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2013 Dates To Remember

Jan. 6, – District Oratorical @
Cameron Legion Post
Jan. 15 – Legion Mtg. @ 7:00
PM
Jan. 23 – 40et8 Mtg. @ 6:30
PM
Jan. 24 – Bingo @ Cedars @
6:30 PM
Feb. 19 - Legion Mtg. @ 7:00
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Feb. 27 - 40et8 Mtg. @ 6:30
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Feb. 28 - Bingo @ Cedars @
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Mar. 19 - Legion Mtg. @ 7:00
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Navy Birthday

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Thank You

Larry Allen

During this holiday season
members of the post have been
very generous in donating food
for me to take to Ray and Grace
Thompson.

They are doing much better due
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and are beginning to get back on
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I would like to thank everyone
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The current count for 2013 paid
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If you know a current member
who has not yet paid their 2013
membership please encourage
them to do so today.

If you know an eligible veteran,
encourage them to join today.

New Member Discount

Robert C Emery, Adjutant Post 95
Department has renewed the \$5
new member discount so any new
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Commander's Corner

Judi Samborski, Commander

It's finally my favorite time of the year! I love Christmas. The lights, music, and all of the goodies. I like summer but the Christmas season is special to me and my family.

I'm very excited about our Christmas Dinner at the Post. It was on our regular meeting night (Tuesday, December 18) at 6:30pm. The Post provided the meat and rolls and Robert Emery "volunteered" to make cakes for dessert. Everyone brought a covered dish and there was plenty of great food. It was a great time. We had a great turnout with 58 attending. We even picked up a new member as a result.

As we are enjoying family and friends during this special time of the year, let's remember all of the brave men and women who are serving in our military. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Also let's keep those people who are lonely, sick, or unable to enjoy the holiday season as we would in our prayers.

I would like to encourage those

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who are able, help a family in need this special time of year by providing them with a holiday meal. Maybe you know a family from church, in the neighborhood, or in your community that needs help. Jake and I have done this anonymously for a number of years, when we could.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless you and yours. God Bless America.

Your Chaplain's Thoughts

Paul Ellison, Chaplain

"Christmas where corn-fields stand sunny and bright.....Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight Broods o'er men in the thick of the fight; everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight" written by Phillip Brooks.

Christmas is a time we wish that everyone could keep all year around. But alas when the gifts have been exchanged and the big meal has been eaten we tend to forget the true meaning of why we celebrate THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

This time of the year and

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through the year we want to remember the Military men and women serving in the United States borders and throughout the world. We all know the loneliness of not being with family on Christmas day because of deployment somewhere. If you have a son, daughter, brother, sister or any relative away during Christmas make a special effort to let them know that they are remembered and loved.

"Blessed by the Christmas sunshine, our natures, perhaps long leafless, bring forth new love, new kindness, new mercy, and new compassion." by Helen Keller. Let's all try to carry Helen Keller's words throughout the year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL Food Handler's Card

Paul Ellison

It is time to renew the food handler certificates they are to be renewed every three years; of course if you have one that is less than 3 years old yours is not due. Check with the Clay County health office to find out the times they hold the class. Pass the word to any one you know who doesn't have e-mail.

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SSG Cooney

By Kandy Powers

On Thursday November 15th SSG Ryan F. Cooney, member of Post 95, graduated from the United States Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Only the top 10% of Noncommissioned Officers throughout the United States Army are selected for this program. It is a mentally and physically challenging school that is designed to prepare NCOs to produce well-disciplined, highly motivated and physically fit soldiers to become the future leaders of the United States Army. He will begin his tour as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Sill Oklahoma in January 2013

SSG Cooney has been in the Army for 12 years, serving 9 of those years in the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg North Carolina. While serving in the 82nd he deployed 5 times, 3 times to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan. During his 3rd deployment to Afghanistan he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Combined Arms Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson Colorado. He has been awarded the Bronze Star medal and 5 Army

achievement medals during his career due to his 6 overseas combat tours from 2002-2012.

SSG Cooney is the son of Post 95 members, Bert and Kandy Powers and the grandson of Post 95 members Frank and Pat Roth.

Food Stamps

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Lady, Your Duck is Dead

A woman brought a very limp duck in to a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He

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returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly, and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but, as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

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A Little History

By Jim Rieck

The first spaghetti dinner was held in 1996 as a fund raiser. Dale Moses, Ira Hunter and Jim Rieck worked the kitchen.

Only one pot of sauce was made the first year.

The second year Dale Moses and Ira Hunter were not available so Jim Rieck had to come up with a recipe for the sauce and with two assistants made one pot of sauce. They added one large (#10) can of tomato sauce to avoid running out.

The third year they made two pots and had almost ½ pot left over.

The fourth year they made two pots and almost ran out.

The fifth year they made two pots and ran out and had to turn people away.

The sixth year they made three pots and used almost all of it. The seventh year they made three pots and added one (#10) can of tomato sauce divided in the three pots.

Today we are still using that amount of ingredients and usually come close to using it all.

The first chili dinner was also held in 1996. Jim Rieck came up with the recipe and the amounts follow closely with the spaghetti

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ingredients with a few changes and additional ingredients.

