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The Final Word

A word from the Post Commander

As many of you know 2008 has started out as 2007 ended, very busy. First I would like to bring you all up to speed as to what has taken place during the month of January, and then let you know of some important upcoming events.

Post Scholarship

At the January Post meeting the Scholarship Committee followed up on changes to the current Post Scholarship application process. The application deadline will now be **April 1st** so that the award can be announced at the Students Graduation Ceremony. The revised application has been made available to the Webutuck High School Guidance office and is also available for download off of the Post Website. Please contact the Scholarship Committee with any questions.

Post VA Hospital Visits

The December 29th VA Hospital Visit was a great success! The VA Hospital at Castle Point has once again invited

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Ladies Auxiliary Squadron 178 Annual Chili Cook-Off!

- *By Sean Klay - Post Historian*

On Sunday February 17th 2008 the Ladies Auxiliary hosted its annual Chili Cook-off. The event was once again very well attended by both legion members and the public at large with over 200 people in attendance. Highlights of the event this year included 28 pots of Chili that were entered into the Chili Cook-off competition, and multiple items raffled off during the course of the afternoon to include hats, tee-shirts, model cars, tools, and gift baskets. Also this year Dave's TV here in Millerton loaned once again a large HD TV with satellite dish for the Legion's use in order for those in attendance to watch NASCAR's opening season Daytona 500 race.



The Chili Cook-off is well attended

- *Photo By Sean Klay*

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This Years winners of the Chili Cook-off were as follows: 1st Place – Linda Sands, 2nd Place – John Brinson, and 3rd Place – Kay & Jean Hanke. The Winners were decided by the people in attendance who voted with chips placed in cups next to their favorite pot of Chili. - ML

us to make another visit, which has been scheduled for March 22nd 2008, we will be meeting at the Post at 11:45 am for a 12:00pm departure. Our plan is to have an afternoon of playing Bingo with the Veterans there. Our part in this event will be to assist those Veterans who want to take part, but have difficulty in doing so. Please contact Bob Jenks at 845-656-6466 if you would like to participate.

The Millerton News – A Follow Up

In last months Final Word, I had wrote about the differences the Post was having with the Millerton News. On January 27th the Post officers met with representatives of the paper in a public forum; we discussed the issues that the Post has had concerning the papers reporting and coverage of Legion events and Veterans Affairs. The meeting went well with the Legion and many members of the community expressing their displeasure as to how the paper has covered much of the local news, as well as their content on the opinion page.

Their were approximately 70 people in attendance at the Sunday afternoon meeting. Their was strong public support for the Legion and their efforts. At one point a question was posed to the public about who would have been offended with the publication of the phrase ‘for God and Country’. Only one person in the public raised their hand and stated that they would be offended by such a statement.

The conclusion of many who attended was that this meeting was both needed and profitable for all concerned.

Veterans Park and the Village Center Project – A Follow Up

Kathy Fenn who is President of Townscape, attended the January meeting to present the current plan and to seek the Legions input into the matter.

During the meeting Kathy Fenn stated that none of the plans that have been discussed to date are anywhere near finalized and that everything is in the conceptual stage. The Village Board asked Townscape to put together a draft plan for the Village as to how the town can be best improved as well as different ways that the project can be funded.

Once again I encourage all of you to write to the local paper and come to the Village Board meetings in order to express your thoughts on this matter. We need to tell the Village Board that they must include the Legion in any future discussion on the project. If *we* do not defend our park, no one else will.

Post Spring Fundraiser Raffle

This month the Post is starting its Spring Fundraising raffle. This year we are raffling a Bush Hog Off-Road Utility Vehicle. Tickets for this raffle are \$15.00 each. Enclosed with this news letter is one ticket. If you would like more to sell please contact the Post Commander. The final drawing will be Memorial Day May 26th 2008.



The Bush Hog Off Road Utility Vehicle – 4x4 24hp (670cc). Towing Capacity is 1,500lbs, Cargo load Cap. 1,000lbs. Seating for 3 people. Color – Mossy Oak Camouflage. Accessories included – Windshield, Canopy and Power Bed Lift

SAL Raffle

The SAL is having their annual raffle with a drawing on March 26th 2008 at the Legion home. 1st Prize is a Hitachi 42” HD Plasma TV, 2nd Prize is a Toshiba HD DVD player, and 3rd Prize Sylvania HD DVD Player. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00.

