

NEWSLETTER

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May 2015

American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills

Greetings from Jr. Vice Commander

As we honor those Veterans that gave all for our country, let us remember this is a solemn occasion. Veterans Day is a day of celebration. Memorial Day is a day of reverence.

There are thousands of memorials to honor those who gave it all, but the most majestic and emotional are in our Nation's Capital.

We are celebrating 50 years since the Vietnam War ended. Jan C. Scruggs, the Vietnam veteran who led the movement to build The Wall and establish the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (VVMF), has announced his retirement. Scruggs was a 19 year old when he served as an infantryman in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. When he returned home after the war, he made it his mission to see that Vietnam veterans received the honor and recognition they deserved and he came up with the idea of building a national memorial that listed all of the names of those service members who did not return. When a visitor looks upon the wall, his or her reflection can be seen simultaneously with the engraved names, which is meant to symbolically bring the past and present together.

The wall listed 58,191 names when it was completed in 1983; as of May 2014, there are exactly 58,300 names, including 8 women. Approximately 1,200 of these are listed as missing (MIAs, POWs, and others).

The Three Soldiers

A short distance away from the wall is another Vietnam memorial, a bronze statue named The Three Soldiers (sometimes called The Three Servicemen). The statue depicts three soldiers, purposefully identifiable as White American, African American, and Hispanic American. In their final arrangement, the statue and the Wall appear to interact with each other, with the soldiers looking on in solemn tribute at the names of their fallen comrades.

Women's Memorial

The Vietnam Women's Memorial is a memorial dedicated to the women of the United States who served in the Vietnam War, most of whom were nurses. It serves as a reminder of the importance of women in the conflict. It depicts three uniformed women with a wounded soldier. It is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and is located on National Mall in Washington D.C., a short distance south of The Wall, north of the Reflecting Pool.

In Memory Memorial Plaque

It was dedicated on November 10, 2004, at the northeast corner of the plaza surrounding the Three Soldiers statue to honor veterans who died after the war as a direct result of injuries suffered in Vietnam, but who fall outside Department of Defense

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MAY EVENTS

Post Meeting May 4 7 pm
 Riders Meeting May 5 7 pm
 Corporation Meeting May 11 7 pm
 Memorial Day Lunch May 25 1-3
 ALA Meeting May 27 7 pm
 SAL Meeting May 28 7 pm

***NOTE: There will be NO ENTERTAINMENT Meeting in MAY.

Thursday Game Nights Begins at 6:30

May 7 ... Corn Hole
 May 14 ... LCR
 May 21 ... Corn Hole
 May 28 ... LCR

**Hot Sausage
Sandwiches
with Chips \$4.75
and
Buckets of Beer
4:00 - 8:00**

**Come to watch the
Pirate Games with
us ... See page 6
for details.**

M A Y Kitchen Specials

May 1 ... Italian Hoagies
 May 8 ... Shrimp Stuffed with Crab
 May 15 ... Chicken Romano
 May 22 ... Mushroom Swiss Burgers
 May 29 ... Reuben Sandwiches

May 2nd Kentucky Derby

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**MAY 5TH
CINCO DE MAYO
\$2.00 Margaritas and
FREE Nachos!**

**FREE POOL
Every Saturday
& Sunday in May
from 4:00 - 8:00
+ Buckets of beer.**

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Auxiliary Corner,

A special Thank You to Gary and Vickie and John and Debbie for the work they did in the kitchen for the kids Easter Egg Hunt. The bunny pancakes were a great idea and everybody loved them. One little boy took his home to share.

Thank you to Jon for calling BINGO. Thanks to Vickie, Gary, Debbie and Chelsey for volunteering their time each Wednesday night for BINGO.

The YAD Dinner was a huge success. We want to thank everyone that put an ad in the program book. The kids honored did a great job. In our own unit, Adam and Allison Weidmann won the essay contest. Congratulations to both.

We are happy to hear that our commander is home and doing well. Hope to see you soon Carl.

Don't forget the Memorial Day service at the legion.

Because of the date. . . our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm. Nominations and elections will take place that night.

God bless and protect our troops.
Mary Ann Marunich, ALA President



Gary & Vickie
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Sons of the Legion,

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Steak Fry. We had over 60 people which is a great turn out. An extra thanks to the cream puff makers – John and Deb Pozycycki. Everyone raved about the homemade puffs!

