



THE POST PATRIOT

KITCHEN'S OPEN!

- **Social Quarter Hours**
Mon. thru Thurs. 2pm—10pm
Fri. 2pm—1am
Sat. 12pm—1am
- **Kitchen Hours**
Wed. thru Sat. 4pm—9pm
- Wed.: Made-To-Order Pasta
- Thurs: Wing Night
- Full Menu Fri. & Sat.
- **Karaoke! Sat. 8pm—12am**
Kitchen Open. Closing based on attendance
\$1 Draft Specials

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.AL34.COM**

UPCOMING BANDS 8:00 PM—MIDNIGHT

Mar 21	John King Dance Band
Mar 28	Flashback
Apr 4	Love Haters
Apr 11	Pocketful O'Soul
Apr 18	Screamin' Daisys
Apr 25	Kat & The Mad Dogz
May 2	John King Dance Band
May 9	Maxwell Project
May 16	SYRPLUS
May 23	Nomads
Jun 6	Cheeze Brothers
June 13	Roof Rockers

COMMANDER'S NOTE

To all Legion Family Members and Friends,

Greetings! We have gotten off to a great start in 2014 and have a lot of wonderful things planned in the Spring. I won't go into the list here, but read through the rest of the newsletter and see what the various Legion Family organizations have planned for you all. I'm sure there will be something for everyone!

Before the time comes for our next newsletter, each organization will hold nominations and elections for their officers. Please get out, get involved and support the Family group you are a part of.

On a personal note, I have announced my candidacy for Eastern Judicial Section Vice Commander to continue supporting our great organization. I would like to thank everyone for the support I have been receiving. I won't let you down!

One final note. We continue to support the Lancaster County Veterans Court project and would appreciate all members' support as well. We have come into possession of a service dog that will not only assist at Veterans Court, but also in the other treatment courts as well. I will post more information as it becomes available.

God Bless and Go Navy!

James R. Vollrath

American Legion Post #34 Commander
10th District



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's official PA! Military veterans can now have their service designation noted on their state driver's license. This gives our brave men and women a way to proudly display what they gave or are giving to our nation. There is no additional fee for this designation upon license renewal. Visit www.dmv.state.pa.us and click the American flag for more information.



And now a heartfelt request...our food banks are getting low. Please help remedy this by dropping off food and/or toiletry items in the collection box at Post #34. We will also have a box at the door in the banquet hall on Friday band nights. Give generously if you can. If our collective membership would donate regularly it would greatly help vets in need and enhance our community outreach.

I met with Gerry Shehan recently to discuss the upcoming Post #34 Legion Baseball season. We look forward again this year to sponsorship donations of \$500 from each of

(Continued on page 12)

SAL CORNER



I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the ongoing efforts you put forth and support you provide that allow us to continue doing great things for veterans at our Post. It occurred to me that we are so passionate about our cause that we tend to focus only on what we can do for the American Legion and forget what the Legion gives back to us in return for our good intentions and deeds.

As a reminder to some and a piece of news to others, there are many savings opportunities available to members in all of the Legion Family organizations.

Hey SAL members! We all need medications from time-to-time, right? Did you know that CVS gives us a 20% discount? Maybe you're looking for a new computer, appliance or cell phone plan. Planning a vacation or moving? There are discounts for all of these goods and services and then some. The list of participating businesses goes on and on. Visit www.legion.org/benefits to learn about all of the discounts available to us.

And while your on the legion website, take a minute to click on the SAL logo at the bottom of the page discover all of the interesting things there is to know about our great organization!

A few things to mark on your calendars. Saturday, April 19th is the District #10 SAL benefit at Post #34. On Saturday, May 17th we are holding our

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

Fisher House fundraising benefit from 1:00pm—9:00pm. It's sure to be a great time!

And in closing, remember that nominations and elections are quickly approaching. Nominations will take place at the May meeting with elections in June. If you or anyone you know wants to become more involved, please speak with a Sons officer for more information.

Proud to be an American,

Todd Lovell

American Legion

SAL Squadron #34 Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **April 19th**—District #10 SAL Fundraiser
- ◆ **May 17th**—Fisher House Fundraiser
- ◆ **July 12th**—Stevens Greenland Cemetery Fundraiser

DON'T FORGET!: SAL Meetings at Post #34. Every **2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm.** Need to see more

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) SQUADRON #34 * TODD LOVELL, COMMANDER



931 Harrisburg Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603
Phone: 717.397.2828

This coupon entitles you to
10% off your next order!



