



# THE POST PATRIOT

## **KITCHEN'S OPEN!**

- Social Quarter Hours  
Mon. thru Thurs. 2pm—10pm  
Fri. 2pm—1am  
Sat. 12pm—1am  
Sun. 12pm—10pm
- Kitchen Hours  
Wed. thru Sat. 4pm—9pm
- Wed.: Made-To-Order Pasta
- Thurs: Wing Night
- Full Menu Fri. & Sat.
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Kitchen Open. Closing based on attendance  
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**BEING RE-WORKED TO BETTER  
SERVE OUR PATRONS. CHECK  
BACK OFTEN FOR UPDATES!**

## **UPCOMING BANDS 8:00 PM—MIDNIGHT**

Sept 27	Pocketful O'Soul
Oct 4	Roof Rockers
Oct 11	SilverHawks
Oct 18	SYRPLUS
Oct 25	Screamin' Daisys
Nov 1	Love Haters
Nov 8	Full Tilt
Nov 15	John King Dance Band

## **COMMANDER'S NOTE**

It's hard to believe that Summer has ended and Fall has arrived. Things will pick up around the Post and I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

We have a plumbing problem in the kitchen, so please bear with us during repairs.

While we remember our military heroes every day, please remember our heroes, the victims, and the families of 9/11.

The children's Halloween and Christmas parties are on the horizon as well as the festivities for all you "big kids".

While I sit and prepare this note for Bill Schulz to be published in our newsletter, it causes me to reflect back over the past 7 years and realize just how far we have come and the challenges we have overcome. We (the Post) could not have done this without the help of every Legion Family member. So I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone for your continued support and assistance with all tasks, large and small. Thank you and God bless.

Respectfully,

*James R. Vollrath*

American Legion Post #34 Commander  
10th District



Guess what, Post #34 Family!

It's official! Our Post Patriot newsletter was awarded 1st place in the state of Pennsylvania by the American Legion Press Association. As always, thank you to all of our sponsors. Without their support, we would not have a newsletter. To all of you readers out there, please support the business owners in your Legion Family. For those interested in sponsoring our newsletter with an advertisement, note that it is time for renewal or new ad submission. Please contact me for more information. And lastly, thank you to Ali Gordon for all her work on layout and design. Our Post has a publication to be proud of! **Check out the list of other awards received at Convention on Page 9!**

On another note, I have recently qualified and received National Veterans Affairs accreditation as a Veterans Service Representative. This has allowed Post #34 to set up an outreach program for student vets at Millersville University and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). I will be visiting both schools once a month and more if needed to help those vets with benefit and claim related issues. I am excited to represent our Post in this role.

# SAL CORNER

## SAL OFFICERS

**Commander** Todd Lovell  
**1st Vice Commander:** Gary Fickes  
**2nd Vice Commander:** Dave Sloat  
**Adjutant:** Gary Vollrath  
**Chaplain:** Ken Deaven  
**Finance Officer** Gary Wilson  
**Historian:** Jeff Lane  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Sam Ricketts  
**Jr. Sgt. At Arms:** Christopher Foland



**Above:** 2013-2014 SAL Officers Installation. Officiated by Jerry Freeman and Leroy Black, 10th District Commander and 1st Vice Commander respectively.

I sat down several times to write my first piece for our great newsletter. Over and over the word reflection kept coming to my mind’s eye. I started to think about the word and have come to a conclusion. Looking back to 6 years ago, and an SAL membership of about 8 people, I see the men who made changes and forged this squadron into the fantastic entity that it is today. I see Ron Riehl and his relentless “get it done” attitude and Bill Middleton with his “let’s get connected” demeanor. The guidance and teaching I received from both of them, along with many other astute individual’s input, has brought me to where I am today.

Truly, I am humbled to be your Commander during these prosperous times. A big thank you to all, as well as congratulations to all the 2013-2014 officers.

Reflection: To see the past for what it is and to use its knowledge to better yourself and the world. Serving veterans has become such a large part of my life. I couldn’t image not giving back! If 8 people can bring us to this point, let’s show them what 260 and counting can do!! There should be a lot of good things in the year to come. It’s what we do.

