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From the Commander

POST EVERLASTING LEGION:

Milton Anthony

(please accept my apology for misspelling Mr. Anthony name last month).



Legion Prayer List

Col Tillman

George Morris

And As Always our
Entire Post 278
Legion Family

A big booming thanks to Every one who helped make the Wounded Warrior Weekend a tremendous success!! We packed the house, in spite of the bad weather and everyone had a great time! Our Hero's had an absolutely wonderful time, their words: "Best Trip Ever"! In all of their travels they all agreed that the warmth and welcome that they felt her our our post was awesome! That's because we truly do have a loving Legion Family! Thank You S.A.L for the mouth watering pit beef and ham and the spectacular Turkey Shoot Event! Thank you Auxiliary for organizing the Pot Luck and and Lunch on the Boats. Thank You Legionnaires for stepping up and taking care of what needed to be done! Thanks to Vinnie and his crew in the Kitchen, the Saturday night feast was fabulous! Thanks to Kent Island Fisherman Club for once again taking the guys out! If you haven't heard they all caught a huge fish or two... 8 in total, and thanks to the KI Chefs the fish fry was amazing! A great weekend!! We still have donations coming in, but thanks to everyone's hard work we raised over \$16,000 for this even! Well Done Family! Well done!

Remember our Cemetary Service on Memorial Day at 1100 hours. Afterwards we will all go out to Lunch whoever would like to!

The Bust trip is May 14th. Cost is \$40 per person! Gonna Be Fun!!

Post elections are on the 25th. The Slate this year, with only one position being challenged: You have the choice to vote for Me (Nikki Randolph) or Ed Tolson. The remainder of the slate is: 1st Vice: Jim Taylor; 2nd Vice Ed McGinty; 3d Vice: Joe Griscom, Adjutant: Jim Linton; Service Officer: Rich Randolph; Judge Advocate: John Davis; Finance: Buck Ferrin; Sgt of Arms: Nelson Dillehunt; Ex Committee: Karl Milligan; Walt Smoot: The Chaplain and Historian Position remain open at this time. Get out and vote on the 25 from noon to 7 pm.

Till next month, remember our brothers and sisters serving our great country around the world. May they all come home safe, sound and whole~ God Bless each and everyone! And may God bless you and your family as well~

—Nikki

Post Elections May 25th Get out and Vote 12-7

From the Service Officer: Richard Randolph

Not much to report this time around so I'll save a little newsletter space for someone else. Here are a couple of the newest stories to come out on the Veterans Administration:

VA 2012 Budget Announced

The Department's resource request for 2012 is \$132.2 billion. This includes almost \$61.9 billion in discretionary resources and nearly \$70.3 billion in mandatory funding. Our discretionary budget request represents an increase of \$5.9 billion, or nearly 10.6 percent, over the 2010 enacted level.

VA Changes Billing Process for Third Party Pharmacy Prescriptions

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing a new billing process for charging third party insurers for outpatient prescription medications provided to Veterans for conditions unrelated to their military service. This change will not affect Veterans' co-payments for prescriptions.

Starting March 18, VA began charging third party insurers of Veterans for the full costs of prescription medications plus an administrative fee of \$11.40, rather than the flat fee of \$51 that is currently billed.

Veterans who receive prescriptions through VA for illnesses that are not related to their disabilities resulting from military service, currently pay a maximum of \$9 in co-pay per 30-day prescription, with many Veterans paying no co-pay at all.

Veterans with questions about their health care benefits can call the VHA Health Resource Center at 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visit <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/>.

Notes From the 1st Vice: Jim Taylor

If you have provided your email address, you should receive the newsletter by the first of every month and if you have not, send an email to that effect to cataylor8@verizon.net. You can also pull or read the newsletter of our website, just an FYI the newsletter is posted on the Website as soon as it is finalized so you can be one of the first to read it by going to: Kialpost278.homestead.com

We have 596 who have paid their 2011 membership dues. Check your membership card, if it's not a 2011 card, please pay your dues now. If you receive a dues notice in the mail and you have already paid, please disregard.

I keep a file of member's DD 214s in case you or your family would ever need a copy. This document is needed when you require VA services and/or any time your military service information is needed. This is a valuable service as the post receives numerous inquiries during the year for these forms when family members cannot locate them. If you are unsure whether you have submitted a copy, you may send or drop one by the post. Also, please notify us of any address changes so that you will receive your newsletter. I hope to hear from you soon. If you have sent me your email addresses -Thank You!

