

41 NEWS & VIEWS

Cissel Saxon Post 41, American Legion

March / April 2014

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Hours of Operation

Mon. - Thurs.: 2:30pm - 8:30pm*

Friday: 11:00am - 2:00am

Saturday: 2:30pm - 8:30pm*

Sunday: 2:30pm# - 8:30pm*

*Close at Bartender's discretion
after times listed

#Open at 12:00pm Sunday's during
Football Season



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Monthly Meetings:

Legion - 2nd Thursday @ 6:30pm

S.A.L. - 1st Tuesday @ 7:30pm

ALA - 2nd Monday @ 7:00pm

A Few Words from the Commander

After this long, cold, snowy and unpredictable winter, I am pleased to write this note as the March/April newsletter marks our entry into a warm and sunny forecast. We have enjoyed a couple of exciting months at Post 41 with the most recent success being an exciting Super Bowl party with great food, fellowship and camaraderie. As always the ALA and the SAL came through in making this a grand success. Johnathon's roast pork was again enjoyed by all and we certainly appreciate his culinary skills.

Post 41 hosted the district meeting on 19 January and without the ALA we would not have been able to accomplish this in such a professional manner. Great food and service with a smile marked Post 41's continued reputation for hosting a great lunch and meeting. Thank you to all that were involved. We continue to exceed our goals in the area of membership thanks to our 1st Vice Commander Steven Missimer, but as you know the work never ends in our quest to meet and exceed each year's benchmark. Please keep membership on your mind with everyone that you come in contact with so that we may not only sustain but also attract new members so that we may support many of the American Legion programs.

A special thanks to those who donated to our VAVS/Wagon of Cheer again this year. It resulted in a Post 41 donation of \$2,000.00 to the Washington, DC, VA. Speaking of programs, I attended a recent DEC meeting and once again was reminded of the numerous program opportunities that our beloved American Legion is involved with, such as community safety awards, Jr. ROTC awards, Boys State, Oratorical contest, scholarship program and baseball just a few of the activities that many Posts support. We will continue to discuss opportunities to support these programs and search for ways to find members who are interested in taking the lead.

Our PC Ted Benton is taking the lead again this year and has already introduced our new coach to the Post membership as we prepare to launch another season of baseball Post 41 style. The SAL will be hosting a Super 100 on March 8, with all the proceeds being donated to support this year's baseball team. We certainly appreciate the leadership of CDR Tom Jacobson and his squadron for this commitment. Our Wounded Warrior/Family Appreciation Dinners continue with the support of the Walter Reed Society and the Post 41 family to include volunteers who routinely attend to support this honorable effort. A special thanks to our 2nd Vice Commander Dixie Johnson for her relentless drive in making sure

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for 94 years**

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that our Post home is appropriately decorated and that everything is in its proper place whenever we have a social event. Her dedication and drive are truly appreciated.

There are so many individuals who we've counted on whenever needed, whether it be Lisa and Bill rolling up their sleeves on crab night, Lou frying some fish, Mike adding a light to our ATM machine, Tim and Dawn MC'ing an event, Marine taking home another basket full of soiled tablecloths, Tony being available 24/7, Joanne serving tables, Warren preparing the membership envelopes, Ken and Neal honchoing the ace of hearts, Jim Foster selling the most tickets, Norma donating her tips to charity or Steve greeting our guests and getting our mail and all those that I have failed to mention a sincere and fraternal THANK YOU for making Post 41 the home that it is. May we all enjoy the warm weather ahead.

In Legion Service,

Dan Bullis
Commander

Adjutant's Report



ARE WE READING?

We know we have readers. Many members can be seen exchanging and discussing their current book interests. Yet, despite an impressive and growing collection, our library exchange is getting little attention.

Among many others we have Grisham, Patterson, Rowling, LaCarre, and Crichton. We also have some "How To" volumes and a growing stack of DVD's.

For those who may want to revisit some best-sellers from the 50's through the 90's we have over sixty volumes of Reader's Digest condensed books. They were a gift from Richard Nourie, a long time member who is one of only a few of our WWII vets. Some examples from the 70's are Herman Wouk's *The Winds of War*, Erich Segal's *Love Story*, and Ira Levine's *The Stepford Wives*.

As for shelving we could use a second book case. So, we would appreciate any donation. Several promised book donors are holding off until we get more room to display.

Yours in service,

Ted Benton, Adjutant

WAYS AND MEANS

***Remember the date!!!**

May 11th- Mother's Day Brunch hosted by SAL

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May 17th- WW Appreciation Dinner -Theme/Menu TBA

Jun 15th- Father's Day Brunch hosted by ALA

Wow this year is flying by. Before you know it all this miserable weather will be behind us and we'll be complaining about how hot it is!

