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Adjutant's Message

The three "R's"

No, not Read'in; Right'in; and Rithmetic. Fundamental to any volunteer organization is Recruitment; Retention; and Recognition.

Let's take the easy one first: Recognition. This starts and ends with the members of The Honor Guard. Then there's the Steve Hanson's; Dave Noble's; Tim Moss' (all of whom serve on The Honor Guard); and the "Too Many to List" list. Many members have specific skills they bring to the needs of the Post. The janitorial and maintenance volunteers are not recognized enough. Then there are those who make regular anonymous financial contributions. In fact, John and Mimi (Brooks) Ferlin have made regular donations, and they aren't even members of Post 7! Of course there are the officers who donate considerable time and talent. I'm sure I've failed to recognize numerous others, but to all: Thank You.

Retention. We are here to serve the reasonable, and diverse, wants and needs of our membership. If we're successful, we will retain them as members, but if we fail, our strength and effectiveness, our relevance to membership, is threatened. The Executive Board is well aware of The Post's challenges in this respect and endeavor to address all issues and concerns that arise. Please help us keep our relevance by participating to the extent you can.

Recruitment. Ask a veteran if they are a member of the American Legion. Sometimes that's all it takes. If they're not a veteran, ask if they qualify as an Auxiliary or SAL member. The Executive Board has reached out to the university, community college, technical college, and other organizations where younger veterans are involved, and will continue to do so, but your help is needed. Just ask.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Erickson, Post 7 Adjutant

SAL Commanders Report

Well, here we already into March, and as I sit here and watch it snow, I start to think of the things we are coming up on.

Next month will be time for nominations of new officers for the SAL, so start thinking of who you would like to put into office.

I'm looking forward for a great 2019, and it is always nice to see everyone at the Post supporting our vet's and the Post. I would also like to see more of our SAL members at our meetings. The meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely yours
Martin Richey
Sal Commander Post 7

Commander's Comments

By now you are all well on your way to keeping your New Year's resolutions, such as exercising, dieting, making sure your American Legion membership is up to date, and the list goes on. Right? Well maybe not exactly right. We can all start next week, no need to rush into things. So, for this Newsletter I will touch on 3 topics: Elections, Membership and Volunteerism.

Elections: March and April are the months in which nominations may be made for Post 7 Officers. I would urge you to consider getting more involved with the Post by becoming an Officer. All Officer positions are open and will be decided by a vote at the May Regular meeting on May 21st, 2019. The newly elected Officers would take office after the Department Convention in July or at another date in August or September, depending on the wishes of the incoming Commander. The positions open are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, 1st and 2nd Color Bearers, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and 3, Trustee positions. If you are interested in any of these positions and want to find out more about them contact me or the people that serve in those positions now. Get involved, it is a rewarding experience.

Membership: The American Legion overall is losing members faster than we can replace them. A lot is due to the dwindling numbers of WWII and Korean Veterans, but also the lack of younger Veterans wanting to join. There are a lot of people that feel they don't have time to participate so they don't join. If truth be known under 10% of our members take an active roll in our Post. Participation is not required but always appreciated. The strength of the American Legion is in the numbers of members we have. It matters when our leaders go to Washington D.C. and lobby to promote and maintain veterans' benefits including medical care, education, and many more issues. The more members we have the more Congress will listen. So, you see simply being a member, whether you participate or not, makes a big difference. I encourage you to actively contact your friends, people you meet, or members that haven't renewed for a while and recruit them to join the American Legion to help our Veterans and their families.

Volunteerism: We are in need of all kind of talent, such as cooks, janitors, tradesmen, and many more. If you care to become active contact the Adjutant, John Erickson, to see where you can help.

Thank you and have a wonderful March and April.

Rick Sucee, Commander

Legion Rider Directors Report

Hello to all,

We are all looking forward to spring, warmer weather, some great rides and fundraisers! While we are not riding due to the weather now is the time to work on our bikes and make sure they are in great shape for the start of the biking season. Keep an eye on our website and emails, if you are not getting them please contact us so we can get you added to our new email address.

Erika Moran

Director Post 7



March 2019

🌿 1 st	Friday	SAL Lasagna Dinner	5-7pm
🌿 2 nd	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🌿 2 nd	Saturday	Joker Poker w/SAL Food	5-7pm
🌿 2 nd	Saturday	Darts	6:30pm
🌿 2 nd	Saturday	Karaoke w/ Jon Ho	7pm
🌿 4 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🌿 4 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🌿 5 th	Tuesday	Building Improvement	6pm
🌿 5 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux E-board Mtgs	6:30pm
🌿 6 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🌿 6 th	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Mtg	6:30pm
🌿 7 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🌿 7 th	Thursday	Marti Gra Set-up	12pm
🌿 8 th	Friday	Auxiliary Marti Gra w/Mo Town Cruisers	5-7pm
🌿 9 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🌿 9 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Auxiliary Food	5-7pm
🌿 9 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🌿 10 th	Sunday	Riders Officer Mtg	12pm
🌿 11 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🌿 11 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🌿 12 th	Tuesday	Early Bird in Lounge	ALL DAY
🌿 12 th	Tuesday	SAL Mtg	6:30pm
🌿 13 th	Wednesday	Legion Rider Mtg	6:30pm
🌿 13 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🌿 14 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🌿 14 th	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🌿 15 th	Friday	Good Vibrations	7pm
🌿 16 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🌿 16 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL spaghetti	5-7pm
🌿 16 th	Saturday	Junior Meeting	5pm
🌿 16 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🌿 16 th	Saturday	Karaoke w/Jon Ho	7:30pm
🌿 18 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🌿 18 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🌿 19 th	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve Meeting	11am
🌿 19 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux General Meetings	6:30pm
🌿 20 th	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm
🌿 20 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🌿 21 st	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🌿 21 st	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🌿 22 nd	Friday	Whiskey Tasting	5-7pm
🌿 22 nd	Friday	Legion Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	5-7pm
🌿 23 rd	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🌿 23 rd	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Legion Food	5-7pm
🌿 23 rd	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🌿 23 rd	Saturday	Jack Benson Band	7pm
🌿 25 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	5pm
🌿 25 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🌿 27 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🌿 28 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🌿 28 th	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🌿 29 th	Friday	Riders Food	5-7pm
🌿 30 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🌿 30 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL Tomato Soup	5-7pm
🌿 30 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm

April 2019

🍷 1 st	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🍷 1 st	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🍷 2 nd	Tuesday	Building Improvement	6pm
🍷 2 nd	Tuesday	Post & Aux e-board Mtgs	6:30pm
🍷 3 rd	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🍷 3 rd	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Mtg	6:30pm
🍷 4 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 4 th	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🍷 5 th	Friday	SAL Taco Dinner	5-7pm
🍷 6 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🍷 6 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/SAL Panini Sandwiches	5-7pm
🍷 6 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 7 th	Sunday	Riders Officers Meeting	12pm
🍷 8 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🍷 8 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🍷 9 th	Tuesday	Early Bird	ALL DAY
🍷 9 th	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 10 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🍷 10 th	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 11 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 11 th	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🍷 12 th	Friday	Auxiliary Burger Night	5-7pm
🍷 12 th	Friday	Aux. Craft Bazaar Set-up	7pm
🍷 13 th	Saturday	Aux. Craft Bazaar	9am-3pm
🍷 13 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Aux. Food	5-7pm
🍷 13 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 15 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🍷 15 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🍷 16 th	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve Meeting	11am
🍷 16 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux. General Mtgs w/nominations	6:30pm
🍷 17 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🍷 17 th	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 18 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 18 th	Thursday	Lines Dancing Lessons	7pm
🍷 19 th	Friday	Good Vibrations	7pm
🍷 20 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🍷 20 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL Lasagna & Salad	5-7pm
🍷 20 th	Saturday	Junior Meeting	5pm
🍷 20 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 20 th	Saturday	Karaoke w/Jon Ho	7:30pm
🍷 22 nd	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🍷 22 nd	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
🍷 24 th	Wednesday	MCL Parade Committee Mtg	12pm
🍷 25 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 25 th	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
🍷 27 th	Saturday	Bellingham Community Band	9am
🍷 27 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Legion Food	5-7pm
🍷 29 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
🍷 29 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm

Auxiliary President Report

Here we are already going into March as I sit here looking out my window, watching it blow, and thinking about what the Auxiliary has coming up.

For the month of March the Auxiliary is putting on Marti Gras with the Motown Cruisers. Dinner tickets are \$12 dollars per person; \$15 gets you dinner and dance. If you do not pay for dinner and you just want to dance there is a \$5 cover charge.

Also in March is the starting of nominations for new officers. Please start thinking of whom you would like to have in office for next year.

In April the Auxiliary will be having a craft bazaar on the 13th.

Also we will have nominations again as well.

Also please continue to help out on burger and joker poker nights. And please continue to bring in your manufactured coupons and put them in the box in the hallway so Cynthia can send them overseas to help our veterans on the base in Germany.

Service not Self
Shelly Lagerwey
Auxiliary unit 7 President

MARDI GRAS PARTY AT POST 7

DATE: MARCH 8TH

LIVE MUSIC: MOTOWN CRUISERS 7:30 PM

DINNER: 5-7pm

Tickets for dinner will be sold at American Legion bar.

They will be \$12.00 per person. Everyone pays a \$5.00 cover charge for the band at the door.

Food will include some favorites: Red Beans and Rice, Jambalaya, Salad, Combread. A King Cake surprise. There will be prizes, beads, masks- all kinds of fun!!

Craft Bazaar & Raffle & Bake Sale Saturday April 13th, 2019 9am-3pm

**Bellingham American Legion Post 7
1688 W. Bakerview Rd
Bellingham, WA 98226
(Just down the road from Mykonos)**

Please come and join us for a fun filled day of arts & crafts, shop for Spring gifts, and put your name in for our many wonderful raffle items.

Breakfast and Lunch will be available for purchase.

**The proceeds will go to the:
Growing Veterans'**





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**WE ARE YOUR SOURCE
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"CLUB 7 NEWS"

LOUNGE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday

12 noon – 9 pm

Friday - Saturday

2 pm – 10 pm

Sunday

2 pm - 7 pm

**CASH POPCORN DONATIONS
ARE WELCOME!**

Club 7 Specials will be on reader board

EARLY BIRD DAY:

2nd Tuesday of the month

1st drink "TWO BITS"

HAPPY HOUR:

50 cents off all drinks

3:00-5:00pm