



THE POST PATRIOT

KITCHEN'S OPEN!

- Hours: Friday thru Sunday
4:00pm—9:00pm
Full Menu
- Dinner Specials:
Friday thru Sunday
- THURSDAY SPECIAL:
.25ct Wings &
\$4.00 Pitchers
Coors, Miller Lite & Lager
Plus Limited Menu

UPCOMING BANDS 8:00 PM—MIDNIGHT

April 13	Cheeze Brothers
April 20	Solid Gold
April 27	Groove Dawgz
May 4	SYRPLUS
May 11	Back In Motion
May 18	Maxwell Project
May 19	Fisher House Benefit feat. Riot Axe
May 25	Pocket Full O'Soul
June 1	NO BAND Pool Tournament
June 8	South Street
June 15	SYRPLUS
June 22	Cheeze Brothers
June 29	Screamin' Daisies

A NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER

Wow, what a busy year so far! We had the Ride 2 Recovery and National Commander Wong's visit. The Home Association did an outstanding job with the food, decorations and execution of these events. In addition, all of the children's activities, planned by Sharon and her committee. All of their hard work certainly shows! We're up to 3 parties a year now, all of which are very popular with the

WELCOME

To the American Legion Post #34 Newsletter!

children. I'd like to thank all the members for their support throughout the year with all the events so far! We have a lot of upcoming fun and exciting events in store.

I'd also like to congratulate the Post Legionnaires, Auxiliary

and the Sons of the American Legion in obtaining 100%+1 membership for the 4th straight year. Everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated in obtaining this goal!

Jere Axe

American Legion
Post #34 Commander

GREETINGS FROM YOUR ADJUTANT

We are coming to the end of another membership year, and what a year it has been! We came off last membership year as a

100% post and that was great. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again as the entire Legion family has

reached 100% by mid-April. This past year has been one heck of a ride. With Ride 2 Recovery, Autism

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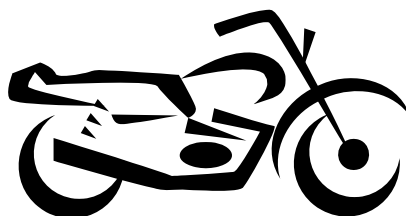
SAL CORNER



FISHER HOUSE RIDE EVENT: MAY 19TH

The Sons will assist the American Legion Riders with the Fisher House ride to raise money for families while visiting service men and women as they are recover-

ing at V.A. facilities. Refreshments and entertainment provided. Tickets are \$10.00. See Legion Family members to purchase. Also available at canteen.



CONGRATULATIONS AUXILIARY!

In April the Legion Family helped the *Ladies Auxiliary* with their autism event. They successfully raised over \$6,000. Good Job Ladies!

WOUNDED WARIOR PROJECT: JUNE 16TH

The Sons will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project as well as other local charities on Saturday, June 16th with SYRPLUS provid-

ing the entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00 and



are available from Legion Family Members. Also available at canteen.

SONS COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2011 the Sons of Post #34 donated over 140 volunteer hours caring for a local cemetery that is the final resting place for those who gave all from

the Civil War through Vietnam. Volunteers are needed for this year's maintenance of the cemetery. Donations are also welcome.



AUXILIARY ALLEY



A MEMO FROM MARILYN

It's been an exceptional year! We have increased our membership numbers from 293 to 323 and counting. I'd like to welcome all of our new members and all of those who have been with us for so many years.

We have had the honor

of helping to host 350 wounded veterans and active-duty service members last September on their Ride 2 Recovery (R2R), hosted 5+ veterans from the Coatesville VA Medical Center for 3 special dinners, provided food for three children's parties, two very success-

ful fundraisers; one raised over \$2,200—enough to purchase a new pool table and electric shavers for CVAMC, and one raised over \$6,400 for Autism Awareness and donated to The Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities right here in Lancaster

County. I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all Senior and Junior Auxiliary members who so graciously worked many long hours to make this year so successful!

Marilyn Miller Pew
Ladies Auxiliary
Unit #34 President

PRAYERS NEEDED

Genevieve Malone
1st Vice President

Ruth "Boots" Malone
Sgt.-At-Arms

Both are recovering from serious illnesses at Lancaster General Hospital.

