

# 41 NEWS & VIEWS

Cissel Saxon Post 41, American Legion

May / June 2013

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## POST OPERATING HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
2:30 P.M. until atleast 8:30 P.M.\*  
Friday  
11:00 A.M. until 2:00 A.M.  
Saturday  
2:30 P.M. until atleast 8:30 P.M.\*  
Sunday  
Noon until atleast 8:30 P.M.\*  
\*Close at Bartender's discretion  
after times listed



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## Monthly Meetings:

Legion - Quarterly TBA  
Auxiliary - 2nd Monday of even months  
S.A.L. - 1st Tuesday of every month

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

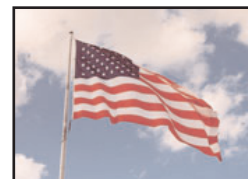
All good things must come to an end. This is a common expression all of us use many times, and I'm employing it here to begin my final message to you as Commander of Post 41. Serving all of you has been a wonderful experience, and I would like to thank everyone for all the support I have received during the past year as well as during my earlier years as Commander. I am certain that all of our members will extend the same support and encouragement to our incoming Commander that I have received, and I will do my part to make certain that the transition is a smooth and easy one.

During the past few years we have been able to welcome a good many new Legionnaires into Post 41 and encourage some of them to enter the ranks of our post officers. This is of the greatest importance, because we cannot continue to function productively and creatively without some new blood now and then. All of our officers have willingly undertaken any assignment I have given them, and there have been many instances of officers and members acting on their own initiative to do what has to be done without having been asked. This is a priceless asset, and our post is much the stronger for it. All of us have always acted "for the good of the Legion," and even in those few times when don't agree on every detail our commitment never wavers.

To all Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members, I thank you for your hard work and dedication that have made the Wounded Warriors dinners such an outstanding success. Your dedication to our post is really remarkable, and I thank all of you for all that you have done.

I want to say again how rewarding it has been to work with you during this past year, and let us look forward to continued service to our post and to the welfare of veterans everywhere.

In Legion service,  
**Ken Gaines**, Commander



**Serving Veterans, the Nation and the Community  
for 93 years**

## Message from the 1st Vice

What an exciting year it has been for our beloved Cissel-Saxon Post 41 in all areas of our operation. Thanks to the dedication of many of our members of the post, SAL and ALA we have made great strides in our operation, indoor and outdoor appearance, and family spirit. The overall post renovations have added a great deal to the appearance of our Post Home, having a candidate for the Oratorical contest has been exciting, our baseball team making it to the finals was a significant accomplishment, and recently achieving 100% membership for this year was a great achievement. This all points to a dedicated group of volunteers and members rolling up their sleeves to serve our Post. Since this will be the last newsletter of the 2012/2013 legion year we can look back and be proud of what we have collectively achieved. I would like to thank our Commander, Ken Gaines for his outstanding service and mentorship over the past year in "making things happen". Looking forward to our New Year beginning in July we have plans to continue this momentum in several areas. Through our efforts at Post 41 the slot machines have been approved for installation and this will likely occur later in the year and in the interim we have applied for a Keno license so that we are ahead of the curve in having a license. We will continue to make improvements to the Post Home as funds and member attendance allows. Increased selection of fast food items are being added and increased social activities will be planned in the year ahead. We would love to return to the days gone by, by firing up the ovens, and the burners in the kitchen to offer hot meals more often than we currently do, however doing that requires that we have more participation from members and guests. Of our 447 members 220 live in a 10 mile radius of the Post, and if we could count on these members to stop by the Post once or twice a week we could certainly consider a ribbon cutting at our rather dormant kitchen. We are planning on hosting membership appreciation events periodically and do hope those in the area will consider a visit or a return to the Post. The camaraderie, warmth, Post Home and backyard environment are good for the soul. This year we will attempt to actively embrace the programs that the American Legion are known for such as, Baseball, Boys State, Girls State, Americanism, Oratorical, Police and Safety Awards, and Community Service. If you are interested in any of these programs please give us a call as the satisfaction we receive from the successful completion of a program is well worth the effort. Going forward Post 41, SAL and ALA members will be working hand in hand to offer you programs and activities that will be wholesome, enjoyable, and rewarding and if you would like to see a particular activity hosted or volunteer please let us know. This year's American Legion convention will be conducted the week of 15 July in Ocean City, MD and Post 41 will be well represented and we are coordinating a joint hospitality room with Post 268 and we look forward to a renewed partnership.

As I conclude this year's service as your 1st Vice Commander I would like to thank you for making this year's membership a great success. You have done very well in this area and if you still have not renewed please do so as soon as possible, so you may continue to enjoy the benefits of a member in good standing with our American Legion.