Commanders past and present. **From left:** Ron Riehl, Bill Middleton and Todd Lovell



Proud to be an American,

*Todd Lovell*  
 American Legion  
 SAL Squadron #34 Commander  
 10th District



# AUXILIARY ALLEY



## FAMILY FIRST

At the August meeting of Auxiliary Unit #34, an extended leave of absence was voted on and approved for our dear President, Marilyn Pew. Family obligations currently leave her unable to provide the time and attention the position requires. We keep her and her family in our thoughts and wish all involved the very best. We anxiously await her return whenever the time is right.

In the interim 1st Vice President, Genevieve Malone, will

assume the duties of President. A big thanks goes out to all the Auxiliary officers and members who, while always giving of their time, have stepped up in response to these events and are keeping Auxiliary business running smoothly. We're a great team that I know will make Marilyn proud!

*Alison M. Gordon*

Sgt. At Arms

Auxiliary Unit #34

## GIVE AND GET BACK: BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Our Unit is currently selling **Boscov's 25% off shopping passes for \$5 each**. The pass is good October 22nd, **all day at any Boscov's location**. In addition to the discount, the pass holder will have access to refreshments in-store that day and may enter to **win one of three \$500 or forty-one \$100 shopping sprees**.

**100% of the \$5 per pass goes to the Auxiliary** who will use the funds raised to directly support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families as well as foster patriotism and responsible citizenship in our community.

Please consider purchasing one of these passes! Purchase one \$20 item and get your money back, save more on larger purchases or try your luck at winning a shopping spree. Either way, **a \$5 donation to our worthy causes is \$5 well spent and much appreciated by those we support**. See an Auxiliary member today!

**Auxiliary members:** Contact Carol Sears if you do not have any passes available for sale.



**Photos above:** Unit #34 held a "Picnic" for veterans from Coatesville VA Medical Center on September 16th. A meal, clothing and other supplies, goody bags and BINGO fun were provided, giving our vets a great evening out. Thanks to all Auxiliary and other Legion Family members who donated food or volunteered their time that evening!

In other fundraising news, the Auxiliary was able to donate, on behalf of Post #34, 106lbs. of glassware to the dime-toss game at the Schreiber Pediatric Rubber Duckie Festival. Thank you to ALL Post members who donated!

The American Legion Auxiliary is the **most influential patriotic women's organization in the world**. It maintains its own unique identity while achieving important goals for both the Post and the community.

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

**President:** Marilyn Pew

**1st Vice President:** Genevieve Malone

**2nd Vice President:** Lucy Esbenshade

**Secretary:** Lisa Sanders

**Treasurer:** Karen Axe

**Chaplain:** Marian Walters

**Sgt. At Arms:** Sharon McNece

**Sgt. At Arms:** Alison Gordon

# RIDERS ROAD



Dear Veterans & Supporters,

Summertime is over and I am looking forward to getting more riding in with my fellow Legion Riders before the snow begins! Remember that our meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month from 11:00am—12:00pm at Post #34 and, weather permitting, we ride afterwards.

Every month, Post #34 provides a meal to our homeless veterans. Our Legion Riders are proud to participate in that effort by donating goodie bags full of personal supplies and providing food during the meal. Without the help of the riders and volunteers from other Legion Family groups, we would be unable to offer this service to those who served our Nation. I want to personally thank everyone who has offered support and other efforts and made that possible.

The annual Riders Pancake Breakfast is in the planning stage along with other fundraising events that will support our American Legion Baseball Team, The Canes, and of course our veterans causes. Be on the lookout for more information and please volunteer and/or offer your support where you can to make these events a success!

Here is to another year of good fellowship and fundraising at Post #34 and especially within our Riders Chapter!

Respectfully,

**Dave Fluke**  
American Legion  
ALR Chapter #34 President

## **RIDERS OFFICERS**

**President:** Dave Fluke

**Vice President:** Curtis Rager

**Chaplain:** John States

**Sgt. At Arms:** Dave Miller

**Treasurer:** Chet Buohl

**Secretary:** Ann Marie Fluke

**Road Captain:** Robert Klingseisen

## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #34 \* DAVE FLUKE, PRESIDENT**



Dear American Legion Post #34 Family,

I would like to take this chance to express the appreciation that my family and I have for the American Legion and the work of Mr. Bill Schulz for the tremendous financial help that was given to us earlier this year. Without it we would have found ourselves in serious distress. The tears that my wife shed when we were informed that you would be helping us with our misfortune are not enough to express how thankful we truly are.

It is because of programs like yours that families are able to

get by and I am grateful to now be a part of such an organization that contributes back to its own. I truly cannot say enough about how my family and I are truly blessed to have had the opportunity to make it through a hard time in our lives.

