

SUSQUEHANNA POST 135 NEWSLETTER

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135
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Spring 2017

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Chaplain.....Robert "Blair" Smolar
Historian.....Alfred Davisson
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Director.....Terry Marrs
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Sgt-At-Arms.....Gene Fromm
Road Captain.....Bob Coffeen
Membership Chairman.....Robert Chenoweth



Commander's Message

Dear Fellow Legionnaires:

As we wind down the end of the 2016-2017 membership year, let me remind you of some things that have changed.

- First, we have a new program on one of our TV's - the TV over the POW/MIA table now has Legion information posted on a daily basis and is updated weekly.
- We will be installing a gate to block traffic from speeding through our back parking lot. Safety is a priority in this matter. Thank you for understanding.
- A new air conditioning unit has been ordered for the Meeting Room and office areas and will be installed shortly.
- I have ordered shadow boxes to display uniforms from each branch of the armed services. They are being made by the Perryville High School Industrial Arts class and will be placed below the Members board when received. I have seen them and they look awesome. A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to the PHS Industrial Arts class students for making them.

I would like to thank all of you for your support during the past year of my service and I hope you will continue to support me as I run for Commander again for the 2017-2018 membership year. The election is coming up on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

As I bring this message to a close, I would like to say thank you for your support of our Post as well. We all need to work together to make our Post a prosperous and enjoyable place to bring our families and friends.

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable past year and it continues in the future.

Once again, thank you for your support.

God Bless America,

Ernest C. Miller

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Commander, Susquehanna Post 135

POST EVERLASTING

Betty Weamer (ALA)

Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the family and loved ones of our departed comrades and friends.

2016-2017 Membership Dues

We are still collecting dues for the 2016-2017 membership year. Dues are \$30 for Legionnaires, \$20 for SAL and \$25 for ALA (ALA Juniors \$9).

Please help us in our effort to recruit new members. If you know a Service Member on Active Duty or a Veteran who has served in the past, please inform them about our great organization and The American Legion's many programs and encourage them to join.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As the American Legion Post 135 Chaplain, I sincerely wish one and all a joyful and blessed Holy Easter. For this Easter and arriving of the spring season, again we find that many Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen deployed from the Baltics to the Middle East, from South Korea to Japan, and from Africa to the Indian Ocean. Families who are apart do yearn to be reunited with their loved ones. There is much uncertainty and fear in our modern world. However, for 2000 years the Holy Mother Church has taught her children not to fear the many calamities of this world because of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Roman Centurion who was in charge of the crucifixion of Christ was the first soldier in history to proclaim that "There are no atheists in foxholes." As Sacred Scripture records, "Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake, and the things that was done, were sore afraid, saying Indeed this was the Son of God." St. Matthew, 27:54 (DRV)

In the Byzantine Catholic Rite, the Hymn of the Incarnation it is proclaimed. "...O Christ, our God, and by death have trampled death by being of the Holy Trinity..."

In the mind of modern man, the most perplexing challenge is to understand "The Earth's Most Serious Wound" is "The Empty Tomb." In Fulton Sheen's book "The Life of Christ" he devoted an entire chapter to this statement. He accurately denotes "only one tomb" in history "has ever had a rock rolled before it" and a "soldier set to watch it to prevent a dead man from within rising." Christ was buried in this tomb.

Recently, one of the most beloved American combat leaders was born unto eternal life on February 10, 2017, Lt. General Harold Moore. Mel Gibson directed and starred in a movie about him called "We Were Soldiers." In an interview held on EWTN in 2008, General Moore humbly spoke of his faith that sustained him his entire life, especially at West Point, and the Battle Ia Drang and as a commissioned officer. He recalled that a reporter once asked what his "business was" and he replied, "it is eternity."

On March 13, 2017, Captain Dennis Storm was born unto eternal life. He was a resident patient at the Perry Point Medical Center. He always attended Sunday Mass at the Perry Point Chapel. He had a strong and simple faith that inspired me. He served two tours of duty Marine Force Recon. His decorations include two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, Medal for Bravery, and Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

To fully understand the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ, one must understand the Cross within one's own life and unite it to the Cross of Christ.

In the words of Bishop Sheen, "Unless there is a Good Friday in our lives, there will never be an Easter Sunday. The Cross is the condition of the empty tomb, and the crown of thorns is the preface to the halo of light."

Therefore, let us Veterans stand together with the Centurion at Calvary and on Easter Sunday proclaim "He was truly the Son of God." General Moore and Captain Storm did so by their examples in life and now rest with Our Lord.

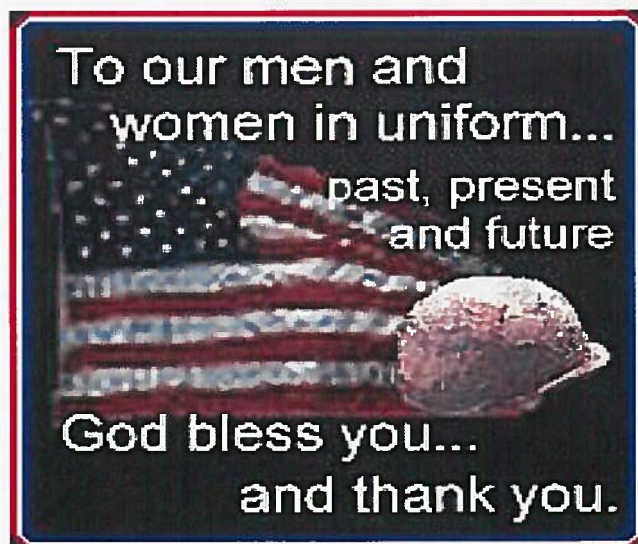
Chaplain Blair Smolar

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
Monday, May 29, 2017
11:00 AM

Please join us in honoring the heroes who selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice for our beloved nation.

