



American Legion Post #311

The votes have been counted.
Here is a list of the new post officers.

Commander
Russ Horsman

Senior Vice-Commander
Dan Beland

Junior Vice-Commander
Russ Bradley

Adjutant
Sean Healey

Finance Officer
Dave Viera

Service Officer
Russ Thurber

Sgt-at-Arms
Charlie Sprague

Executive Committee

Winneford "Moto" Elderkin
Dave Sullivan
Russ Greaves
John Gouveia
Francis Venditti
Matt Gosciminski

The post has scheduled three blood drives for the remainder of 2008.

- June 29th
- Sept 21st
- Dec 21st

They will run from 8 a.m. until noon, and a free breakfast will be provided to all successful donors.



The esteemed American Legion National Commander, Marty Conatser, visited Post #311 on Friday April 4th. The crowd was respectable and the hall was in good repair, finally, due in large part to the efforts of Russ Bradley. The ceiling was repaired and the floor was refinished, it was fit for a real dignitary.

Commander Conatser's message centered around the need to continually increase membership. Each paid membership increases the American Legion's ability to provide for veterans and their dependents. So, if you can help and get someone you know to join Post #311, it would be a great stride in helping fellow veterans and their loved ones.

Upcoming Post Meetings

- April 21st - This meeting will have nominations for elected offices
- May 19th - Voting for elected officers. Polling will be held upstairs at the Post on Fall River Ave. from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Followed immediately by a post meeting.

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

District 9 Meetings

- June 26th @ Post 20 N. Attleboro
- July 24th

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

After the elections, we are left with no current Chaplain nor a Historian. If you are interested in taking on these duties or know a member who is, please contact the Commander at rshorsman@comcast.net, or 508-557-1167.

Thank you to all who attended the Memorial Day parade in Seekonk on Saturday May 24th. This year we had a respectable column complete with a small color guard, the district banner, a nice float, and Russ Greaves' Cadillac. New members Dan Evans and Joe Callanan volunteered to carry the American Flag and District 9 flag in the parade. Next year I hope that we can have even more members participate and be able to fill the chairs on the float.

Last year, Post 311 came up a little short of it's goal of 100% membership. Hopefully this will not be a problem this year. New Senior Vice Dan Beland and Adjutant Sean Healey will be working hard to get new members this year, but they need your help. If you know of any eligible veteran who could join our post, get in touch with Dan by e-mail on the contacts page of the website, or call the Commander at 508-557-1167.

Also, if you are a current member, 2009 membership cards are in. Please pay your dues promptly and help to bolster our numbers.

As a new Commander, I am always looking for new ideas to help improve the post and help our members. Feel free to contact me with your ideas, questions, and concerns. E-mail is best: rshorsman@comcast.net, but you can call me at 508-557-1167.

The June post meeting will include voting on the by-laws proposed by the by-laws committee all members are encouraged to attend so they can have their voice heard on the new by-law changes. Copies of the changes will be available to all who attend.

Also at the June meeting, the issue of smoking will be re-addressed. The general body voted to discontinue smoking at the club as of June 1st, but due to a possible procedural error, that vote has been suspended until the June meeting. Should the vote be found to have been made in error, it will be overturned and sent to the body for a revote that same night.