INDOORCITY
FLOORING AND DESIGN
481 Harrisburg Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603
www.indoorcity.com

Robert E. Commerce
CEO
phone: 717-397-5234
cell: 717-278-9234
fax: 717-397-6528
email: bob@indoorcity.com

AUXILIARY ALLEY



I think it's safe to say that most of you reading this experienced the seemingly endless snowfall over the past month or so. Winter certainly made an appearance this year! As the last of the snow on my front lawn melts, I'm starting to feel Spring in the air. Soon we'll be seeing robins in the trees and flowers poking up from the earth as the temperatures warm.

Where am I going with this, you ask? As I sat pondering this newsletter piece, I converged Auxiliary thoughts with thoughts of flowers and a clear vision of a bright red poppy entered my brain. It made me wonder how many people really know why the poppy is so closely associated with the American Legion Auxiliary. I decided to take the opportunity to increase awareness...

From the official American Legion Auxiliary Website:

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

Seven million memorial poppies are distributed each year by American Legion Auxiliary members across the country to provide a therapeutic activity for veterans, raise awareness and raise funds to help veterans, military service members and their families.

Two million dollars are donated by people receiving the poppies each year. Up until recently, 100% of the donated funds were used to help veterans. Due to the great needs of today's military families, The American Legion recently voted to expand the use of newly-collected funds to active duty service members and their families who demonstrate a financial or medical need.

Veterans who make the poppies are paid a small stipend for their efforts.

Next time you're at Post #34, find our poppies and donation box on the table in the lobby. Please make a donation, even a small one, and take a poppy. Wear or display it proudly, especially on holidays such as Memorial and Veterans Days to show your

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.

support and remembrance of our nation's veterans.

In closing, I ask that you review the list of our upcoming events in the box below. I hope many of you and your little ones will attend the Children's Easter Party. They have historically been fantastic and fun events and I know this year's will be no different!

We will be hosting veterans from Coatesville VA for "Easter Dinner" on April 28th. Volunteers to help with setup/teardown, food preparation and serving are needed. The vets typically arrive between 5:00—5:30pm.

Nominations and Elections of 2014/2015 officers will take place at our May and June meetings respectively. If you are a member, please plan to attend and take part in that process. We are in need of a historian. Please consider donating your time and filling that vacancy for us.

I wish you all a happy and healthy Spring season! Don't forget to THANK A VET!

Alison M. Gordon
2nd Vice President
Auxiliary Unit #34

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ April 13th 1:00pm—3:00pm—Children's Easter Party
- ◆ April 28th 5:00pm—Coatesville VA Easter Dinner
- ◆ Tuesdays 5:00pm—Auxiliary Snack Bar at Post #34 BINGO. We are continually in need of volunteers to run the stand. PLEASE consider signing up to help so that we can continue our biggest fundraiser.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Genevieve Malone
1st Vice President: Lucy Esbenshade
2nd Vice President: Alison Gordon
Secretary: Lisa Sanders
Treasurer: Karen Axe
Chaplain: Marian Walters
Sgt. At Arms: Sharon McNece & Ann Ricketts

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #34 * GENEVIEVE MALONE, PRESIDENT



Flowers by Paulette
www.flowersbypaulette.net

258 North Queen St
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 295-5411

10% of ALL purchases
for Post #34 members!
Like us on Facebook!

Member of the "Thank A Vet" Discount Program!



STEVEN T. HAHN
PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

Fast Service

Phone: 717-393-3026 Kitchen & Bath Remodeling & Repair
 Fax: 717-393-5271 Water Heaters & Boilers
 Registered Master Plumber

RIDERS ROAD



The American Legion Riders of Post #34 have been busy, as always, raising funds for our veterans!

