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Message From Your Editor: Harry Davis

Some people have asked me to tell you a little something about myself. Randy got me to join the Legion a few months ago. I've lived in Hoopeston off and on for five years. I'm a USAF Vietnam Era veteran. Now, I'm semi-retired.

I have a graduate degree in education from NIU with a major in Instructional Design. My career has been focused on technical training and designing technical training courses. I have many years of experience in computers, the internet, telecommunications and data communications. Please let me know if you have any ideas for your Newsletter or for your Website.



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Legion Pancake Day

Come one, come all to the American Legion Pancake Day on Saturday March 22nd. As for those that attended last year's event, they found out that it is not just an ordinary Pancake Day, but a Pancake Day of extraordinary proportions. This year will be no different, with a meal consisting of all the pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy you can eat! All for \$5.00. Carry outs are available and there are many items in our raffle - \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5 - see the website for a full list of raffle items and a picture of some of the items.

The profits from last year's event went for new stage carpeting, refurbishing tables in the dining room, a fire extinguisher system in the kitchen, and the purchase of several new kitchen items.

We again ask that you assist us in promoting this excellent event by selling meal tickets and raffle tickets.

Enclosed you will find four (4) tickets for you to purchase or sell.

Your check payable to the Hoopeston American Legion in the amount of \$20.00 can either be brought to the post home or sent to: Hoopeston American Legion, P.O. Box 423, Hoopeston, IL 60942. If additional tickets are needed: call (217) 283-6312 after 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and the additional tickets purchased will be promptly sent to you.

Bulk sausage or patties will be available for \$2.00 per pound two weeks before, the day of, and two weeks after the event.

If you'd like to volunteer to assist, please contact Ron Custer, cell (217) 397-3635.

Legion Pancake Day March 22, 2008

6:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

\$5.00, under 6 yrs. Free
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

From the Commander



Paul is off enjoying himself where the weather is a lot better than ours!

Paul Ziemnisky
Commander



American Legion Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a nice holiday and that you aren't suffering too much from cabin fever.

We are hosting the 18th annual District Joint Meeting on 2/24. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. for \$6.00 and the meeting is at 1:00 p.m.

The pancake breakfast is March 22nd this year and we will be having our Auxiliary bake sale at the same time. Our sale last year was a great success and we are hoping for lots of those homemade goodies to sell. This will be on Easter weekend, so you may want to bake those goodies with that in mind when you select what to make.

And of course May is Poppy Day and we will need many volunteers to populate the corners [more on that later].

And of course, we assist the Legion with their projects - festival gates, fish fries, and Honor Guard to name a few.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at the Legion 283-6312, or at home 283-0109 or join us at our monthly meetings every 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion.

**Ginger Colvin
President**

What's New



Website

www.hoopestonlegion384.org

Make sure you check out your website. Harry Davis has been putting in countless hours to get your Website going. If you have comments or recommendations for Harry you can do so by e-mailing him from the Website.

Look at the BINGO page for the latest big winner, or tell your friends they can fill out their Legion application on the website, print it and send it in. From the Website you can look at a calendar of events for the year. If you would like to rent the hall you can see if the date is available and even complete the rental agreement and send it to us. These are just some of the many pages of information that are available. Check it out.



Get in the Newsletter

We would like to hear from our membership. Let us know what is happening in your life and we'll put it in the newsletter. Do you live away from the local area? Let us know how you are doing. Mar-

riages, births, any special news?

Send us the information so we can print it for others to read. You can e-mail to the editor by going to the website and use the e-mail link to the webmaster, or write to the Post in care of the Newsletter.



Member-Owned Businesses

You can advertise your business on the Legion website for only \$10 per year. This will help the Post pay for the website. Just let Randy Carter or Harry Davis know if you are interested.

Don't miss this opportunity for some very inexpensive advertising and to get our members to use your business!

Business Discounts

We hope all of our member-owned businesses might give us a discount, but if you know of other businesses around the area that would give Legion members a discount, let Randy Carter or Harry Davis know. We will include them free of charge on the Legion website and will even link to their webpage if they have one. It never hurts to ask, so take a little time when you're at your favorite shopping spot and ask if they would like free advertising and some great customers!

