

NEWSLETTER



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Note from the Commander

Lee Phillips

American Legion Post 712



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We will have the chance to showcase our American Legion Post 712 on the 16th of September at 1:30pm as our Post will be hosting the American Legion District 36 for their meeting.

While the kitchen is officially closed for everyday use, we will still accommodate special events. While the closure is only temporary, guests are still welcome to bring in or order food from outside the Post until the kitchen is up and running again. There will be *no dinner* after the next Post meeting.

I recently received an anonymous letter unfairly criticizing a staff member. Since the unfounded complaint was not signed it was promptly filed into the trash can. Assuming this was sent by a man, that person needs to man-up and contact me directly so I can identify and correct any problem areas. I am not unapproachable. As I have stated before, I am taking responsibility in the cancellation of our picnic this year.

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From the Desk of the Adjutant

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Thad Weidmann

We recently ran into some confusion about our tax exempt status. We are not a 501c(3) (Public Charity). The American Legion Post 712 (25-1884268) is a 501c(19) (Veteran Organization). Our parent organization (American Legion 35-0144250) is listed in IRS Pub 78 (Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions) with codes EO (Other than Public Charity) and GROUP (Central Organization with group exemption, whose subordinate units are also eligible for tax-deductible contributions). We are also PA tax exempt (75-402-925).

You can show this information to anyone you are requesting donations from, and let them know that they can verify it themselves, if they would like to, on the IRS web site 'irs.gov' -> 'Tax Exempt Organization Search'.

Also, we have recently received several donations to our Post in memory of members who passed away, in lieu of flowers. We are very grateful for the donations and appreciate the family members for considering our Post as an alternate choice for donations in their time of grief. The money will be added to our veterans fund to help our fellow comrades in need. A note is sent to the donors letting them know that we received their donation and also to the deceased's family letting them know we received donations in their loved one's name.

Room Rental

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

***Consider having 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

The Post still need help from all its members including Auxiliary, Sons, and Social Members. Please let me know if you would like to help by volunteering in planning and holding fundraisers. Messages can be left at the bar for me!

We are caught up in getting our membership cards out for our Veterans. There is a lot involved behind the scenes than just mailing out the cards. We appreciate your patience!

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Phillips

Commander

American Legion Post 712

Our Post

Meeting in September
was moved from Monday to
Wednesday 9/5 at 7 PM
because of Labor Day.



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HOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

July 2, 2018

SUMMARY:

The intent of these house rules and regulations are that all persons, while at our post, will at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high standard of the post and insurers adherence to the following expected behaviors.

1) Proper attire

All members and guests will be properly attired at all times and service may be refused to anyone not meeting these standards:

- a. Footwear is required
- b. Profane or obscene image/wording is not allowed on clothing
- c. Public display of disrespect toward a post officer/employee/ or the flag is not allowed on clothing
- d. Active duty military personnel in uniform must wear the uniform in accordance with the appropriate military regulations governing its wear.

2) Guests/Admittance

- a. The following individuals will be admitted to the bar and post area (current affiliation identification card must be presented if requested)
 1. Current members of the American Legion.
 2. Current members of the American Legion Auxillary.
 3. Current members of the Sons of the American Legion.

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Dates to Remember

September 4
Sharing & Caring
Boat Ride

September 4
RIDERS Mtg. 7:00

September 5
POST Mtg. 7:00 (moved
to Wed. Labor Day)

September 10
HOME ASSOC. Mtg. 7:00

September 12
Regular BINGO Returns

September 15
SONS Dinner
Pork Chop & Chicken

September 16
Our post will be hosting
the District 36 Mtg.

September 24
ALA Mtg. 7:00

September 27
SONS Mtg. 7:00

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



Sons of the Legion,

SAL OFFICERS

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TIM MOWRY

September 15 the sons are cooking . . .

Pork Chop and Chicken,

Baked Potato and Salad . . .

All you can eat from 3 o'clock until seven !!!

Sign up at bar by September 10th price is \$8.95.

If you wait untill September 15th the price is \$9.95.

Don't be left out. Public welcome.

Thank you,
Gary C. Hartman,
Commander of the SONS



Auxiliary Corner,

ALA OFFICERS

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DONNA ROTTMAN

Sgt-At-Arms
PAT O'TOOLE

Congratulations to all the officers who were installed on August 7, 2018. We hope all of you have a successful year.

The **box for Operation Troop Appreciation** is next to the popcorn machine at the Post. Let's try to fill it for our troops with non-perishable items.

A **"Drag Queen" bingo** is being planned at the Post, details will be coming on the Post's website so please keep checking.

Our **calendar tickets** are in, so please see an ALA member for yours.

Just a reminder, to those who signed up for the **Caring and Sharing boat ride** on September 4, we will meet at Station Square parking lot at 9:30am.

Next ALA meeting will be September 24, 2018 at 7pm.

God bless and keep our troops safe.

Mary Ann Marunich, ALA President

Dear Commandant and staff,

Every once in a while in life you have wonderful experience. Our trip to post 712 was one of them. Everyone was kind and attentive. The food was absolutely delicious, hot and many varieties. Meat loaf, corn, mashed potatoes, peas, green beans, two kinds of green salad, chicken, cole slaw, pepperoni, buns, cherry pie, apple pie, several kinds of pastry, and they passed different kinds of cookies 3 times. They also packed a bag of cookies, candy and various other things. We also got a flag for us to take home. This is one of those experience you don't forget. Thanks for the memory and **God Bless All of You**. We can only get even by saying a prayer for you 712 times. Thank you all, looking forward to next year with hand over heart and hand salute.

Jim Contos

P.S. I had seconds

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Road Captains
BOB STFANIC
BRIAN KOHL
JAMES CAHILL

Greetings Legionnaires:

The Riders currently have a raffle ongoing at Post, with proceeds from the raffle benefitting Post 712. Mosey on over to the raffle and check it out for a chance to win and to support Post 712. It's a great raffle and you will be helping members of the Legion family, of which you are one. Tickets are available with the Bartender for a donation of \$5.

On August 4th the Riders held our Annual Benefit Ride to support Veterans in Need in the Greater Pittsburgh area. I am very happy to report the Ride, the after-ride party at Post 712, the American Auctions, and everything associated with the Benefit Ride was a huge success. Proceeds benefit Veterans through the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard and American Legion Post 712. We are still counting donations and paying bills and will announce the final tally at the Riders Meeting on September 4th, but what I can tell you is that this was a record-breaking ride with 75 bikes on the ride and about 125 people in attendance at the after-ride party, with more donations collected than ever before. Wow! I would like to thank the Riders, the Ghost Riders and the members of the Riders families' who volunteered to support this great event. You guys are GREAT!

The ride was led by 2 motorcycle police officers and we did not have to stop or put our feet down even once. We also had local police blocking roads and stopping traffic along the way. The weather was great, no one dropped their bike (always a good thing) and everyone had a great time. More on the ride, the donations and the great work done by everyone in the coming months.

On July 25th the Riders visited our Brother Riders at VFW Post 1810 in Brentwood to say hello and to kick around discussions pertain-

ing to future events. It was a good meeting and we appreciated the invitation. Thanks to **Sergeant-at-Arms Erich Collins, or Roach, and Rider Dave Harris**, who represented the Riders. Also, thanks to VFW Post **Rider Bob Armitage** who facilitated the meeting. Bob is also an American Legion Rider with Post 712. Anytime Veterans and Riders get together it's a good time and talking motorcycles just adds to the fun!

Some may be wondering how **Roach** earned the nickname, "Roach"; we can tell you he gainfully earned the nickname while deployed to the desert as a Soldier and member of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps - Hooah; and he wears this moniker with the Pride only the Brotherhood of Service can instill in a person. For more of the story, you'll have to go direct with Roach himself!

The next Riders meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th at 1900 hours. Perspective Riders who are men and women of Action, who seek to aid Veterans in our community; who believe in the brotherhood and sisterhood of Service to Nation and Service to Community and who, whether they served in uniform or not, are Patriots and Persons of Action to aid those less fortunate, are encouraged to talk to a Rider and attend. Those who want to sit around and complain while doing nothing need not apply.

When it comes to acknowledging all the great work done to ensure a successful ride and party I have a litany of persons to thank. I started to thank each one by name in this newsletter; however, the list is too long for one article. Conducting a ride and party is a huge logistical undertaking. Selecting a destination and a route for the ride, seeking donations, putting American Auction baskets together, selecting and buying chatchkee's to give away, select-

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ing and buying drinks and snacks for the turn-around point, selling raffle, auction and 50/50 tickets, coordinating at the starting point and turn-around point and parking at the finishing point, coordinating with the Non-Profits, selecting a menu and decorating, keeping the bikes together on the road, having a trail vehicle; my oh my, the list of tasks to be completed is seemingly endless. I will highlight these volunteers a few at a time in the coming months.

For this newsletter, I would like to thank first of all **Dan Oeler our Senior Road Captain along with Bob Stefanic and Brian Kohl and Tom Bodner, our Senior Sergeant-at-Arms, along with Erich Collins** as these men aided Dan in setting and scouting the route and in keeping the riders safe. I would also like to shout out to our **Ghost Riders of Don and Donna Rottman** for the work they did in receiving the riders as we pulled into Post 712 as they were aided by **Jerry May, Josh Dillon and Heather Dillon**. And a litany of persons who helped at Post 712 in selling raffle and auction tickets such as **Susan Dillon, Beverly Weikel,**

Donna Allan, Joanne Caligiuri, Pat Smith and Heather Dillon (Forgive me if I am forgetting someone). Finally, for this edition, I would like to publicly thank **Bar Manager Debbie Michalski and Leah Ann Castanet** who **volunteered** to do the cooking for 125 people. The food was wonderful and received compliments from all who were in attendance and the Post looked great. All of these people, our volunteers go above and beyond to aid others. Their efforts are inspirational and we thank them and are fortunate to have them as they Lead by Example.