We will always remember you - and all of your comrades - of all wars - who laid down their lives for our country.

Light Refreshments Following Ceremony



~ INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ~

Elections for Susquehanna Post 135 Officers and Executive Committee will be held on



Saturday, June 3, 2017
10 AM - 4 PM

To be eligible to vote, members must be in good standing (i.e., current paid members for the year 2017).

You may cast your vote on Election Day at the Post. If you are unable to come to the Post on Election Day, you may pick up an Absentee Ballot at the Post or request one in writing.

SUSQUEHANNA POST 135		5 April 2017
NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS 2017-2018		
COMMANDER	Ernest C. Miller	
1ST VICE COMMANDER	Terry W. Marrs	
2ND VICE COMMANDER	Jimmie L. Manning	
FINANCE OFFICER	Nancy S. Polk	
HISTORIAN	Robert D. Lankford	
CHAPLAIN	Robert "Blair" Smolar	
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	J. Richard Hall	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Charles F. Cunningham	
	Douglas G. Hornberger	
	Arnold "Skip" Ivie	
	Bonnie L. Ryan	
	Charles W. Thomas	
	Thomas P. Ward	

April 2017

SUN <u>Shrimp</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU <u>Pizza</u>	FRI <u>Chicken</u>	SAT <u>Wings & Shrimp</u>
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2	3 ALA Bingo	4	5 Gen. Membership Meeting 7pm	6 <i>US Entry into WWI 1917</i>	7	8 BackTraxx DJ Service in Lounge 8-11pm
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10 <i>ALA Birthday 1919</i> ALA Bingo	11 <i>Passover</i> SAL Meeting 7pm	12 ALA Meeting 6pm	13 ALR Meeting 7pm	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15 DJ Jimmy T in Lounge 8pm - 11pm
16 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	17 <i>Tax Day Patriots' Day</i> ALA Bingo	18	19 Leadership Meeting 6pm Exec. Comm. Meeting 7pm	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> Raising Cain Band in Lounge 8-11pm
23	24 <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i> ALA Bingo	25	26 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	27	28 <i>Arbor Day</i>	29
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May 2017

SUN <u>Shrimp</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU <u>Pizza</u>	FRI <u>Chicken</u>	SAT <u>Wings & Shrimp</u>
	1 ALA Bingo	2	3 Gen Membership Meeting 7pm	4 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 Raising Cain Band in Lounge 8-11pm
7	8 <i>V-E Day 1945</i> ALA Bingo	9 SAL Meeting 7pm	10 ALA Meeting 6pm	11 ALR Meeting 7pm	12	13 BackTraxx DJ Service in Lounge 8-11pm
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 <i>Peace Officers Memorial Day</i> ALA Bingo	16	17 Leadership Meeting 6pm Exec. Comm. Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> DJ Jimmy T in Lounge 8pm - 11pm
21	22 ALA Bingo	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00am</i> No ALA Bingo	30	31			

June 2017

SUN <u>Shrimp</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU <u>Pizza</u>	FRI <u>Chicken</u>	SAT <u>Wings & Shrimp</u>
				1	2	3 <i>Post 135 Election Day</i> Raising Cain Band in Lounge 8-11pm
4	5 ALA Bingo	6 <i>D-Day 1944</i>	7 Gen Membership Meeting 7pm	8 ALR Meeting 7pm	9	10 BackTraxx DJ Service in Lounge 8-11pm
11	12 ALA Bingo	13 SAL Meeting 7pm	14 <i>Flag Day</i> ALA Meeting 6pm	15	16	17 DJ Jimmy Karaoke in Lounge 8-11pm
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 ALA Bingo	20	21 <i>Summer begins</i> Leadership Meeting 6pm Exec. Comm. Meeting 7pm	22	23	24
25 <i>Korean War begins 1950</i>	26 ALA Bingo	27	28	29	30	

HOURS OF OPERATION

KITCHEN		CLUB/LOUNGE
Monday-Wednesday	11AM - 8PM	Monday-Thursday
Thursday-Friday	11AM - 3PM	10AM - 12AM
Saturday	11AM - 4PM	Friday-Saturday
Sunday-Steamed Shrimp	12-6 PM	10AM - 2AM
Monday-Spaghetti AYCE	4-8 PM	Sunday
Tuesday-Hamburger Steak	4-8 PM	12PM - 8PM
Wednesday-Flounder	4-8 PM	Happy Hour:
Thursday-Pizza	6-8 PM	Monday-Friday 4-6PM
Friday-Chicken	6-8 PM	
Sat.-Wings & Fried Shrimp	6-8 PM	



RENTALS

All use of Legion facilities **MUST** be scheduled through the Office.

Our Activity Hall is available for rent for weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries and special celebrations. The Ladies Auxiliary has a variety of menus to choose from for your special event. We will make every effort to make it a special occasion for you and your guests. We also have meeting rooms that would be suitable for monthly meetings, luncheons and small parties. For more information and to book your activity, please call 410-642-2325.

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MONTHLY MEETING TIMES

**AL - 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM
ALA - 2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM
SAL - 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM
ALR - 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM**