

# NEWSLETTER



Ph: 412-653-1555 • 650 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills

July 2019

*American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills*



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KRAWEC ESQ.

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BILL WEIKEL

Note from the Commander  
Lee Phillips  
American Legion Post 712

May and June have certainly brought its share of rain and hopefully we will be a bit dryer this July.

\*GREAT NEWS! We now have the Pennsylvania Lottery game "KENO" at the Post. Stop in and try your luck

**The Pig Roast on June 22<sup>nd</sup> was a big success. Thanks to Debbie and all that were involved in making this happen. Special thanks to those that attended. Your presence made the event worthwhile.**

The upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July commemorates 243 years of independence for these United States. Of the **196 countries** on Earth, the vast majority **became independent** after 1800. Only 20 were independent before the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> century—a mere 10%— and by 1900, only 49 or 25% of the countries of today were independent. Those are pretty unique statistics.

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On Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> Debbie our Manager is hosting a Luau Bingo. I don't know what that entails, I guess we just have to take a wait and see approach.

July closes out with Post 712 Hosting Police and First Responders from surrounding communities in their Annual National Night Out on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

September 12 1962, [President John F. Kennedy's address at Rice University] "We **choose to go to the moon** in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard". Not quite 7 years later that goal was realized 9:30 am on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1969 with the launching of Apollo 11. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of that lunar landing of the "lunar module Eagle", the spaceflight that landed the first two people on the lunar surface, in the Sea of Tranquility of the Moon, with Americans [Lunar Module Pilot Buzz Aldrin](#) and Commander [Neil Armstrong](#) who took the first step on the Lunar surface at 20:17 UTC (Time Zone - Coordinated Universal Time) on July 20, 1969.

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DATES TO  
REMEMBER

**Post Mtg**  
7/1  
**Riders Mtg**  
7/2  
**Home Mtg**  
7/10  
**Luau Bingo**  
7/17  
**SAL Mtg**  
7/25  
**Membership  
Drive**  
7/27  
**ALA Mtg**  
7/29  
**National  
Night Out**  
7/30  
**DAV  
Out Reach**  
8/19-21  
**Legion  
Picnic**  
8/24

## July Kitchen Specials

**July 5th - Prime Rib**  
\$14.00 Baked Potato  
Baby Portabella Mushrooms  
Horsey Sauce  
Salad  
Roll and Butter

**July 12th - City Chicken**  
\$10.00 Corn On The Cob  
Parsley Potatoes  
Salad, Slaw, or Apple Sauce  
Roll and Butter

**July 19th - Beef Stroganoff**  
\$10.00 Glazed Carrots  
Salad, Slaw, or Apple Sauce  
Roll and Butter

**July 26th - Fantail Shrimp (6)**  
\$13.00 Rosemary Red Potatoes  
Grilled Asparagus  
Salad, Slow, or Apple Sauce

Home  
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BOB STOODT

Vice President

LEE PHILLIPS

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NICK KRAWEC

BOB BRANCHEN

CRAIG KERN

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY JULY 30TH

**"AUGUST" 19th, 20th, and 21st 2019  
PLEASANT HILLS AMERICAN LEGION "OUT  
REACH" ASSIST VETERANS  
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
ALL VETERANS - POST WILL OPEN AT  
10:00 A.M.**



THE NEW DEADLINE  
FOR THE  
**NEWSLETTER**  
IS THE **25TH** OF  
THE MONTH!

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July 2019

AUGUST 24th FROM 1PM TO 5PM



## SAL OFFICERS

Commander  
GARY HARTMAN  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P.  
DON J GOULDER  
2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.  
DONALD H  
GOULDER  
Finance  
RICHARD  
HARTMAN  
Chaplin  
ALAN DANKO  
Adjutant  
JERRY MAYS

# P I C N I C

- FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FAMILY THAT SIGN UP AT THE POST BY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>.
- THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 FEE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING, BUT WILL BE REFUNDED AT THE PICNIC.
- WE ARE CHARGING THE \$5.00 FEE SO WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA ON HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY.
- IF NOT SIGNED UP BY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, THERE WILL BE A FEE OF \$5.00 CHARGED THE DAY OF THE PICNIC NON REFUNDABLE.
- SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE COOKING AND SUPPLYING ROAST BEEF ON A SPIT, HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CORN AND FIX'NS.
- DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE BAR
- PARKING WILL BE AT MOWRY PARK AND A SHUTTLE WILL BE PROVIDED.



President:  
Mary Ann Marunich  
1st  
Vice-President:  
Donna McCrumb  
2nd  
Vice-President:  
Vicky Golden  
Secretary:  
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Gretchen Fuller  
Sgt.-At-Arms:  
Rose Breen  
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## *Auxiliary Corner,*

Thanks to all the ALA members that have been so generous in donating goods for our bake sale. It gives us a little extra for O.T.A. and Southwestern Veteran's Center. Our visit with Southwestern vets will be on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving the post at 6:00 P.M. and retire around 9:00 P.M. Please let me know if you can take the trip with us. Don't forget our next meeting which will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Have a great summer!