S.A.L Commander—Brian Gartleman



We have nominated our officers for the upcoming year. I thank each of these members for stepping up (most for many years) and getting involved in the many good things the SAL does for our Veterans. Our officers for 2011-2012 are as follows: Commander- Jeff Maheux, 1st Vice-Charlie Schindler, 2nd Vice-D.J. Johnson, 3rd Vice-William Ewing, Adjutant-Chet Knight, Finance Office-Brian Gartelman, Chaplain-Hugo Ward, Historian-Skip Morgan and Sergeant of Arms- Mark Dillon. All officers were unopposed in the respective positions.

A special thanks Tom Caulk, Josh Randolph and Mike Rash for their excellent service as officers over the past year. We also thank Ed Tolson and Jeff Maheux for representing our post in honoring the life of fellow SAL member "Big Chuck".

Mark your calendars today! Join us May 14th on an all day bus trip around the Eastern Shore. We will be headed East and checking out the new Casino in Ocean City as well as visiting a few of our Legion Family Posts! The more people signed up....the less it costs for a seat! Sign you and your friends up today!



Auxiliary news!!

Whew! Has it been busy enough for you? Once again many thanks to all the Auxiliary members who helped with the National Presidents Banquet, the Combat Heroes Weekend including; the Pot Luck Dinner on Friday Night and the cakes for the cake wheel on Saturday night. Many, Many thanks. Also, I cannot express how proud I am of the Junior Auxiliary. They helped with serving and clean-up for the National Presidents table and her entourage at the request of the Department President Patti Lach. (The rest of our guests helped themselves to the buffet.) She was very impressed with the girls at the National Commander's Banquet. **May is Election Month**. If you are interested; please see someone on the Election Committee; Vickie Smoot, Barbara Foor and Laura Plemons. Also, keep in mind that an Auxiliary Member may throw their hat the night of the Election. Also, May is when we discuss who will be representing the Auxiliary at the Convention. The Installation of Officers is June 11th. Please remember those on our prayer list. Our prayer list is growing and they are

all in need of our good thoughts and prayers. Prayer can help all of us to prepare for the dawn of a speedy recovery or prepare us for a dawn into eternal life. Pray also for the Care-givers. Please remember our men and women in the military at home and abroad. God Bless them all. God Bless America. And as always...It's all good!!!! :0)

Junior News!!!! Vickie Smoot

The Junior Auxiliary had their second meeting on Sunday March 20, 2011. Great meeting! Girls made tie dye shirts to wear to their meetings and had a lot of fun. Our Junior Auxiliary helped out at the National President's Banquet. Their service, their sweet and polite attentiveness was noticed and commented on by our National President and Department President. They also were able to speak with the Department Junior Activities Chairman Starr Purnell. She asked them to invite her to their next meeting and had items that they could discuss. On April 10th, many of the Junior Auxiliary showed up to help with the Post Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks for all you do girls! Junior Auxiliary is Phenomenal! Next meeting on May 1, 2011 at 1:00. As my girls would say: "Peace Out."

Hello Ladies - We now have a total of 335 Auxiliary Members paid up for 2010-2011.

Our New Year Starts, the end of June... I hope everyone has their 2011 membership card in their wallet. Several members have NOT paid their 2010 dues, and are LATE.

PLEASE send in your dues, if you do not have that 2011 card. Don't fall behind....THANKS.....

Gayle Wilcox - 305 Drovers Way, Stevensville, Md. 21666 -410-643-2807

Chaplain Report

Sandy Snook and Rosalie Kaufman are back in the Post doing what they do best. Unfortunately Mamie Coleman is now residing at the Pines in Easton. Sadly we recently lost two members: Libby Skubal and Audrey Veasel. I owe a big apology to Shirley Johnson who had surgery a while back and is doing well.

Those on the Prayer List this month are:

Sally Bard, Ruth Baker, Mamie Coleman, Helen Copper, Shirley Johnson, Carol Mazza, Carrie Merkel, Carol Milligan, the Family of Libby Skubal, Vickie Smoot and the Family of Audrey Veasel.