On Saturday February 22nd, 2014 we held a very successful Pancake Breakfast! The dedication and volunteerism of our Riders and other members of Post #34 directly contributed to the event's success. Thank you!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2014. The meeting will include nominations of officers. Renewal of American Legion Rider memberships will also be accepted. A reminder to all that **our meetings are always held every 3rd Sunday of each month from 11:00am – 12:00pm at the Post.**

Our next event is a **Pancake Breakfast and Poker Run on Sunday May 4th 2014.** Additional details on event times and details of the ride will soon be posted.

Please remember to check the bulletin board in the Post lobby for riding opportunities as the weather begins to warm. Hope to see you at some of our rides!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #34 * DAVE FLUKE, 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

On a personal note, I want to thank the Legion Riders for always pitching in and doing the best job they can possibly do whenever they are called upon. I want you to know I truly appreciate your hard work and efforts to make everything we do a success.

Thank you also to our other Legion Family members who donate their time and energies to contribute to our successes.

I look forward to another year as your President and riding with my fellow brothers and sisters.

Respectfully,

Dave Fluke
 American Legion Riders
 Chapter #34 President

MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

I have been a member of Post #34 for approximately 5 years and I continue to learn more and more about the programs associated with our Post as well as the hard work and dedication of many of our members.

I was not aware of the number of individuals and families positively affected by the many programs sponsored and/or organized by Post #34 as a whole or by the individual Legion Family organizations. Whether it be sending supplies to deployed troops, feeding homeless vets and their families, supporting disabled veterans, caring for veteran cemeteries or having Christmas, Easter and Halloween parties for the children of the community, our members show a constant and fierce dedication to the cause.

I am proud and honored to be a member of Post #34 and I don't hesitate to inform the community about the good work that goes on here.

Gary C. Wilson
 SAL Squadron #34 Finance Officer

What's Your Perspective?

Interested in sharing your Post #34 perspective in a future newsletter?

Contact **Bill Schulz**, Post Patriot Editor

LEGION UPDATE



LEGION RIPS LATEST ROUND OF DEFENSE CUTS



Fair pay and benefits needed to maintain quality volunteer force

The leader of 2.4 million member American Legion says a Pentagon budget proposal unveiled Monday by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel endangers America's national security and that downsizing force structure and benefits will lead to

an exodus of quality men and women from the Armed Forces.

"Secretary Hagel warned about a 'hollowed force,' and The American Legion is concerned that this budget is leading us rapidly in that direction," National Commander Daniel Dellinger said. "Cutting forces to pre-World War II levels makes no sense in a world where countries such as North Korea, Iran and Pakistan could become viable nuclear threats to our very existence. Moreover, we do not know the exact nature of future wars and conflicts. The American Legion believes that we must be prepared for any scenario."

Dellinger called it "unconscionable" that the Pentagon is proposing that members of the military pay for part of their housing allowances out of their own pockets. "Whether it's cutting commissary subsidies or increasing TRI-CARE deductibles and co-pays, these benefits are well deserved and available to anyone willing to serve. Military life is much more challenging than private sector careers. The American Legion will continue to call for an end to sequestration and insufficient defense budgets. Providing for the common defense of our nation is a responsibility required by the U.S. Constitution."

American Legion officials said that although the organization strenuously opposes the current budget proposal, they appreciate the transparency shown by the secretary of defense and look forward to future discussions.

Commander Dellinger will visit Post #34 on Monday, March 17th. We will honor he and PA Department Commander, William Cleveland with a dinner that evening. We feel privileged and proud to have such an opportunity and hope to see a tremendous turnout. See Page 10 for more information!

LEGION REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR OIL PIPELINE

The \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline project would reduce America's reliance on middle eastern oil suppliers, provide jobs for veterans and improve national security, American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger said today as arguments against the proposal are fading.

"We have never wavered in our favor of the Keystone XL pipeline project," Dellinger said. "Keystone XL will bolster national security and the national economy alike. There can be no reasonable objections to it remaining."

On Wednesday, the U.S. State Department issued a final environmental study for the proposed expansion, which would transport Canadian oil through the heart of America to a hub in Nebraska and on to refineries at the Gulf of Mexico. The report largely negates arguments made by those who oppose the project on the basis of environmental impact. President Obama has said he would support the project only if environmental concerns were allayed.

"The development of Keystone XL would have two primary effects that are of particular interest to The American Le-



gion," Dellinger said. "Expansion of our existing oil supply route from our neighbor and ally, Canada, would strengthen national security by lessening our dependence upon foreign oil sources. The more self-sufficient we are, the stronger we are.

