



# The Patriot



We all owe a lot of thanks to John Marker for the fine job that he has done as our editor. I will attempt to fill his large shoes, any help is appreciated.

### Upcoming Events

- 1) **Post Valuable Person** - New item for News- letters. Tell the editor about a member of the VFW or Auxiliaries that have done something special for Veterans or the Post. All input to the newsletter due no later than 5 days before the end of the month.
- 2) **Breakfast & Yard Sale – July 10<sup>th</sup>** Start the day with eggs and or waffels, then stay for the yard sale.
- 3) **Boston Butts – July 24<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 Plate of BBQ \$7, and whole Boston Butt \$20
- 4) **Wedding fest 2010 – August 7<sup>th</sup>** Dinner at 6:30, DJ and dancing from 8-11. Come and celebrate marriage. It's doesn't have to be your anniversary or mine. It must be someone's So pretend that it is yours, and buy yourself a present. Be as cheap or generous as you please, it's for you from you. Sit down to a delicious dinner cooked by David Cash, then get up and dance just like you did at the reception (yours, or someone else's). Cost \$7. per ticket if bought by August 5<sup>th</sup>. \$8 if you get your ticket after the 5<sup>th</sup>. Menu: Roast Beef au juice, twice baked potatoes, carrots, and green beans almandine. Cake and coffee for dissert.

...Howard B. Murray, editor

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## A Note from the Commander

The convention was a great success we came home with several awards. All State Post Commander and Quartermaster for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row! Best Publicity Program in our membership group, Best website in the state and several members received personal awards. Thanks go out to everyone for this great accomplishment it truly takes a team effort to accomplish so much.

I am still putting together the committees to run some of our programs. If you would like to help please let me know.

The year is off to a great start let's keep the momentum going. If you are out doing community service or anything you think we can report drop me a note and we will get it reported.

We have several events coming up in the next few weeks. The Yard sale and breakfast on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM. Boston Butts and BBQ plates on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the District Meeting will be in Camden on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM followed by the Dinner Dance that evening.

A big THANK YOU to John Marker for all the years of editing this newsletter.

Bill Trask wtrask@gmail.com

## From our Canteen Manager

I would like to thank all the people that volunteer to cook on Sunday afternoons. Our members have shown that they appreciate this service. Thanks also goes out to Dennis Cain, Rob Jones, David Podgorski, D Templeton, and Ronnie Golden for all their hard work around the Post. We also want to thank Dan Rollins for the help in acquiring a new Flag Pole and all those that helped get it here and in the ground. It looks great, and the new flag pole shows the respect due an American flag at a VFW Post.

Please let me know what the bar staff can do to improve your experience at the Post

*Charlotte Podgorski* cspogo@hotmail.com

## From the Quartermaster

*The staff would like to thank everyone for their hard work last month and we look forward to a good July. We are entering some of the hottest weather of the year so be careful when working outside. The post is having a yard sale & breakfast on July 10th starting at 7:00 am and if you have anything to donate please bring it to the post, we are also doing Boston butts on July 24th and plates will also be served.*

*Ralph Best : Ralph.best@gmail.com*

## News from Ladies Auxiliary President

Happy 4th of July everyone. Thanks to all our veterans. We are having a yard sale on the 10th, at the Post after the monthly breakfast until 12:00. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the Post any day after 3:00. We will also be selling sausage biscuits and coffee at the Yard sale. All benefits from the yard sale benefit projects for our Veterans. Come and find a treasure. Our Membership kickoff is on August 8th, we will have homemade ice cream and Pound cake at the kickoff. Please make plans to attend, our ladies auxiliary always does a fantastic job with food. Thanks to all the ladies that have been putting on our Friday night dinners.

*Anne Cash* acash09@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. .... Ed Gallagher

**News from the Men's Auxiliary President**

Don't forget our monthly breakfast is on the 10th . If you have not paid your dues, you need to right away. Please check you dues card, we still have some members who have not paid. Remember our meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month. (July 20th ). Look forward to seeing you at the Post!  
Jerald Efird: jerald1@comporium.net

*Happy Birthday U.S.A.* On July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776, a new nation was born, based on a new idea. The idea, that government derived its power from the consent of the governed, while Europe believed in special people (nobles and royalty) that were privileged and more powerful than the common man, because God wanted it that way (Devine right of kings). In our new country we said "...All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..." In other words the government exists to serve all the people, people don't exist to serve the government or some king . Today our country is 234 years old.

It wasn't until June 21<sup>st</sup> 1778 (12 years later) that our constitution went in to effect, and on April 30,1789, George Washing took office as our first President. On July 9<sup>th</sup> 1868 (102 years later) slavery was abolished by the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment and African American men became equal under the law, and finally August 18<sup>th</sup> 1920 (144 years later) women of any race, including white, finally gained the right to vote and be equal. It took 144 years before our government really made all mankind (men and women of all races) equal. The idea of equality took root on July 4<sup>th</sup> in 1776 and has blossomed into the liberty and equality that we enjoy today, so celebrate the birthday of our country. *Happy 4th of July, Happy Birthday USA.* *Howard B. Murray Editor*

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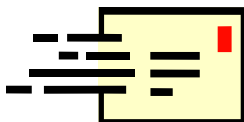
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