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We served our
Country
Still serving our
Community

Spaghetti Dinner

March 24, 2018

Get ready for Post 95's 14th annual Spaghetti Dinner. The menu includes all you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desert and drinks. The event will be held on March 24th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM @ Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, 2115 Maturana Drive, Tighe Hall, Liberty, MO.

Raffle items include:

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Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and you need not be present to win!!

Donation for all you can eat are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds go to American Legion Youth Programs.

Important Dates

March 20 – Legion Mtg. - 7:00 PM

March 22 – Bingo @ Cedars - 6:30 PM

March 24 – Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 PM

March 25 – Palm Sunday

March 28 - 40&8 – 6:00 PM

March 30 – Good Friday

April 1 – Easter Sunday

April 17 – Legion Mtg. – 7:00 PM

April 25 – 40&8 – 6:00 PM

April 26 – Bingo @ Cedars - 6:30 PM

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 15 – Legion Mtg. _ 7:00 PM

May 19 – Armed Forces Day

May 23 - 40&8 – 6:00 PM

May 24 – Bingo @ Cedars - 6:30 PM

May 26, 27, 28 – Memorial Day weekend – flags in cemetery

May 28 – Memorial Day

June 10 – 3rd Dist. Mtg. – Excelsior Springs – 2:00 PM

Birthdays

April 14, 1931 Ted Nelson

April 14, 1945 Larry Allen

April 29, 1044 G. Ray Nichols

May 13, 1940 Jim Roberts

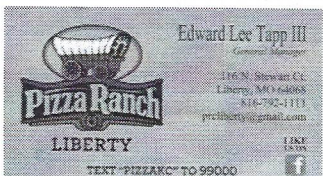
May 30, 19?? Jake Samborski

Anniversaries

April 29, 1967 - Ray & Helen Nichols

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Commander's Corner

Robert Beatty, Commander Post 95

The Spaghetti Dinner is coming up soon. Flyers and tickets are ready for pick up at our next meeting.

The American Legion will be 100 years old in August of 2019 So let's start planning some kind of fund raiser event to celebrate.

The VA has put out a new Agent Orange pamphlet covering new issues about agent orange. The web site is www.publichealth.va.gov or www.publicvhealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/publications/institute-of-medicine.asp.

We will be needing help for hat sales again this year, We will be making a list up for people to sign up to help, The sales are on Saturdays and it will go on all summer so please sign up to help, this is our biggest fundraiser.

Chaplin's Corner

Ray Nichols, Post 95 Chaplin

We Should be Thankful

It has been a few years now Post 95 moved into Our Lady of Mercy Home as our Post Home. Post 95 has a wonderful

place to meet, and storage for items we need. In fact Our Lady of Mercy home is a very beautiful, clean, and has plenty of parking for all Post 95 events. Gathering for our dinners we are provided plenty of clean tables and chairs with a well stocked kitchen.

Many of our members think Post 95 needs our own building. When we have our meetings and see the senior age of our members; is a building of our own really a sensible thing?

From the Upper Room there is a phrase, "God is watching over us and sees what we need". God has definitely watched over our wonderful American Legion Post.

Our prayer from the Upper Room, "Thank you God, for watching over us in our times of need". Amen.

We all know Jerry Head is the one with his eyes open and found Our Lady of Mercy for our Post Home; thank you as well Mr. Head.

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Seenager

I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, **only 60-70 years later.**

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have **ID** that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the liquor store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are **slow** because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is **NOT** a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

Why

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

EVER WONDER... Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money, called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Why if flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Headline

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A Witness to Greatness

By Frank Schaeffer of the Washington Post

This is moving and very touching. I wonder if it does not reveal more insight into where our nation has gone more than any of us would like to admit.

This is a well-written article about a father who put several of his kids through expensive colleges but one son wanted to be a Marine.

Interesting observation by this dad.
 Read below.

An excellent commentary that says a lot about our society.

Before my son became a Marine, I never thought much about who was defending me. Now when I read of the war on terrorism or the coming conflict in Iraq, it cuts to my heart. When I see a picture of a member of our military who has been killed, I read his or her name very carefully. Sometimes I cry.

