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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER:

Let's not forget elections are coming on May 19th, to elect your post officers. Let's all VOTE, for the people that can do the job. We are working on a method to electronically vote if you are unable to make it to the post. More word to follow

We are moving into the spring months which mean more activities out and about and here at the post as well. Please look at the post calendar to see the upcoming events and we look forward to your participation!

Speaking of events, Post Elections are fast approaching; April will be nominations with elections in May.

"Sometimes if you want to see a change for the better, you have to take things into your own hands."

- Clint Eastwood

"If you don't like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time."
- Marian Wright Edelman

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge that;

"For God and Country."

Post Commander
Jesse Simmons

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Dear Auxiliary Member, congratulations on reaching our goal of 100% membership. We did it again another successful year!

In April, at our regular scheduled meeting April 19 at 2 PM we will have nominations for officers for 2015 - 2016. Please come out and nominate your candidate for office. If you would like to run come out and be nominated.

In May, at our regular meeting on May 17@2pm you will vote on the candidate of your choice. As we go into the year 2015 -2016, there are a lot of things that need to be done. Hopefully you'll be able to continue to work as a Team. Whatever we do whatever officers are chosen we all need to work together. We need to continue to work hand-in-hand as team players with the Legionnaires and the SAL.

Always remembering, whatever we do it will be for the common good of the American Legion Auxiliary, Legionnaire, SAL and the Post. Please continue to work as a TEAM.

I am extremely proud of each and everyone of you. Keep up the good work!

On April 19 we will be taking Auxiliary pictures for the booklet in Ocean City, please come prepared to take a group picture. This is your Post please come out and support it. As always, please check the Auxiliary Bulletin Board for updates. Thanks for the support in 2014-2015.

The Auxiliary Unit 196 looks forward to another great year with the Legionnaires and SAL as our partners in servicing our Veterans. Thanks for being a great Partner!

Towanna Mitchell, President
Remembering there is "i" in TEAM

POST OPERATING HOURS:

The Post is closed on the 1st Tuesday of each month. On months with a 5th Tuesday we will be open.

On Wednesday's through Saturdays The Post will open at 3:00 P.M. ***If business warrants***, closing time can be as late as 2:00 A.M. on any given night.

On Sundays the Post will open at 12:00 P.M.

Post operating hours are totally dependent on member participation and **good business sense**. The Post can and will stay open as long as members and guests support it.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Put on your calendar to attend the:

Department of MD, Inc. Convention
July 14, -17, 2015
Ocean City Convention Center
4001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

American Legion/National Conference

August 28-September 3, 2015 in Baltimore, MD

AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS:

The Post 196 Scholarship Program Application is attached to this newsletter and can be found on the post website:

www.mdpost196.org

Both male and female PG County High School Seniors are eligible to apply. The deadline for application submission is **MAY 1, 2015.**

If you know of any student who would be deserving of the scholarship, **you** can nominate them. They do not have to have Legion affiliation nor will they be required to participate in any functions.

Scholarship Funding!!!!

We are looking to add more funds to our pot to reach our goal of \$1000 by May 2015. The next Post Officer Auction will be May 1st. We had a lot of fun for the last one and more members expressed an interest in participating!!

Also a silent auction will be held as well for some very cool items as well as a select choice of items. If you want to participate, send an email to: amlpost196@gmail.com and list/describe what it is you would like to donate and or your desire to participate!!!

ROSTER OF POST OFFICERS:

Post Commander	Jesse Simmons
1 st Vice Commander	Norman Jones
2 nd Vice Commander	Ray Hopfer
Judge Advocate	Will Speight
Historian	
Sgt-at-Arms	Charlie Jenkins
Chaplain	Shirley Witcher
Service Officer	Joe Brown
Finance Officer	Jon Marshall
Post Adjutant	Stephanie Wells
House Manager (Acting)	Sharonda Lyles

AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

President	Towanna Mitchell
1 st Vice	Sherry Carruth
Secretary	Brenda Waltson
Treasurer	Maggie Thompson
Historian	Denyse Bennett
Chaplain	Velma Alston-Jones
Sgt-at-arms	Yvonne Irick

SAL OFFICERS:

Commander	Ray Hopfer
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SPRING WEATHER TIPS:

Spring is a perfect time to clean out your home. Follow these steps to keep you and your family safe when cleaning this season, including tips like:

- If you are moving furniture, keep your back straight and lift with your legs
- Follow cleaning product safety instructions and labels
- Use caution while walking on wet surfaces and clean up spills
- Be sure to wear a mask while cleaning dusty areas of your home

DUTIES OF THE POST OFFICERS:

Commander: The Commander has the duty of teaching and protecting the cardinal principals of the American Legion throughout the entire Post. The Commander has supervision of the duties of all other officers of the Post, is the guardian of Justice and Freedom, and bears the full responsibility of the Post complying with the policies and the traditions of your Post and of the American Legion

Adjutant: The Adjutant is appointed as Assistant or Secretary to the Commander. The Adjutant is the “continuity” person in the post.

