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COMMANDER'S CORNER

This month we are publishing the first issue of our newly redesigned monthly newsletter. We hope you find it informative, and timely.

January is now behind us, and we hope those frigid temperatures along with it! Our membership drive continues apace, but clearly with little over 70 percent renewals so far this year according to our First Vice Commander, Hal Eyerly, there is much left to be done before July rolls around.

Speaking of things needing to be done, we had an interesting month on the maintenance-side of the house. Seems our lounge dishwashing machine died along with an ice machine. Our House Committee Chair, Dan Quinn will have more to say on those and other challenges later in this issue, but suffice it to say we may be looking to hold a couple of fundraisers to help offset the costs involved in replacing or at least fixing those big ticket items.

Lastly, Bob Ohning, our Post's Sergeant-At-Arms has stepped down from his position. Please join me in thanking him for his outstanding service to the Post, and we all wish Bob the very best in his future endeavors. To that end, we are now seeking someone to fill this important role within Post 240. If you know of someone who has expressed interest, or if you may be interested, please reach out to any of our Post Officer's and we'll get your name into the nomination process at our next General Membership meeting on February 12th at 1830 in the Event Hall.



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THE YOUNG MARINES

Founded in 1959, by the Brass City detachment of the Marine Corps League in Waterbury, CT, the Young Marines are different from Junior ROTC units, in that they are not part of a high school and are a 501(c)3 non-profit instead of a government agency.

The organization has over 300 units with over 13,000 Young Marines and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and affiliates in a host of foreign countries including Germany and Japan.

The organization promotes the mental, moral, and physical development in its members the principles of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, and fidelity to the United States and its institutions. Their logo is below.



FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S NEWS

Membership continues to steadily climb, though the progress seems slow at times. This month we are happy to report that membership renewals have grown to 70.5% of our total roster. We accepted the names of seven (7) new members and five (5) transfers from other posts at the January 8 General Member-

ship meeting.

As for our Post's members attendance at our monthly General Membership meetings, the January meeting was extremely well-attended, and was a lively one for sure, with a number of motions raised, and mostly, passed. I encourage every member to come out and participate.

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SECOND VICE COMMANDER'S NEWS

Our New Year's Eve celebration was a huge success! A special thank you to the volunteers who assisted on this event, e.g.: Sue, Mimi, Linda Belkstrom, Amy Quinn, Paul and Kim Lang, Gary Mitchell, and Pam Melvin. Great turnout for the band "Clear Motive".

We are working on bringing different genres of musical bands for future events, so stay tuned!

Hall rentals for the month of December 2018 were a great success, and attendance in all of our open events by members was greatly appreciated.

Of particular note was an first-time affair held in our Event Hall sponsored by the "Young Marines" organization. They held a "Chili Cook-off" event that was both well attended and raised money for their cause. Congratulations to Amy Quinn who came in second in the cook-off.



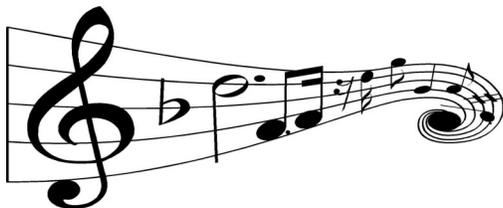
*DART TOURNAMENTS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS .
TOURNEYS START AT 2000 HOURS. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*

THIRD VICE COMMANDER'S NEWS

There wasn't a lot to report this month given the weather outside was frightful. So it goes without saying there weren't a lot of outside events. We are still working with and waiting for the County's Fire Marshall to schedule us for an inspection of our fire pit outside and get that knocked off our to-do list.

And just a reminder, we are eagerly anticipating the start-up of this year's Fish Fry and Car Show's. held on the first Sundays of the month Our first event this year is scheduled for March 3rd, so we hope to see a great crowd, and as always, the fish will be flowing with help from the newly opened *Ray and Sally's Kitchen* in our Event Hall.

SALTY DOG BAND COMING February 9, 2019
Eagles Lair Lounge—American Legion Post 240



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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 1100-2300

Sunday: 0800-2300

BINGO HALL OPERATIONS

The Bingo Hall continues to request volunteers to assist with event operations. Volunteers are requested to state their preferred start and end times relative to their availability.

Assistance and support for the early hours of Bingo Nights is especially requested.

In addition, we want to welcome aboard our new Bingo Chair, Ms. Debbie Boyette, who graciously started her work in mid-January.

Our games have six \$250 pots and all other games have \$50 winners. Bingo starts at 1800 on Wednesdays.