In Legion Service,

**Dan Bullis**, 1st Vice Commander

## Post Home News

Greetings From the Post Home:

Please read all of the articles and the back page Activities Board of this newsletter for upcoming events and news from around the Post.

As Always;

**Tony Ragazzo**,

Post Home Manager

### WAYS AND MEANS

**We had some very nice events these past couple months. Our Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner was well attended and although I don't think we had any candidates for American Idol, folks seemed to enjoy the karaoke. Thanks to our volunteers for ALL you do! A special thanks to Cathy and Bill Oaks, you've been there to help me out all year long and I couldn't have done this without your support!**

**We couldn't have asked for a more gorgeous day to have our Easter party. We loved having all the kids here and hope they enjoyed themselves. Thanks Easter Bunny (DB), you were awesome! Thanks Lisa D., Norma, Emma, Marine, and Tony for your help. Please take a look at the Upcoming Events section for future activities during May and June.**

**Very Respectfully,**

**Dixie Johnson**, 2nd Vice

# Adjutant's Message

## "Today, we are all Bostonians"

Quoting American Legion National Commander, James E Koutz, from April 16 web posting.

"I have just contacted the American Legion Department of Massachusetts offering our condolences to the people of Boston and those affected by this cowardly attack. I encourage all members of the American Legion family to remember the victims and their families in their prayers, to donate blood and to proudly display the flag of the United States wherever possible. We do not yet know whether the perpetrators of this heinous act were foreign or domestic, but it is a reminder that the Global War on Terrorism continues and that Americans must always be vigilant, especially in large gatherings. If you see suspicious behavior, report it to the authorities. Again the first responders have performed magnificently. This is a scene that our troops have been exposed to far too often overseas. The people from Boston are known for their toughness. Today, we are all Bostonians. God bless them all"

Yours in Service,  
**Ted Benton**, Adjutant

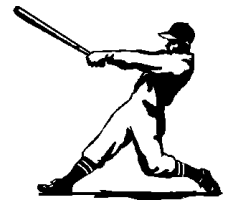
# Baseball

Tryouts have begun for our team which will be hoping to repeat as Montgomery County Champions. The posted schedule can be found elsewhere in this edition.

The SAL 100 fundraiser got us off to a great start for financing the team, but individual sponsors have been greatly lagging. We need more help and every contribution will be posted and greatly appreciated.

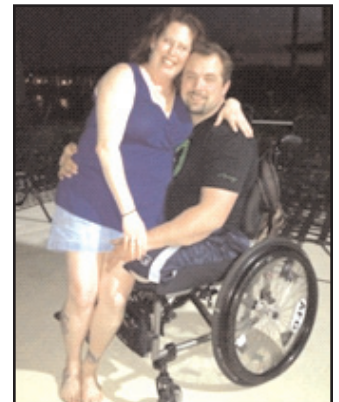
In addition to the SAL, other boosters have been: Commander Gaines, Marine Hamilton, her son Kenny and his wife Kim, her son Robert and his wife Lori, and grandkids Bobby and Megan; Warren McKay, Neal Hines, Chuck and Tammy, Gerald Souder, Nancy McCeney, the ALA, Bud Higdon, Steven Missiner, Jim and Geneva Foster, Dallas Dean. and Ted Benton.

**Ted Benton**  
Baseball Chairman



## Helping Hometown Heroes in Action

I was looking at Facebook, and saw an entry from one of our member's wife, Heather Kurtz. Army SGT Chris Kurtz just medically retired and they moved to the Ft Campbell area. They are having a home built and renting while waiting for it to be finished. Inside, the rental house is wheelchair accessible, but unfortunately the ramp that had been on it fell apart and the homeowners did not replace it. Since Chris is a double amputee, it was quite a challenge for him to get in and out of the house. I contacted his wife Heather, and we tried to brainstorm on who may be able to assist. I contacted Nicole Enos, Helping Hometown Heroes to see if she had any ideas. She initially contacted the Mayor's office in Clarksville, TN, who then referred her to Director of Development, who referred to Marine Corp League of TN, and they arranged to have an organization called Ramps for Christ, build the ramp. Helping Hometown Heroes paid for lumber used in building this beautiful ramp and Ramps for Christ did the labor free of charge. Thanks Nicole, you know how to make things happen! And thanks to the Marine Corp League and Ramps for Christ for your assistance to this wonderful family.



Remember to purchase your SAL "150" tickets, proceeds will go to Helping hometown Heroes!

