

The LIBERTY LEGIONNAIRE

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Chili Dinner Fundraiser Planned

At the August meeting, members decided to change the annual Ham and Bean Dinner to a Chili and Hot Dog Dinner. Many do not like Ham and Beans, but the Ham and Bean lovers usually all like Chili.

The menu will include Chili, Hot Dogs and buns, veggies, dessert, and drinks. The normal “fixing” and crackers will also be provided. The cost should remain the same at \$5.00.

The date will be Saturday, November the 8th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. We will have our normal raffles and Door Prizes provided by our Newsletter Advertisers. Bless them all.

So mark your calendar and come on out and support your Legion. Remember guys, this does count as a “dinner out”, even though the ladies may not think so. Hope to see you there!!

Post orders Bugle

The Post has ordered an “electronic” bugle to be used for the Honors Team. The bugle underwent a trial period throughout the State by various Missouri Military Funeral Honors teams

The cost of the Bugle is \$525.00. It looks like a normal bugle, but has an electronic insert that allows any user to play “Taps”. This will add to the professionalism honoring our departed Veterans.

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POST 95 HONORS TEAM

By Commander Paul Ellison
Post 95 started talking about a team to conduct grave site services of our deceased comrades. We were handicapped in the fact that we had no rifles, and very little knowledge as to how to go about doing the service.

After ordering and receiving the rifles (which took about a year) the wheels of government turn very slow, we were ready to start forming the team.

The following members volunteered to join the team: Steve Corsale, Mike Edwards, John Gibbs, Don Happy, Ira Hunter, Sam Leonard, Marvin Mendenhall, Dale Moses, Ray Nichols, Paul Riechman, Alan Shannon, Donna Warren, and Paul Ellison.

With Ira Hunter as Team Commander we set out in earnest to learn how to do the service. After several months of practices, in June we were ready for certification. The certification consisted of the Missouri National Guard coming to Liberty and observing the team in action doing a practice service. During the grave-side service the team folds the flag from the deceased casket and presents it to

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the next of kin, the team then fires three rifle volleys, and play taps. We are currently using a CD to play taps, but there is a bugle available that is equipped with a chip in it that we can buy for \$500.00 plus \$25.00 shipping, this would nice to have as it would lend more dignity to the service. We have ordered the bugle by borrowing from the general fund, and hope to repay in the near future with proceeds received from each funeral, but donations are welcome.

As of this writing we have done five funerals, doing two in one day in June. We can use more members to join the Team as some of our team members work full time and are not always available every time we need to serve. We will teach you all that is needed to conduct the service.

Let your Family know

Let your family know where your DD-214 (discharge papers) are kept. They will need to provide this information to the funeral director. Without it, you may not be able to receive military honors.

Busy Fall for Post 95

Post 95 again has a busy Fall planned. It all starts with the Fall

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Festival and continues to just before Christmas.

The Fall Festival has the Post marching in the Parade and possibly a float. We may be performing a Flag Disposal Ceremony that evening.

The Fall is also busy with our Flag Etiquette classes for area 4th and 5th graders, and the America's Veterans program for area Middle Schools. If you have any of these grades in your family come and join us, the kids love it!

The normal Veterans day events in November along with the Chili Dinner will make for a busy month.

December has us distributing magazines at the VA Hospital on Pearl Harbor Day, we welcome you to car-pool along and always welcome magazine donations. The December meeting is the Post Family Dinner. The Post provides the meat dish and everyone brings a passing dish. More about this in the next Newsletter.

We stay busy, but it is all fun, working with your fellow Vets making the Community better.

Recipe Time

by Pat Ellison

Bacon Sticks

1 pound of bacon

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15 bread sticks
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Strawberry Bread

1 cup butter softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp lemon extract
4 eggs beaten
3 cups of flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cream of tartar
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 cup strawberry jam or preserves
1/2 cup sour cream
1 cup chopped nuts
Cream together butter, sugar,
vanilla, and lemon extract.
Add eggs and beat. Sift together
flour, salt, cream of tartar and
baking soda and add to mixture.
Add 1 8oz jar if strawberry
preserves, sour cream and nuts
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Chili Dinner!!