In Service Not Self,  
Mary Ann Marunich  
ALA President



*Brothers and Sisters,*

President  
DAN OELER

Vice President  
KEN  
LANCASTER

Secretary  
MELISSA  
STEFANIC

Treasurer  
BILL FIGURA

Road Captain  
BOB STEFANIC

SGT-At-Arms  
ERICH  
COLLINS

Chaplain  
MARK SMITH

Adjutant  
LOREN  
CONTRERAS

June was a busy month, 2 fun rides: one to Laurel Hill State Park on June 9 and one to Johnstown for Thunder in the Valley on June 22. The Legion hosted a Pig Roast on June 22, many Riders showed up to feast on the beast and show support for our Post. The food was great!

Progress is being made for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Ride; donations are pouring in and raffle tickets for the BBQ grill and fire pit are being sold at the bar. Anyone that wants to go on the ride can get a registration form from one of the Riders. The Ride is to Laurel Hill State Park with a Police Escort and there is a dinner at the Post at the end of the Ride. Anyone that cannot attend the Ride but still wants to go to the dinner can get a dinner ticket for \$15.

The next Riders meeting is July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.

Happy Independence Day!

Signed,

President Dan Oeler

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JULY 27, 2019

12P.M.-6P.M.

SPAGHETTI DINNER  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

\$6.00

OUR TEAM AT THE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 712

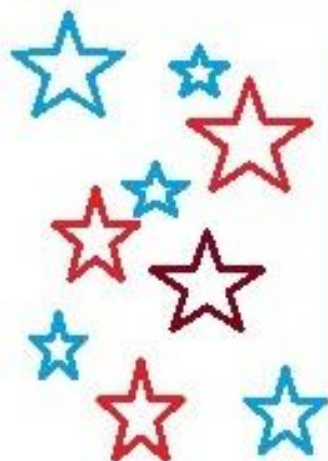
HAS A LOT TO OFFER  
OUR COMMUNITY!  
COME JOIN US!

VETERANS-AUXILIARY-  
SONS-SOCIAL-RIDER'S

PIG ROAS HELPERS

- \*LEIGHANN CASTANET
- \*VICKY GOLDEN
- \*ANNIE JAGEMAN
- \*KAYLA MATTHEWS
- \*KARI KOSKO
- \*DONNA INNOCENTI
- \*DARLA MCKOSKY
- \*AMY JAGEMAN
- \*JERRY MAYS
- \*LARRY JAGEMAN
- \*ED HARMON
- \*BOB BRANCHEN
- \*MARYANN MARUNICH
- \*DJ LEE PHILLIPS

*A  
Special  
Thank  
you*



*Thank  
you  
so  
much*

SPECIAL THANK YOU  
FOR OUR  
BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING!!!

- \*LARRY JAGEMAN
- \*JIMMY CHRISTOFEL
- \*DENISE CHRISTOFEL
- \*LEIGHANN CASTANET

SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST FRIDAY 9TH 6PM

\*\*\*REMEMBERING OUR HEROES\*\*\*

### **Important July milestones in US History**

**July 1, 1862** - President [Abraham Lincoln](#) signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

**July 1, 1863** - Beginning of the [Battle of Gettysburg](#) during the American [Civil War](#).

**July 2, 1964** - President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) signed the [Civil Rights Act](#) of 1964, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race in public accommodations, publicly owned or operated facilities, employment and union membership and in voter registration. The Act allowed for cutoff of Federal funds in places where discrimination remained.

**July 2, 1776** - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by [Richard Henry Lee](#) of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

**July 2, 1788** - Congress announced the [United States Constitution](#) had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

**July 3, 1775** - During the [American Revolution](#), [George Washington](#) took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**July 4, 1776** - The [Declaration of Independence](#) was approved by the Continental Congress.

**July 4, 1863-** [Vicksburg](#), the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

**July 8, 1776** - The first public reading of the [Declaration of Independence](#) occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.

**July 9, 1868** - The 14th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. The Amendment defined U.S. citizenship and prohibited individual States from abridging the rights of any American citizen without due process and equal protection under the law. The Amendment also barred individuals involved in rebellion against the U.S. from holding public office.

**July 13, 1787** - Congress enacted the [Northwest Ordinance](#) establishing formal procedures for transforming territories into states. It provided for the eventual establishment of three to five states in the area north of the Ohio River, to be considered equal with the original 13. The Ordinance included a Bill of Rights that guaranteed freedom of religion, the right to trial by jury, public education and a ban on slavery in the Northwest.

**July 16, 1945** - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

**July 18, 1947** - President [Harry Truman](#) signed an Executive Order determining the line of succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office. Following the vice president, the speaker of the house and president of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on February 10, 1967.

**July 19-20, 1848** - A women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, New York. Topics discussed included voting rights, property rights and divorce. The convention marked the beginning of an organized women's rights movement in the U.S.