



THE POST PATRIOT

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- **Bar Hours**
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- New Menu March 1st!
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- Full Menu Fri. & Sat.
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Mar 8	Cheeze Brothers
Mar 15	SYRPLUS
Mar 22	John King Dance Band
Mar 29	Nomads
Apr 5	Silver Hawks
Apr 12	Pocketful O' Soul
Apr 19	Screamin' Daisys
Apr 26	Maxwell Project
May 3	Groove Dawgs
May 10	Roof Rockers
May 17	SYRPLUS
May 24	Blue Voodoo
May 31	Flash Back

COMMANDER'S NOTE

Greetings Legion Family members! The holidays are behind us and spring is just around the corner. 2013 has started out with its share of challenges, ranging from membership to Post business to issues within the community. The officers of the various Legion Family organizations are working hard to meet and overcome these challenges. When you see one of them, take a moment to thank them. We are all volunteers and the only compensation we receive is your appreciation. Please check the bulletin boards and notices at the bar for upcoming events. We want to see everyone out to have a great time!



On one final somber note, we at Post #34 have recently lost two long-time regulars—Ben and Jimmy Williams—and this has caused me to reflect on how we can take things for granted and then in an instant, things are never the same again. Let's not take our Legion Family members for granted. A special thank you to brother Bill Middleton for assisting the Williams family during that difficult time.

Respectfully,

James R. Vollrath
American Legion
Post #34 Commander



Letter from the editor



A big THANK YOU to Dave Fluke and the Legion Riders for their \$1,000 donation to Victory House! These funds will help refurbish housing units for homeless vets and their families. Doug Hopwood, program director, will be taking before and after pictures for us to include in the Summer issue of your Post Patriot.

We are looking to form a Service Committee to organize and promote Post #34 veteran and community programs. This committee will include individuals from

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SAL CORNER



We have a lot of fundraising events planned for 2013 kicking off on Armed Forces Day— Saturday, May 18th beginning at 2:00pm. The Legion Riders of Post #34 will be hosting the **Fisher House Ride**. Entertainment will be provided by SYRPLUS who will graciously be performing for half their normal fee as a form of donation to the event. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any Son or Rider. Proceeds from this event will provide temporary homes near VA Hospitals for the families of wounded soldiers to stay in while their loved ones recover from their service abroad. From stocking the kitchens to providing toys for children, these proceeds will keep family close to our returning veterans which has been proven to ease and speed the recovery of our brave men and women. We are excited to take part in providing for such a great cause!

No less important, is the task of aiding vets who have returned home to the U.S., only to wind up without a home. Because of this, we're collecting donations for this worthy cause. The Pennsylvania American Legion **Housing for Homeless Veterans** Corporation purchased their first vet homes in Allegheny County in 1988. They've since expanded throughout the state with 2 houses found locally in downtown Lancaster (Victory House) and Ephrata (Beacon House). Thanks to all who

SAL OFFICERS

Commander William "Bill" Middleton

1st Vice Commander: Todd Lovell

2nd Vice Commander: Gary Fickes

Adjutant: Gary Vollrath

Chaplain: Ken Deaven

Finance Officer Ben Williams

Historian: Jeff Lane

Sgt. At Arms: John States

Sgt. At Arms: Dave Sloat

Jr. Sgt. At Arms: Christopher Foland

have given one or more \$1.00 donation over the past few months which has contributed to the close to \$100,000 raised already this year by the organization. These funds have allowed the acquisition of an additional home in Harrisburg which they hope to open in mid-2013.

Mark your calendars for another great fundraising event on June 15th from 1:00pm—8:00pm. This is a **Post #34 Family and SAL District #10 joint event** and is hosted by Past SAL Commander, Ron Riehl. Tickets cost \$12.00/person or \$20.00/couple and include food, draft beer, soda, and entertainment by the **John King Dance Band**. Get your tickets today at the bar!

I must take a moment to remember two duel Legionnaire/SAL members. Ben "Mr. Ben" Williams and his son James "Jimmy" Williams who passed just one week from each other in February. Ben and Jim were rarely seen apart at the Post. Many of you know that Ben had his special seat at the bar and Jimmy was almost always standing at his side. Ben and Jim joined our Post on the same day and were members for over 30 years. Together with their late wife and mother, Joyce who passed in 2007, they were a true Legion family. Ben was the SAL Finance officer, advisor to the Sons and a very good friend to me. Rest now my brothers. We miss you both! Finally, I would like to thank the entire Post #34 Family for the love and support they showed the Williams family. They asked me to extend their thanks to you all. Also, to District #10 Adjutant and Post #34 Commander, Jim Vollrath, and Legionnaire, SAL Chaplain and Home Association Member, Ken Deaven, for conducting the funeral ceremonies for both of our comrades. You are to be commended for performing such a sad task with respect and a friendly heart for two good men.