Bingo is open to the public, so grab a friend and come on down!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

I attended the funeral of Steve Anthony Murray. Mr. Murray was a 17-year member of our Post. We wish his family and friends our condolences and prayers.

At the most recent General Membership meeting, I suggested the Post develop a text messaging capability to be used to solicit volunteers to serve as pallbearers, not to mention announcements

such as announcements of time and locations of funerals, viewings, etc., when members pass away. What do you think? I'm interested to know.



HISTORIAN'S NEWS

If anyone has any pictures of the history of our post, please get in touch with our historian, **Steve Stillwell** at pcenvy@gmail.com so he can include them in next year's scrapbook. And please remember to include any names of individuals in your pictures so we can correctly attribute the faces in the pics.

We are also looking for any pictures of the Chili Cook-off with the *Young Marines* organization, if any are available.

LOUNGE NEWS

A Super Bowl Party is being planned for February 3rd. The lounge will have all of the televisions tuned in to the game, and drink specials and food will be available.

This month's lounge entertainment is on February 9th, with the "Salty Dog Band" starting at 1900. Come out and shake a leg. We have dinner specials and all your favorite drinks.

Also in planning is a Valentine's Day Party for February 14th. What's exciting about Valentine's Day is that *Ray and Sally's Kitchen* will be open offering steak dinner specials!

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

We are still seeking two additional House Committee members. All backgrounds are welcome. Do you have an interest in the idea of helping maintain our Post. Then come join us.

On the maintenance front: the ice machine in the lounge was swapped out with back-bar unit due to faulty operational issues. No pricing yet for the down machine's repair costs. We'll keep everyone posted as we know more. Also, a new dishwashing machine for the lounge is quickly coming together and we are looking to get an extended warranty with any new unit. Keep an eye out for some fundraising opportunities in the near future to help offset the cost of these machines.

EVENT HALL RENTAL

Need a place to hold a party? Birthdays, anniversaries, receptions, parties: we have the space! Our Hall holds 199 people, has a private bar, band stand, dance floor, etc. Catering is also available. Reasonable usage fees apply. For further info contact the Lounge at 455-6111 and speak to the Manager.

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND SAL NEWS

LEGION RIDERS

Two new Rider memberships were received in December. Current active membership now stands at 30. Hooray!

The next Riders meeting scheduled for February 10th has been moved to the 17th of February due to the “Riders Summit” meetings being held on the 7th, 8th, and 9th. Future meetings should return to their normally scheduled time on the second Saturday of each month.

Solicitation for a new Tro-

phy cabinet by the Riders has been cancelled. We will rely on the existing cabinet in the lounge for trophy and artifact displays.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

There was little to report as regards the Sons of the American Legion in the month of January. A good thing I suppose. Members are asked to come out and help us brainstorm for this year's fundraising opportunities, as well as plan upcoming events.



AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

COMMANDER

Kim Edens

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Edie Herrington

SECRETARY

Sherry Hamel

TREASURER

Kathy McCaffery

HISTORIAN

Peggy Sims

CHAPLAIN

Jana Staples

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rebecca Ohning

Viola Eyerly

Pat Van Norden

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

There's little to report this month after a very busy December. But there are some future events we're keeping an eye out for:

- Lounge Bingo sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary continues every first Saturday of each month. Starting at 1600, Lounge Bingo affords players smaller pots than Wednesday Night Bingo, but the comradery can't be beat. Come join us—we'll save you a seat.
- The Ladies Auxiliary is preparing to stage a USO Show on March 16th. Musical, variety, comedy, and just about anyone who ever envisioned being on *America's Got Talent* is invited to sign-up as an act.



RAY AND SALLY'S KITCHEN NOTES

We are please to announce the return of Ray and Sally's Kitchen to Post 240. The Kitchen is open for Bingo on Wednesday nights as well as Sunday mornings for breakfast.

For a limited time, the Kitchen is also open on Thursdays for Trivia and on Fridays for Karaoke, depending on how well-received business is on those nights.

MARK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDARS

Here are this month's notable events and meetings:

- The *Queen of Hearts* drawing continues each Friday at 1800. The jackpot is over \$5,600 and counting! Come in to the lounge and get your tickets: \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.00.
- There is live music coming to the Eagles Lair Lounge on February 9th with "Salty Dog Band" playing all their acoustic-based rock and roll from the last 30 years.
- General Membership and Ladies Auxiliary meetings scheduled for February 12th in the Event Hall. The House and the Executive Committees will meet on the 26th.

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Monthly Planner

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