## POST 41 CALENDAR FOR MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night	2	3  Fried Shrimp for Lunch	4  Fiesta Night 6:30
5	6	7  SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	8  Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night	9  Executive Meeting 6:30	10  Hot Roast Beef for Lunch	11
12  Mother's Day Brunch 9:00 till Noon	13	14	15  Ace of Hearts Night	16  <b>POST ELECTIONS</b>	17  Sloppy Joes for Lunch: <b>Crab Legs and Shrimp For Dinner</b>	18  Wounded Warrior Appreciation Night 6:30
19	20	21	22  Ace of Hearts Night	23	24  Cold Plate for Lunch	25
26	27  Memorial Day Pot Luck Picnic 3:00 PM	28	29  Ace of Hearts night	30	31  Lunch to be announced	

### Dates to Remember

June 1 1952 Soviet Iron curtain isolates West Berlin  
 June 4 1942 Battle of Midway begins  
 June 5 1947 Marshall Plan created for European recovery  
 June 6 1944 D Day  
 June 8 New Moon  
 June 14 Flag Day  
 June 14 1775 US Army established

June 16 Father's Day  
 June 21 First day of summer  
 June 22 1942 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress  
 June 22 1944 GI Bill signed into law  
 June 23 Full Moon  
 June 25 1942 Eisenhower takes command of US Forces in Europe  
 June 25 1950 North Korea invades South Korea  
 June 25 2004 Interim Iraqi government assumes political authority

# Post 41 Calendar for June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <b>Post 41 SAL 150 CLUB</b>
2	3  ALA MEETING	4  Sal Meeting 7:00PM	5  Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night	6	7  <b>FLAG DAY CEREMONIES 6:30 pm <u>BURGERS FOR LUNCH &amp; DINNER</u></b>	8
9	10	11	12  Ace of Hearts and Piazza Night	13  Executive Meeting 6:30 PM	14  Shrimp Creole for Lunch	15
16  Father's Day Brunch 9:00 till Noon	17	18	19  Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night	20	21  Oysters for Lunch: <b>Crab legs and Shrimp for Dinner</b>	22  <b>Installation of officers 4:00 PM followed by dinner.</b>
23	24	25	26  Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night	27	28  Cold Plate for Lunch	29  Wounded Warrior Appreciation Night 6:30
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## Dates to Remember

July 2 1926 US Army Air corps established  
 July 4 Independence Day  
 July 8 New Moon  
 July 16 1945 Trinity test of the first atomic bomb  
 July 21 1969 First Moon landing by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin  
 July 22 Full Moon  
 July 26 Americans with Disabilities Act signed

July 27 1953 Korean War end  
 July 28 1914 World War I begins

## Memorial Day Picnic

Monday May 27, 3 pm - ?

Come and enjoy a relaxing day with the rest of us. The horseshoe pit will be open and the grill a cook'in. Sign up to bring a Pot Luck dish to share (your specialty would be great or call Tony at the Post for suggestions on what to make.)



## HELP WANTED

Post 41 is currently in search of talented members who have expertise in areas of Education, Finance, Website Development, and general Administrative talent to help our Post with several programs and improvements that we would like to make, so we may connect with the community and our membership at large in the support of the American Legions program opportunities.

Assisting the Post in these areas would require minimal amount of your time. If interested please contact Dan Bullis at 301-400-1501.

## Every Wednesday Night

### Ace of Hearts and Pizza celebration!!



Come join in the fun every Wednesday starting with Happy Hour from 5 to 7 pm.



Get your Pizza *hot and cheezie!* Available plain, loaded, or everything inbetween. The Ace of Hearts game is drawn at 7:30 and two lucky entrants get a chance to pick a card for a prize.



## S.A.L. News



Greetings,

As my term comes to an end, I'd like take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful support that the SAL has received these past three years while I have been the SAL Commander. Our elections will be held Tuesday June 4th at our 7:00 meeting. Please join us if you can.

We are providing complimentary breakfasts for both Mother's Day and Father's Day this year so if you would like to volunteer to help please feel free to contact an SAL officer or just show up if you like and make the offer. We'll find something for you to do.

Our baseball 100 club raised \$1200.00 for the legion baseball team. It could not have been done without the support of the ALA and Legion members - thank you very much. Please come to the 150 Club being held June 1st which benefits Helping Hometown Heroes.

Sincerely, **John Amos**, Commander, SAL

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Come join us for a pleasant Mother's Day morning from 9:00 am to noon.