Just want to remind folks to show up for the Tuesday lunches. The students from the National Children's Center need people to feed and you get a free lunch, so it's a win-win situation. If it continues to go well they are considering extending it to Thursdays as well.

ALA has a ham raffle going, so please remember to support them by purchasing tickets. Winner will be announced Apr 16th. SAL still has a few tickets for its 100 club supporting our baseball program, and always puts on a nice event so don't miss out. They will also be starting a raffle for a BBQ grill, so be watching for that to start after Mar 8th.

Happy Hour Fridays are going well and a good time, so please come join us. Tony and Johnathon do a great job on the "lite fare" and we've had some great entertainment.

We continue our monthly Wounded Warrior Appreciation dinners and want to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work, we couldn't do it without you!

We're always looking for suggestions for events, fundraising, etc., so if you come up with some ideas please let us know.

V/R,

Dixie Johnson, 2nd Vice Commander

Support Post 41
Sign up a new member
Today!!

Newsletter deadline for articles to be included in the May / June Newsletter is 15 April 2014. Please send articles to Steven Missimer, smissimer@post41.org, and Dan Bullis, danbullis41@reagan.com.

Message from the 1st Vice Commander

Our program year is rolling along great and membership renewal's are still coming in, albeit a little slower this time of year. As I've mentioned in the past, the leadership at the County, District, and Department levels is passionate about a strong membership and they've made it their highest priority.

Our membership goal for the 2013-2014 program year is 448 total members. We are already ahead of the projected goal for this time of year and I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has pitched in to help recruit this year. I also want to thank my right hand man, Warren McKay, for his support and guidance this year as I learned the membership ropes. His mentorship this year has been invaluable and I appreciate it greatly!

As I write this article, we are sitting at about 94% and are ahead of schedule. I would like us to continue to be ahead of the department goals and would appreciate your asking your friends and family to support out Post by becoming a member or transferring to our beloved post. If they can't be a member of the post, invite them as a guest so they can support our post through our sales of food and drink.

For those of you who still have not renewed your membership yet this year, please take a moment to send your check in so we can continue your membership in our post. Remember, your membership dollars support all of our programs!

Yours in Services,

Steven Missimer, 1st Vice Commander

**Every Wednesday Night
Ace of Hearts and Kitchen Special!!**

**Come join in the fun every
Wednesday starting with Happy
Hour from 5 to 7 pm. Food specials
are available like tacos, burgers or Pizza
hot and cheezie! Check the calendar for
the special of the night. The Ace of
Hearts game is drawn at 7:30
and two lucky entrants get a
chance to pick a card for a
prize.**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



**Billboard urges Air Force Academy to drop
"So help me god" from its cadet honor oath.**

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), an organization advocating separation of church and state, erected the billboard near the academy last fall. MRFF president Mikey Weinstein states, "Its illegal, unlawful, dehumanizing, offends and tramples on the essence of the constitution."

The Academy states that the words will remain in the oath but in the spirit enabling all to be true to their life styles, cadets may choose to say the final clause or not. Weinstein states that this change is inadequate because airmen who choose not to say it would feel pressured to do so. He also cites a letter American Center for Law and Justice sent to the academy superintendent Lt. Gen Michelle Johnson stating that President Washington used the phrase when he was sworn in as president. Weinstein also asked for an apology when a staff employee sent an email saying, "God will always be part of the U.S. military even when you have gone to meet him face to face. Do something productive with your life, stop harassing the USAFA."

Our four Military Times papers surveyed 9,666 military personnel and reported 39 percent voted the oath should be mandatory for everyone, 48 percent voted to retain it but make reciting it optional, 11 percent said it should be cut but troops could choose to say it, and 2 percent were not sure.

Nativity Scene pulled from Guantanamo Galleys

Don't worry, USN, you didn't get left out of this narrative. Officials at the Naval Air Station at Guantanamo, Cuba, recently removed two Nativity scenes and other Christmas decorations from two galleys following complaints from 18 service members to the MRFF. Reportedly the personnel were reluctant to express their concerns through channels because of "the religious climate on the base." However, 11 of the 18 professed to be practicing Protestants or Roman Catholics. I find this strange. One Nativity scene was part of a gingerbread house and several "Merry Christmas" signs were removed as well. The decorations had been installed by a base contractor, in accordance with practice in previous years, and were eventually removed and placed in the chapel courtyard where all could see them. No report from MRFF if Santa was allowed on the base.

Let's have a silent prayer in remembrance of the Four Chaplains who went down with their ship, U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 3 February 1943, when they gave up their life jackets for other troops. Let's keep our wounded warriors of all faiths and their families, as well as active military, in our hearts and prayers during this Easter holiday season. May God watch over them.