DD 214's

Please mail a copy of your DD 214 to the Post. Historian Sean Klay is updating our records to ensure that all members are getting the benefits that they are entitled to. DD 214 and records can be mailed to Post 178, Attn: Post Historian Sean Klay, PO Box 22, Millerton NY 12546.

In Closing...

In closing, I would like to encourage our members to participate in meetings, events, activities and other post functions. With greater participation we will be able to increase services provided to our veterans and community.

- ML

POST OFFICERS FOR 07-08

Post Commander: Lee Garay
1st Vice Commander: John Boise
2nd Vice Commander: Robert Jenks
3rd Vice Commander: Dick Spencer
Post Treasure: Sid Byron
Adjutant: Stan Chase
Post Service Officer: Roger Bradley
Post Chaplin: Herbert Day
Post Historian: Sean Klay
Post Membership Chairman: Al Andrews
Sgt. At Arms: Frank Kelly
Homeland Defense Officer: Al Andrews

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

FEBRUARY 2008

WHAT: REGULAR POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 28TH 2007 AT 7:00PM

MARCH 2008

WHAT: EASTER EGG HUNT

DATE & TIME: MARCH 22ND 2007 AT 10:00AM

WHAT: VA HOSPITAL VISIT

DATE & TIME: MARCH 22ND 2007 AT TBD

WHAT: REGULAR POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: MARCH 27TH 2007 AT 7:00PM

APRIL 2008

WHAT: REGULAR POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 24TH 2007 AT 7:00PM

MAY 2008

WHAT: REGULAR POST MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 22ND 2007 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE

DATE & TIME: MAY 25TH 2007 AT TBD

WHAT: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

DATE & TIME: MAY 26TH 2007 AT 10:00AM



One of two tables loaded with Chili Pots competing for the grand prize!

- Photo By Sean Klay



One of the two prize tables set up for the Ladies Auxiliary Raffle

- Photo By Sean Klay



Post Commander Lee Garay handing out phone cards donated by Legion Post 178 to troops deploying from Ft. Devens, MA, in support of the Global War on Terror on February 1st 2008

Photo By SGM Marsh – 26th IBCT

LADIES AUXILIARY AND S.A.L. CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

FEBRUARY 2008

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 14TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: S.A.L REGULAR MEETING

DATE & TIME: FEBRUARY 27TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

MARCH 2008

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING

DATE & TIME: MARCH 13TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: S.A.L REGULAR MEETING

DATE & TIME: MARCH 26TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

APRIL 2008

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 10TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: S.A.L REGULAR MEETING

DATE & TIME: APRIL 23RD 2008 AT 7:00PM

MAY 2008

WHAT: LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 8TH 2008 AT 7:00PM

WHAT: S.A.L REGULAR MEETING

DATE & TIME: MAY 21ST 2008 AT 7:00PM

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER NOT IN THE LADIES AUXILIARY OR SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION?

Both the Ladies Auxiliary and the S.A.L are looking for more members. Contact the Legion or check out our website at www.legionpost178.org to see if you are eligible!

Up Coming Events !!!

- By Sean Klay - Post Historian

Over the course of the next few months there are a number of upcoming events! Please make note of them and mark your calendars!

- Marine Corps League NW Detachment 042 *Breakfast Fundraiser!* Sunday, Feb 24th 7-11am VFW, RT 7 Canaan - \$7.00 each – all you can eat. Children under 5 are free. S.O.S., Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Sausage, Toast, Coffee and Juice.
- This years annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Millerton Gun Club. The event will begin with a hay ride at 10am. Contact Al Andrews for more details.
- Our Quarterly VA Hospital Visit has been scheduled for March 22nd. We will meet at the Legion Home at 11:45am for a 12:00pm departure.
- SAL Raffle drawing is scheduled for March 26th 2008 at their regular monthly meeting.
- Deadline for those who will be applying for this years Post Scholarship is April 1st! Encourage everyone you know who is eligible and to apply.
- Ladies Auxiliary County Meeting is being held at the Legion Home on April 2nd @ 6:30pm
- American Legion County Meeting is being held at the Legion Home on April 16th, time TBD.

Do you know anyone who has been Sick or Hospitalized? Report them on Sick Call!

Each month at our regular post meeting, Post Commander Lee Garay has been reminding everyone to let the Legion know when someone has been ill or hospitalized. By doing so it allows the Legion to do what it was meant to do, help fellow Legionnaires when they need it!