"Secondly, the building and maintenance of Keystone XL would provide jobs - many jobs," Dellinger added. "Some of those jobs, naturally, would go to qualified, disciplined, hard-

(Continued on page 7)

VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

AS A VETERAN, DO I NEED TO SIGN UP FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT?

If you are enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health-care program, including VA's health care, Civilian Health and Medical and Spina Bifida Health Care, you have coverage under the standards of the health-care law and do not need to take further action. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) does not change your VA benefits or out-of-pocket costs.

Veterans enrolled in VA's health-care system will receive this information through the mail. The letter from VA is another means to inform you that there is no need to take any additional steps to obtain health insurance to comply with the health care law coverage standards going into effect in January 2014.

It is important to note that if you are in Priority Group 8E/G, you are not enrolled in VA's health-care system. Therefore you must take steps to gain health coverage that meet minimum requirements under the ACA. Sub-priority group 8E and 8G are Veterans with gross household incomes above the VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and are either zero percent, non-compensable service-connected or not service-connected at any rate.

Cajun Comeau

Service Officer

American Legion North Carolina Department

VA ISSUES NEW ID CARDS

The Department of Veterans Affairs is issuing new Veteran Health Identification Cards (VHICs) to about 4 million veterans and family members enrolled in VA's health-care system.

The new cards provide a more secure means of identification for veterans due to Social Security numbers and dates of birth no longer contained in the card's magnetic strips or bar codes. Instead, the cards now display an Electronic Data Interchange Personnel Identifier number as the "member ID" on the front of the card and embedded in the magnetic strip. These numbers will be unique to each cardholder.

While The American Legion understands the need to convert to a more secure ID card system, it is urging the department to ensure that no VA enrollee is denied timely access to health care during the card transfer.

According to VA, mailing of the cards "will begin soon. Because we will be reissuing 4 million cards, we ask for your patience during this time." A new VHIC will be automatically mailed to veterans who have the old Veteran Identification Card (VIC).

Last September, VA suspended the issuing of VICs to allow time for changing its systems to read the new card. However, VA has continued taking veterans' requests for cards – the requests have been put on hold but will be produced and issued as soon as the final system changes are ready.

Enrolled veterans who do not have the old VIC may contact their local VA medical center's enrollment coordinator to arrange to have their pictures taken for the new cards, or they may request a VHIC at their next VA health-care appointment. Veterans must provide proper identification in order to receive the new cards.

To receive VHICs in a timely manner, veterans enrolled in VA should make sure their mailing addresses are correct. To update or confirm an address with VA, call (877) 222-VETS (8387). If the post office is unable to deliver a VHIC, the card will be returned to VA.

While VA regrets the delay in providing veterans their new cards, the cards are not required to receive VA health care. The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments. It cannot be used as a credit card or an insurance card, and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.



LEGION & VETERANS SERVICE (CONTINUED)

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PA AMERICAN LEGION

VISIT [HTTP://PA-LEGION.COM/PROGRAMS](http://PA-LEGION.COM/PROGRAMS) FOR MORE INFO!

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

OIL PIPELINE: *continued*

(Continued from page 5)

working and dedicated military veterans. But employment created by the Keystone XL would not only decrease the veteran unemployment rate, but overall national jobless numbers. No cogent argument can be made against either of these benefits."

Two American Legion resolutions were passed in 2012 supporting the Keystone XL pipeline project. Resolution No. 207 points to continued reliance on foreign energy sources and consequent compromises to national security as reason enough to move on the project. The resolution "call(s) upon Congress and the President to expedite the approval and construction of a pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and other points as a step toward greater U.S. energy independence along with allowing the development of all viable energy resources."

Resolution No. 300 declares that "The American Legion, in order to increase American energy self-sufficiency, promote the creation of 20,000 jobs, and improve the stability of the American economy, strongly recommend(s) the permitting, construction and operation of the pipeline; and, urges all segments of the U.S. government (to) pursue and grant all required permits necessary for the construction of the proposed pipeline without further delay."

The Canadian government has been actively campaigning on behalf of the Keystone XL pipeline project as well. A highly

visible poster campaign was launched in Washington recently, promoting the strong and friendly relationship between the United States and Canada, the No. 1 oil exporter to the United States.