**Sunday, May 12th**  
Compliments of the SAL



## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

ALSO, spend the morning with us on

**Sunday June 16th**  
for Father's Day from 9:00 am to noon  
for a complimentary breakfast sponsored by the SAL.

# UNIT 41 NEWS



Dear Members

Please note NEXT MEETING MONDAY JUNE 3RD are our ELECTIONS

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of being your President for the past four years - your support and help have been very much appreciated. I am so grateful. We became incorporated and obtained our own EIN.

I appreciate the support and help from Post 41 and the SAL - Thank you. It has been a real pleasure to be a part of your team.

I'd like to give a Special thanks to Dixie Johnson, Dan Bullis and Emma Lardner for a delightful Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great party. The children enjoyed Mr. Bunny.

We all are so grateful to be able to do something meaningful for our wounded warriors. Thank you Dan Bullis for making this possible.

Thank you to Nancy McCeney for coupon clipping and sending to families of our troops.

Please everyone buy a ticket to the 150 event on June 1st. This will help our wounded warriors.

Thank you to Ted Benton, Mike McRory and Bill Oaks for all their work in the back yard. Looking great guys. Mike McRory the music is delightful.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU everyone.

Always,

**Marine Hamilton, President**

## FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP AND CRAB LEGS SALE

Upcoming Dates:

**May 17th and  
June 21st**



*from 5:00 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!

*"President Obama Awards M.O.H. to Chaplain Capt. Emil J. Kapaun posthumously on April 11, 2013."*

While serving with 3rd Batt. 8th Cav. Reg, 1st Cav. Div. at Unsan, Korea, he raced between foxholes, dragging the wounded to safety. When his commanders ordered an evacuation he chose to stay tending to their wounds and offering prayers of peace as the time passed on. As a dozen were about to be shot down, Father spotted a wounded Chinese officer and convinced him to call them off; the shooting stopped and they surrendered safely.

As Father Kapaun was led away he spotted a wounded soldier in a ditch about to be shot; he walked over, pushed the enemy away who then watched in stunned silence as Father carried the American away. As the captors forced them on a death march he helped the wounded as they stumbled or wanted to quit, begging them to go on or they would be shot. In the camp he offered them his own clothes for warmth and sneaked out to the fields to look for food. He formed pots, boiled water and washed clothes and cleansed wounds as they ravaged in dysentery.

Guards ridiculed his faith and made him stand in the cold for hours without clothes. He led prisoners in prayer, even men of no faith, and sang songs across the camp. Soldiers reported that his actions gave them hope and kept many of them alive. Father Kapaun over time became thin, frail, got a blood clot in his leg, came down with dysentery and pneumonia. The guards saw a chance to rid themselves of him and the hope he inspired. As they led him away to a death house against protests and tears from his men he told them: "When I get there I will still be praying for you." He then blessed the guards. "Forgive them for they know not what they do." Two days later he died, his grave is unmarked and his remains unrecovered.

This is the valor we honor. Your actions saved many lives and gave them the greatest gift during their hardships. Chaplain (Captain) Emil J. Kapaun, Memorial Day is your day and I and all your comrades salute you and ask for your prayers. You are "For God and Country."

### USS Thresher

April 10, 1913, marked the 50th anniversary of the loss of 129 men aboard the first nuclear sub 220 miles off Cape Cod during a deep test trial where it is believed faulty pipes, deballasting technology, engine failure and flooding caused her to sink in 8,400 feet of water. The same day veterans gathered in Philadelphia to honor 3,500 comrades lost during WWII, many without a trace, not knowing Thresher's fate. May we never fail to remember the cost of the freedom we enjoy.

**Louis Gaeta, Chaplain**

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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-

- May 4th-Fiesta Night!!! Menu -Steak or Chicken fajitas, rice beans, fixings, chips/salsa and a complimentary margarita 10.00/dinner (6:30-8:30pm)
- May 12th-Mother's Day Brunch- hosted by SAL (9am-12pm)
- May 17th-AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm)
- May 18th-Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society) Dinner and musical entertainment. \$5.00 dinner charge for guests. (6:30-9:30pm)
- May 27th-AL's Memorial Day BBQ. We provide the Burgers and Hotdogs, you bring your favorite sides or desserts! (3-5pm)
- June 1st-Post 41 SAL "150" Dinner (proceeds will go to Helping Hometown Heroes) ticketed event upstairs, \$30/dinner and drinks for 2 and many wonderful prizes and payouts.
- June 14th- Flag Day/Flag Burning Ceremony @ 6:30pm
- June 16th- Father's Day Brunch- hosted by SAL (9am-12pm)
- June 21st-AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm)
- June 22nd-Installation-will start at 4pm, followed by dinner.
- June 29th- Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society) Dinner and musical entertainment. \$5.00 dinner charge for guests. (6:30-9:30pm)