 712 for great food and refreshments, 50/50s and American Auctions. Snacks and drinks provided at the break and a Police Escort for the Ride. This is a great ride for a great cause and is designed to keep the bottom of your boots clean! Commemorative, dinner, snacks and refreshments are included. Kick-stands up at 10 AM from the Kurt J. Lesker Company (1925 Route 51, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025). Registration begins at 9 AM though pre-registration is encouraged to guarantee Commemorative. Riders \$25 and Passengers \$15 which includes dinner, mid-ride snacks, two drinks, fun and camaraderie.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> **Mark and Pat Smith** hosted a ride to the Foxburg Winery. The day started with a continental breakfast at the Smith Residence followed by Chaplain Smitty and Pat leading the ride to Foxburg where the Riders had lunch on the banks of the Allegheny River, followed by wine tasting; which was naturally followed by wine purchasing. It was a great day for a ride and the Riders were able to answer that age-old question of, "Just how many bottles of wine can fit in a saddlebag?" The answer turned out to be in the neighborhood of 6 or 7. Another mystery solved. Thanks Smitty and Pat for your hospitality and for your leadership.

During July 13 thru 16, the Riders traveled to Geneva on the Lake, OH, for a 3-night get-away. As with the Foxburg Ride we caught great riding weather and also enjoyed the wide-open roads of Ohio. **Senior Vice President Ken Lancaster** led the way and made all the plans for about 26 Riders to romp on the shores of Lake Erie. Though we also thank

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- Deputy Treasurer  
BILL WEIKEL
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his better half, **Jenn**, as the Lady behind the plan! Ken arranged for 2 special dinners renting Piero's Restaurant and an outdoor dinner event at the Old Firehouse Winery followed by a beautiful sunset across Lake Erie. Events during the long weekend also included beach time, a ride to Erie, PA and a somewhat foggy night of sitting around a firepit on an appropriated couch making smores. Well ... what happens in Geneva stays in Geneva.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> the Riders visited our Brother Riders at Post 760 Bethel Park to say hello and begin discussion on future events. It was a good meeting. Thanks to all who participated, **President John Dillon, Senior VP Ken Lancaster, VP Rob Mansberry, Sr. Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Bodner, Deputy Treasurer Bill Weikel and Rider Ed Harmon**. We had a good visit and laid a foundation for the future as the Riders programs of Post 712 and around the Nation continues to grow!

The next Riders meetings are scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>. Perspective Riders who are men and of Action are always welcome!

Charlie Mike,

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Benefit Ride**  
**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

to support Veterans in need through the  
**Veterans Place of**  
**Washington Boulevard**  
and  
**American Legion**  
**Post 712 Veterans Fund.**

Registration begins at 9 AM though  
pre-registration is encouraged to  
guarantee Commemorative.

Kickstands up at 10 AM  
from the Kurt J. Lesker Company  
(1925 Route 51, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025).

**Riders ... \$25**  
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*Includes dinner, mid-ride two  
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4. Current members of other non-profit Veterans Service Organizations or Active Duty personnel, who qualify for membership in the American Legion, may only be signed in as a guest 3 times in a calendar year before being required to join the Post.
- b. Only working/service animals shall be allowed inside the post.
- c. No firearms/weapons are allowed on the premises.
- d. No alcoholic beverages are to be taken from or brought into the post at any time.
- e. No individual(s) food or beverages shall be brought into the post when the kitchen is open or an event is occurring.
- f. A post member in good standing must sign in all sponsored guests prior to participating in any post events on post property. The member who registers the guest will be responsible for that guest and their actions during that visit.
- g. Members are limited to sponsoring up to five guests per visit unless prior approval from the commander has been obtained.
- h. Non-members/Guests are not allowed to purchase food/drinks or play game machines.
- i. Minors
  1. All minors (as identified by the State of Pennsylvania) are prohibited from playing games of chance, purchase/handle/or consume alcohol, smoke, or be seated at the bar.
  2. Must leave the post bar by 9 PM unless prior approval by the commander has been obtained.
  3. All actions/damage/disturbance is the responsibility of the signing member.

**3)Bar**

- a. Post
  1. Time and days that the bar is open shall be prominently posted.
  2. Only a post officer/ bar manager/ bartender may adjust the temperature, smoke eaters, volume, or TV channels.
    - a. Smoke eaters shall remain on at all times when bar is open.
  3. Bartender/bar manager/bar back is the only authorized individual(s) to be behind the bar during regular business hours (special exceptions for an emergency/assistance).
    - a. Bartender reserves the right to refuse service to anyone they perceive as intoxicated.
    - b. Any person giving alcohol beverages to person that has been "cut off" by the bartender in charge, will forfeit their remaining drink(s) and both individuals must leave the premises.
  4. Loud, boisterous, profane language/gestures, threatening or racist remarks will not be tolerated on the premises. An initial warning will be delivered yet it is at the discretion of the bar manager if that individual or group should be ejected.

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5. Purposeful of post property will not be tolerated and the offending individuals will be immediately ejected. The bar manager will determine if proper authorities should be called. The offending individual(s) behavior may be reviewed by the executive committee meeting and privileges may be suspended/revoked pending the outcome and resolutions of that meeting.
6. Battery on post property will not be tolerated and the offending individual(s) will immediately be ejected. The bar manager will determine if proper authorities should be called. The offending individual(s) behavior may be reviewed by the executive committee meeting and privileges may be suspended/revoked pending the outcome and resolutions of that meeting.

\*Battery is defined as pushing or striking another individual in a hostile manner.

- b. Games of Chance/Video Games/Jukebox/Computer (etc.)
  1. No employee may play games of chance during their shift, before or after business hours.
  2. All reimbursements must stop at last call.
  3. Individuals that have any issues with the machines will see the commander/bar manager/finance officer.

#### **4)Meeting area**

- a. All Post rules apply
- b. Non-smoking
- c. Reservations are to be made with the Bar Manager.
- d. Available to all members in good standing, first come first scheduled.
- e. Special exceptions for bar rules must be obtained by the commander in advance of scheduled event.

#### **5)Kitchen**

- a. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the kitchen.
- b. Individuals utilizing the kitchen shall follow health and sanitation guidelines set by the Pennsylvania Department of food and safety.

#### **6)Parking**

- a. Parking spaces designated as handicap will be reserved for handicapped members and guests.
- b. Parking spaces designated as employee are reserved for the current shift employee.

#### **7)Enforcement**

The bartender on duty/bar manager/post officers shall have the authority to enforce all house rules and may have any member removed for misconduct or violation of these standing house rules. All instances will be logged by the enforcer and reviewed by the commander and judge advocate to determine if a special executive committee is required to address the incident.

***The rules listed above may be amended, changed, or modified at any time by the Executive Committee as the need arises. On update of any rule, the header date will reflect the most current modified date; the executive board at that date is the approval authority.***