On a webpage devoted to the proposed pipeline expansion, the Canadian government argues that "the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline will have the capacity to transport 830,000 barrels per day (bpd). Approximately 525,000 bpd of Canadian oil sands crude could ultimately be transported via KXL. TransCanada has indicated that up to 25 percent of KXL's capacity would be utilized by tight, light oil from the Bakken Formation, which is located in Montana and North Dakota, further contributing to U.S. energy security.

"KXL furthers our countries long history of cooperation," the website text continues, "by increasing the existing transport of Canadian and American crude to U.S. refineries, creating jobs and ensuring energy security for both our countries. Canada is already the largest oil supplier to the U.S. – in 2012 delivering 3 million barrels of crude and petroleum products per day, more than Saudi Arabia and Venezuela combined."

MY DADDY'S GOT YOUR BACK: BY AUTUMN PARKER

I am a small and precious child, my dads been sent to fight...
The only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night.
He will be gone too many days for my young mind to keep track.
I may be sad, but I am proud. My daddy's got your back...

I am a caring mother. My son has gone to war...
My mind is filled with worries that I have never known before.
Everyday I try to keep my thoughts from turning black.
I may be scared, but I am proud...My son has got your back...

I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband soon to go.
There are times I'm terrified in a way most never know.
I bite my lip, and force a smile as I watch my husband pack...
My heart may break, but I am proud...My husbands got your back...

I am a soldier...Serving Proudly, standing tall.
I fight for freedom, yours and mine by answering this call.
I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks.
Say a prayer that I'll come home. It's me whose got your back.



Above: After returning from Afghanistan, U.S. Army Sgt. Aaron Brewster is embraced by his parents Steve Brewster, right, and Sharon Brewster during a welcome home ceremony in Fort Stewart, GA.



Above: A soldier of the South Carolina National Guard's Agribusiness Development Team says one final goodbye to his family before departing the Bluff Road Armory en route to Afghanistan via Camp Atterbury, Ind., Sunday, March 18. The unit will undergo predeployment training before heading to Afghanistan later this spring.

Below: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan Crumpler with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade shares a last kiss with his wife Jill moments before boarding a bus to begin his journey to Afghanistan for a year-long deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



ON A LIGHTER NOTE: A FUNNY THING...

A Marine deployed to Afghanistan received a letter from his girlfriend. In the letter she explained that she had slept with two other men while he'd been away. She wanted to break up AND could he please return the photo of her.

So...the Marine does what any squared-away Marine would do. He went around to his buddies, collected all the unwanted photos of women he could find and mailed about 25 pictures to the girl with the following note:

"I don't remember which one you are, please remove your picture and send the rest back!"



MEMBERS MEMORIES: A 2013 LOOK-BACK



A.—Memorial Day



B.—Above from left: Bill Schulz, Ken Deaven, Todd Lovell and Alison Gordon

C.—Below: Riders Victory House Fundraiser



E.—Below: Friday Nights. Richard Boysher & Joyce Frey



D.—Above: Children's Halloween Party. Pumpkin Lilly Huffman (Bartender Sammy's daughter) & Dragon Cohen Dunkle (Bartender Robin's grandson)



F.—Victory House Monthly Dinner. Auxiliary and Riders Volunteers

A Brief Photographical Look-Back...
 2013 was another great year for Post #34! While we're always keeping busy holding events and participating in activities that benefit and/or honor our veterans (Photos A, B, C & F), we also know how to have fun with our fellow members, visitors to our Post and family (Photos D & E).

