COMMANDER'S CORNER

Spring is almost here, and we have lot going on at the Post. Our Fish Fry is in full swing, and we have had a great turn out this year. The spring Meat Shoot is up and running as well, but we could still use a great deal of help running these events, serving food and help with clean up.

On March 17th we will have a party to help celebrate the birthday of the American Legion at the Post starting at 6 PM. The Auxiliary will be having an Easter Party for the children in our community. Please come out and help us celebrate the 100th birthday of OUR American Legion.

As Commander of this Post I have made the decision to move forward with the selling of the Post and Post grounds so that we can move closer into town. As a Post we have a mission to serve the Florissant Valley community, to carry out this mission we are going to investigate moving the Post. This decision hasn't come lightly as we have a lot of history, great memories, and great time where we currently are. Sadly enough, our membership numbers have dropped off, our SAL, and ALR memberships have drop to such a low that it almost seems we have no other choice at this point and our income levels have dropped because of low turn outs by people at events. Moving into town will gives us the chance to be able to reach out to the community by hosting more events and reaching out to a younger generation of Veterans and their families.

If you have any question, comments, or ideas please feel free to reach out and I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. It is my honest hope that this transition will be a smooth and easy one for us.

There is a job to be done-a job of service to the POST, our members, community, and nation. We stand for self-reliance, decency, and respect for others.

For God, Country, and our American Legion Family at Post 444.
Bill Schnarr
Commander

MEMBERSHIP

First Vice-Commander Joel Hauck reports
current membership is now at 442.
He asks everyone to send in their current dues, if they haven't done so by now.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Feb. 5th meeting: Robert Spangenberg
Feb. 19th meeting: David Swinney
They were not present to take home the $500.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. It will begin at 11:00 AM and will go to 1:00 PM. Children from birth through 10 years of age will participate. We need to know the following:
Name of Member
Name of Child(s) Participating
Name…….Age ……. Gender ……
Please give the total number of persons you will have present that day……members. Please bring Store bought cookies for the party. Any extra will be sent to the USO. You can bring your list to the Fish Fry and give it to Mary Jo Giessman or Mary Jane Paulsell, or you can call Karen Moncado-Maull at 314-831-2206. Deadline for all information needs to be in by March 10th 2018 so Karen can get the gifts and rest of items. ie: Hot Dogs and soda for the day.

Recent Activities:
If you come to our Fish Fry you should enjoy the pie and cakes provided by Post 444 Auxiliary. We hope to see all Auxiliary members at the March 12th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
The American Legion Birthday Party will begin at 5:30 PM on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). This year the meat is provided by the Post. The Unit provides the Cake and covers the 2 tickets for each person for the Bar. Attendees bring the side dishes for the rest of the meal. Ex. Green bean casserole, Salads, Potatoes au gratin, fruit salads. The meat will be in gravy.
Thank you for your help.
Mary Jo Giessman
Unit 444 President

NOTE: Day Light Savings starts March 11th. Remember to reset your clocks.

TAPS

Chaplain reports: Ronald Leo Rygelski
Ken White
Thomas Mohrmann
Berbell Happermann

Legion Prayer

They grow not old, as we grow old.
Nor do the years condemn.
But in the morning with the rising of the Sun,
And the evening when the day is done.
We will remember them.

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Florissant Valley Memorial Post 444

NEWS LETTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY / APRIL				1	2 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7:00 PM	3
4 Meat Shoot 12 to 5 PM	5 Legion Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7	8 10th District Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7:00 PM	10
11 Meat Shoot 12 to 5 PM Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 AUX Meeting 7:30 PM	13	14	15 THE AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	16 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7:00 PM	17 Easter Egg Party 11 100th American Legion Party @ 6:00 PM
18 Meat Shoot 12 to 5 PM	19 Legion Meeting 7:30 PM Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003	20 First Day of Spring	21 Poker Tournament at MO Vet. Home 1 to 4 PM	22	23 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7:00 PM	24
25 Meat Shoot 12 to 5 PM Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7:00 PM Good Friday	31 Passover