

NEWSLETTER



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Commander's Call



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Last month I began my Commander's Call talking about the direction that American Legion Post 712 will be taking. In this month's Commander's Call I will address directional progress made to date, information about the traveling I have done in our area to gain insight how other American Legion Organizations function, reflections on the POW/MIA Ceremony, this month's entertainment/ activity meeting outcomes of interest to our members, and some future ideas and plans that are in the works.

To begin, I am very pleased with the positive progress we have made as we come to the close of a very productive month. I have been very busy this past month visiting over five other American Legion Posts to learn what is and what is not working for them. I have personally met over a meal with various American Legion Commanders who shared their personal insights and guidance, including our Past Commander, Carl Anderson. I'd like to also let you know Carl and Marg are doing well and it won't be long before we see Carl and Marg at the Legion. During our exchange of communication it was really good to feel the same type of comradery I experienced during my twenty-three year military career.

In early October, I have scheduled several meetings with other District 36 Commanders as well as the PA Department Membership Chairman. In order to move forward, learning as much as I can from others so the same mistakes can be avoided will assist us in staying on course. This is an exciting time for our Post. We are in the infancy stages of many new progressive changes. I could really use your help in two main areas: attending our monthly meeting and volunteering for various functions. On the first Monday of each month, we hold our Legion meeting. Being a part of the meeting entitles you to ask questions, to offer suggestions, and to hear first-hand what is happening in our Post. I hope to see you at our October 5th Meeting at 7:00 PM. Let me know if you are interested in being a volunteer.

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October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Oktoberfest SPECIALS</p>	<p>TRY A SAM ADAMS OCTOBERFEST OR TRAVELERS PUMPKIN BEER</p>	<p>MON. THRU FRI. 3:00 – 7:00 BUCKETS OF BEER SPECIALS</p>
<p>PIRATE PARTY \$1.00 DRAFTS HOT DOGS, KIELBASSI AND SAURKRAUT</p> <p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00</p> <p>4</p>	<p>HAPPY HOUR 3:00 - 7:00</p> <p>BUCKETS OF BEER POOL LEAGUE 7:00</p> <p>◦ POST MEETING 7:00</p> <p>5</p>	<p>BOWLING HAPPY HOUR 3:00 – 7:00 MON. THRU FRIDAY</p> <p>◦ RIDERS MEETING 7:00</p> <p>6</p>
<p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00 FREE WIFI</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Steelers</p> <p>SPECIALS POOL LEAGUE</p> <p>◦ CORP. MEETING 7:00</p> <p>12</p>	<p>SOUTHWEST VETERANS COMING TO POST FOR DINNER</p> <p>12:00 – 3:00</p> <p>13</p>
<p>Steelers</p> <p>GAME BEER SPECIALS & HALF- TIME FOOD</p> <p>18</p>	<p>POOL LEAGUE FREE WIFI Everyday JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR!</p> <p>19</p>	<p>PENGUIN DRAFT SPECIALS</p> <p>BOWLING</p> <p>20</p>
<p>Steelers</p> <p>GAME BUCKETS OF BEER & HALF-TIME FOOD</p> <p>25</p>	<p>POOL LEAGUE</p> <p>◦ ALA MEETING 7:00</p> <p>26</p>	<p>SPECIAL 3:00 – 7:00</p> <p>27</p>

2 Month Calendar . . .

- Oct 25 Navy Band performs at Soldiers & Sailors (see Mary Ann) for Free Tickets and Parking
- Oct. 31 Halloween Party
- Nov. 21 Soup & Salad
- Nov. 22 (tentative date) Trip to Nemacoin Woods

Check this spot for future activities and events . . .

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October 2015

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

 <p>WE WILL HAVE NACHOS ON OUR BAR MENU</p>	 <p>GAME BUCKET OF BEER SPECIAL AND PIZZA</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL</p> <p>BRATWURST AND POTATO PANCAKES</p>	 <p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00</p> <p>FREE JUKE BOX 4:00 - CLOSE</p> 
 <p>BINGO 7:00</p>	<p>CORN HOLE 6:30</p>  <p>PENGUIN GAME SMALL PITCHERS OF MILLER LITE \$3.00</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL</p> <p>PORK AND SAURKRAUT</p>	 <p>PENGUINS DRINK SPECIAL</p> <p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00</p> <p>FREE JUKE BOX 4:00 - CLOSE</p> 
<p>BINGO</p>  <p>ENTERTAINMENT MEETING 6:00</p>	 <p>PENGUIN DRINK SPECIAL: HOT SAUSAGE SANDWICHES & CHIPS \$4.75</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL</p> <p>FISH STUFFED WITH CRAB MEAT</p>	 <p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00</p>  <p>FREE JUKE BOX 4:00 - CLOSE</p>
<p>BINGO</p> 	<p>CORN HOLE</p> <p>PENGUIN SPECIAL</p> <p>HOT SAUSAGE SANDWICHES</p> <p>SAL MEETING</p> 	<p>DINNER SPECIALS</p> <p>MEATLOAF</p> <p>WE HAVE TAKE OUT</p>	<p>PENGUIN GAME</p> <p>DRAFT SPECIAL</p> <p>FREE POOL 4:00 - 8:00</p> <p>FREE JUKE BOX 4 - CLOSE</p> 
<p>BINGO</p>  <p>PENGUIN DRAFT SPECIAL</p>	 <p>PENGUIN GAME</p> <p>DRAFT BEER SPECIAL</p>  <p>HOT SAUSAGE SANDWICHES</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL</p> <p>STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST</p>	<p>HALLOWEEN PARTY</p>  <p>D.J. TIM 8:00 - 12:00 PRIZES & FOOD</p>

