

AMERICAN LEGION POST 373 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, the good weather is just about here. Enough of this winter. If you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail, you could help us cut our cost down by emailing me your email address at brewsterrobert@bellsouth.net. We will take you off the snail mail and put you on the email list. Presently, our membership stands at 366 members paid for 2015. This means we have grown 24 members from last year's total. We are the first Post of the 19 Posts in District 5 to reach 100% in membership. Please try and get at least one veteran to join our Post this year. And also encourage your wives, daughters, granddaughters, etc. to join our Auxiliary. As we continue to grow, we are able to help more vets and their families in the area. If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you have a problem, contact me at 904-272-1619.

At February's Post meeting, the Boy's State Program was discussed and a motion was made and passed to send one boy from our area to Boy's State next year. This will bring our total Post programs up to 12 programs. As we grow membership, we can do much more as a Post. Our Auxiliary is already sending a candidate to Girl's State this year for the second time in their brief history. (Well done, ladies!)

I have been receiving a lot of help from our members in setting up the meeting hall for our meetings and then taking it down and cleaning the hall right after our meetings. I can't thank these members enough for all their help. We are proving that we are not a one person Post. If you have not attended one of our monthly meetings, I strongly encourage you to do so. There is no alcohol or smoking at these meetings, and our meetings are conducted in accordance to the Legion by-laws. Everyone is allowed to speak their concerns. Right after our meetings, we have social time with food, soft drinks, coffee, water, etc. It is very important for you, the members, to attend our meetings as often as possible. Once a year is better than none. (WHY?) Because you, the members, run this Post, not the Commander or Executive Board or any little clique. Let's keep it this way.

COMMANDER'S CORNER (continued)

Our Building Fund continues to grow. We will be discussing a new fund raiser at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 24th. Also at that time, we will be opening nominations for next year's officers, both for Legion and Auxiliary. This will also be done at the April meeting. Then at the May meeting, we will be voting for these positions.

We have already submitted all the forms necessary for our Sons of the American Legion program, plus the check, and we are now waiting for our Charter from National headquarters. If any of you Legion members would like to help us out with this program by being a dual members, you will get a reduced SAL membership fee. Also, for your sons, grandsons, great grandsons, you can enter them into this program no matter where they live or how old they are. Let's see who can get the youngest member to join.

**For God and Country,
Bob Brewster, Commander**

AUXILIARY NEWS

Please continue to bring your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to the meetings each month. This is one of our ongoing projects and we continue to donate them to Clay County schools throughout the year.

The ABC (Auxiliary Basic Concept) School will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at Post 316. Registration is 9:30 am and class begins at 10:00 am. This school is very informative and even if you have attended before, there is always something new to learn.

Ladies, at this month's meeting on March 24th, we will be opening nominations for next year's officers. Please consider running for office. As stated above in the Commander's Corner, nominations will also be open at our April 28th meeting, and the election will take place at our May 26th meeting. It is important for all members to attend these meetings as you are the ones who will be electing our officers for this coming year.

We are continuing to clip coupons to send to our troops. Thank you to everyone who brings their clipped coupons to the meetings. Just a reminder, please be sure to keep track of the time it takes you to clip the coupons. We have to report the total hours as well as the total dollars on our year end reports.

**For God and Country,
Barbara Jonte, Secretary/Treasurer**

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- We placed our first order for shirts.
- We completed the paperwork for the Post Excellence Award.
- We are having a Clay County Veterans stand down in the Fall. Look for more information coming out later this year.
- We are members of the Clay County Veterans Council.
- The Clay County Veterans Court falls under the Clay County Veterans Council. We have had two veterans go through the court system and their records were expunged.
- There is a job opening at NAS Jax helping out at a food cart, \$8.00 an hour, 3 - 4 hours a day.
- March 16th - March 20th - Women Veterans Recognition Week - For more information call 904-534-4738 or 210-5400.
- March 19th - UNF Job Fair, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Open to the public
- March 26th - I-TECH Recruiting Event, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Fleming Island Career Center. I-TECH is hiring: Sheet Metal Fabricator, Assembly Mechanic, Welder Fitter, Mechanical Electrician and Safety Health Environmental Administrator. For more information call 904-213-3888.

**For God and Country,
Bob Brewster, Commander**



We would like to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th and a very blessed and happy Easter on April 5th.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Post/Unit 373 meetings are held the **4th Tuesday** of each month (**except December**) at the Orange Park Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

Our **March** meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2015** at **7:00 PM**

Our **April** meeting is scheduled for **April 28, 2015** at **7:00 PM**

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Sunday, **March 8, 2015** at **2:00 PM**, **5th District Legion & Auxiliary** meetings, will be held at **Post 194**, 1029 West Pearl St, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Sunday, **April 12, 2015** at **2:00 PM**, **5th District Legion & Auxiliary** meetings, will be held at **Post 54**, 626 S. 3rd St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

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Please e-mail your articles for Post 373's March/April newsletter to either Bob Brewster at brewsterrobert@bellsouth.net or Barb Jonte at bjonte49@att.net by **April 23, 2015**.

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Sgt. at Arms	Paul Horn	904-505-8266
Historian	Bob Mix	904-298-2217
Chaplain	Joe Wright	904-269-7676
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