In 1999, when the barrel-chested Marine recruiter showed up in dress blues and bedazzled my son John, I did not stand in the way John was headstrong, and he seemed to understand these stern, clean men with straight backs and flawless uniforms. I did not. I live in the Volvo-driving, higher education-worshiping North Shore of Boston. I write novels for a living. I have never served in the military.

It had been hard enough sending my two

older children off to Georgetown and New York University. John's enlisting was unexpected, so deeply unsettling. I did not relish the prospect of answering the question, "So where is John going to college?" from the parents who were itching to tell me all about how their son or daughter was going to Harvard. At the private high school John attended, no other students were going into the military.

"But aren't the Marines terribly Southern?" (Says a lot about open-mindedness in the Northeast) asked one perplexed mother while standing next to me at the brunch following graduation. "What a waste, he was such a good student," said another parent. One parent (a professor at a nearby and rather famous university) spoke up at a school meeting and suggested that the school should "carefully evaluate what went wrong."

When John graduated from three months of boot camp on Parris Island, 3000 parents and friends were on the parade deck stands. We parents and our Marines not only were of many races but also were representative of many economic classes. Many were poor. Some arrived crammed in the backs of pickups, others by bus. John told me that a lot of parents could not afford the trip.

We in the audience were white and Native American. We were Hispanic, Arab, and African American, and Asian. We were

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former Marines wearing the scars of battle, or at least baseball caps emblazoned with battles' names. We were Southern whites from Nashville and skinheads from New Jersey, black kids from Cleveland wearing ghetto rags and white ex-cons with hammock forearms defaced by jailhouse tattoos. We would not have been mistaken for the educated and well-heeled parents gathered on the lawns of John's private school a half-year before.

After graduation one new Marine told John, "Before I was a Marine, if I had ever seen you on my block I would've probably killed you just because you were standing there." This was a serious statement from one of John's good friends, a black ex-gang member from Detroit who, as John said, "would die for me now, just like I'd die for him."

My son has connected me to my country in a way that I was too selfish and insular to experience before. I feel closer to the waitress at our local diner than to some of my oldest friends. She has two sons in the Corps. They are facing the same dangers as my boy. When the guy who fixes my car asks me how John is doing, I know he means it. His younger brother is in the Navy.

Why were I and the other parents at my son's private school so surprised by his choice? During World War II, the sons and

daughters of the most powerful and educated families did their bit. If the idea of the immorality of the Vietnam War was the only reason those lucky enough to go to college dodged the draft, why did we not encourage our children to volunteer for military service once that war was done?

Have we wealthy and educated Americans all become pacifists? Is the world a safe place? Or have we just gotten used to having somebody else defend us? What is the future of our democracy when the sons and daughters of the janitors at our elite universities are far more likely to be put in harm's way than are any of the students whose dorms their parents clean?

I feel shame because it took my son's joining the Marine Corps to make me take notice of who is defending me. I feel hope because perhaps my son is part of a future "greatest generation". As the storm clouds of war gather, at least I know that I can look the men and women in uniform in the eye. My son is one of them.

He is the best I have to offer---He is my heart!

"Faith is not about everything turning out OK; Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out."

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VA ID Process

<https://www.stripes.com/news/va-resumes-online-applications-for-new-id-cards-1.509023>

WASHINGTON – Veterans can again submit online applications for new identification cards through the Department of Veterans Affairs website after the system was taken down in December following rollout problems.

The purpose of the identification cards is to help veterans prove their military history without having to carry around their DD-214 certificates, which contain sensitive information. The new IDs do not replace VA medical cards or defense retiree cards, nor do they qualify as official government-issued identification.

As of Jan. 29, the VA was processing 14,609 applications for the cards, said VA spokesman Curt Cashour. Any veteran who served in the armed forces, including in the reserves, and has an honorable or general discharge can request them.

KID vs BARBER

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer. 'This is the dumbest kid in the world.