Coming Events

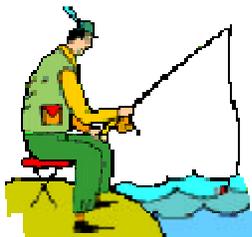
Valentine's Day BINGO Winners



Thursday Evenings Bingo

The action starts at 7 P.M. with card sales beginning at 6 P.M. One of our major sources of income is from bingo. We are always looking for a few more players and some help. The Legion facility is now smoke free.

We have had a fantastic turnout this year with regular game prizes at \$50 or more. Don't forget we sell food and snacks during bingo and that our bar is also open. See the website for big winners!



Friday Nights Fish Fries and Steak Fry

We encourage members, guests and the general public to come over on Friday evenings for a delicious meal.

Again, the crews are all volunteers and we could always use a couple more. But, the big thing is, support your legion post by joining us for a meal once a month or even as many do, every week.



March Happenings

March 1st - Rotary Pancake Day (a.m.) and Benefit for Justin Edwards (p.m.).

March 11th - Lion's Club Diabetes Screening 8 a.m. to Noon.

March 12th - Beta Sigma Phi Auction at 6 p.m.

March 15th - Bar Stool Golf all day.

March 29th - Jessica Hodge Wedding Reception



April Happenings

April 5th - Wedding Shower.

April 12th - Surprise Birthday Party.

April 26th - Burton-Esteppe Reception.



Here's our \$350 Jar and BINGO Winner, Shelly - What a great Valentine's Day Present!



Another Valentine's Day surprise, Maria and Samantha split Maries' 4 Corners for \$173 apiece!!



SAL

Nothing new for the Sons of the American Legion. Contact Kevin at (217) 772-1971(cell).

**Kevin Jett
President**

What We Have Done This Quarter

Gifts to Yanks

The post home has always been supportive of this very worthwhile project. Possibly the best thing that the National and State organization promotes.

99% of all funds collected go to purchasing items for our veterans in the area and to the VA in Danville. The vast majority goes to the veterans in the Danville VA nursing home - pajamas, robes, socks, soap, shaving cream and underwear are just a few of the items provided.

We thank all of those that so generously gave this year, \$1,200 of what was collected will go to our state organization that will be used for December of 2008. Keep us in mind for donations for this year's drive.

Veteran's Day

We celebrated Veteran's Day on the 12th of November. Services were held at the Veteran's Memorial located in the southwest corner of McFerren Park. Steve Unger and Bob Duffin were in charge of the services.

Our traditional chili and potato soup meal was served directly following the services at the post home. The free meal was open to everyone.

Auxiliary Christmas Party

It was a time for the ladies to be treated to a meal and Christmas cheer. The men cooked and served the ladies. Dinner was served grab-bag gifts exchanged. Everyone that came had fun. Every year our spe-

cial guest is Santa to liven things up and make the event really special.

Appreciation Meal

Every year we show our appreciation to all the members and volunteers that make our Legion post home a success by having an appreciation meal. A free meal is served and there is an opportunity for everyone to socialize. We are blessed with volunteers each year, but are always looking for more. Everyone always has a fantastic time and has plenty of good food to eat. It is for thanking all who participated in last year's events. The appreciation meal was not held this quarter, but may be held next quarter. We value everyone who helps our post home!



Honor Guard

Hi, it's Bob Duffin,

I would like to thank all of those members of the Honor Guard that have unselfishly given their time last year and will do the same for this year.



Funerals in 2007

William "Bill" Wagoner
Robert "Bob" Wallace
Jerry Eells
Charles "Codgur" Lane
James V. "Jim" Good
Oliver Frank Ervin
Lyle Prickett
Dale Flynn

Darcy L. Gooden
William Morris "Bill" Brock
David W. "Dave" Barker
Ervin "Roy" Goodrum
Leonard Yazzie Jr.
Ted H. Hodge
Leon Earl "Bus" Burton
Robert W. "Bob" Brown
Lloyd R. "Bud" Cramer
George R. "Bob" Wells
James G. "Jim" Shipman
Thomas F. "Tom" Mannin
Thomas A. "Tom" Law Jr.
Harold R. "Harkie" Wood

Funerals in 2008

Ted Morris
Norvan Spickard
John Lee

Bob Duffin
Honor Guard