

NEWSLETTER



Ph: 412-653-1555 • 650 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills • October 2018

American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills



Note from the Commander

Lee Phillips

American Legion Post 712

The District Meeting was held Sunday September 16 at our Post 712. Special thanks to Debbie, Leah Ann, and all involved to make it happen.

While the kitchen is still officially closed for everyday use, we are presently looking for a line cook/short order cook to work in our kitchen. If you know anyone that would be interested, have them contact us for an interview at 412-653-1555.

A special thank you goes out to the following people whose combined effort completed the painting of our Kitchen: **Tom Bodner, Ed Harmon, Dave Harris, Mike McElheny, Amanda Albert, Debbie Michalski, Dorry Cicia, Kelly Miester, Leah Ann Castanet, Vicki Golden, and Donna Innocetti; Bill Allen** for his research on lighting, **Thad**, our adjutant, who volunteered to do the work on the lighting; and **John Dillon** for taking control of the kitchen. Your help has been invaluable in getting the kitchen up to par. We still have people that are bad mouthing and complaining about the post. My answer is short: Get

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From the Desk of the Adjutant

Thad Weidmann

2018 continues to be a bad year for repairs at the Legion. We discovered several leaks in our flat roof after the major rains we had recently. We also found some clogged drains causing the water to pool on the roof. We're taking steps to fix the problems so that we don't wind up with worse issues with us now heading into the fall and winter months.

Our Commander, Lee Phillips, and his wife Margie have both pitched in to help improve our Post. Lee has been working in the kitchen cleaning and painting to get it back online again. He also asked Lowes to contribute some paint etc. to the project. Lowes was very generous. By the Way, we're looking for a new cook to utilize our refurbished kitchen to make it a revenue source again with great food. If you know anyone who might be interested, please call Debbie at 412-616-1834 or call the Post at 412-653-1555 and leave a message with the bartender.

Lee's wife, Margie, stepped up to help with membership and completed 471 veteran renewals (57%) so far. Margie also created and mailed an early reminder letter to our Social members to help reduce the backlog of membership renewals that usually occurs at the end of the year.

We are hoping that we can build on efforts from our Legion organizations to find ways to create steady revenue streams to reduce the drain on our savings, either directly by donations like the Riders have done or indirectly by events like SAL's recent Chicken & Pork Chop dinner or ALA's Soup Cook Off and weekly Bar Bingo that boosts our bar revenue, with the Bar Bingo revenue also going to the Post. If anyone has any other ideas to raise income, please let us know.

ROOM RENTAL

Contact: **Debbie Michalski 412-616-1834**

Have your next event at Post 712

- Wedding & Baby Showers
- Graduation & Birthday Parties
- Special Group & Work Parties
- Wakes • Group Meetings
- Craft Sales

****Special Discount Prices for all Membes****

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your butts off the bar stools, shut your mouths, and do something that will make a positive impact for all the members of this post. If not leave, because we don't need the drama.

The Post still needs volunteers! Please show your support by volunteering in planning and holding fundraisers with the proceeds going for the support of Post 712. Margie is organizing a Planning/Volunteer Committee to help plan and implement future events at the Post. If you are interested in becoming a part of this Committee, please text or call her at 412-728-4743. If members sit and wait to see if someone wietingll volunteer before they themselves consider volunteering, hell would freeze over before anything got accomplished. Messages can be left at the bar for me! Oh, and please have the integrity to sign your name.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Phillips

Commander



or
Devils Night
with DJ Dustin
7 till ??
October 27



Join us for a night of
BINGO every Wenesday!



October 2 16 30

Next meeting dates. . .	Oct.	Nov.
Post meeting	1	5
Home Assoc.	8	12
Riders	2	6
ALA	22	26
SONS	25	22



Lest We Forget

**October 5
Sam's Club**

**SHAKE RATTLE
& ROLL !!**

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**HOME ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS**

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**Dates
to Remember**

October 1
POST Mtg. 7:00

October 2
RIDERS Mtg. 7:00

October 8
HOME ASSOC. Mtg. 7:00

October/Wednesdays
Bar BINGO

October 7, 14,
Steeler Game &
FREE Buffet

October 22
ALA Mtg. 7:00

October 25
SONS Mtg. 7:00

October 27
Devils Night Party
DJ Dustin 7 - ??

October 28
Gary's Hoagie Sale

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



Sons of the Legion,

Don't forget our hoagie sale on

Sunday, October 28.