Please continue to be the great people you are and hopefully I can contribute and give back one day as well. The American Legion is truly a great group to belong to and I look forward to being a part of this great tradition.

From a grateful veteran and his family

**Thank you, once again, from the bottom of our hearts!**

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# LEGION UPDATE



## NOTE FROM OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

As my year as your national commander winds down to a close, I can't help but think about some of the great people I met during my travels.



Thanks to the kindness of American Legion Family members everywhere, I accompanied Legionnaires on Operation Comfort Warriors deliveries at Fort Jackson, Fort Gordon and Fort Hood. During these events, I was honored to meet many brave servicemen and women who are recovering from their injuries. I will long remember their stories and their gratitude toward The American Legion.

I was inspired to meet Legionnaire Isaac "Feet" Jensen, an Iraq War veteran who lost both his legs in combat. Jensen, a Utah resident, was taken in by Legionnaires who helped him assimilate into their lives, their post and their Riders group. Be sure to learn about Jensen's journey and motorcycle riding in the September issue of The American Legion Magazine. For a sneak preview, check out this video.

Along with Auxiliary National President Peggy Thomas, I

was honored to attend ceremonies commemorating our heroes who were laid to rest in the American cemeteries in Normandy and Brittany, France. Behind the scenes of the solemn pageantry are dedicated individuals – Americans and French citizens – who work tirelessly throughout the year to preserve the memories of our fallen heroes.

Last but not least, I enjoyed meeting thousands of Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons. I will long remember my visits to posts large and small, and the comradeship we shared. There are many more memories, too many to share here. But taken all together, they represent a year in which every day was indeed Veterans Day..

Thank you for what you do every day on behalf of veterans, servicemen and women, and the communities in which they live.

For God and Country,

**James E. "Jim" Koutz**  
National Commander  
American Legion

## IRS TARGETING THE AMERICAN LEGION WITH NEW GUIDELINES

The Internal Revenue Service is targeting the veterans' organization the American Legion, and a U.S. senator believes that Lois Lerner — a key figure in the IRS scandal — is to blame.

"The IRS now requires American Legion posts to maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members... The penalty for not having the required proof of eligibility is, apparently, \$1,000 per day," the American Legion stated.

The American Legion was referring to a 13-part section of Part 4, Chapter 76 of the Internal Revenue Manual pertaining to "veterans' organizations."

The section falls under "Exempt Organizations Examination Guidelines," which is the jurisdiction of Exempt Organizations head Lois Lerner, who apologized for improperly targeting tea party groups and tried to plead the Fifth Amendment in a congressional hearing.

"The American Legion has recently learned of the so-called IRS 'audit manual' and is concerned that portions of it attempt to amend statutes passed by Congress and approved by the president," American Legion legal counsel Philip Onderdonk, Jr. told The Daily Caller.

"Resolutions recommending action by the Legion's legislative division on two of the most egregious sections of the IRS document are being presented for a vote by members at The American Legion's annual national convention in Houston [this] week. If the resolutions are adopted, the Legion will be empowered as a body to urge correction of the veterans service organization-related portion(s) of the IRS manual and suggest congressional review of the entire 38 section IRS document," Onderdonk said.

"On the heels of Americans' anger over revelations that the IRS intentionally targeted certain groups, it has been brought to my attention that the IRS is now turning their sights to-

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# VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

## DoD & VA ESTABLISH 2 CONSORTIA TO RESEARCH PTSD & TBI

In response to President Obama’s Executive Order, the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs highlighted the establishment of two joint research consortia, at a combined investment of \$107 million to research the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) over a five-year period.

The Consortium to Alleviate PTSD (CAP), a collaborative effort between the University of Texas Health Science Center -San Antonio, San Antonio Military Medical Center and the Boston VA Medical Center will attempt to develop the most effective diagnostic, prognostic, novel treatment, and rehabilitative strategies to treat acute PTSD and prevent chronic PTSD.

The Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (CENC), a collaborative effort between Virginia Commonwealth University, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Richmond VA Medical Center will examine the factors which influence the chronic effects of TBI and common comorbidities in order to improve diagnostic and treat-

ment options. A key point will be to further the understanding of the relationship between mTBI and neurodegenerative disease.

