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The weather has been pretty hot lately and I hope everyone is staying cool, happy, and healthy. Come by our Post (where it's cool) on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday - from 8:00 am to 11:00 am - for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

We will be busy at our next general meeting (June 30), and hope to see all of you there. During our June meeting, all of our new officers will be installed. Amber Rosario with DOC-UP will speak about how the program helps Veterans in need. Several Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded.

We are happy that the Memorial Day Salute at the Whitfield County Courthouse on May 30 was so successful. The day before, May 29, we put out more than 950 flags on the graves of Veterans.

During the time of June 13 through June 18, we are sponsoring several boys at Boys State and the Auxiliary is sponsoring several girls at Girls State. The Law Cadet program is from June 13 through June 18.

Mark your Calendar for July 4 when we will have Veterans Appreciation Day at the Post, beginning about 3:00 pm. There will be fun with games and activities. Barbeque will be served about 5:00 pm. We will also have a very good band starting around food time. Plus, at about 9:15 pm we will go out on the patio and watch fireworks. There is no better place in Dalton to watch fireworks than on our patio.

We have had an unexpected vacancy for Senior Vice Commander, so a new nomination will be needed. We will have a special election sometime next month.

For God and Country,

John Wilson
Commander

LEWIS DEE HEADRICK has been a member of the American Legion for 48 years and is a paid-for-life member. He could possibly be the oldest active Legionnaire. He was born in Conasauga (Polk County), TN on October 14, 1927. He has two children, Lewis Headrick, Jr., who lives in Colorado and Mary Huddleston, who lives in Tennessee. Mary served in the Military, Civil Service and worked with IRS.

Headrick volunteered for the Draft (Benton, TN) for Military Service on February 7, 1946, Air Corps Branch. His basic training was at Ft. Bliss El Paso, Texas, and then he was sent to Camp Kilmer, NJ. He noted that some of the highlights of his tour were when he served in Germany and Austria during the Berlin Airlift. A family story told is that Headrick was scheduled to go to Vietnam about 1964. His daughter Mary went to Church with her grandmother (Lewis' mother) where they prayed that he would not be sent to Vietnam. When Headrick went back to get his papers, he was told he was needed in New Foundland to work on Radar instead of going to Vietnam. After returning to Tyn-dal Airforce Base, where he served 21 years total in service, he decided to retire on June 30, 1966.

Days are now spent enjoying country life in Cohutta, but Headrick still attends the American Legion Post 112 where he served for many years as Junior Vice Commander. He loves attending meetings. In earlier years, he was Commander of the Chatsworth American Legion Post 167 for four years and served as Georgia District Commander in 1983-84 NS 93-94.

Headrick is also a 44-year member of the Forty & Eight Club - La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses), which is an independent, invitation-only, honor society of American veterans and service members. He is also a 52-year Mason and has lifetime memberships in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and he has been a member of the Elks Club for about 49 years.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 30, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- July 4, Independence Day & Veterans Appreciation Day at the Post
- July 14, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- July 21, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm
Bingo - Fridays, 6:30 pm and Saturdays, 5:00 pm; Coffee Cafe - Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am -11:00 am



We are getting ready to take five girls to Girls State this month. (These young ladies will be going into the 12th grade next year). A Tea was held recently to introduce them to the Auxiliary and to explain what to expect. The ALA Girls State Session will last a week and these special girls will learn a

lot about the basics of Government. It will be an amazing week of learning focused on responsibility citizenship, leadership and love for God and country.

We have a new Ladies Auxiliary District President - Cindy Schwartz. Ms. Schwartz will be responsible for visiting all the districts, keeping order, and discussing any problem dealing with the State and concerning goals. There are 14 Ladies' Auxiliary Units in the District.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President



"Howdy Ya'll"! They didn't volunteer to die; they volunteered to defend values, which make up what we call civilization" - 40th President Ronald Reagan.

On April 30, we had a great, civilized crowd of patriotic Americans at the Memorial Day program in front of the courthouse. The Orchestra played well and in tune for 30 minutes. Post 112 Honor Guard presented colors, ALL recited Pledge to the Flag, three 'One Shot' volleys were fired, and names of deceased for the past year were read. Senator Chuck Payne spoke and Rev. Ray prayed. Hot dogs were served afterward....*It just don't get much better'n' that!*

*Reminder: Lt. Robert Rhodes, a medic with lifeline helicopters, has volunteered to give defibrillator instructions PLUS a CPR class this summer - on a Saturday that doesn't have a conflict. SAL is collecting 2022/23 \$12.00 dues now.

Welcome to our next meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Sing-cerely,

Anthony J. Robertson, SAL Commander

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