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ◆ **Monday, March 17th 7:00pm:** Post #34 will be hosting a dinner to honor **National Commander, Dan Dellinger and PA Department Commander, William Cleveland.**
Cash Bar - 6:00pm, Dinner—7:00pm. Tickets: \$35 each
- ◆ **Saturday, March 22nd 9:00am:** Harrisburg Vet Center Adventure Club will hike on the ridge of Peters Mountain. Approximately 5 miles round trip. Small campfire and hot dogs at turnaround site. Feel free to bring snacks. Call Gelu Negrea at (717) 782-3954 for more information.
- ◆ **Various Dates:** Sunday Breakfast at American Legion Post #56, Lititz, PA. \$7/person. Proceeds benefit Post #56 SAL.
Remaining 2014 Dates: 4/13, 5/11, 6/8
- ◆ **Saturday, April 19th 1:00pm—8:00pm:** **District #10 SAL Fundraiser** at Post #34. \$12/person or \$20 for 2. Includes food, soda, draft beer and entertainment. DJ Larry Fisher 1:00pm—4:00pm, SYRPLUS takes the stage at 4:00pm. Door prizes, raffles and 50/50's.
- ◆ **Saturday, April 26th 10:00am—9:30pm:** Shop For A Cause at Park City. For more information contact Ken Ford of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1008 at (717) 560-4049.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 10th:** Lititz Walk for PA Wounded Warriors sponsored by Lititz VFW. Contact Ken Ford at (717) 560-4049.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 10th 10:00am:** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1008 **Chicken BBQ** at Weaver's Country Store, Ephrata, PA.
- ◆ **Monday, May 26th:** 3rd Annual **Memorial Day Flowers Ceremony** at Lancaster Cemetery. More information will be forthcoming.

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.srwasrw.org
- ◆ 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 800 phones.** A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get us to that point. Keep them coming!!

TAPS



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

- **Joseph Charles Edgell**—Passed December 22nd
US Marine Corps Veteran of Vietnam
- **William E. Smith**—September January 11th
US Army Veteran of Vietnam
- **William Beck, Jr.**—Passed January 31st
US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict
Life Member of Post #34
- **Leonard Holoubek**—Passed February 19th
US Navy Veteran
- **Dr. Abram J. Foster**—Passed February 19th
US Army Veteran of WWII
- **Harvey Miller**—Passed February 25th
US Army Veteran
Post #34 Member

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **March 19, 2003**—Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ◆ **April**—Children & Youth Month
- ◆ **April 6th—12th:** American Legion Child Welfare Week
- ◆ **April 6th, 1917**—US Entry Into WWI
- ◆ **May 8th, 1945**— V-E Day
- ◆ **May 17th**—Armed Forces Day
- ◆ **May 26th**—Memorial Day
- ◆ **May 26th**—National Auxiliary Poppy Day



OUR THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



HOME & BUILDING INSPECTIONS LLC

Wayne F. Murray
Certified Inspector

- Prepurchase Home Inspections
- Septic, Well, & Radon Testing
- State Licensed Termite Inspections
- Water Test & 203K Consulting

(717) 394-5454
(610) 273-9977
1-800-624-0555
Fax (717) 284-5758

wayne@tri-m.net/www.tri-m.net



30 Years Experience
Licensed & Insured
Estimates & Inspections

Riehl Improvements
Residential / Commercial
Roofing / Painting / Carpentry

Ron Riehl
General Manager / Owner
Office: (717) 475-6869

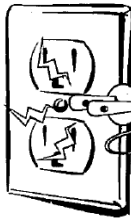
Fax: (717) 390-8862
riehl improvements@verizon.net
riehl improvements.com

REALTY SETTLEMENT SERVICES, INC
INDEPENDENT TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY

WWW.REALTYSETTLEMENT.COM

CLOSING AGENTS: 1550 LITITZ PIKE
ROBERT HORST LANCASTER, PA 17601
DOROTHY HORST PH: (717) 295-5400
BARBARA NIXDORF FAX: (717) 295-4511

TODD ESHLEMAN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR



TODD ESHLEMAN
148 PARK PLACE
LANDISVILLE, PA 17538

Phone: 717-898-7209
CELL: 717-475-7209
E-mail: ESH7209@GMAIL.COM

Quality Service in Refrigeration & HVAC



Artic Zone

Bob Wilk
EPA Certified
Insured


Phone: (717) 475-9576
Fax: (717) 569-6766
PA LIC. # 059687

GABE LAFOREST LANDSCAPING
127 St. Thomas Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601
Phone 717-569-9394 Cell Phone 717-615-0514
gabelaforest@comcast.net

- *Mowing Contractor
- *Landscaping
- *Edging/Bed Shaping
- *Snow Removal
- *Aeration
- *Mulching
- *Pruning
- *Stump Grinding