Three for \$22.00 or \$8.00 each.

Please have orders in by October 25th.

Thank You

Gary C. Hartman

Commander of the Sons

See you Thursdays at 7:30 October 4th & the 18th to

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Auxiliary Corner,

Thanks to all that helped with the Sharing & Caring Boat Ride. Everyone had a good time and all the Veterans especially enjoyed it. Bingo has resumed on Wednesday and it would be nice if everyone started attending. Fall Conference was very informative and we have a lot of instruction sheets to be passed out at our next meeting. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Operation Troop Appreciation. OTA greatly appreciated all the donations. The ***Dues are now \$31.00 not \$25.00*** as per National. Poppies are at Sam's Club on October 5th. Next meeting is October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Greetings Legionnaires:

The American Legion is preparing to celebrate its 100th Anniversary. This is a noteworthy and wonderful achievement. Congratulations American Legion! Though even as we cheer this grand news, we routinely hear about Veterans Organizations having to close their doors due to financial strife and we know Post 712 is not immune.

The percentage of Veterans in the US continues to decrease and currently comprises a mere 7% of Americans. We will see more and more Veterans Organizations permanently closing their doors each year. This will happen.

What is the Legion? Officially, the Legion is a 501(c) 19, tax exempt, non-profit, Veterans Organization. Ultimately, the Legion is a fraternal and sororal organization for Veterans and Families where we may share the bond that binds us all together thru the solemn pride of Service to Nation.

In addition to the Post 712 membership, there are about 82 Sons, about 71 ALA and about 44 Riders. In case you did not know, the Riders require membership in the Post, Sons or ALA prior to acceptance into the Riders. The Riders are comprised of about 28 Veterans, 8 Sons and 8 ALA members.

The Riders want to thank Post 712 and the Veterans of Post 712 for their support over the years. Sometimes we may take this support for granted, so

thank you for the use of the conference room for meetings; for use of the dining area and conference room for events; for allowing us to solicit donations on your property; for use of your basement to store our supplies; for use of your employees to support our activities; for handing out our applications; for use of your facilities to display our fund-raising flyers; for use of your address for mail and ultimately, for use of the Community believing we are one with the Veterans of Post 712. We appreciate everything Post 712 does for the Riders and all of the organizations in the building!

On September 5th the Riders attended the Post 712 Meeting and presented **Commander Lee Phillips with a donation check of \$5,200.** The Commander was appreciative and guaranteed the donation would be put to good use for the entire Legion Family of Post 712. These are tough times for Veterans Organizations, every month we hear of organizations closing their doors somewhere in Western Pennsylvania.

The Wine and Dine Raffle, ongoing at Post 712; will go off on Tuesday, October 2nd. The raffle includes \$195 in gift cards, 3 bottles of wine; a great nostalgic wine rack, gourmet food items and a 9-inch portable TV; just to name a few. Our next raffle will be the Warm and Cozy Raffle with tickets available

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from the Bartender for a donation of \$5 and proceeds supporting Veterans through Post 712 and the Riders. Please jump in and buy a ticket to support Veterans.

On September 4th the **Sharing is Caring Foundation** held their annual Boat Ride on the Gateway Clipper Fleet for Hospitalized Veterans. It was a great day on the water and the Vets had a wonderful time. Thank you Riders who volunteered as Chaperons for this great event: **Tom Bodner, Ed Harmon, Dave Harris, Ann Jageman, Mark Smith and Pat Smith**. Sharing is Caring and Caring is Action to help those in need.

On September 15th the Riders held a Club Ride to Fort Necessity. The 16 bikes rode about 120 miles round-trip taking curvy roads. It was a great day for a ride as the weather was sunny and Fort Necessity is a very interesting day-trip destination. The Riders ended the Ride at Post 712 where we supported the Sons of the American Legion All You Can Eat Dinner. The food was delicious. Nice job Sons.

The Riders closed out September by visiting our Friends at Vector Security on September 25th for an old fashioned cookout and for the Riders to say, "Thank You" to Vector Security for all the great things they do to support Veterans and their continuing support of Post 712. It is a great partnership and their contributions are very much appreciated.

The next Riders meeting is Election Day, November 6th. Don't forget to vote.

Charlie-Mike,

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TOP Presenting Check to Commander Lee Philips (September, 2018)



Sharing is Caring for our Veterans on the Gateway Clipper



Ride to Fort Necessity, then Dinner at the Legion