Sincerely,

Bill Middleton

American Legion

SAL Squadron #34 Commander





AUXILIARY ALLEY

WHO WE ARE

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #34 is part of 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. It raises thousands of dollars each year to support a wide range of veteran causes and charities. Its members devote hundreds of hours to help make Post and community activities successful. We greatly appreciate your support in all of our endeavors.

2013 MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are continuing to stream in! As of this writing, we are 40 shy of our 100% goal of 354 members. Please don’t forget to renew! You may drop off your renewal and check for \$20.00 at the Post. **Our Unit is currently in first place for renewals in the Chester/Lancaster Council!** The Post will have your new Key Card available for pick up on Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$4.00 and it is a permanent card.

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

DON'T FORGET!

We will be setting up for our **Coatesville VA Medical Center Veterans Annual Easter Dinner** on Sunday March 17th at 3:00pm. We need lots of hands to help serve food on Monday, March 18th. Please plan to arrive around 4:00pm. We look forward to **donations of new socks and underwear and gently used-clean clothing**. Remember if it is not good enough for YOU to wear – it is not good enough for our veterans.

On Sunday, March 24th from 1:00pm-3:00pm is the annual **Children’s Easter Party**.

Children and Youth Chairman, Sharon McNece, is **looking for individually wrapped jelly beans and Easter candy** to put in the children’s baskets. Any members willing to help serve hot dogs, etc., please call Marilyn Pew at (717) 587-1625.



AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President:** Marilyn Pew
- 1st Vice President:** Genevieve Malone
- 2nd Vice President:** Lucy Esbenshade
- Secretary:** Lisa Sanders
- Treasurer:** Karen Axe
- Chaplain:** Marilyn Vollrath
- Sgt. At Arms:** Sharon McNece
- Sgt. At Arms:** Angie Esbenshade

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 6th, April 3rd & May 1st—7:00pm:** Unit #34 Auxiliary Meeting in the “pool” room at Post #34. Nomination of Officers on 4/3 and Election of Officers and Standing Rules on 5/1.
- **March 25th & April 22nd—5:00pm:** Feed the homeless from Victory House dinner in the Post #34 banquet hall

BINGO SNACK BAR

Our major fundraising project is our Bingo Snack Bar that operates every Tuesday evening between 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please see Marilyn Pew if you are willing to give us a helping hand either by working or donating food to sell.

All of the proceeds from the Snack Bar are donated back to our veterans and community projects.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Members,

Let us all remember why we joined the American Legion Auxiliary: To help in the rehabilitation of our disabled veterans, to support children and youth activities in our community and to serve our community through volunteerism. Please attend our meetings, stay active and help our Unit continue to be successful in that mission!

RIDERS ROAD



Dear Fellow Veterans & Supporters,

I want to thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts for local veteran programs and organizations. With your help **we were able to donate much needed funds to the Victory House**, provider of lodging and assistance to our homeless veterans and their families. We raised additional monies for this cause by supporting Pat Shertzer's *Bucket Wish* event on Saturday, March 2nd. It was a great success!

Planning has begun for the 2nd Pancake Breakfast and Ride which is set for Saturday, May 4th at Post #34. Additional details are forthcoming.

It is that time of year when **memberships are due and nominations of Riders Officers are upcoming**. To join the Riders you must first be a member of the Legionnaires, Sons (SAL) or Auxiliary or a legal spouse of an American Legion Rider in our chapter whose membership is in good standing. The second requirement is ownership of a street legal motorcycle of at least 250cc, possession of a current motorcycle license and proper insurance coverage. Dues for the initial membership are \$20.00 and are \$10.00 for subsequent years. **Renewal deadline is March 31st of each year.**

Nominations and election of Chapter Officers will take place at our scheduled meetings in March and April respectively. New officers will be installed during the June meeting.

Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month at 11:00am.

I look forward to riding with my fellow brothers and sisters in the coming year!

Dave Fluke
American Legion
ALR Chapter #34 President



RIDERS OFFICERS

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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

A FUNNY THING...

A C-141 cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank. The aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving and the airman performing the job was extremely slow on the job. When the Commander berated the airman for his sluggishness and promised punishment, the airman responded, "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 degrees below zero, I am sta-

tioned in Thule, and I'm pumping sewage out of airplanes. How much more punishment can you give me?!?"



