

NEWSLETTER

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June 2015

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Memorial Day 2015

The Post 712, American Legion Memorial Ceremony Program was a complete success. With our commander recovering at home, the duties of the day were covered by others. My name was given to Barb Huwalt, at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery (who did an outstanding job coordinating the program). Not knowing a darn thing about what to do (since in the past I was just a spectator). I began making calls. With the combined efforts of all the Post's organizations, the Cooperation of the Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders, everyone pitched in and not only did what their jobs were but covered others. Al Di Lembo, filling in for the commander, stole the show with his speech. Jim Bach took command of the Honor Guard and everyone did great. Since there was a cross-over of duties, Jim gave a crash course on the proper procedures of an Honor Guard and the Gun Salute. There was a nice mix of old a new members and the ceremony went off without a hitch. Linda and Rich Wojnar volunteered to clean the weapons (that were in bad shape). The Legion Riders are always a hit at these functions. I was concerned about the number of Riders that would show because of the Rolling Thunder in D.C. However, to my surprise we had over twenty bikes show up. Some of the AL Riders even filled in the Rifle Squad. After making our stops at Bill Green's and T.J. High School we had our last ceremony at the Post. Thank you Larry for cutting the grass and bushes. Then we were treated to a nice luncheon thanks to Lisa and Vickie. A lot can be done when we work together.



Don Rottman,
Jr. Vice Commander

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JUNE EVENTS

Post Meeting June 1 7 pm
Riders Meeting June 2 7 pm
Corporation Meeting June 8 7 pm
ALA Meeting June 22 7 pm
SAL Meeting June 25 7 pm

No Entertainment Meeting this Month

Flag Day

In 1916, both President Wilson, and President Coolidge, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

Post 712 will have a **Flag Retirement ceremony on June 14 at 2:00 PM** at the upper level of the parking lot followed by a POW-MIA tribute inside the Post.

JUNE Kitchen Specials

June 5 ... Fish Stuffed with Crab Meat
June 12 ... Chicken Parm over Pasta
June 19 ... Stuffed Pork Loin
June 26 ... Banana Peppers Stuffed with Hot Sausage

**Congratulations Verne Krill
for the best hat at the Kentucky Derby party!**

*Picnic,
picnic, picnic
August 15
picnic, picnic
More information
to follow...*

**Band on June 6th.
Kitchen will be open 7-10.**
(wings, burgers, and hand cut fries)
See details on page 6.

... *New E-mail Address for American Legion Post 712* ...
adjpost712@verizon.net

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Auxiliary Corner

Thank you to all those who helped make our poppy day a success. Carl Anderson, Don Rottman, and Frank Koval from the post. Ann Giovanitti stayed with me all day. Also helping were Donna McCrumb, Marg Anderson, Rose Breen, Patty O'Toole and Dee Mattes. You were all a big help in our being able to help out with veteran programs. The Girl Scout office called me and donated 38 cases of cookies. They were split up between Southwestern Veterans Center, the homeless veterans and the Baptist Home. They were also given out on Memorial Day to the veterans at our post. The riders are having entertainment on June 6th. Will everyone please try to attend as they support everything we do. It will be a very entertaining night. Our next trip to Southwestern will be on June 25th and I would appreciate phone calls to me telling me you can come with us. It's been a great year and our new officers will be announced in the next newsletter. Get well wishes to Carl Anderson who is recuperating at home. Al Di Lembo is our acting commander and is doing a fine job. Our calendar tickets are here.

God Bless and Protect Our Troops
Mary Ann Marunich
ALA President

Thank You
Yvonne Ann Collier
Fall Product Sales Coordinator
Girl Scouts
Western Pennsylvania



Post 712 American Legion Riders and members were in Washington DC over Memorial Day weekend to ride in support of the 28th Annual Rolling Thunder Demonstration Ride to call awareness to POW, MIA and veteran's issues. Nancy & Gary Schwartz, Cathy & Stan Weaver, Denise & Jim Christofel, Tommy Matthews, Denise & Steve Horvath, Debbie Hromanik, Verne & Dave Krill, Dave Peterson, Barb & Bill Graeser and Ed Harmon made the trip.