MAY IS POPPY MONTH!

The poppy is our visual reminder of the debt we owe our Veterans for the sacrifices they made for our Freedoms. Let us never forget.

Poppies will be available for all members who would like to help us obtain donations. Please remember we do not SELL poppies. Poppy funds are used

to directly help our Veterans and their families.



MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Unit #34 is donating funds to offset cost of the Salute to Veterans Day at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Monday, May 28, 2012.

Tickets for the event will be forthcoming and are free to all Veterans. Please try to attend this truly inspiring evening.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month except July & August. 7:00 pm at the Post.
We'd like to see more attendance to make 2012—2013 as successful a year as the last.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISERS

- ◆ **Operation Military Kids Welcome Home Seed Packets:** *FREE* and available in the canteen. Make sure to capture your planting and progress on camera and bring your photos to the Post.
- ◆ Please “give a hand” to our military personnel by **purchasing a box of clapping hands lollipops** at the bar for \$8.00. Each box includes a dozen pops and will be shipped to the men and women serving overseas with a personal note from you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Friday May 25th—7:00 pm :** Mike McLaughlin Memorial Golf Tournament. Manada Golf Course. Shotgun start. \$65.00/person. Includes cart, gifts, prizes, refreshments and buffet. **All proceeds will be donated to support local veterans efforts.** Contact Mike Groff at (717) 926-1940.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 26th—12:00pm:** Memorial Ride to Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Choose your starting location and ride to the cemetery, arriving by 12:00 pm. Contact Greg Smith at (717) 567-2345.
- ◆ **Monday, May 28th—11:00 am:** Memorial Day Service at Lancaster Cemetery. Please attend and Honor our Fallen. Information and sign up sheet are available at the bar. After the ceremony, the Canteen will open at noon where refreshments will be available. If you are able, please contribute by bringing a covered dish. This event is **sponsored by American Legion Post #34 and Flowers by Paulette.**
- ◆ **July 28th—1:00 pm:** 1st Annual Felicita Golf Resort and Spa Golf Tournament. Shotgun start. \$65.00/person. Includes cart, range balls, beverages on course, prize fund, dinner, door prizes and auction. **Proceeds to benefit the Marine Corps League of PA Foundation, Inc.** Contact Thomas Hazlett at (717) 420-0623.
- ◆ **Sunday, August 5th—1:00 pm:** Fallen Soldier Memorial Motorcycle Ride. Start and End at Glatfelter Field, Route 462, Columbia, PA. Registration at 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. \$15.00/Driver & \$10.00/passenger. Food and Entertainment provided.



VETERANS SERVICE INFO DESK

VETERAN'S PENSIONS

If you are a wartime veteran with a related income and you are no longer able to work, you may qualify for a Veterans' Disability Pension for Veterans of a certain age. The following is a summary of Veterans' pensions:

Wartime Pensions Eligibility

The 20.2 VA Payment Rate

Army, Air, Land or Household

Related Topics

Many Veterans of wartime service are completely unaware of the fact that they, if they are 65 or older and on limited they may qualify for a VA Pension with out being disabled.

VETERAN'S PENSIONS ELIGIBILITY:

You may be eligible if:

You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, and you are on 180 days or more active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. However, 38 CFR 3.116 requires that anyone who enlists after 9/22/30 generally has to serve for at least 24 months or the full period for which a person was enlisted or engaged in active duty in order to receive any benefits based on that period of service. With the advent of the GI Bill (50 USC 3225) and still not cited by Congress to this day, veterans are now served after 9/22/30 during a period of war time. When they do, they generally must serve 24 months to be eligible for pension or any other benefits. But note the exceptions in 38 CFR 3.116(d), and you are permanently and totally disabled, or age 65 or older, and your combined family income is below a yearly limit set by law.