The great success of the dinners has to go to the members who sell the tickets and get the people to come. Our thanks to them.

Jim Rieck was in charge of the kitchen from 1997 until 2006. He worked every dinner from 1996 until 2012. The kitchen was turned over to Larry Allen in 2007.

The original recipe is still in use today and three pots of chili is usually about the right amount.

Behind the scene are many people who help with set up, clean up, serving, ticket takers, raffle ticket preparation and sales, purchase of raffle items, obtaining door prizes, other food preparation, MC and table decoration which has become a tradition for Norma Nicholson.

Our thanks to all who year after year volunteer to make this a big success.

Vet Toxic Exposure~Lejeune

Update 33:

Source: McClatchy Newspapers | Franco Ordonez and Barbara Barrett article 6 Aug 2012

President Barack Obama signed into law on Monday legislation to provide health care to thousands of sick Marine veterans and their families who were exposed to

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contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.

President Obama signs the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 in Washington, D.C

Despite its previous contention that there was insufficient evidence to prove the illnesses were related to service at Camp Lejeune, the Marine Corps said in a statement Monday that it was pleased and supported the new law. The law is expected to help thousands of veterans and their families who were exposed to drinking water that was poisoned with trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, benzene and vinyl chloride. The law provides health care for 15 diseases and illnesses, including several cancers, female infertility and scleroderma, a group of diseases that causes skin and sometimes internal organs to become hard and tight. Miller, the original sponsor of the Janey Ensminger Act, which was included in a modified version of Burr's bill, said studies are under way to learn whether there are connections between the poisoned water and other illnesses, including multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and

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Lou Gehrig's disease. Meanwhile, the federal scientists who have been studying the contamination have several reports yet to come: on the extent and type of contamination, on death rates among Lejeune Marines, on male breast cancer and on miscarriages and birth defects. The Department of Veterans Affairs will determine the process for how veterans and family members can obtain health benefits under the new law.

The following passage is from a sermon by John Hagee:

"I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war. He stands though, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this. . . I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.

I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and

you stay at home because it rains. I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier not the poet who gives you the freedom of speech. It's the soldier not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

Charlie's Wife

Charlie's wife, Lucy, had been after him for several weeks to paint the seat on their toilet. Finally, he got around to doing it while Lucy was out. After finishing, he left to take care of

another matter before she returned. She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, Charlie got home and realized her predicament. They both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, Charlie undid the toilet seat bolts.

Lucy wrapped a sheet around herself and Charlie drove her to the hospital emergency room. The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her. (Try to get a mental picture of this.)

Lucy tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before!"

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them I just never saw one mounted and framed!!

Meeting Time

Post 95 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. We meet in the Memorial hall at Hwy B and Hwy H.

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Dale Moses

From The Piedmont Periscope
(For those who do not know,
Dale Moses was instrumental in
starting or promoting many of the
things Post 95 does today.)

Now for some good news. The
Pearl Harbor Banquet that was
hosted by the Nat Greene Base
was a real success. It was a very
enjoyable and moving event. The
guest speaker, Capt. Pete Graef,
had a very interesting talk. The
important part of the evening (for
us) was that our member, editor,
and head of the Bilge Rat
Productions, Dale Moses, was
awarded the District
Commanders Award. This is for
the individual that could be
considered the “Subvet of the
District” for the year. We
congratulate Dale and also would
like to pass on a **WELL DONE**
to him. Steve Bell, Piedmont
Base Commander

The Commander asked me to
delay the issue of this month’s PP
just a couple of days until after
the Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Dinner on the 8th. So I agreed.
Then I had to scrap my front
page and write a new one.

I was presented with the SE
Region District 1 Commander’s
Award. A joint decision on
behalf of outgoing DC Dick

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Bell. I am most humbled. The
Certificate reads “For your
initiative and tireless efforts in
the development of the Bilge Rat
Productions of the “Half Way
Night Show” that is given to
various session citizen facilitates,
a Flag Etiquette Program that not
only is presented locally, but is
being shared within USSVI. You
have started the Carolina
Piedmont Base Color Guard and
the Carolina Silent Service
Motorcycle Club. You have
produced the Carolina Piedmont
Periscope which has been
awarded the Newsletter of the
Year for two consecutive years.”
WELL DONE Steve Bell
Commander, District One,
Southeast Region.

I got the award, but it’s the
performers of Bilge Rat
Productions that get the credit.
They are the ones that follow
through with my “crazy ideas”.
And mostly, my wife Colleen,
who has to hear them first, and is
my biggest supporter. I thank you
all.

Oratorical Contest

The annual American Legion
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contest. There were two
contestants that participated:
Natasha Martinez, a junior, from
Excelsior Springs and Aggie
Rieger, a senior, from Oak Park.

This was the Clay County
competition and Aggie Rieger
was the winner. Aggie will
participate in the District Level
competition to be held in
Cameron on January 6, 2013.

Aggie received a \$200
scholarship certificate from
American Legion Post 95 She
will also receive a certificate for
\$5,000 from Linden Wood
College for participating at the
district level. This is a renewable
scholarship and can be worth
\$25,000 if she attends four years
at Linden Wood and renews it
each year.