Bingo is officially over and I would like to thank all who participated week after week. Money earned on this event went to the Legion. Our time was volunteered. Thank you Deb, John, Vicky and Chelsey for volunteering their time.

For the first time, we will be serving Mother's day breakfast at the Legion on Sunday, May 10th from 9am to 12pm. Price is \$8.95, 5 and under FREE. Public is welcome to come. Spread the word!

Upcoming events: Father's Day Breakfast, June 21st.

Carl, we miss you and wish you well.

Thank you,
Gary C. Hartman
Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

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guidelines. The plaque is a carved block of black granite, 3 by 2 feet, inscribed "In memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice."

Korean Memorial

Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated in 1995 to 1.5 million American men and women who served in the Korean War. The expansive memorial includes a group of 19 statues that depict soldiers on patrol facing an American flag. A granite wall has a mural of the faces of 2,400 unnamed soldiers with a reading that states "Freedom is not free." A Pool of Remembrance honors all soldiers who were killed, wounded or missing in action.

WWII Memorial

Compared to many of the other memorials located in the nation's capital, the World War II Memorial seems massive. It sits on a 7.4 acre site and measures approximately 337 feet long by 240 feet wide.

The memorial, which sits about six feet or approximately two meters below grade, includes 56 identical white pillars arranged in two semi-circles surrounding a central plaza, each pillar bearing the name of the 48 states that were part of the U.S. during World War II. There's also one for the territories of Alaska pillars

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American Legion Riders,

At our April meeting the Riders welcomed four new members to our group: Debbie Hromanik, Craig Goodwill, Joe Nowak, and Ed Cerilli. We attended the Blessing of the bikes at St. Valentines Church on April 12. The Riders group at the Bethel Park legion were the sponsors and the ride after the ceremony was our first group ride of the season. It was a perfect day.

The SONS deserve a huge round of applause for the fantastic steak dinner they served. Thank you guys!



It was an honor to attend the ceremony for Frances Thompson's son PFC Nils Thompson's road sign dedication on April 26. She owns the Hanna House B & B on the road that the sign was placed in front of to pay tribute and to remember her son.

Mark your calendar, the Riders are happy to announce we are sponsoring old time C & W local singer Slim Forsythe on Saturday June 6 at 8 p.m. at the post. He played at our run in August last year and everyone enjoyed him. More details in Junes newsletter.

Our next meeting is May 5 at 7 p.m.

President,
Nancy Schwartz

Next Meeting
Tuesday
May 5th



 **Mark Your Calendar for**
Saturday,
June 6
for the
preformance of
Slim Forsythe

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Alaska pillars feature bronze and granite wreaths designed by Kaskey.

On the northern side is an arch dedicated to the Atlantic theater and on the other side is an arch inscribed with the word "Pacific", paying tribute to the battles staged there. Kaskey also designed the wreaths and brass eagles under those arches. In addition, he created 24 bas-relief panels depicting not only specific battles but also the war effort at home, with titles such as "shipbuilding" and "women in military".

In the center of the plaza is the "Rainbow Pool" with its attractive circle of fountains. Flagpoles frame the entrance to the memorial and bases of granite and bronze are adorned with the military service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Ramps emerge from the entrance and lead around the plaza, accommodating handicapped visitors.

The 9-foot-high, Freedom Wall, decorated with 4,043 gold stars, completes the picture and commemorates those who lost their lives in the war, with one star for each one hundred soldiers who died.

Don Rottman,
Jr. Vice Commander

**\$1.00 OFF large
pitchers of beer every**

PIRATES
Game & \$1.00 Hot Dogs
(except during dinner nights)!

Come Paint with Us

Paint Your Wine Glass

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:00 - 9:00

American Legion, Post 712, Pleasant Hills, PA 15236



Bring your own wine glass (makes a great gift)
NO Experience Necessary. \$15 Will Reserve Your Seat.

See the Bartender to Sign Up

May 2nd

Kentucky Derby

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Saturday, May 2nd

*Enjoy a Mint Julep while cheering
on your favorite horse!*

Party Starts at 2:00

Prize for Best Derby Hat!

Light Snacks Provided.

D.J. Ron from 6:30 until 10:00



**MAY 5TH
CINCO DE MAYO
\$2.00 Margaritas and
FREE Nachos!**