Watch while I prove it you.' The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, 'Which do you want, son?' The boy takes the quarters and leaves.

'What did I tell you?' said the barber. 'That kid never learns!' Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store.

'Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?' The boy licked his cone and replied, 'Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!'

Quotes

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves" ~ Abraham Lincoln

I called an old school friend and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he is working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed.

Upon further questioning, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision. ~ Unknown

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Post Happenings

Judi Samborski

My, this year is moving right along! In a couple of weeks it will be Spring, March 20th. I don't know about you but I'm ready for warmer weather.

This month will be our Spring fundraiser. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be March 24, at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. We will be serving from 4:30 pm – 7 pm. Tickets for Dinner are available at the door or see a member of Post 95 to get them; \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Raffle Price Tickets are also for sale. This year the prices are \$75 each gift cards from Price Chopper and Hy-Vee. \$50 each gift cards from Quik Trip, Lowes and Darden (Longhorn, Red Lobster, or Olive Garden). Again tickets are available at the door or see a member of Post 95. It will be a great time for delicious food and good company. And fun. Hope to see you then.

There is one more Post meeting before the Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, March 20th, starting at 7 pm. If you'd like to visit before the meeting, plan to arrive a little early.

Memorial Weekend this year will be May 26, 27, and 28; Saturday, Sunday, and

Monday. Again this year our Post will be providing the flags for the Avenue of Flags at the Fairview/New Hope cemeteries, with a lot of help from the Boy Scouts. They seem to have a lot more energy than we do. We will put them up around 6:00 AM each morning and take them down around 7:00 PM each evening. TAPS will be played each evening. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. On Monday, Memorial Day, the Post Color Guard will go to the area Liberty Nursing Homes to perform a brief program honoring Veterans.

Coming up in June will be Post elections of the officers. The Nominating Committee will be picked later on.

The Department of Missouri Convention will be July in Springfield, Missouri. This year the American Legion will be celebration 100 years. Details will be announced at a later time.

Please remember our men and women in uniform still defending our Freedoms we enjoy. Pray for our country and its citizens. Keep those Veterans who are ill, lonely, or forgotten in your daily thoughts and prayers.

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MIA Update:

VFW Action Corps Weekly

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced the identification and burial updates of four American servicemen who had been missing in action from WWII and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

--**Navy Fireman 1st Class Charles R. Ogle**, 20, of Mountain View, Mo., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Feb. 12 in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. Ogle was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Ogle was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

--**Army Sgt. 1st Class Alfred G. Bensinger, Jr.**, of Oklahoma City, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Feb. 16 in the Fort Sill National Cemetery; Fort Sill, Okla. Bensinger was a member of Company D, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. On Nov. 25, 1950, while operating in the Ch'ongch'on River area in northwestern North Korea, his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Withdrawal orders were issued on Nov. 29 and Bensinger's unit provided security for the division. Bensinger was captured during the withdrawal. It was later reported by returning American POWs that Bensinger died at a POW transient camp known as the Hofong Camp, a

sub-camp of the Pukchin-Tarigol Main Camp Cluster in mid-January 1951.

--**Navy Seaman 1st Class Leon Arickx** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Arickx was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

--**Navy Seaman 1st Class Eugene W. Wicker** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Wicker was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Patriot Guard Escort

Robert Beatty Commander

I had the privilege to ride with Patriot Guard on a mission for a fallen veteran: PFC. Donald Ross. TOLODPM.

Donald was with the Marines, landing on one of the small island on Tarawa on September 20th 1943. After helping assure the Marine were suffering heavy casualties in that engagement Donald was a KIA/MIA until a home owner discovered the remains of several bones in one of many mass graves on the island.

Donald arrived at the airport on Delta Airlines Flight 1040. Then he was escorted by the Patriot Guard that included many members of The Americana Legion Riders in the Kansas City area, Combat Vets, VFW and all those I cannot remember.

Don was laid to rest on Dec. 2nd with full honors by the Marine Honors Team at Mt. Moriah in Kansas City. Thanks to all the News Media and Police Dept. for their help

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