The winner at the District level
also receives \$100 scholarship
money from the district as well as
the \$5,000 and advances to the
zone competition that will be
held in St. Joseph.

Ron Pardeck is the contact for
the oratorical contest if anyone
wants more information or would
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Quote

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**Military Funeral Disorderly
Conduct Update 22:**

Source: ABC News Julia article 7
Aug 2012

The controversial Westboro Baptist Church, best known for its noisy protests at the funerals of fallen soldiers, vowed 7 AUG to defy a new bill signed by President Obama that would require that they be kept at least 300 feet from a soldier's funeral. Obama signed the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 into law on 6 AUG.

Among the 50 provisions in the legislation that range from benefits for military personnel to healthcare and education is a clause 3 that restricts protesters from gathering within 300 feet of a military funeral two hours before or two hours after a funeral service has taken place.

"We have a moral sacred duty to our men and women in uniform," Obama said before signing the bill. "The graves of our veterans are hallowed grounds."

Members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., tweeted their reaction, suggesting they will still protest. "Pass your

laws, @barackobama but your soldiers = still dying. Like @usmarinecorps Gunnery Sgt Dan Price. #PicketFuneral," wrote one member. Another church member expressed his anger over the new law. "They speak for whole nation. #FagsDoomNations MT@MaxineMagazine: Congress Gives Middle Finger To God goo.gl/VrxLH via @instinctmag" one Westboro member tweeted. Church member Steve Drain, 47, told ABC News, "It won't affect what we do at all. We are still going to be out there at soldiers funerals warning people that America is doomed. We will do it in a lawful fashion. We will stand 301 feet away. There is prime preaching real estate at 301 feet" he declares. "My voice can carry a lot farther than 300 feet. That is only the size of a football field," he said. The church is known for its extreme ideological standings, especially those relating to homosexuality. The church links the deaths of service members to America's acceptance of gays and has a webpage ([\[edule.html\]\(#\) \) full of press releases highlighting the picketing schedule of military service member funerals. The legislation appears to contradict a 2011 Supreme Court ruling which established that the First Amendment protects members of the Westboro Baptist Church in holding their provocative, anti-gay protests during military funeral services.](http://www.godhatesfags.com/sch</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Marine Birthday

Happy Birthday U.S. Marine Corps - 237 years strong on November 10th!

Cadet Patrol

Robert Emery, Adjutant Post 95

The next session for Missouri Cadet Patrol will be held June 2nd through June 7th. If you know any High School Student that would like to attend please let me know and I can get them an application.

The program cost \$400.00 so they have not raised the cost for next year.

Chinese Proverb:

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Honor Flight Network Update
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As many as 100 World War II veterans missed their chance to travel to Washington to see their war's memorial after about \$110,000 disappeared from a Kansas nonprofit that organized free trips for them. Richard Foster, the president of the board for an organization that ran Central Prairie Honor Flights, fears some of the veterans will never see the National World War II Memorial. It wasn't completed until 2004, and with more than 600 World War II veterans dying daily, there is urgency to the effort to help them see the memorial. Central Prairie Honor Flights was the largest trip organizer in Kansas and raised nearly \$1.2 million for them between 2008 and 2012. Flights were halted this year, however, after more than \$100,000 went missing from the group's account. Its program director, LaVeta Miller, was charged in October with two counts of theft by deception. "With that kind of money, we could have completed the World War II veterans or come close," Foster said. "It really pulled the rug out from under us."

Before the flights stopped, nearly 800 veterans made the trip from Kansas to the nation's capital on flights chartered by the Great Bend, Kan.-based group. It pooled donations from everything from 4-H groups to children's lemonade stands to pay for the trips. But this spring, the group canceled two charter flights that would have transported as many as 220 more veterans. Another group called Kansas Honor Flight sprung up, but the three trips it hurriedly organized on commercial flights included less than half of the veterans who would have gone on the chartered flights.

Report

Well, it is not a pretty story.... about 200 dead crows near Regina, and there was concern for Avian Flu. They had a Bird Pathologist examine the remains of all the crows, and he confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu, to everyone's relief.

However, he determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, and only 2% were killed by cars. The Province then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine the disproportionate

percentages for truck versus car kill.

The Ornithological Behaviorist determined the cause in short order. When crows eat road kill, they always post a "look-out Crow" in a nearby tree, to warn of impending danger.

His conclusion was that the lookout crow could say "Cah", but he could not say "Truck."

Texting Codes For Seniors

BFF - Best Friends Funeral

BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth

CBM - Covered by Medicare

CUATSC - See You at the

Senior Center

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

FYI - Found Your Insulin

GGPBL -Gotta Go, Pacemaker

Battery Low

HGBM - Had Good Bowel

Movement

LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out

OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas

ROFL...CGU - Rolling on the Floor Laughing...Can't get Up!

WTFA - Wet the Furniture Again

WTP - Where's the Prunes

WWNO - Walker Wheels Need Oil

GGLKI -Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!

DTAF - Don't Trust A Fart

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