Since Sep. 11, 2001, more than 2.5 million American servicemembers have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Military service exposes servicemembers to a variety of stressors, including risk to life, exposure to death, injury, sustained threat of injury, and the day-to-day family stress inherent in all phases of the military life cycle.

To improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health conditions, the president released an Executive Order directing the federal agencies to develop a coordinated National Research Action Plan. DoD, VA, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Education came forward with a wide-reaching plan to improve scientific understanding, effective treatment, and reduce occurrences of PTSD, TBI, co-occurring conditions and suicide.

### HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT

- \* [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net) OR (800) 273-8255, option 1
- \* [www.legion.org/suicideprevention](http://www.legion.org/suicideprevention)—Lists resources, warning signs and other information to help those confronting suicide
- \* [www.familyofavet.com](http://www.familyofavet.com)—Resources and assistance for servicemembers, veterans and families living with PTSD, TBI and the challenges of life after combat
- \* [www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org)—Provides free mental health care to servicemembers, veterans and families
- \* [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)—Resources and support for families who have lost servicemembers in combat, training accidents, or to suicide or illness
- \* [www.notalone.com](http://www.notalone.com)—Help for servicemembers and families particularly those dealing with PTSD
- \* [www.herwarhervoice.com](http://www.herwarhervoice.com)—Peer support for families of servicemembers, particularly those who deploy
- \* [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)—National Center for PTSD

## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION

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### STUDENT PROGRAMS

- ◆ Essay
- ◆ Jr. Shooting Sports
- ◆ Keystone Boys State
- ◆ Legion Baseball
- ◆ Oratorical
- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Scouting
- ◆ State Police Youth Week

### OTHER PROGRAMS

- ◆ Financial Assistance
- ◆ Americanism
- ◆ Blood Donor
- ◆ Children & Youth
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Family Support Network
- ◆ Housing for Homeless Vets
- ◆ Law & Order
- ◆ National Security
- ◆ Public Relations
- ◆ Religious Emphasis
- ◆ VA & Rehabilitation
- ◆ Flag & Emblem Sales

## VETERANS SERVICE CORNER (CONTINUED)

### VA EMPLOYEES GET BONUSES DESPITE MASSIVE BACKLOG & INEFFICIENCY

Two-thirds of employees at the Department of Veteran Affairs, which has been the subject of widespread criticism for its excessive delays in providing veterans their benefits, received bonuses at the end of 2011 for “excellent” or “outstanding” performance. Additionally, employees at some of the department’s most ineffective offices were more likely to receive bonuses than workers at some of its most productive offices.

The VA’s regional office in Oakland, Calif., gave about 90 percent of its employees bonuses despite having to temporarily shut down operations to retrain its underperforming workers and, in a Baltimore office, about 40 percent of workers receive a bonus despite the office’s having the longest wait time nationally, according to a News21 investigation. Yet, at the Sioux Falls, S.D., office, which processes claims up to four times more efficiently than Oakland, less than a tenth of its employees saw a bonus, the same investigation found.

Overall, employees received about \$5.5 million in bonuses. According to the report, the department’s performance standards encourage workers to push aside more complicated claims and process easier ones to ensure their job security and qualify for extra pay through a points system. One Veterans Benefits Administration official said in defense of the bonuses, “There are many, many employees who are exceeding their minimum standards, and they deserve to be recognized for that.”

The agency’s standards no longer allow employees to earn points for “supplemental development” — that is, making follow-up contacts and going through other documents in an effort to minimize the time employees spend on such issues. But as a result, the quality of work has worsened – documents show that nearly three-quarters of appeal claims were either done incorrectly or without complete information and that approximately 14,000 veterans had pending appeals of more than two years.

One employee told News21 that the current process “breeds cheating,” as employees resort to “survival mode” and work only on easy claims at the expense of backlog claims. “Your backlog is over here. But your points are in this direction. How stupid is that?” one employee said.

#### THE UGLY TRUTH FROM THE PHILADELPHIA VA OFFICE

- Vets waiting for benefits—22,511
- Vets waiting 125+ days for benefits —11,852
- Vets waiting 1+ year for benefits—6,303
- Average wait time—212 Days
- Average wait time for vets filing 1st claim—510 Days
- Average wait time for appealed claims—1,363 Days
- Average # of claims completed per employee—824
- Claims received per month—6,663
- Claims completed per month—1,257

### GUIDELINES: *continued*

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ward our nation’s veterans,” Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran said. “The IRS seems to be auditing veteran service organizations by requiring private member military service forms.”