2017 Family Income Limits (Effective Dec 1, 2017)

If you are a...	You Yearly Income must
Veteran with no dependants	Be less than \$12,256
Veteran with a spouse or child	\$16,057
Household Veterans with no dependants	\$14,978
Household Veterans with one dependant	\$18,791
Household Veterans with two dependants	\$20,447
Household Veterans with three dependants	\$24,259
Two Veterans married to each other	\$16,057
Add for Early war veteran (Mexican border Period or WWI) in any category above	\$2,793
Add for each additional child to any category above	\$2,063

- Some income is not counted toward the yearly limit (for example, welfare benefits, social wages earned by dependent children, and Supplemental Security Income). It's also important to note that your medical related expenses are considered when determining your yearly income.
- To be deflated, medical expenses may exceed 9% of MVA PR, or \$62,600
- To be included, medical expenses may exceed 9% of MVA PR, or \$603,000

THE VA PAYMENT RATES:

VA pays you the difference between your combined family income and the yearly income limit which describes your situation. The difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar. Call the toll free number below for details.

EXAMPLE:

Joe (a single veteran) has an annual income of \$5,000. His annual income limit is \$12,256. To determine Joe's pension subtract his annual income of \$5,000 from the \$12,256 income limit which gives him an annual pension rate of \$7,256. This translates into a monthly pension check of approximately \$605.

Aid and Attendance or Household Veterans

Aid and Attendance (A&A) is a benefit paid in addition to the basic pension. A veteran may be eligible for A&A when:

- The veteran requires the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, responding to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting himself from the hazards of his/her daily environment, or
- The veteran is bedridden, in that his/her disability or disabilities requires that he/she remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of maintenance or treatment, or
- The veteran is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, or
- The veteran is blind, or so nearly blind as to have corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

Household is paid in addition to quality pension. If the A&A, household benefits may not be paid without eligibility to pension. A veteran may be eligible for household benefits when:

- The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and, due to such disability, he/she is permanently and substantially confined to his/her immediate premises, or
- The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 60-percent disabling or more disabling.

A veteran cannot receive both A&A and Attendance and Household

You may apply for Aid and Attendance or Household benefits by writing to the VA regional office having jurisdiction of the claim.

That would be the office where you filed a claim for pension or benefits. If the regional office of jurisdiction is not known, you may file the request with any VA regional office.

You should include copies of any evidence, preferably a report from an attending physician validating the need for Aid and Attendance or Household type care.

The report should include in sufficient detail to determine whether there is disease or injury producing physical or mental impairment, loss of consciousness, or conditions affecting the ability to dress and undress, to feed oneself, to attend to sanitary needs, and to keep oneself ordinarily clean and presentable.

In addition, it is necessary to determine whether the claimant is confined to the home or immediate premises.

Whether the claim is for Aid and Attendance or Household, the report should indicate how well the individual gets around, where the individual goes, and what he or she is able to do during a typical day.

NOTE: For input, suggestions, questions, or issues regarding health care benefits, acquiring DD-214's and records, upgrading discharge, upgrading disabilities percentages, contact RRN 5416.

VETERANS SERVICE INFO DESK (CONTINUED)

