

NEWSLETTER



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March 2019

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Note from the Commander Lee Phillips American Legion Post 712

With the prediction of Punxsutawney Phil of an early spring comes the renewed interest of making our Post once again the premiere post in the area. Our new cook, Tom, thought it best for both he and the Post to part ways. He is no longer with us so we are going to rely on Debbie, Leigh Anne, and volunteers to run our kitchen.

Gary Hartman has resigned from chairing the fundraising committee, but thankfully has offered his support in helping out for events.

Also, Lisa is settling in as Post Adjutant.

We are trying to decide if we are going to be open to the public for our annual fish fry. If we are indeed going to be open to the public, the public may have to be served in the hall downstairs per LCB rules as the dining area upstairs is in too close of proximity of the bar.



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Non-members are not allowed to purchase alcohol at our Post as it is a private organization. Again LCB rules, and we cannot afford to get dinged again. The Board is still trying to work out the best way to handle opening to the public. We still do not know the extent of our punishment that the LCB and State Police will impose on us from their last visit to Post 712. Please bear with us as your Officers and Board Members work out the details. The last thing we want is the LCB shutting us down. We are collectively doing everything we possibly can to keep the doors open. Take outs are still planned to be available.

Volunteers are welcome! Please show your support for Post 712 by volunteering to help out at the post, be it clerical or helping out at Post events. This is your Post and going forward needs your active support. Please call or leave a message for me with name and phone number and I will return your request to help out.

Respectively submitted:

Lee Phillips
Commander



JOIN US FOR OUR
ST. Patrick's Day
PARTY!

Saturday, March 16th

1PM-6PM

Free Buffett and Drink Specials

DJ LEE Will Be Here

HOME ASSOCIATION

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Dates
to Remember

3/4

Post Meeting

3/5

Riders Meeting

3/11

Home
Association
Meeting

3/16

St. Patty's Day
Party

3/25

ALA Meeting

3/28

SAL Meeting

The new
deadline for the
Newsletter
is the 27th of
the month!



Sons of the Legion,

SAL OFFICERS

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SAL will have our breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday April 20th from 9-10:30 A.M. This event is free for children and grandchildren 10 and under. The cost for all others will be \$3.50. There will be an Easter egg hunt to follow and buckets will be supplied for the hunt.

Anyone that is a SON or qualified to be a SON and is interested to run for office, please come to the next meeting on March 28th at 7:00 P.M.

Thank you,
Gary C. Hartman
Commander of the Sons



Auxiliary Corner,

ALA OFFICERS

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Thanks to Donna McCrumb, Donna Allan, Chris Bodnar, Dee Mattis and Vicki Golden for all the help we had for the chili cook-off and spaghetti dinner. I wish we could get more volunteers, but no such luck. We are going to visit the vets at Southwestern on March 28th. We need more volunteers for some comradery with the men and women who look forward to our visits. Look for further information on the Easter Egg Hunt. The box for donations of towels is at the bar. Please help to fill it.

God Bless and Protect our Troops!
Mary Ann Marunich
ALA President

March 25th - Meeting 7:00 P.M.
March 28th - Veteran's Hospital Visit

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Greetings Legionnaires:

I would like to start this newsletter by introducing myself. My name is Dan Oeler, the newly elected President of the Legion Riders. I served in the USAF 1983-1987 as a Security Specialist where I achieved the rank of Sergeant and received the Air Force Commendation Medal. I currently work in government security.

I joined the Legion and the Riders in 2013; in 2014 I was appointed Road Captain, and in 2019 I was elected President - what a fast ride! John Dillon made it look easy!

The Riders are already planning for our Annual August Charity Ride. All profits from in this ride are donated to local Veteran causes - "We ride for those that can't".

We are planning three gun raffles for this year, one raffle on May 18th – Armed Forces Day, one with the August ride, and one on Christmas day, for tickets see any of the Riders. All profits from this raffle are donated to local Veterans causes.

I want to thank the out-going officers, John and Sue Dillon and Bill and Bev Weikel, for their leadership and guidance. Your hard work is very much appreciated!

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To all of the current officers, Vice President Ken Lancaster and Vice President Rob Mansberry, Treasurer Bill Figura, Secretary Melissa Stefanic, Senior Road Captain Bob Stefanic, Adjunct Loren Contreras, Sgt. At Arms Erich Collins, Chaplin Mark Smith: we have our work cut out for us! But working together I know we will uphold the high standards that the Legion Riders are known for.

If any of you should need to contact me, you can leave a note with the bartender and I will gladly get back to you.

Brothers-in-Arms,

Dan Oeler



A JOINT MESSAGE FROM

DAV and the DAV Auxiliary

VA recently proposed a regulation to establish a new Urgent Care (Walk-in) health benefit as part of implementing the VA MISSION Act. While we strongly support an Urgent Care (Walk-in) benefit (DAV Resolution No. 075) for enrolled veterans, *we strongly oppose VA's proposal to charge service-connected disabled veterans a copayment of \$30 per urgent care visit*, beginning with the 4th visit in any calendar year.

Our unwavering position (DAV Resolution No. 276) is that veterans have *earned* free medical care - *without copayments* - for the care of wounds, injuries and illnesses related to their military service. While the MISSION Act *allows* VA to impose copayments, it does not *mandate* copayments on service-connected veterans, and we believe VA would be wrong to do so.

The [proposed regulation](#) is now open for public comment, but it has a shortened comment period that will end this coming **Monday, March 4, 2019**.

If you agree that disabled veterans should *never* be charged copayments for care related to their military service, please join us in [submitting a public comment](#) on this proposed regulation.