“If a post is unable or not willing to turn over this personal information, it’s possible they could face a fine of \$1,000 per day,” Moran continued.

“I am deeply concerned about this revelation and will insist on answers. This policy seems to be crafted with the oversight of Lois Lerner and deserves, at a minimum, a thorough look to make certain the IRS is not overstepping bounds of privacy and respect for our nation’s heroes,” Moran added.

The American Legion, headquartered in Indianapolis, was founded in 1919 as a social and support group for veterans returning from World War I. It is now one of the leading nonpartisan forces lobbying for veterans rights.

## HOW MANY VIETNAM VETS ARE STILL ALIVE?

NEW YORK TIMES: The approximate percentage of Vietnam-era veterans who are still alive in 2013 is 75.

Some online estimates suggest that the number is much more stark: Only one-third of Vietnam veterans are still alive, these Web sites say, and the survivors are going fast.

But as Patrick S. Brady made clear in an article for The VVA Veteran, the magazine of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the reality is more reassuring. The rumor illustrates the danger of using incompatible numbers from different sources.



It was apparently based on an estimate that 800,000 Vietnam-era veterans had died by 2000. That number was reasonable: About 9.2 million Americans served in the military during the Vietnam era (1964-75), so that would mean about 8 percent of them had died and 92 percent were still alive.

The problem arose when someone applied the 800,000 figure to a different denominator: 2.7 million, the estimated number of veterans who actually served in Vietnam, rather than at home or in some other theater. This made it appear that nearly one-third of those veterans were dead in 2000 and that they were dying at a rate of almost 400 a day. That would have meant more than 100,000 deaths a year, or nearly two million between 2000 and 2015 — a path to near-total disappearance.

In reality, the death rate for Vietnam-era veterans in recent years has been comparable to or lower than that of other men in their age group, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of the men with the age distribution of Vietnam-era veterans who were alive in 2000, about 12 percent had died by 2010, with about 1.5 percent of the survivors projected to die each year since then.

### POST #34 AWARDS WON AT 2013 DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

- ★ 1st Place Newsletter (category 2-A). PA American Legion Press Association
- ★ Membership Award. Class 5 Post (over 500 Legionnaires). Largest number of new members
- ★ Dept. Membership Recruiter of the year. Awarded to Jim Vollrath on behalf of the Post #34 membership team
- ★ Gold Brigade Award for membership
- ★ Post Commander of the Year. Awarded to Jim Vollrath
- ★ National Commander's Certificate of Appreciation for accomplishing 100% of annual membership goal

## A MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

Hello Legion Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to say I'm very proud to be a member of Post #34. We have some very talented and devoted members who give of their time and resources to help with the many programs to help veterans and their families with the sometimes overwhelming problems of deployment, separation and loss. I'm always amazed at how the Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders come together for whatever is needed to keep Post #34 moving in the right direction. Two things that come to mind are the Memorial Day Remembrance at Lancaster Cemetery and the donations made to the Legion baseball

team, The Canes. Our members all got behind these efforts and with good leadership we made a difference and reminded the public about the sacrifices that were made by heroes no longer with us. I'm very grateful to be a member of our post.

**Ron Jackson**  
 Legionnaire  
 American Legion Post #34

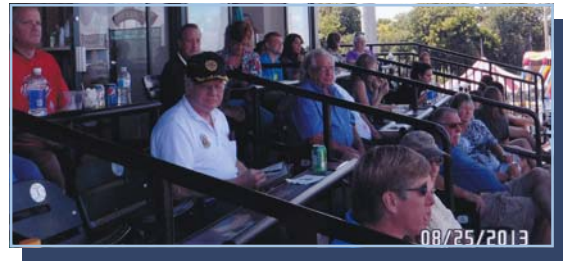
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# MEMBERS MEMORIES



**Left:** Commander, Jim Vollrath presents the award for the Post Patriot's #1 win at Convention.  
**From Left:** Jim, Bill Schulz, Alison Gordon & Marilyn Pew



**Above:** Post #34 members and guests enjoy a game of Barnstormers baseball at Clipper stadium.



We know how to do karaoke at Post #34! Whether it's Jessi Hiepler giving it everything she's got (**left**) or a Joey D'Angelo, Bill Middleton (adding a little humor) and Susan Miller offering up their talents (**right**), there are plenty of songs to be heard and fun to be had!