*With Memorial Day fast approaching please pray for all are wounded Vets and their families and also pray that all our Troops come home safely. God Bless You and Yours and Our Troops **Helping Hands Needed to Pack up Donations for Perry Point Va Hospital in Sept.** The donations are already coming in and I desperately need help.*

Although I haven't had much time for writing in a while, that doesn't mean that I haven't been busy. There are always women and children who are in need. We filled 30 Easter baskets with toys and candy for the children, plus one big basket to leave at the shelter in case there is a last minute arrival. Most of the basket "fillers" were donations from a church in Easton. They wanted to do something, and who am I to say no. However, I received all the candy, toys, etc. in large plastic bags. So everything had to be sorted and the baskets filled and made up so they made a nice presentation. Thanks to my dear husband Frank for all of his help. It took the two of us over 4 hours to do everything.

Now the committee is going to assemble some gift bags for Mother's Day. The only thing is that there isn't much time left. I hope that anyone wanting to donate to the Mother's Day project will have delivered your things to the legion by the time you read this.

I am so very happy to tell you all that a wonderful new member has been helping Charlotte and me. Sandy Gahley who recently transferred from Post 18 volunteered to give us a hand. So on a cold and rainy and windy day we three went through boxes of household things and sorted them out. Then Sandy

and I brought them to Rotary House in Centreville and dragged them down to the basement. What a great help! Plus, she said she was

glad to do it. I started out with just me, then the Lord sent me Charlotte, and now, halleluiah I am a team!

Our storage areas are pretty filled right now, so until we empty them out we don't need anything at all. Of course this can change on a moment's notice. When it does I will be sure to let

you know. Until then although I haven't blogged in a while, I will when it's necessary, so keep checking..

be sure to read the blog for up-to-the-minute needs and reports. Remember: I can be reached bye-mail - bardab2@verizon.net

Phone: 410 820-7248 - Address: 7435 Casey Avenue, Easton, MD 21601 Blog on: barbaradabrowski.blogspot.com (Also Charlotte can be reached at 410 643-9746 or e-mail cataylor8@verizon.net)

What's Happening at Post 278



NASCAR SCHEDULE

No Nascar Fun for the Month of May! Contact Lounge for June, July and August Schedule which will be posted next newsletter

Slots and Bingo...All Day Everyday!



BUS TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

(ok the Eastern Shore)

Saturday May 14th!

Bus Departs – 0800 ish From the Legion and Returns Early Evening!

Cost \$40.00 Per Person! What does that include: a seat on the bus, delightful refreshments, entertainment, a stress free trek and more...

Details are almost ironed out... You don't want to miss this one fun trip!!!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VICKIE SMOOT

Whoop Whoop~! A big shout out to Auxiliary Member Vickie Smoot! A wonderful volunteer who oversees the Children's Easter Egg Hunt Party and does a wonderful job! Vickie plans and puts so much effort into this yearly event and every year it's better than ever! Thank You Vickie for your work on this project, but even more so, thank you for all the work you do behind the scenes as well! You are valued member and we all love you!

4th Annual

Dessert Auction

Friday June 17th

At 6 PM

Come with a creation or Just To Bid

*Bring Your Home Made Creation
Your Best Or Your Family's Favorite
Cakes * Pies * Brownies * Puddings
Any Dessert Accepted*

*Proceeds will benefit our Perry Point Vets
Cake Domes and Parchment Paper Available
Donations can be dropped off at anytime*

Call Lorri Davis 410-643-2003 with questions

EVERYONE WELCOME

What Is A Veteran? A 'Veteran' -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America,' for an amount of 'up to, and including his life.'

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.

Congratulations to our Biggest Loser Contest Winner : Peggy Kreamer who lost 13 lbs!

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Exec Meet- ing	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day Break- fast 830 AM	9	10	11	12	13	14 Legion Bus Trip! 0800-1900
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 General Meeting (elections)	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Service 11 am Cemetary	31				

What's Coming up in June

1 June Executive Board Mtg
 11 June Post Installation
 June 14 Flag Day (Flag Burning Ceremony)
 June 17th Dessert Auction
 June 19th Fathers Day Brunch
 June 22 Gen Meeting

There is always something going on at the Legion! If you haven't been coming... You have been missing a lot of fun!!