LEGION UPDATE



COMMANDER WELCOMES HOME RETURNING VETS

On Feb. 12, American Legion National Commander James E. Koutz responded to President Obama's State of the Union Address with a word of welcome to 34,000 troops the president said would be coming home from Afghanistan this year.

"American Legion service officers stand ready to support our men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and help them understand their VA benefits," Koutz said. "American Legion-sponsored job fairs and business workshops await their return, offering opportunities to convert military experience into successful careers. American Legion posts and individual members are available for those who come home wondering where to turn for camaraderie and support. That is what we do. It is who we are."

Koutz said he looks forward to meeting with President Obama later this month to discuss specific ways The American Legion can help DoD, VA, veterans and their families make the adjustment to postwar lives.

"No one does more than The American Legion to help returning veterans," Koutz said. "This organization was built on that very concept. As the president has said in past speeches, there is no reason the returning veterans of the Global War on Terrorism cannot drive the U.S. economy forward, as it did after the Servicemen's

Readjustment Act of 1944 — which The American Legion authored as World War II was ending — and build another half-century of U.S. economic prosperity."

Veterans can and will be essential to the U.S. economic recovery, Koutz explained. "There was no doubt from the State of the Union Address that our nation's highest priority is the improvement of our economy. Veterans have proven in the past that they can be the catalysts. The American Legion is dedicated to convincing employers, many of whom already know, that veterans can once again lead our nation to a new era of economic performance and hope.

"We look forward to working with VA and DoD to ease the transition process, provide our newest generation of veterans with the support they need, and rebuild our economy as a nation. It is really the least we can do for those who have stood strong against the threat of terrorism and kept it from our shores for over a decade."



LEGION-SUPPORTED BILLS INTRODUCED

During the opening weeks of the 113th Congress, a number of American Legion-favored bills were introduced in both congressional chambers. These measures include:

H.R. 32, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act. The measure would "repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation."

H.R. 303, the Retired Pay Restoration Act. The measure would "permit additional retired members of the

Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt."

H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. The measure would "permit retired members of the

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VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE MILITARY?

Explore your options. Start early and get ahead with the Transition Center. The Transition Center works simply, but effectively, and is designed to be the first place you go to plan your transition. Simply enter in your estimated separation date and you'll receive monthly email notifications with checklists and tips to help prepare for your exit from the military -- benefits and options after transition, civilian careers that match your military experience, resume keywords, interview tips, financial changes, relocation advice and more.

RECONNECT WITH OLD MILITARY FRIENDS!

The Military.com Buddy Finder allows you to search over 20 million records to locate old military friends. Search by name, service, pay grade, age, installation, school, state or employer.

NETWORKING APP FOR VETS

POS-REP short for "position report," is a new social networking mobile app that allows Veterans to locate other Veterans, communicate and find resources in their area. The app, currently in the final stages of Apple approval, was developed an Army Veteran. The free download has multiple features, including Radar, which shows a map of other nearby Veterans and allows users to broadcast their own locations if they choose. There is also Sitrep, which allows Veterans to post status updates and communicate with one another. Learn more about the POS-REP mobile app on its Facebook page, its Twitter feed and on the POS-REP website at pos-rep.com.

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CONGRESS SEEKS TO EXTEND VRAP DEADLINE

Congressman Jeff Miller (FL-01), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs recently introduced a bill to extend the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) through June 30, 2014, a move that would make it easier for program participants to finish job-training programs they have already started. VRAP was originally part of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 and is currently scheduled to expire on March 31, 2014.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Applications for the \$5,000 Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship are now available for nurses wanting to advance their training in pediatric lung and respiratory diseases or to prepare for positions in clinical practice and management. Applicants are specifically required to have prospects of full-time employment that have a direct relationship with pediatric lung and respiratory disease nursing. To view the scholarship's complete requirements, download the nursing scholarship brochure at <http://www.legion.org/publications/160907/nursing-scholarship-brochure>. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15. To request an application packet, contact the American Legion Americanism and Children & Youth Division, Attn: Eight and Forty Nursing Scholarship, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

BENEFITS OF A VA LOAN IN TODAY'S MARKET

One of the unique benefits afforded to military personnel is access to the Veterans Affairs Home Mortgage Loan program. This program offers tremendous mortgage benefits to active-duty service members, veterans, and some surviving spouses. A VA home loan can be used for a number of purposes, including purchasing or building a new home, refinancing a current mortgage, repairing or improving your existing home, or installing home efficiency measures.