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Sons of the Legion,

June 2015

Thanks to all that attended Mother's Day breakfast. The turnout was not as we expected, but had great feedback on those that did come to enjoy our great cooking. *Extra thanks to Gary Schwartz, our omelet maker and to our usual helpers.* There is a lot of work and preparation to make this a good breakfast, so please take the day off and let us cook for you and your friends and family on Father's Day.

We will be serving Father's Day breakfast at the Legion on Sunday, June 21st from 9am to 12pm. Price is \$8.95. 5 and under FREE. Public is welcome to come.



**Thank you,
Commander of the SONS
Gary Hartman**

STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

World War II vets are dying at a rate of approximately 550 a day. This means there are approximately 1.2 million veterans remaining of the 16 million who served our nation in World War II. By the year 2036, the VA estimates there will no longer be any living veterans from the conflict. The last World War I veteran, Frank Buckles, died in February 2011.

Korean War (1950-1953)

U.S. servicemen: 5,720,000

Deaths: 54,246 (36,574 in theater)

Wounded: 103,284

Estimated living veterans: 2,275,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

U.S. servicemen: 8,744,000

(estimated 3,403,000 deployed)

Deaths: 90,220 (58,220 in theater)

Wounded: 153,303

Estimated living veterans: 7,391,000

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American Legion Riders

June 2015

At the May meeting the riders had a guest speaker from the Valor Clinic Foundation, Dan Kysela. He spoke about how this program reaches out to Vets suffering from PTSD and helps homeless Vets by having Stand Downs that supply clothing and other supplies for them. We are collecting donations that will be taken to help local Veterans; please leave clothing, coats, hats, gloves, blankets and camping gear downstairs on donation table. On June 14, a motorcycle only run will be for this organization leaving and ending at the Natrona Heights VFW Post 894. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information call 724-224-1401 Tom Grates.

Every year the riders are honored to have participated in the Jefferson Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony and the POW/MIA Rolling Thunder Demonstration ride in Washington D.C.

We look forward to seeing country music singer Slim Forsythe and the Park Lane Drifters on Saturday June 6. All members are welcomed and are encouraged to bring guests. The show starts at 8 p.m. and the SAL will be serving wings, burgers, and hand cut fries. All proceeds will be benefitting the Post.

We are getting closer to our annual ride benefitting the Pittsburgh Fisher House on August 16. We appreciate any gift basket or gift card donations for our auction at the dinner in South Park.

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 2
President Nancy Schwartz

Get Ready

Get Set....

Go !!! August 16
Annual Ride
To Benefit
The Pittsburgh
Fisher House

Join us
Saturday, June 6
for the
performance of
Slim Forsythe
and the
Park Lane Drifters
To Benefit Post 712

1. Thank's to Operation Troop Appreciation for donating the two large box's of comfort item's to bedistributed to the veterans at the VA Hospital. They are located on the third level of Century III Mall and accept donations. Check out their web site at operationtroopappreciation.org

2. A special thanks to Heyl florist located on Old Clairton Road in Bill Greens shopping center. Each time we need a rose for a funeral service for a member they provide one as a courtesy at no charge to the post. Remember them next time you need flowers.

Frank Caputo

Let's GO

PIRATES



Slim Forsythe

and the

Park Lane Drifters

June 6, 2015, 8:00 pm

Sponsored by The Legion Riders

All Proceeds Will Benefit Post 712
with the Help of the SAL & ALA

Kitchen open from 7 to 10 pm

The show begins at 8 p.m.
The Sons of the American Legion will be serving wings, burgers, and hand cut fries.
All proceeds will benefit Post 712.