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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **FROM THE COMMANDER:**

Spring is approaching, hopefully soon, and we will all be starting our "Spring Cleaning." A few ideas I'd like to share, first is having members donate items for a Post Garage Sale. Another idea is to set a date for a Post property clean-up before the grass and weeds get unmanageable! For both of those events, we'll look into getting our chefs on the grill and making it a fun time for everyone.

But to be successful in anything we do at this Post means that we need YOU the membership to lend a hand. So I am asking for our membership to donate two hours a month to assisting the House Manager and Bar Staff to doing something around the Post.

We are looking for dates in the near future to conduct a "Post Visitation" to Post 19 in Baltimore and it would be great if every member of Post 196 showed up for the event! With enough interest, transportation can be set up so no one would need to drive!!! Details will go out when a date or dates are available!

**"For God and Country."**

Post Commander  
Jesse Simmons

### **FROM THE 1st VICE COMMANDER:**

We are slowly moving up to the 100% paid membership goal. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the 85 members who haven't paid yet, would do so? And soon!!

Those members who haven't paid yet, are, by Legion by-laws, not eligible to participate in any official Legion activities. You may not vote at meetings, nor vote for any officers until you have paid your dues. So please do so soonest and again become a member in good standing.

### **FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER:**

Thank you all for the support for the shifting and execution of the Valentine's Day Dance! Even though it was a week after the fact, we had a great turnout and everyone had fun!

The next events coming up are: Commander's Birthday Party, St. Patrick's Day and March Madness Playoffs.

Congratulations to the winners of the two liquor baskets, Michelle Fuller and John Marshall.

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY:**

The American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting a Easter Party for children ages 4-10 on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 1pm -3 pm. **You MUST use the Blue sign-up sheet at the Post to enter your name, Child's name, child's age and gender.** All children on the sign up sheet will receive a basket. MEMBERSHIP: Please contact the 1st Vice President, Towanna Mitchell for details on renewing/joining. She can be reached at mitchelltd01@gmail.com.

The March Auxiliary meeting is canceled. There will be an Auxiliary Easter Party discussion on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Check the Auxiliary Bulletin Board at the Post for upcoming events and information. As always we appreciate your support.

President  
Sherry Carruth

### **FROM THE HOUSE MANAGER**

We have two new bartenders, please welcome Jasmine and Jade!!! Please remember, tipping brings you good karma — it's just a fact of life. And bad tipping, or a lack of tipping, can lead to a short pour, unbalanced

### FROM THE HOUSE MANAGER cont.

drinks and just poor service. Do you want that? We didn't think so. Tipping is a way of showing your appreciation for the bartender. So please appreciate the bartenders!

The post is still in need of some TLC. If you have an hour or two and can paint, hammer a nail or use a screwdriver...please stop by and lend a hand.

### ROSTER OF POST OFFICERS:

Post Commander	Jesse Simmons
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Norman Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Sam Horton
Judge Advocate	James Bullock
Historian	Mike Riddick
Sgt-at-Arms	Will Speight
Chaplain	Frank Anderson
Service Officer	Vacant
Finance Officer	Thurnell Outlaw
Post Adjutant	Rob Willett

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

President	Sherry Carruth
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Towanna Mitchell
Secretary	Rita" Rayfield
Treasurer	Maggie Thompson
Historian	Denyse Bennett
Chaplain	Velma Alston-Jones
Sgt-at-arms	Yvonne Irick

### POST OPERATING HOURS:

The Post is closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. On months with a 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CHAPLAIN:

Well fellow Legionnaires we have turned over a new year. May it be a healthy one for you and yours.

One thing that would help me as your Chaplain is that if you know of a member that is sick, in a hospital, or has passed away, please contact me so I can send a card to our member or their family. I can only do this with your help as we don't get to know all of the members unfortunately. Thanks in advance.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL COMMANDERS BANQUET  
March 15, 2014  
Hosted by Francis Scott Key Post #11  
1450 Taney Ave.  
Frederick, MD 21702  
301 662-6941  
Cost of Dinner \$30.00  
Open Bar 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Dinner 6:30 P.M.  
Program to Follow  
Sunday Breakfast at the Post starting at 9:30 A.M  
\$8:00 per person  
Cut-Off date is March 11, 2014  
Send checks made payable to Post #11 and note  
Banquet and/or Breakfast

### About Military Service Records and Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs, DD Form 214)

If you've been discharged from military service, your personnel files are stored here at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). We are the official repository for records of military personnel who have been discharged from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard.

Records are accessioned into the National Archives, and become archival, **62 years after** the service member's separation from the military. This is a rolling date; hence, the current year, 2014, minus 62 years is 1952.

**The 1973 Fire** at the National Personnel Records Center **damaged or destroyed 16-18 million Army and Air Force records** that documented the service history of former military **personnel discharged from 1912-1964**. Although the information in many of these primary source records was either badly damaged or completely destroyed, often alternate record sources can be used to reconstruct the service of the veterans impacted by the fire. Sometimes we are able to reconstruct the service promptly using alternate records that are in our holdings, but other times we must request information from other external agencies for use in records reconstruction. In some instances, therefore, requests that involve reconstruction efforts may take several weeks to a month to complete.

To get copies of DD Form 214, Discharge Papers or Separation Documents this can be done either on-line or by submitting a Standard Form SF-180 via mail or fax.

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH:**

Orville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Georgia, told police he observed a male customer, later identified as Tyrone Jackson of Augusta, on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted the man became irate, knocked down an employee, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe. After Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene Cpl. Duggan was transported for treatment.

The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose and a broken jaw...injuries he sustained when he slipped and fell off of the curb after stabbing the Marine.

Now THAT was a well written Police report!

### **VETERANS HELPING VETERANS:**

When it comes to supporting veterans and service members who face difficult challenges, we're all in this together. If a veteran or service member you know shows signs of crisis, such as hopelessness, anxiety, or withdrawal, call on the caring professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line—some of them veterans themselves—who are ready to listen. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat), or text to 838255 for free, confidential support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Help spread the word by visiting [VeteransCrisisline.net/SpreadtheWord](https://VeteransCrisisline.net/SpreadtheWord) to download free Veterans Crisis Line materials. Let the veterans and service members you love know: Support is just a call, click, or text away. **It Matters.**

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◀ February

April ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH				<b>1</b> <b>COMMANDER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY</b> 
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> POST CLOSED 	<b>5</b> KARAOKE WITH DOUG	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">DJ NITE FLIGHT</div>	<b>8</b> International Women's Day
<b>9</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins SOUTHERN MD DISTRICT MEETING @ POST 274	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>12</b> KARAOKE WITH DOUG	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">DJ MASTER "T"</div>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> National Commanders Breakfast @ Post 11	<b>17</b>  GREEN BEER DAY	<b>18</b> GENERAL POST MEETING  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING MARRIOTT WASH, DC.</div>	<b>19</b> KARAOKE WITH DOUG	<b>20</b> Spring Begins	<b>21</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">DJ MASTER "T"</div>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> POST CLOSED "Maryland Day"	<b>26</b> KARAOKE WITH DOUG	<b>27</b> NCAA BASKETBALL South Regional West Regional	<b>28</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">DJ UNC &amp; POP</div> NCAA BASKETBALL North Regional East Regional	<b>29</b> NCAA BASKETBALL South Regional West Regional
<b>30</b> NCAA BASKETBALL North Regional East Regional	<b>31</b>	<b>APRIL – 12<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Fleet; 13<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY; 18<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY; 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER</b>				