For God and Country,

Louis Gaeta, Chaplain

Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Wounded Warrior Appreciation & Mardi Gras Dinner 6:30-9:30
2	3	4 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00 SAL Meeting 7:30	5 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 5:30 - 8:00	6 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	7 Lunch - Shrimp Creole 11-2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	8 SAL Super 100 Club for American Legion Baseball 4:00 - 6:30
9	10 ALA Meeting 7:00	11 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	12 Ace of Hearts & Taco Night 5:30 - 8:00	13 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00 Executive Meeting 6:30	14 Lunch - Corned Beef & Cabbage 11-2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	15
16	17	18 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	19 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 5:30 - 8:00	20 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	21 Lunch - Fried Oysters 11-2 Dinner - Shrimp & Crab Legs 5:30 - 8:00	22
23/ 30	24/ 31	25 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	26 Ace of Hearts & Pork BBQ 5:30 - 8:00	27 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 - 1:00	28 Lunch - Fried Flounder 11-2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	29 Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner 6:30 - 9:30

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Dates of Interest

2 March - Dr. Seuss's Birthday
 3 March - National Anthem Day
 4 March - Fat Tuesday
 5 March - Ash Wednesday
 6 March - Dentist's Day

9 March - Daylight Savings Time Begins
 12 March - Girl Scout Day
 16 March - Everything you do is right day
 17 March - St. Patrick's Day
 20 March - 1st Day of Spring
 22 March - National Goof Off Day

Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00 SAL Meeting 7:30	2 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 5:30 – 8:00	3 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	4 Lunch – Meat Loaf 11–2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	5
6	7	8 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	9 Ace of Hearts & Taco Night 5:30 – 8:00	10 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00 General Meeting 6:30	11 Lunch – Tuna Salad Sub 11–2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	12
13	14 ALA Meeting 7:00	15 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	16 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 5:30 – 8:00	17 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	18 Lunch – Fried Oysters 11–2 Dinner - Shrimp & Crab Legs 5:30 – 8:00	19 Children's Easter Party 2 - 4
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	23 Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 5:30 – 8:00	24 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	25 Lunch – Hot Roast Beef 11–2 Lite Fare Dinner & Entertainment Starting at 6:30	26 Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner 6:30 – 9:30pm
27	28	29 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00	30 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	31 NCC Free Lunch 11:30 – 1:00		

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Dates of Interest

1 April - April Fool's Day
 2 April - International Children's Book Day
 15 April - Passover Begins
 18 April - Good Friday
 20 April - Easter Sunday

22 April - Earth Day & Last Day of Passover
 23 April - Administrative Professional's Day
 25 April - Arbor Day
 26 April - National Hug a Friend Day
 30 April - National Honesty Day

S.A.L. News



Greetings,

As I travelled to Bowie recently for the SAL Southern Maryland District Meeting, I was reminded of what a great squadron we have and also of the opportunities we have to make it better. I was particularly pleased to be able to share with my group the membership report that Joe Lohman, District 1st Vice Commander delivered, which showed us "in the green" in terms of meeting our membership goal. I'd like to see us surpass that goal this year; and as we do that, find ways of attracting new and younger members, so that we can grow our numbers going forward. I'll be looking to partner with the folks I work with in the local PTAs to see what we can do to identify projects we might be able to share, as well as eligible kids interested in joining our ranks.

Please keep in mind our March 8th Baseball 100 club dinner and drawing. If you don't yet have a ticket, please consider purchasing one, so you can join us for a great meal and good times, as we continue our support for the post baseball team. Thanks to the Legion and ALA members who've already shown their support by joining our ticket-selling efforts around the area.

Here's hoping we can dig out of this winter, and I look forward to blue skies ahead.

For God and Country,

Tom Jacobson, Squadron Commander, SAL

Children's Easter Party

April 19th
from 2:00pm
until
4:00pm



Have the Kiddies hop on down to family Post 41 and enjoy an afternoon of activities

We have planned an Easter egg hunt, egg decorating and goodies.

Please remember to look for our sign up sheet.



Happy Hour Fridays Friday Nights Starting at 6:30 PM

Lite Fare and Entertainment

Happy Hour Fridays are always a good time, so please come join us. Ask at the Post Home about each weeks entertainment as it changes from week to week. Sometimes live band or Karaoke.



FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP AND CRAB LEGS SALE

Upcoming Dates:

**March 21st and
April 18th**



from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM Buy them cooked by the pound and half pound; to eat-in or carry out! You can also enjoy: Cheesesticks, chicken tenders, french fries, onion rings, and always good company!