# MEMORIES OF POST #34 DAYS PAST



Check out this blast from the past article from American Legion Magazine 1965. **48 years later, we're continuing the legacy!**

Post 34 and Unit 34, Lancaster, Pa., sent toys to Vietnamese children in the Mekong Delta. Contributions came from individuals, toy distributors and manufacturers, and retail stores. Many small

children brought in toys. The toys were sent to S/Sgt. Lester W. Hagelgans, of Rothsville, Pa., an Army medic, who suggested the idea in a letter to relatives in Lancaster. Several hundred items, in 35 cartons, were trucked to New York without charge by Branch Motor Express Co. (See two photos below.)



## TAPS



*"All is well, safely rest, God is nigh..."  
Remembering the veterans we've lost.*

- **Wilfred W. "Bill" Shively**—Passed June 29th  
US Army veteran of WWII
- **Joseph F. Strangarity**—Passed July 3rd  
US Air Force veteran of WWII
- **Francis D. Rineer**—Passed August 10th  
US Marine Corps Reserve veteran of WWII
- **Carlton E. Roland**—Passed September 2nd  
US Army veteran of WWII
- **Herbert R. Harple**—Passed September 6th  
Post #34 Member

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **October**—October is National Disability and Employment Awareness month
- ◆ **October 7, 2001**—Start of Operation Enduring Freedom
- ◆ **October 23, 1983**—Beirut Bombing
- ◆ **October 25, 1983**—Grenada Invasion
- ◆ **November 5th**— Election Day
- ◆ **November 11, 1918**—WW I Armistice
- ◆ **November 11th**—Veterans Day
- ◆ **November 24th**—National Family Week



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **1st Sunday of each month—7:00am—Noon:** Through November, the Cloister (Ephrata) Post #429 hosts a motorcycle show. Food sold during the event with a ballroom breakfast buffet open to all.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 12th—12:00pm:** 18th Annual Lancaster County Toy Ride. Ride from AMVETS Post #19 to Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. Registration from 9:00am—11:45am. \$10/bike OR donation of 1 unwrapped toy (\$10 value) Breakfast buffet available from 8:00am—11:00am. All money and toys will be donated to the children's hospital.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 20th—1:00pm—3:00pm:** Children's Halloween Party at Post #34
- ◆ **Saturday, Nov 9th—7:00pm:** Marine Corps Birthday Bash. Marine & Navy Corpsmen, active, reserved or retired are invited to attend. Doors open at 6:00pm. \$25/person in advance, \$30/person at the door. Cost includes a buffet dinner (with coffee, soda and beer), raffles, door prize and a cake cutting ceremony. Cash bar also available. Contact Chuck Hanna at (717) 393-5327. Sponsored by Brothers of the Corps and Post #34
- ◆ **Various Dates:** Sunday Breakfast at American Legion Post #56, Lititz, PA. \$7/person. Proceeds benefit Post #56 SAL. 2013 Dates: 10/13, 11/10, 12/18. 2014 Dates: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8



## ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Susquehanna River Waterfowlers Association Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran Outreach.** Are you an Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran who would like to meet others or become involved in PA's waterfowl community? Would you like to help the Susquehanna River Waterfowlers Association with youth, habitat or education projects? Contact us at (717) 504-6153 or visit [www.srwasrwt.org](http://www.srwasrwt.org)
- ◆ **Buy a Brick.** Help build the **Millersville Veterans Memorial** by making a donation or purchasing a paver engraved with up to 2 lines of text for \$40 or 3 lines for \$50. A **Dedication Ceremony of the memorial will be held on Veterans Day** (November 11th). Email [info@MillersvilleVeteransMemorial.com](mailto:info@MillersvilleVeteransMemorial.com) or visit [www.MillersvilleVeteransMemorial.com](http://www.MillersvilleVeteransMemorial.com) for more information.
- ◆ **The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat** in Harrisburg, PA is offering **FREE ADMISSION on any 45 minute Public Sightseeing Cruise** during the 2013 season to veterans, active duty members of the military, and their immediate families, with appropriate ID. Cruises occur from Memorial Day to Labor Day and weekends in the Fall.
- ◆ We continue to collect old and/or broken phones at Post #34 for **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. Each phone donated provides **1 hour of free call time to an American soldier**. To date we've collected **over 730 phones**. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get us to that point. Keep them coming!!

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