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BARBEQUE A BIG SUCCESS

Boy howdy! Was our “Poor Man’s Barbecue” fund-raising event on April 16 a success or what? We exceeded all estimates of the turnout by a long shot. A hearty thank you goes out to all our members that bought and/or sold tickets. Also, kudos to the people that helped prepare the barbecue pork and chicken as well as the numerous people that helped serve the food on April 16. And we can’t forget to thank the people that helped clean up. We had plenty of help and we are very thankful for the time each and every one put in to make this event a huge success.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

As previously mentioned in our last newsletter, our objective of the “Poor Man’s Barbecue” was to make a donation to the National Emergency Fund, which is the main fund-raiser of National Commander Dale Barnett. At the time of print, we are not certain of the amount of donation we will be able to make, but it should be a sizeable sum.

We are extremely proud to announce the American Legion Riders will escort Commander Barnett to the National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on August 28 – September 3, 2016, with a stop in Dalton on August 23. This is a huge boost for Dalton as well as Post 112. This is the only stop in Georgia the Legion riders will make. There should be somewhere between 350 to 425 motorcycles to visit Post 112.

The Legion Riders will spend the night in Dalton before resuming their trip to Baltimore the next day. Mark your calendar and let’s work together to make their stay in Dalton a memory they will not soon forget.

Our normal meeting in August is on the 25. Since we will host National Commander Barnett on August 23, Post 112 Executive Board voted to use August 23 as our regular meeting night and CANCEL the meeting on August 25.

Superior Court Judge Jim Wilbanks will be our guest speaker at our regular meeting on May 26. Please mark your calendar to attend AND bring a friend! For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

NOTE: Members of a congressionally appointed Commission on Care, many of whom are medical industry executives, are reportedly pushing lawmakers in Washington to support long-term plans to accelerate privatization of VA health care. American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett says such a proposal seriously undermines the committee’s purpose – develop a 20-year strategy to provide timely, high-quality care for veterans who use Department of Veterans Affairs services – and raises conflict-of-interest concerns when those promoting privatization stand to gain financially if that becomes VA’s future. *Read more* at <http://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/231913/legion-fights-effort-privatize-va-care#>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 12, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- May 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- May 26, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary

BINGO - 7:00 pm every Monday, Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends)

SPECIAL BINGO - 2nd Friday nights



April was a busy month and a big Thank You goes to all the ladies for keeping our projects on tract during my "down" time. I appreciate all the prayers, cards and calls during this ordeal.

- The Auxiliary provided slaw for the Poor Man's BBQ. During that morning about 450 plates were served - and ladies, that's a lot of slaw!
- The biscuits were delivered to the Chattanooga Clinic.
- The first quilt was completed for the "Quilts of Valor" project (See picture this page). The quilt will be kept at the Post until a recipient can be determined. Anyone that would like to be part of this worthy effect would be welcomed. In addition, donations of any red, white or blue fabric would also be appreciated.
- The reports due by May 1 were completed for both the District and Department. The reports took a great deal of time by many members. The District awards will be determined at the May 21 District Meeting that will be held in Cartersville Post 42. Please make plans to attend.
- The orientation for the Girls State recipients and their families will be held in our Auxiliary room in place of the executive meeting, Thursday May 12 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Thank You again for all that you do for the Auxiliary, allowing us to help veterans and their families.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss

President

The Veteran's Administration (VA) has inpatient PTS/PTSD programs, residential treatment, and day hospital programs. In addition, VA has special programs for substance abuse, homeless veterans, and women's coordinators for female veterans.

There are also many private clinicians or not-for-profit agencies that offer specialized treatment for PTS/PTSD similar to care provided by VA.

Proposal for the Good of the Legion Family

We have always had problems:

- Getting members involved
- Collecting activities for the consolidated Reports
- Getting a positive image

This is a possible solution for all the above.

Serve Breakfast every Saturday morning at three price levels: (All you can eat)

- \$8.00 per plate for anybody.
- \$5.00 per plate for active members (current dues paid)
- FREE for very active members (fills out form)

We would need many volunteers - every Saturday, procurement and storage, prep, cooks, cleaners, servers, cashiers, more cleaners and especially auditors that keep track of all the costs and prepare reports for the Executive Board.

This project would need a well thought out plan with written procedures, names and contacts for resources. I realize this is a huge project but I honestly believe we could reap huge benefits if we do it right, What do you think? How do you feel about this as a new project? Talk to your Legion, Unit or Squadron officers if you have any ideas to make this work or tell us why it won't work. Respectfully Submitted.

In His service and at Your Service,

George La Greco Sr.

Commander Squadron 112



Auxiliary Project - Quilts of Valor