1st Vice Commander: The 1st Vice Commander is responsible for cooperating with the Commander, especially with the interest of the membership of the Post. The 1st Vice Commander has the duty of safeguarding the honor of the Flag of our Country and is the teacher of “Democracy.”

2nd Vice Commander: The 2nd Vice Commander shall assist the Commander with all duties. Particularly with interest in patriotic observances of all kinds, in developing Post activities, and in the entertainment features which mark all meetings.

Service Officer: The Service Officer is selected to perform the fundamental work for the benefit of the members of the Post, but also for those War Veterans particularly in need of service.

Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate is assigned the most important duty for which his legal training and/or past Legion experience may apply to you. The duties include the interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Post and may be called on to rule on the legality of the actions and decisions insofar as these affect the good of the American Legion.

Finance Officer: The Finance Officer is the keeper of the monies and in him is reposed the financial responsibility for the Post. The duty includes the year’s budget and the payment of all obligations when proper authorization has been given for such payment.

Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms is the outer guard of this post and will especially guard against the loss of The American Legion’s greatest possessions – our deep and abiding spirit of comradeship. He will learn the identity and introduce to the Commander all visiting comrades and guests of the Post. Into his hands is given the charge of the stand of colors which you will properly display at all Post meetings and on ceremonial occasions.

Chaplain: The Chaplain is given the spiritual leadership of the post and responsibility for religious ceremonies for the Post or a comrade. All such ceremonies are made more commemorative by the use of Legion rituals.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee is charged with the management of the Post.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE VI: OFFICER

SECTION 1. The elected officers of The Post shall be Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian, Service Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

SECTION 2. The appointed officers shall be Adjutant, Senior Color Guard, and such other officers as deemed necessary by The Post.

SECTION 3. Every member of The Post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in The Post, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 4. Any officer may be removed for inefficiency by a recommendation from the Executive Committee and a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. All elections of Officers, Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be by ballot, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the respective office for which they are candidates.

SECTION 2. Candidate/s eligible to hold office shall be a member in good standing.

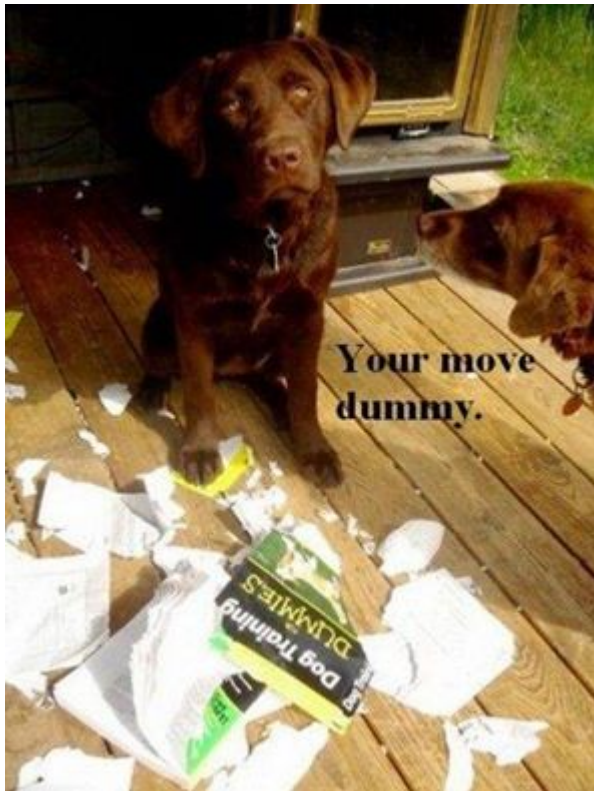
SECTION 3. A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Commander not later than the regularly- scheduled March meeting of The Post. Each member seeking office shall submit his/her name to the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall determine the eligibility of each candidate for office. The names shall be presented at the next regular meeting of The Post. Additional nominations for each office may be made from the floor at this meeting, provided that each nominee is eligible and has given his/her consent.

SECTION 4. Election shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday in May or on a date designated and approved by The Post. The method of election shall be by ballot (secret ballot).

SECTION 5. All Post Officers shall be elected at least twenty days prior to the opening of the Department Convention and shall assume their duties within twenty (20) days after the closing of the Department Convention.




SECTION 6. The Post Adjutant shall prepare the printed ballots with the names of the candidates in alphabetical order for the following offices: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian, Service Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. No other ballot shall be legal.

JOKE OF THE MONTH:



The Three Most Dangerous People in the Army:



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12	13	14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM	15  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	16	17	18
19 AUXILARY MEETING 2PM OFFICER NOMINATIONS	20	21 POST LEGION MEETING 7PM OFFICER NOMINATIONS	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

MAY EVENTS: 5th: Cinco de Mayo; 10th: Mother's Day; 16th: Armed Forces Day; 25th: Memorial Day