<p>VETERAN'S MEDICAL BENEFITS PACKAGE</p> <p>A standard enhanced health benefits plan is generally available to all enrolled veterans. Like other standard health care plans, the Medical Benefits Package emphasizes preventive and primary care, offering a full range of outpatient and inpatient services. The following is a summary of the Veteran's Medical Benefits Package.</p> <p>Veteran's Medical Benefits Package Overview</p> <p>Veteran's Medical Benefits Package Eligibility</p> <p>Services Covered</p> <p>Preventive Care</p> <p>Services Not Covered</p>	<p>You are financially liable for the provider of the emergency treatment for that treatment.</p> <p>You have no other form of health care insurance.</p> <p>You do not have coverage under Medicare, Medicaid, or a state program.</p> <p>You do not have coverage under any other VA programs.</p> <p>You have no other contractual or legal responsibility against a third party that will pay all or part of the bill.</p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal facilities were not forcibly available at time of the emergency.</p> <p>The care must have been rendered in a medical emergency in such nature that a prudent layperson would have reasonably expected that delay in seeking immediate medical attention would have been hazardous to life or health.</p>
<p>VETERAN'S MEDICAL BENEFITS PACKAGE OVERVIEW</p> <p>In October 1990, Congress passed the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1990. This legislation paved the way for the creation of a Medical Benefits Package - a standard enhanced health benefits plan generally available to all enrolled veterans. Like other standard health care plans, the Medical Benefits Package emphasizes preventive and primary care, offering a full range of outpatient and inpatient services.</p> <p>VA places a priority on improved veteran satisfaction and believes that this goal is to ensure the quality care and service that veterans receive is consistently excellent, in every program.</p> <p>WE PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS PACKAGE ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>The Medical Benefits package will generally be provided to all enrolled veterans regardless of your parity group. Public Law calls for VA to provide you hospital care and outpatient care services that are deemed as "normal" as care or services that will promote, preserve, and restore health. This includes treatment, procedures, supplies, or services. The decision of usual will be based on the judgment of your health care provider and in accordance with generally accepted standards of clinical practice.</p> <p>The following three categories contain a list of health care services that are provided under the Medical Benefits Package, a list of services are not covered by VA, and a list of other services that are provided under a third party.</p>	<p>Bereavement Counseling.</p> <p>Comprehensive rehabilitative services other than vocational services.</p> <p>Consultation, professional counseling, training and medical health services for the members of the immediate family or legal guardian of the veteran.</p> <p>Durable medical equipment and prosthetic and orthotic devices, including eyeglasses and hearing aids.</p> <p>Home health services.</p> <p>Reconstructive (plastic) surgery required as a result of a disease or trauma but not including cosmetic surgery that is not medically necessary.</p> <p>Respite, respite, and palliative care.</p> <p>Payment of travel and travel expenses for eligible veterans.</p> <p>Completion for farms.</p>
<p>VA PROVIDED CARE UNDER THE MEDICAL BENEFITS PACKAGE</p> <p>Basic Care</p> <p>Outpatient medical, surgical, and mental health care, including care for substance abuse.</p> <p>Inpatient (hospital, medical, surgical, and mental health care, including care for substance abuse).</p> <p>Prescription drugs, including over-the-counter drugs and medical and surgical supplies available under the VA national formulary system.</p> <p>EMERGENCY CARE IN VA FACILITIES</p> <p>Emergency care in VA facilities in certain conditions: This benefit is a safety net for veterans requiring emergency care for a service-connected disability or unrelated veterans who have no other means of paying a private facility emergency bill. If another health insurance provider pays all or part of a bill, VA cannot provide any reimbursement. To qualify for payment or reimbursement for non-VA emergency care services for a service-connected disability, you must meet all the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You provided care in a hospital emergency department or similar emergency care facility. You are enrolled in the VA health care system. You have been provided care by a VA health care provider within the last 24 months. 	<p>PREVENTATIVE CARE</p> <p>Immunizations</p> <p>Periodic medical exams</p> <p>Health Care Assessments</p> <p>Health education, including nutrition education</p> <p>Genetic tests</p> <p>VA CANNOT PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:</p> <p>Cosmetic surgery except where determined by VA to be medically necessary for reconstruction or Psychiatric care.</p> <p>Drugs, biological, and medical devices not approved by the FDA unless the treating medical facility is conducting formal clinical trials under an Investigational New Drug Exemption (IND) or an Investigational New Drug (IND) application or the drugs, biological, or medical devices are prescribed under a compassionate use exemption.</p> <p>Gender-affirming, health club or spa membership, in vitro fertilization, services not ordered and provided by non-VA accredited professional staff, Special Private duty nursing.</p> <p>Residential and retirement care for a veteran who is either a prisoner of war or an inmate of another government agency if that agency has a duty to give the care of the veteran.</p> <p>Additionally, VA cannot provide certain benefits to veterans and dependents identified as fugitive felons.</p>

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Feedback Welcomed!

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

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Post #34 Veterans Service Officer

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

Don't fit one of these categories?
Get your Social membership today!



ADJUTANT: Greetings

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Awareness and the National commanders testimonial dinner to name just a few of the larger events. There have been so many successes and achievements this year that as I write this brief note I become even more aware of how far we have come and how much we have overcome. Again, let me take this opportunity to

thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work, dedication and support. All of this would not be possible without YOU.!



That being said...
LETS GET READY TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN!!

"Post 34.
It's what we do!"

James R. Vollrath
American Legion
Post #34 Adjutant