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Military Rules for the Non-Military Personnel

Authored by: Father Dennis
Edward O'Brien, USMC

Dear Civilians: We know that the current state of affairs in our great nation have many civilians up in arms and excited to join the military. For those of you who can't join, you can still lend a hand. Here are a few of the areas we would like your assistance:

- 1) The next time you see an adult talking (or wearing a hat) during the playing of the National Anthem ... kick their butt.
- 2) When you witness firsthand someone burning the American Flag in protest... kick their butt.
- 3) Regardless of the rank they held while they served, pay the highest amount of respect to all veterans. If you see anyone doing otherwise, quietly pull them aside and explain how these Veterans fought for the very freedom they bask in every second. Enlighten them on the many sacrifices these Veterans made to make this Nation great. Then hold them down while a Disabled Veteran kicks their butt.
- 4) (GUYS) If you were never in the military, DO NOT pretend that you were. Wearing battle

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- 5) Next time you come across an Air Force member, do not ask them, "Do you fly a jet?" Not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot. Such ignorance deserves an butt kicking (children are exempt.)
 - 6) If you witness someone calling the U.S. Coast Guard non-military, inform them of their mistake...and kick their butt.
 - 7) Roseanne Barr's singing of the National Anthem is not a blooper...it was a disgrace and disrespectful. Laugh, and sooner or later your butt will be kicked.
 - 8) Next time Old Glory (U.S. flag) prances by during a parade, get on your damn feet and pay homage to her by placing your hand over your heart. Quietly thank the military member or veteran lucky enough to be carrying her...of course, failure to do either of those could earn you a severe butt kicking.
 - 9) What Jane Fonda did during the Vietnam War makes her the enemy. The proper word to

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- describe her is "traitor." Just mention her nomination for "Woman of the Year" and get your butt kicked.
- 10) Don't try to discuss politics with a military member or a veteran. We are Americans and we all bleed the same regardless of our party affiliation. Our Chain of Command, is to include our commander in Chief. The President (for those who didn't know) is our CIC regardless of political party. We have no inside track on what happens inside those big important buildings where all those "representatives" meet. All we know is that when those civilian representatives screw up the situation, they call upon the military to go straighten it out. The military member might direct you to a Marine DI. (I can see him kicking your butt already.)
 - 11) "Your mama wears combat boots" never made sense to me ... stop saying it! If she did, she would most likely be a vet and therefore, could kick your butt!
 - 12) Bin Laden and the Taliban are not communists, so stop saying "Let's go kill those Commie's!!!" And stop asking us where he is!!!!

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13) Crystal balls are not standard issue in the military. That reminds me ...if you see anyone calling those damn psychic phone numbers; let me know, so I can go kick their butt.

14) Flyboy (Air Force), Jar Head (Marines), Grunt (Army), Squid (Navy) etc, are terms of endearment we use describing each other. Unless you are a service member or vet, you have not earned the right to use them. That could get your butt kicked.

15) Last but not least, whether or not you become a member of the military, support our troops and their families. Every Thanksgiving and religious holiday that you enjoy with family and friends, please remember that there are literally thousands of sailors and troops far from home wishing they could be with their families. Thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make every day. Without them, our country would get its butt kicked. "It is the soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the

soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

Filed out in triplicate

Provided by Sam Chapman

A fresh new second lieutenant arrived at a base without any specific assignment so the C.O. put him in charge of a mess hall. This was a make work deal with nothing to do. It was a standard WW II rectangular building with the chow line across one end, windows and doors around the 3 walls where soldiers ate. The lieutenant noticed that there were a number of sticky fly strips hanging by the windows and doors. So he made a drawing of the mess hall with the location of the fly strips and the number of flies on each strip. He made quite a number of copies weekly with one for the base commander and with a distribution list for each level of command right on up to the Washington defense department.

After a few weeks he was assigned to a real job and left the base. His replacement lieutenant knew nothing of the previous officer's "Fly Paper Report" and so he did not send one out

weekly. After a few months there came a letter from Washington requesting the fly-paper report for the interval since it had been sent last by the first lieutenant.

A bit like the officer who requested permission to destroy some documents he felt were no longer needed, but when he finally received permission, it was with the proviso that he make three copies before he destroyed them. Does the Army still run on paper?

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While reading an article entitled "lesson of the Geese" by an unknown author it struck me as it is the way The American Legion should be.

The geese fly in a V formation to take advantage of the power of the flock. Each goose flaps their wings to cause an up lift for the bird following, giving them 71% more flying range. The geese behind the leaders honk to encourage those up front to keep up the speed, and going in the same direction. This is quite similar to people who are part of a team and share a common direction.

It is important that our honking be encouraging other wise it is just HONKING. We can honk by words of support for each other and to the leaders to keep pace in spite of day to day pressure and fatigue.

When a goose is sick or wounded and falls out of formation another goose will stay with him until he dies or is able to fly again. When one of us is down it is up to some other member to stand by our comrade in time of trouble.

