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Commander's Corner - Tony Alvarez, Commander

Greetings

Every month I must reflect and put words together that inform the members on the status of the Post. Let me point out what I observed; last month, we had a party and celebrated two members 50th wedding anniversary, we cooked, served and ate meals together with our community, members met to organize, repair and clean the Post, we gathered in the lounge to talk, laugh, sing and cheer together, all the Post organizations met to contribute and work together, we road together to pay our respects to a fallen hero, we mourned the loss of members together. What's the status of the Post? Great, as long as we're together. Thanks for a Great month.

Volunteerism alone will never get the job done. Just as important is teamwork. The act of volunteers working as a team will leave a mark that others will remember and want to become a part of.

Let us not forget why we gather.

Tony Alvarez • Commander, Post 130

Special Points of Interest:
Fish Fry – 1st Friday of the month

Entertainment Every Friday Night

Breakfast – 1st Sunday of the month

Bar Bingo – Each Tuesday Night

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From the Post Adjutant

The month of August seemed to be hectic for me as your new Adjutant. While the duties and activities for this office almost overwhelming. I am getting a handle on most of what I have to do.

Our membership is at 45.5%. Please renew your dues to help the Post reach it's 50% goal for September. The early bird dinner will be held on November 18th so make sure your 2010 card has the early bird stamp on it. Without the stamp you will not be eligible for the free early bird dinner, October 1st is the cutoff date.

Remember that in October we have fish fry dinner starting every Friday.

It is now the time of year, that children are back in school. Be aware that they may be on the way to or from school Drive Carefully and be safe.

For God and Country.
Carl Pretz, Adjutant.



From the Auxiliary - Candy Alvarez, President

What an incredible first Meeting we had Ladies- Thanks to all the members who attended. Welcome to all the new members who attended for the first time. Many thanks to Diana, Sherrie, Paula and Nancy for your help at the Installation Dinner, it was a

great success! Thanks to all that helped at Clean Up Day we now have a spic and span post! Thanks to all that helped with the Fallen Heroes Ceremony, what a beautiful site to see the community united together. Thanks to Joyce, Jackie, Diane and Sharon for getting our budget done so quickly.

Thanks to the ladies who attended the funerals this month. We will miss our deceased members-Nadine Trickle and Mary Ann Donaldson. God bless you and keep you in his arms.

Thank you for all your support!

Love You All!

Candy Alvarez • President, Unit 130



Lounge Report

It's been a long hot summer. Looking forward to fall. We appreciate all who have been here to support your Post. Pat and Spam Sinkovic celebrated their anniversary here with family and friends. They renewed their vows followed by good food and music, congratulations to

Pat and Spam! The house committee is here every Wednesday taking care of our post and lounge. Thanks to Cutty, Ron Costa, Bob Mims, Allen Leslee and Gary W.. The Italian Fest was on the 19th of August, we appreciate all who joined us for good food and good time. Our Commander (Tony Alvarez) and Ron Costa kept

all the food warm. Ron was in charge of keeping the bread "Toasty". Paula set up the table and donated a salad with all the fixings. Julie Cusson brought the good veggie Lasagna.

You are all great!

Thanks
Your Bartenders

From the Chaplain

Here's some inspiring words I found. Its called: Rest Safely in His Care By Helen Steiner Rice

There are many things in life
That we cannot understand
But we must trust God's judgment
And be guided by His hand
And all who have God's blessing
Can rest safely in His care.
For He promises safe passage
On the wings of faith and prayer.

Sam Renfro, Chaplain



Sons of the American Legion

What is the SAL?
There's perhaps no better definition than that which is found in the Preamble to the SAL National Constitution

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of

America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity

the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."

God Bless
Craig Bartoshuk, 2nd Vice Commander
Squadron 130



American Legion Riders

It is going to be an exciting fall at our Post! The American Legion Riders are actively planning the October 24th poker run, named the 'Halloweenie Run'. During the planning, calling vendors, working with our brothers and sisters at other posts and other motorcycle enthusiasts, it pays to pause and reflect on what it is that we as American Legion Riders stand for.

Our backpatch is more than just a symbol that we share - we, as members of the American Legion,

the Auxiliary and the SAL stand for something.

It was an honor to stand with many of our Chapter and many from neighboring Chapter 323 in Lehigh Acres and Chapter 336 in N. Ft. Myers along with our friends in the Patriot Guard Riders on 15 August 2009. We stood in honor of fallen US Marine Sgt Michael C. Roy. It was a long and tiring day, but we stood stoic in his honor - the least we could do for a young man who gave his life for our continued freedoms. Each time we participate in a positive,

subtle and public display such as this, we do ourselves proud and we show the world what the American Legion stands for. We Support Our Veterans & their families.

I've never been more proud to wear the ALR patch.

Remember, **any** Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SAL member in good standing can join our American Legion Riders Chapter. Stand with us as we honor our Veterans, our Post and our Country.

For God and Country,
Ray Leventhal, Director

Monthly Calendar of Events - American Legion Post 130 - September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bar BINGO 6:30 PM	2	3 AUX Exec-Cmte Meet 7PM DAV Meet 8PM	4 Fish Fry 5PM- 7PM Columbia Tunes Karaoke 7:00PM	5 Steve from Down Under Karaoke 7:00PM
6 Breakfast	7 Labor day	8 Bar BINGO 6:30 PM	9 Tour Of Italy Spaghetti Dinner 5:PM	10 Legion E-Board Meet 7PM	11 Peewee Karaoke 7:00PM	12 Auxiliary District Workshop 8 AM Bouncer (Ray) Karaoke 7:00PM
13	14 Planning Meeting 6:00PM	15 Bar BINGO 6:30 PM	16	17 General Meet Legion 7PM Auxiliary 7PM	18 Mark & Paula Karaoke 7:00PM	19 Steve from Down Under Karaoke 7:00PM
20	21	22 Bar BINGO 6:30 PM	23 SAL Meet 6PM Riders Meet 7PM	24	25 L&L Duo	26
27	28	29 Bar BINGO 6:30 PM	30			



Veteran's Memorial Park

Etch your name in LaBelle History. The LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park needs your support. Custom engraved bricks are available – Brick order forms are available at the Post, or you can download one from <http://www.legionpost130.org/brick.pdf>. Stop by the Post for more information.