



American Legion Post 311

Election of post officers was held in May. Here are the results:

Commander: Russ Horsman
Sr. Vice: Dan Beland
Jr. Vice: Russ Bradley
Adjutant: Matt Carroll
Finance Officer: Dave Viera
Service Officer: Sean Healey
Chaplain: Cena Mayers
Sgt-at-Arms: Charlie Sprague
Executive Cmte: Russ Greaves
Francis Venditti
Bob Mayers
John Gouveia
Matt Goscimienski
Al Dawson
Winneford "Moto" Elderkin

Matt Carroll was a write in winner for Adjutant. He unfortunately resigned the position because he is often sent away as he is still serving in the Air Force. Charlie Sprague was appointed Adjutant at

the June Meeting and Matt Carroll was appointed to Sgt-at-Arms as this position is easier to fill when needed.

As for other appointments, the bar committee is Russ Bradley as manager, Dan Beland and John Gouveia as Kitchen Managers, and Russ Thurber as all around good guy. Dave Viera was retained as Judge Advocate and Dan Evans was made the new Historian.

Since Dan and John have taken over as Kitchen Managers, anyone wishing to use the kitchen needs to check with them first.

The Scholarship Committee gave out two \$300 scholarships to Seekonk High School Students this month. The recipients were

Andrew Braunsdorf, son of member Bob Braunsdorf, and Catherine Balasco. We wish them all the best of luck in their future.

The Memorial Day Parade was a great success this year. We had the return of the Schobel Farms horse and wagon and it was full of members and other veterans. It was decorated with patriotic bunting, the American flag, the POW flag, the Post 311 flag, and the new additions of all five service flags on loan from the Town of Seekonk Parade Committee. We also had a few able bodied and very handsome members walk the route. (editor's note: I walked the route). Moto even got his picture in the paper... twice.

As well as being the new Service Officer, Sean Healey has also taken over the task of being the contact person if you would like to notify the post of a sick or deceased member. He can be contacted through the post at 508-336-9822 or e-mail at commander@post311.org and I will pass the word to him.

Upcoming Meetings:

At the June meeting, the body voted to eliminate the July and August meetings. So we will start back up in September.

September 15, 2009

October 19, 2009

November 16, 2009

All Meetings start at 7:30 for General Body with Executive Board at 6:30. Dinner will be served between E-board and General body to all members who attend.

It's membership time again. 2010 membership cards will be out after July 1st. Please get your dues in promptly. We would like to try to hit 100% early this year so we are not scrambling at the end of the membership year. Dues are still \$30 this year for all members.

There are a few other happenings around the post. The push to improve the building is still on. Friend of the Legion Mike Smith

and his wife landscaped the front island for free, and it looks beautiful. Ray Hodde way is being paved as I write this. We are hoping to install new windows in the upstairs hall in the fall, and I hope the final repairs to the facade of the building will be complete before the September meeting.

Last week Russ Bradley spearheaded a fund raiser for his four year old nephew, Jose, who's heart is backwards and on the wrong side of his body. There was a good turn out and the boy had a very good time as well as making a fair amount of money to offset some of the medical bills.

Our vacation raffle is quickly coming to a close. It will be pulled on the Fourth of July at the post. There are still some tickets that need to be sold, so, if you can buy some or know people who would be interested that would really help out. They are \$10 for a chance to win free 5 day vacation to Las Vegas or a 7 day cruise from Boston to Bermuda. Please help if you can, we need this to be our biggest fund raider this year to help

fund our community service efforts like veterans outreach, scholarships, and Legion Baseball.

Speaking of Legion baseball, our team did very well last year, and if you would like to cheer them on this year, the schedule is posted at the post on the bulletin board.

On June 28th, the Seekonk Post Office will be dedicated by the federal government as the "LCpl. Eric Paul Valdepeñas Memorial Post Office" Lcpl. Valdepeñas was killed in Iraq while on patrol with his unit. He grew up in Seekonk and his family still resides here. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lastly, we are doing more community service projects and other events around Seekonk than ever before. We would like to continue to do more, but we need enthusiastic volunteers. If you can help or know of someone who would like to join, please contact me at commander@post311.org or
