

The Patriot

Smoking (a different perspective)

First, this is not a monograph on the morality of smoking. Everyone is aware of the health issues associated with smoking. Let's take a look at the financial side. Those of you that smoke, all non-smokers would like to thank you for paying the taxes for the new programs that are relying on these taxes for funding.

New taxes from the federal, state and local levels will increase the cost per pack to at least \$4 to \$6. If you smoke a carton a week, this is \$200 to \$250 per month per person; enough for a car payment, utilities, groceries, medicine, rent or part of your mortgage. Most individuals can not afford this extra cost a month.

If you are a smoker and can not afford the cost or refuse to pay the outrageous taxes, several options are available: Medical options are the most common and least expensive in helping someone quit. Another option is a Nicotine Delivery System - Electronic Cigarettes which use no tobacco, does not have a fire and the 'smoke' is water vapor. You set the level of nicotine (from 0 to 10). These are becoming popular in California and New York. E-cigarettes can be used in any environment (even places where smoking is banned).

Some taxes we have a choice to pay, as a smoker for 46 years, I've decided not to pay. *..The Editor*

Quote of the Month

"This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer."*Will Rogers*

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► A Note from the Commander

Here we are once again in election month. We will be holding elections for the 2009-10 year at our meeting on the 13th at 7:00 PM. If you wish to hold an office or have a voice in this process please attend the meeting. We are still 25 members down from 100%. The All State cutoff is April 30th ;we have worked too hard this year to let 25 members stop us from reaching our goal. We have completed every required program to be an All State Post. The Post needs your help to get there.

I received a letter from York County Veterans Service Officer Pat Nivins the other day she was trying to make everyone aware that there are 4 new vehicle license plates for veterans. They are: Korean War Veterans, Silver Star, Bronze Star and a general Veteran plate for both passenger vehicles and motorcycles. The veterans tag is available to anyone that has ever been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces. The Veteran Plate is the only one that requires a minimum number to be issued. There must be 400 pre orders before July 1st 2009 so if you are interested please fill out the form and send in your reservation. The form is available online at <http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/mv-37a.doc> Passenger Vehicle Plate or <http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/mv-37b.doc> Motorcycle Plate. The form for all other Military Plates can be found at: <http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/MV-37.doc> .I have also put copies of both forms at the post. Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

April is upon us already and the year is going fast. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in the month of March and especially our auxiliary groups and the canteen staff. We have the Boston Butt sale coming up on the weekend of the 11th so don't miss this chance to get some good food. Let's remember our shut ins and keep them in our prayers.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

We are having another workshop for the Daggit Dolls to send to our troops April 18, 1PM till 4PM. at the Post. Looking for volunteers to help sew, stuff and decorate. Our last workshop was fun and we completed 20 dolls. We hope to double or triple that number this time. Our Friday night dinners continue to be a big success, come out and have dinner before our 7PM drawing. See you at the Post. Don't forget our meeting April 13, 7PM.

Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

We still need more members to come to our meetings the third Tuesday of each month to help plan more projects going forward. If you haven't already, stop by the Post and pay your dues for 2009 or contact any current officer with your payment. This is a great organization and we need all the members we can get joining and participating. Our next meeting will be April 21st at 7:00pm at the Post. Come out and get involved. Also, nominations and elections of officers is here. Anyone interested in being an officer let me know by leaving a note at the Post or contacting any of the current officers. We really need everyone's support. Dan Rollins / Treasurer: darwjr@yahoo.com

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We have several members of our VFW family, that could use a call or card. Contact the Post for their names, telephone numbers and addresses. If you know any comrades or families in distress, please let us know. God bless our men and women in the military.Steve Giles

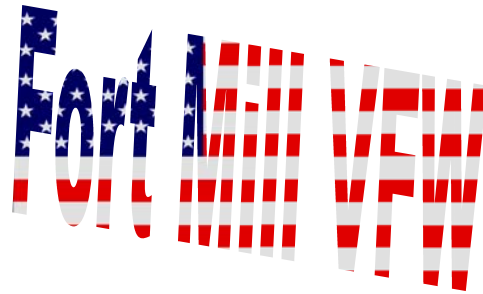
From the Canteen

I would like to thank all the members and guests that came out to help with and support the St Patty's dinner and dance. The Ladies auxiliary did very well with the dinner, selling out right at 7 pm. We were disappointed in the turn-out for the dance, but the people who did show had a great time!

Please get your order in for one of our infamous 'Boston Butts'. Talk about some good eat'in.. Our Sunday afternoon food is still a great hit! Drop by and enjoy some time with the members and bartenders, and have an afternoon snack. We can always use more volunteers to help on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00. Our members are showing that they appreciate having some snacks available. Anyone that is interested in helping can contact me at the post (803)-547.5480. Thanks again.

Charlotte / Canteen Manager

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