



American Legion Post #311

It has been a few months since the last newsletter. Sorry about that, but I was busy with Christmas and family and legion functions. I'm sure you know my pain. Well, a lot has been going on down at the post and I'm glad I can finally get out the word.

Blood drives are one of my favorite events at the post. Our last one was Sunday December 22nd and it was our best yet. Even with the poor weather, 22 people showed up to give blood, and 18 donors were successful. The Blood Center had hoped for 15 donations, so we were actually able to exceed expectations. Great thanks go out to all to participated, and we hope to see even more members next time.

Our next drive is Sunday March 22nd from 8am until Noon and as usual, breakfast will be served to all who participate.

Our yearly Christmas party was a huge success. We had toys for over 90 deserving children. Weather kept some of the folks away, but many families made the trek. Santa was delivered in style by the Seekonk Fire Department and a wonderful time was had by all.

Membership cards have been in for 2009. Please pay your dues promptly and help to bolster our numbers. We are still over 40 members short for our goal this year. If you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as you can. Also, ask around, there are many eligible veterans out there. If you know of one, please contact the Adjutant Sean Healey or Senior Vice Dan Beland through the Post at 508-336-9822

This is a question to the membership as a whole. What could the post do to increase interest in Legion functions. We have around 200 members, but getting people to attend meetings, raffles, parades, steak fries, etc... is becoming increasingly difficult. If there is something I could do as Commander to pique your interest, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me by e-mail at rshorsman@comcast.net, or call me at 508-557-1167.

We are starting to sell raffle tickets to win a vacation. The winner can choose 5 days and 4 nights in Las Vegas includes air, hotel, and transportation between, or choose a 7 day cruise to Bermuda. All inclusive except for drinks. The time can be selected by the winner (subject to availability.) Tickets are \$10 and only 500 will be sold. The winning ticket will be pulled at the post on July 4th. You do not have to be present to win.



If you like free food and having a good time, we are having a members only chicken fry on April 26th at the post. This is a free event for members who show their card and their significant others as well as children under 12. Please RSVP to Russ Horsman at 508-409-7596 or commander@post311.org. We need a good count on attendees so we have enough food. If you've never been down before or rarely come around, now is a good time to meet some friends and air your opinions on the organization.

The scholarships are out again. We are offering two \$300 scholarships this year. Applications and criteria can be retrieved from www.post311.org or calling Russ Horsman at 508-409-7596. There are also Department of Mass. scholarships if anyone is interested.

Upcoming Post Meetings

- February 16th
- March 16th

E-board at 6:30 p.m.
General at 7:30 p.m

The February meeting will feature a dinner served for those who attend between the e-board and general body meetings.

District 9 Meetings

- February 26th
- March 26th

Collation at 6:30 p.m.
E-board at 7 p.m.
General at 7:30 p.m.

Sadly, long-time post member and friend to us all, Bill Linton, has passed on. Bill held many positions in this post and spent many long hours trying to make it better both physically and intellectually. I'll always remember him as a mentor and a supporter. He'll be sorely missed. Memorial gifts are respectfully requested to the Hattie Ide Chaffee Activities Fund, 200 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside, RI 02915.