Oscar-Mike,

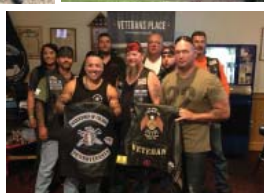
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OUR TENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT RIDE

August 4th



Proceeds benefit
Veterans through the Veterans Place
of Washington Boulevard and
American Legion Post 712.



A huge Success
Thank You



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4. Current members of the American Legion Auxiliary.
 5. Current members of the Sons of the American Legion.
 6. Current members of other non-profit Veterans Service Organizations or Active Duty personnel, who qualify for membership in the American Legion, may only be signed in as a guest 3 times in a calendar year before being required to join the Post.
- b. Only working/service animals shall be allowed inside the post.
 - c. No firearms/weapons are allowed on the premises.
 - d. No alcoholic beverages are to be taken from or brought into the post at any time.
 - e. No individual(s) food or beverages shall be brought into the post when the kitchen is open or an event is occurring.
 - f. A post member in good standing must sign in all sponsored guests prior to participating in any post events on post property. The member who registers the guest will be responsible for that guest and their actions during that visit.
 - g. Members are limited to sponsoring up to five guests per visit unless prior approval from the commander has been obtained.
 - h. Non-members/Guests are not allowed to purchase food/drinks or play game machines.
 - i. Minors
 1. All minors (as identified by the State of Pennsylvania) are prohibited from playing games of chance, purchase/handle/or consume alcohol, smoke, or be seated at the bar.
 2. Must leave the post bar by 9 PM unless prior approval by the commander has been obtained.
 3. All actions/damage/disturbance is the responsibility of the signing member.

3)Bar

- a. Post
 1. Time and days that the bar is open shall be prominently posted.
 2. Only a post officer/ bar manager/ bartender may adjust the temperature, smoke eaters, volume, or TV channels.
 - a. Smoke eaters shall remain on at all times when bar is open.
 3. Bartender/bar manager/bar back is the only authorized individual(s) to be behind the bar during regular business hours (special exceptions for an emergency/assistance).
 - a. Bartender reserves the right to refuse service to anyone they perceive as intoxicated.
 - b. Any person giving alcohol beverages to person that has been "cut off" by the bartender in charge, will forfeit their remaining drink(s) and both individuals must leave the premises.

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4. Loud, boisterous, profane language/gestures, threatening or racist remarks will not be tolerated on the premises. An initial warning will be delivered yet it is at the discretion of the bar manager if that individual or group should be ejected.
5. Purposeful of post property will not be tolerated and the offending individuals will be immediately ejected. The bar manager will determine if proper authorities should be called. The offending individual(s) behavior may be reviewed by the executive committee meeting and privileges may be suspended/revoked pending the outcome and resolutions of that meeting.
6. Battery on post property will not be tolerated and the offending individual(s) will immediately be ejected. The bar manager will determine if proper authorities should be called. The offending individual(s) behavior may be reviewed by the executive committee meeting and privileges may be suspended/revoked pending the outcome and resolutions of that meeting.

*Battery is defined as pushing or striking another individual in a hostile manner.

b. Games of Chance/Video Games/Jukebox/Computer (etc.)

1. No employee may play games of chance during their shift, before or after business hours.
2. All reimbursements must stop at last call.
3. Individuals that have any issues with the machines will see the commander/bar manager/finance officer.

4)Meeting area

- a. All Post rules apply
- b. Non-smoking
- c. Reservations are to be made with the Bar Manager.
- d. Available to all members in good standing, first come first scheduled.
- e. Special exceptions for bar rules must be obtained by the commander in advance of scheduled event.

5)Kitchen

- a. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the kitchen.
- b. Individuals utilizing the kitchen shall follow health and sanitation guidelines set by the Pennsylvania Department of food and safety.

6)Parking

- a. Parking spaces designated as handicap will be reserved for handicapped members and guests.
- b. Parking spaces designated as employee are reserved for the current shift employee.

7)Enforcement

The bartender on duty/bar manager/post officers shall have the authority to enforce all house rules and may have any member removed for misconduct or violation of these standing house rules. All instances will be logged by the enforcer and reviewed by the commander and judge advocate to determine if a special executive committee is required to address the incident.