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Auxiliary Corner,

Many thanks to our ALA and rider members who attended the sharing and caring boat ride. One member of the post there. It was a beautiful day and a perfect ride. All of the vets and their guests had a really good time and can't wait until next year. Keep the day after Labor Day open as the boat ride is always same. Don't forget we have Sarris candy bars for sale at the bar. A trip to Nemaocolin Woodlands is in the making. The probable date is Sunday, November 22nd. Final arrangements are being made and you will be able to sign up at the bar or with one of the ALA members. We will make a final report on the flea market at next meeting. The soup and salad bar is going to be on Saturday, November 21nd. See Donna McCrumb or Vicky Golden for information. Will our ALA members please support the bar bingo on Wednesdays held by SAL for the benefit of the post. Gary and his helpers are doing a great job. I still have tickets for the Navy band at Soldiers and Sailors Hall on October 25th. Tickets and parking are free. Southwestern vets are coming to our post on October 13th. We need volunteers to help with them. We also need donations of side dishes and desserts. The next meeting is Monday, October 26th.

God Bless and Protect Our Troops

Mary Ann Marunich
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Sons of the Legion,

Just a reminder that the SAL is back in the kitchen and will be serving dinners on the 1:00pm and 4:30pm Steeler games.

October 18th - Serving dinner at ½ time – Lasagna Roll Ups, salad, rolls and dessert

October 25th – Serving dinner at ½ time – Beef tips and noodles, salad, rolls and dessert

Upcoming events - Army Navy Game

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

**Eat, drink and
cheer for the**

Steelers

**at the Legion
this season!**

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American Legion Riders,

Greetings American Legion Family. We are coming to the close of the riding season with only a month or so left, but the Riders have been busy. On August 29th we partnered with Post 760 Bethel Park and rode to the Donegal Legion to attend a Region ALR meeting. After the meeting we stopped for lunch and had a great day of camaraderie and riding. It was a fun day.

Special thanks to Corp President Russ Wilson and Post Commander Rich Wojnar, and of course Mrs. Linda Wojnar, or as she is also appropriately known, Major Wojnar; whom accepted an invitation to attend the Riders September meeting. These leaders provided insight into the, State of the Post, which was greatly appreciated. I know it will be a very long time before anybody forgets this meeting!

The tally is in from our Annual Charity Ride and the Riders were able to donate \$5,000 to the Fisher House. This was our single largest donation of all-time! Again, a very sincere and humble, Thank You, to all of you who made it happen!

Good luck Tim Oeler, son of Sr. Road Captain Dan Oeler, who is starting Basic Training at Nellis AFB. The Oeler's are not only a riding family, but also an Air Force family. Aim High and whether its jets or motorcycles, always keep the shiny side up!

Someone You Should Know: Mike Dudenus is the Treasurer extraordinaire of the Riders in his second term of holding the office. He is the man who keeps the dollars and cents straight and is committed to helping Veterans and Military in our community. In civilian life Mike is the owner of the Mike Dudenus Insurance Agency and most significantly, a newlywed. Congrats Mike and June! Mike served as an Infantry Officer for three years on Active Duty followed by 8 years of service in the USAR.

Thanks for all you do Mike!

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On September 18th, Post 712 conducted a National POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. It was an extremely touching ceremony! While the National POW/MIA Remembrance Day is held once a year, prisoners of wars and those troops still missing in action should be on our minds daily. Many thanks must go out to our members who volunteered their time for the function. Dan Mack volunteered to lead the singing of America the Beautiful and Amazing Grace. Dan Mack is now our new Post 712 Lead Singer! We hope to have more of our members attending future military functions at Post 712 as we are a military themed organization. The next time you visit Post 712, please take notice the POW/MIA Table has a stationary location now that is strictly dedicated to those troops who are not able to toast and be present with us. **To all POW/MIAs, you will never be not forgotten!**

The day following the POW/MIA Ceremony we conducted our entertainment/activity committee meeting. Thanks must also go out to those folks who attended this meeting. Representatives of all divisions within the Post were invited to the meeting (two members from each division). This committee steers the Post entertainment and activities. Many new ideas were discussed. We are in the process of implementing some of the ideas we discussed. For example, we tried out homemade food at the last bingo, ham BBQ, which was a success. We also piloted take-out orders. This will also be a part of future meal orders. With that in mind, we will continue having homemade specialties at the next few bingo nights. We have many members with great cooking skills and great recipes. Also discussed at that meeting was the need to add a calendar to the newsletter so that members could readily see what events and food is available at the Legion for that month. This way, you could post this information on your refrigerator door or on your desk so that it could be more useful to you.

At the meeting, I explained my philosophy that only "Can Do" people are needed on our teams. I want to share something I read on the Internet that has value in mentioning. "Life is too short to spend your precious time trying to convince a person who wants to live in doom and gloom otherwise. Give lifting the person your best shot, but don't hang around long enough for his or her bad attitude to pull you down. Instead, surround yourself with optimistic people"

(1000ventures.com). It's all in the attitude – a choice we all make with everything we do. We have a very positive team who do not have time to entertain "gloom and doom" attitudes. No more, "We did this before and it didn't work". You may see some ideas revisited adding support that may help the ideas be more successful this time.

Another area that will experience major changes is the area of membership. In the next newsletter, I will explain the changes and hopefully by then they will already be implemented. Stay tuned for some exciting changes! As I previously stated, this is a very exciting time for American Legion Post 712!

As always, we support our troops!

Richard J. Wojnar

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see what's new every day!
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