If we have the sense of a goose we will stand by each other when things get tough. We will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We will get where we are going quicker and easier because we are traveling on the trust of one another and lift each other.

The next time you see a formation of geese remember their message. "It is a reward, a challenge and a privilege to be a contributing member of a team" This is the American Legion way.

**District Commander's
Comments**

Editor's Note: I asked our newly elected 3rd District Commander, Gary Reno, a member of Smithville Post 58, to provide the Liberty Legionnaire a few words. Post 95 had the largest increase in membership last year and it's because we are "involved" with our Community. Gary likes what we do and wants to take our "involvement" and make it a standard throughout the District. Here is an idea that we really have not thought of ... yet!

I learned of a young lady serving in Bosnia who was the 1999 Cadet Patrol Graduate from

Richmond. I got her address from her Mother then asked the Richmond Post to start a letter writing and e-mail campaign, which they did. I too am in contact with her.

All of this got me to thinking. I have been trying to come up with a Commanders Project. What better project than to get each post in the District to find a Local Serviceman or Woman and do the same. We all complain that we cannot get the younger generation Veterans interested in the Legion. Well, here's your chance. Specialist E-4 Wolf has already agreed to come to the Richmond Post and share her experiences when she returns home. Anyone want to bet me she doesn't join the American Legion? up along the way.

Membership Renewal Time!!

If you have not renewed please do so as soon as you can. - Thanks, Dale

The story of "Old Glory"

The name "Old Glory" was first applied to the U.S. Flag by a young sea captain who lived in Salem, MA. On his twenty-first birthday, March 17th, 1824, Capt.

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William Driver was presented a beautiful flag by his mother and a group of Salem girls. Driver was delighted with the gift. He exclaimed, "I name her 'Old Glory'" Then Old Glory accompanied the captain on his many voyages.

Captain Driver quit the sea in 1837. He settled in Nashville. On patriotic days he displayed Old Glory proudly from a rope extending from his house to a tree across the street. After Tennessee seceded from the Union in 1861, Captain Driver hid Old Glory. He sewed the flag inside a comforter. When Union soldiers entered Nashville on February 25, 1862, Driver removed Old Glory from its hiding place. He carried the flag to the state capitol building and raised it.

Shortly before his death, the old sea captain placed a small bundle into the arms of his daughter. He said to her, "Mary Jane, this is my ship flag, Old Glory. It has been my constant companion. I love it as a mother loves her child. Cherish it as I have cherished it."

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E-mail Jeff

Before being called to active duty, Jeff Nichols was serving as the Post Finance Officer. Lt. Colonel Jeffery Nichols was called to active duty in February of this year and went to Kuwait. He is currently serving in central Iraq, north of Baghdad.

Please e-mail Jeff and any service man or woman show your support.

Jeff's e-mail is
tcnicholsjc@juno.com
I know he would be glad to here from the membership.

Remember all our service personnel in your prayers.

Some Home remedies ???.

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto! The blockage will be almost instantly removed.

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2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. Avoid arguments with the wife about lifting the toilet seat by simply peeing in the sink.
4. High blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a while, thus reducing the pressure in your veins.
5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep when you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad tooth ache? Hit your thumb with a hammer, then you will forget about the tooth ache.

Your input needed...

We need your input or you'll get more of the above. - Dale

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Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands- one nation indivisible- with liberty and justice for all."

On September 8, 1892, the Boston based "The Youth's Companion" magazine published a few words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Written by Francis Bellamy, the circulation manager and native of Rome, New York, and reprinted on thousands of leaflets, was sent out to public schools across the country. On October 12, 1892, the quadricentennial of Columbus' arrival, more than 12 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance, thus beginning a required school-day ritual.

At the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C., on June 14, 1923, a change was made. For clarity, the words "the Flag of the United States" replaced "my flag". In the following years various other changes were suggested but were never formally adopted.

It was not until 1942 that Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. One year later, in June 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that school children could not be forced to

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recite it. In fact, today only half of our fifty states have laws that encourage the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom!

In June of 1954 an amendment was made to add the words "under God". Then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower said "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war"

Post 95 website

Robert Emery has the Post 95 website looking GREAT!!

Since the last newsletter, the calendar has been updated; a guest book added; more pictures have been added; and many links to other organizations have been added.

There was a minor problem with being able to get there all the time, but this has been fixed.

Some of the links added are to various Veteran organizations including the Legion Department (State) and the National site. Also, links to the V.F.W. National and Submarine Veterans site. (Robert and I both served in

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the "Silent Service" as well as Steve Corsale.

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