FULLY INSURED

Tom's Home Improvements
No Job Too Small



Tom Myers
Owner
3061 Todd Lane
Lancaster, PA 17601
717-224-6240

FRANK WILE & SONS
BUILDING & REMODELING

Bill Wile

255 Mt. Hope School Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Tele: (717)284-4616
E-mail: fwsbr@comcast.net

HIC No. PA013392

Pat's
HOME IMPROVEMENTS
Interior & Exterior

Roofing | Siding
Windows | Carpentry
Painting

Patrick Baxter
717.341.9412
Lancaster, PA

30yrs Exp.
Free Estimates
Insured



KLING BROS. INSURANCE LLC

George H Lovell, III
Account Executive

1200 Corporate Blvd
Suite 20A
Lancaster PA 17601

717-285-5722
800-444-7851
717-285-5733 fax

george.lovell@klingsbros.com

Insurance at Work

Ruffino's Pizza

572 CENTERVILLE ROAD
LANCASTER, PA 17601

HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
10:30AM - 10:00PM
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
10:30AM - 11:00PM
SUNDAY
12:00 NOON - 8:00PM

Vets & American Legion Members
Get 10% OFF with this coupon!

For Fast Pick-Up Call
898-0212

PROVIDING QUALITY PRINTING SINCE 1922



ART PRINTING

The Art Printing Co., Inc. of Lanc. • 446 Lafayette Street
t 717.397.6029 f 717.397.4294
artdept@apc446.comcastbiz.net M-F 8-4:30

- Stationery Packages
- Logo Design & Development
- Flyers • Posters
- Postcards • Booklets
- Programs • Brochures
- Business Forms
- Calendars • Tickets
- and much more!

PROFESSIONAL GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES • OFFSET & DIGITAL PRINTING

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NEW PRINT SPONSOR, ART PRINTING!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. MAKE YOUR MEETINGS!

EVERY MONTH AT POST:

Legionnaires
1st Wednesday—7:00pm

SAL
2nd Wednesday—7:00pm

Auxiliary
1st Wednesday—7:00pm

Legion Riders
3rd Sunday—11:00am

EDITOR: *continued*

(Continued from page 1)

the Legion Family organizations and individual donations from Post members, visitors and local businesses. The funds have a huge impact on the team and are so appreciated.

Gerry is looking to hold a Regional Tournament at Millersville University the weekend of July 4th. We also hope to hold a team fundraising event with the team's involvement sometime in June.

Lastly, plans for the 3rd Annual Memorial Day Flowers Ceremony at Lancaster Cemetery have begun. More information to come. I look forward to the same or even better involvement and support from all Legion Family and Post #34 members

Bill Schulz

American Legion Post #34 Veterans Service Officer
VA Accredited Service Representative
Post Patriot Editor

YOU MAY BE ELIBIGLE TO ENROLL IN THE VA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM!

FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY AT WWW.VA.GOV.AMIELIGIBLE CALL 1-877-222-VETS OR SEE BILL SCHULZ

BINGO Every Tuesday At Post #34!

Doors Open at 4:00pm ♦ Games begin at 6:30pm ♦ Auxiliary Snack Bar Open from 5:00pm—6:30pm

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS! Remember that the Snack Bar is our major fundraising project. Proceeds directly benefit veterans and community projects. PLEASE consider making a food donation or volunteering your time to work.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #34 * LANCASTER, PA

1388 Arcadia Road
Lancaster, PA 17603
Phone: 717-392-9350
Website: www.al34.com

JOIN THE CLUB!

The American Legion is the largest veterans organization and **WE WANT YOU!** Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Has your parent, grandparent, sibling or spouse served? We have 4 membership types available to you.

The Legion Family

- Legionnaires:** Veterans & Active-Duty Members
- Sons of the American Legion:** Male family members
- Auxiliary:** Female Family Members
- Riders:** Legionnaire, SAL or Auxiliary member or legal spouse of a Rider in our Chapter

Don't fit one of these categories?

Get your Social membership today!

Feedback Welcomed!

Have an idea, suggestion or something to contribute to a future issue?

Bill Schulz, Editor
Post #34 Veterans Service Officer
Alison Gordon, Layout & Design



Enjoy your Freedom... Thank a Veteran for their service!