UNIT 41 NEWS



Greetings Members:

ALA yearly report time is upon us and the report is due prior to the July 15th-18th American Legion Convention held in Ocean City, MD. It would be greatly appreciated if our ALA members who have been involved in any of the following activities drop me an email so that your specific activities and time spent may be included in our Post 41 ALA reports. Your member participation is very important and greatly appreciated. Email address: litjoa1@hotmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The general rule is service performed or assistance given to persons under the age of 18.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hours and funds given to aid the Post, favors made for District and Department functions, assistance to Senior Citizens, other projects to make your communities a better place to live.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

1. HOME SERVICE: This covers time spent sewing, knitting, cooking, shopping for materials and supplies and all other services performed in the VOLUNTEER'S HOME for VETERANS ONLY. Also includes items made for the VA Medical Centers and Gift Shops. For this purpose, items made in your Post Home also are considered home service.

2. HOSPITAL HOURS: For Volunteers serving in the Baltimore, BRECC, Perry Point, Martinsburg and Washington VA Medical Centers, and any satellite centers, and who sign in so their hours are recorded at the centers and with our Director of Volunteer Hospital Workers.

3. REGULAR SCHEDULED VOLUNTEERS:

a. Volunteer who has taken the Medical Center Course and receives a specific assignment from the Chief of Voluntary Services Office.

b. Volunteers who have 12 hours per year.

c. **FIELD SERVICE:** Service performed for Veterans outside the VA Medical Centers is Field Service. (nursing homes, geriatric day care centers, foster homes, halfway houses, Veteran's home, and elsewhere in the community). This includes Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and any services performed at a National Cemetery such as serving

refreshments before or after service if requested and attending the grounds.

COUPONS

Please help us keep our Military Family Coupon Project alive and well. These coupons save the military families thousands of dollars each year when used frequently and truly make life living overseas more affordable. Please be mindful and remember to bring your coupons into the Post or drop them in the mail to us.

Just in time for Easter the ALA is sponsoring a 10lbs. Honey Baked Ham Raffle. The Drawing will be held Wednesday, April 16th 2014, during the "Ace of Hearts". \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets. Buy your tickets early - we thank you for your support.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dixie Johnson for her ongoing decorating prowess and tireless efforts and to let her know her efforts do not go unnoticed. I've received many compliments from guests attending various Post events regarding the decorations and the festive mood the decorations create. Thanks, Dixie, for continuing our Post party atmosphere! Love it! Keep up the great work!

On behalf of the ALA, we wish to extend thoughts, prayers and best wishes to our ALA member, Insuk Esker, for a speedy recovery.

It is with great sadness I report that Dorothy Lumsden, one of our ALA Gold Star Members, passed away February 1st. On behalf of the ALA I wish to express our sincere condolences and sympathy to her family for their loss and to let them know that our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

The next scheduled ALA meeting will be held Monday, March 10th. I urge you all to attend - your input is important - hope to see you there.

For God & Country,

Joanne Little

President, ALA

Free Lunch Every Tuesday and Thursday

Compliments of the students from the National Children's Center.

You read right - come and have a Free Lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Post 41 home.



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Vietnam - 2/28/61 - 5/7/75; Lebanon-Grenada 8/24/82 - 7/31/84; Panama 12/20/89 - 1/31/90;
Kuwait 8/2/90 through cessation of hostilities**

Upcoming events-

- Mar 1st- Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society) Mardi Gras!!! Come join us for Cajun cuisine and some Blues. (6:30-9:30pm)**
- Mar 8th -SAL 100 Club- supports our AL Baseball Program. Ticketed event upstairs hall. \$30.00/ tickets get 2 people in for dinner/drinks, with chance at \$500, and smaller prizes along the way. (4:00 - 6:30pm)**
- Mar 14th- Happy Hour special-Tony's CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE in celebration of St Patrick's Day!**
- Mar 21st-AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm) (including Happy Hour all night long and entertainment starting at 8 pm)**
- Mar 29th- Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society) Theme/Menu TBA (6:30-9:30pm)**
- Apr 16th- ALA Ham Raffle- tickets on sale now, results will be announced during Ace of Hearts.**
- Apr 18th- AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm)) (including Happy Hour all night long and entertainment starting at 8 pm)**
- Apr 19th- Children's Easter Party 2-4 PM, bring the kids for an afternoon of fun!**
- Apr 26th - Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society) Theme/Menu TBA (6:30-9:30pm)**
- Tuesdays- Free Lunch! Provided by the Culinary Arts Program at National Children's Center served 11:30am-1pm. The food and service have received rave reviews from everyone!**
- Wednesdays- ACE of HEARTS drawing at 7:30 pm, alternating menu, pizza every other week served 5:30-8 PM.**
- Friday night HAPPY HOUR all night long... light fare & entertainment starts at 6:30pm. Come on down...**

*****Date to be announced-Boy Scout Flag Ceremony**