



AMERICAN LEGION POST 373 NEWSLETTER



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**Commander
Robert "Bob" Brewster**

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

It seems like just yesterday I was attending the Department Convention which was held in early June. Now I am getting ready to attend the Department of Florida Fall Conference. Time has just flown by. We just mailed in 17 renewals and 1 new membership for our Post, which means we just met the Department's BZ Goal for membership of 263 members paid for 2015 (75%). You, the membership of this Post, have enabled our Post to hit every monthly goal set by the Department for 6 straight years. I applaud you. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, it is an IRS requirement that we have documentation (DD214) for our membership. If you can, please send me this information. Check your membership card, and if you do not have a 2015 card, please renew as soon as you can. Again, if there is a reason that you can't or do not want to renew, give me a call at 904-272-1619. This will give me an opportunity to find out what is wrong and see if we can fix the problem whatever it is.

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, we will host the American Legion 5th District meeting at the Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 at 2:00 PM. Here's the scoop. In the 12 years that I have been involved with Department, no Post in District 5 ever hosted a District meeting that did not have their own Post home. We all should be proud of this opportunity. We will be in the building at 9:00 AM, setting up for this event - tables, chairs, P.A. system, etc. There will be someone in the building from that moment on, so if you care to volunteer to help, please do so. We can use all the help we can get. Guest will start trickling in about 12:30 PM, and the official sign in will start at 1:00 PM. The meeting itself starts at 2:00 PM. The meeting lasts approximately 1 or 1-1/2 hours. After the meeting, we will be serving a free full meal. Most of you have never attended a District meeting; therefore, you miss out on what the 19 Posts in the 5th District do. I promise you, you will be amazed at what we do for our vets throughout the 5th District, the state, and the world. Even if you cannot volunteer to help, we would like you to attend so you can learn firsthand all the good that we do for you and all vets. For those of you who have Legion caps and Legion shirts, wear them so all will know who you are. Casual dress is fine, but this is not a beach party. Polo shirts, slacks or jeans, shoes & socks are preferred. As always, our meetings are smoke free.

I am very proud and honored to be your Post Commander, and I am here for each and every one of you.

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

SAL PROGRAM

Just recently we submitted paper work for our SAL SQUADRON. This stands for Sons of the American Legion. The Squadron is made up of males whose fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who have served honorably in our nation's military in times of conflict. You can be a Legion member and also an SAL member. It's a way of honoring your fathers, their fathers, and grandfathers. It also gives the sons of veterans who have not served a chance to belong to our great organization. We are looking for members and always will be. Upon receiving our Charter from Department, we will then have a full American Legion family at our Post. So please sign up your sons, grandsons, etc. Membership fee is \$25.00 per year. If you are already a Legion member and wish to join the SAL, your cost of membership in the SAL will be \$15.00 per year.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If there are any Legion or Auxiliary members that are ill, in distress or have passed away, Chaplain Joe Wright and ALA Chaplain Shirley Wright would like to be notified. We wish to be able to speak with the ill member or family so we may offer comfort and solace. This is especially true of members who are no longer active or have moved from the Orange Park area, but this of course applies to all our members. Chaplains Joe and Shirley, as well as the Post, are concerned about our members and wish to be informed of their condition. Be sure to tell your Chaplain if you wish to have the information posted in the Chaplain's Corner so that all our members can keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers or offer any assistance.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Thank you to all who have paid your dues for 2015 (83.33%). Ladies, if you haven't paid, it's not too late! Dues are \$25.00 for senior members and \$5.00 for junior members. Please mail your 2015 membership dues to:

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P. O. Box 2212 Orange Park
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AUXILIARY NEWS (continued)

- **W.E. CHERRY ELEMENTARY** – On Tuesday, October 28th, Auxiliary members delivered four boxes of school supplies and other items to W. E. Cherry Elementary School. Below are some of the items that were generously donated by our Legionnaires and Auxiliary members. Thank you for all you do!!!



- **COUPON INFORMATION** . If you wish bring in clipped coupons for our troops, below is some information that will help make our process easier:
 1. Sort coupons into two piles by status:
 - a. Expired - not expired more than 2 months (ie: if today's date is 11/1/2014, you would cut out coupons with an expiration date not older than 9/1/2014.)
 - b. Unexpired . at least 2 months of life left
 2. Sort each of those two piles into four piles by type:
 - a. Food items
 - b. Non-food items
 - c. Baby food/items
 - d. Pet items (like dog food)
 3. Place them into plastic baggies.
 4. Write the status (expired or unexpired) and the type (food, non-food, baby, or pet) on them.

Only ~~M~~ **Manufacturers** ~~Coupons~~ **Coupons** can be used. They can be from the newspaper, dispensers in grocery stores, tear-pads, and elsewhere as long as they state ~~M~~ **Manufacturers** ~~Coupon~~ **Coupon** on them. We are NOT able to send assistance vouchers, food stamps, store coupons, restaurant coupons, or internet coupons.

FLASH:

THE U.S.A.F. ACADEMY, HAVING SOUNDLY WHIPPING BOTH THE ARMY AND THE NAVY ACADEMIES THIS YEAR IN FOOTBALL, HAS AGAIN WON THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TROPHY FOR A RECORD 19TH TIME. COME ON GUYS, GIVE US SOME COMPETITION!

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

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 **November** meeting is scheduled for **November 25, 2014** at **7:00 PM**

Please e-mail your articles for Post 373's January/February newsletter to either Bob Brewster at brewsterrobert@bellsouth.net or Barb Jonte at bjonte49@att.net by **December 22, 2014**.

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Commander	Bob Brewster	904-272-1619
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Historian	Bob Mix	904-298-2217
Chaplain	Joe Wright	904-269-7676
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