VETERANS SERVICE CORNER (CONTINUED)

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO EBENEFITS SITE

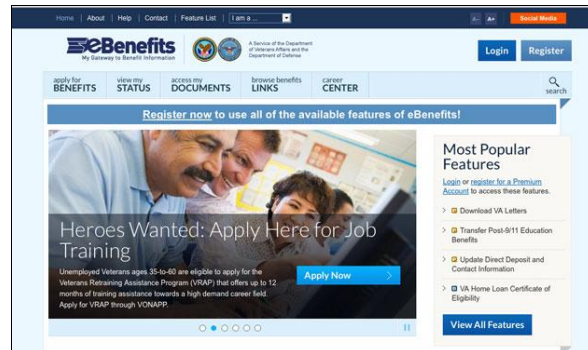
The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense have improved the functionality of eBenefits, a joint self-service web portal that provides registered users with secure online information and access to a variety of military and veterans benefits resources.

The latest release, eBenefits 4.3, allows for easy navigation of the online disability compensation claim submission process using interview-style questions and drop-down menus similar to tax-preparation software, instead of a traditional fill-in-the-blank form. The latest release also pre-populates the application with information from a veteran's record in VA's secure database. Veterans can view processing times for each phase of their claim.

Other site improvements include a tool to help determine if a veteran has eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits, a calculator for military reservists to determine retirement benefits, and a search function that identifies a claimant's appointed veterans service representative, with links to Google Maps indicating the location of their nearest representative's office. Service members and veterans also can access records like Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollment status, VA payment history and DoD TRICARE health insurance status.

The eBenefits application is a key component of VA's ongoing transformation to a digital environment for veterans' benefits delivery and fully supports VA's Veterans Relationship Management initiative that provides veterans with the ability to access information about their benefits anywhere, anytime, and empowers them to manage those benefits through self-service capabilities. Additional functionality and features will continue to be added to the site throughout the coming months.

To access eBenefits, veterans and service members must obtain a DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon), which provides access to several veterans and military benefits resources using a single username and password. The service is free and may be obtained in per-



son at a VA Regional Office, DoD ID Card station or online.

With the most-recent release, eBenefits has successfully completed 13 consecutive quarterly releases since October 2009 with 47 self-service features enabling service members and veterans the ability to download copies of their official VA and military correspondence, including veterans civil service preference, service verification, and benefits verification letters; military records; and VA home loan certificates of eligibility.

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To the Veterans of Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and any other Operation that put American lives on the line,

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To the Veterans of the Cold War, of peacetime efforts, of humanitarian relief efforts, of behind the scenes in-garrison efforts or to anyone else who laced up combat boots and served our country,

Thank You.

To the moms, dads, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, spouses, and widows of a Veteran,

Thank You.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **March 15th**—Legion Birthday
- ◆ **March 19th, 2003**—Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ◆ **April**—Children & Youth Month
- ◆ **April 6th, 1917**—US Entry into World War I
- ◆ **April 7th—13th**—American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week
- ◆ **April 15th**—American Legion Legacy Scholarship Applications Due
- ◆ **May 8th, 1945**—V-E Day
- ◆ **May 18th**—Armed Forces Day
- ◆ **May 27th**—Memorial Day

BILLS: continued

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armed Forces, who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent, to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt, and to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service.

Additional legislation introduced includes:

Stolen Valor Act: On Jan. 15, U.S. House Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev., introduced H.R. 258, the Stolen Valor Act of 2013. And on Feb. 4, Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., and Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., introduced a companion bill in the U.S. Senate. The Stolen Valor Act of 2013 would enhance current federal legislation that punishes those who falsely represent themselves as decorated military heroes. A provision in the proposed law would authorize criminal prosecution of those who lie about being awarded certain medals and decorations in order to gain veterans benefits.

The medals and decorations defined in the existing Stolen Valor Act are the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart. The proposed Stolen Valor Act of 2013 adds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Ribbon and Combat Action Medal.

Flag protection: On Jan. 23, Rep. Jo An Emerson, R-Mo., introduced House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.) 19, a bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. The American Legion has supported similar legislation since 1990, and has led efforts for passage of a constitutional amendment to protect the flag.

American Legion Family members are encouraged to contact their House members and ask them to become cosponsors of H.J. Res. 19. A Senate companion bill has not yet been introduced.

MEMBERS MEMORIES



Above: From left: Carol Sears, Sue Shellenberger and President, Marilyn Pew gear up for a night of working the Auxiliary BINGO Snack Bar. Looking for some good food at a great price? Come see the ladies on Tuesday nights!

Below: Post #34 Legion Riders, along with Veterans Service Officer, Bill Schulz and Post Commander, Jim Vollrath gather as Riders President, Dave Fluke, presents a \$1,000 check to Doug Hopwood. Doug is the program director of Victory House. The donated funds will go to refurbish housing units for homeless Vets. Way to go Riders for such successful fundraising!

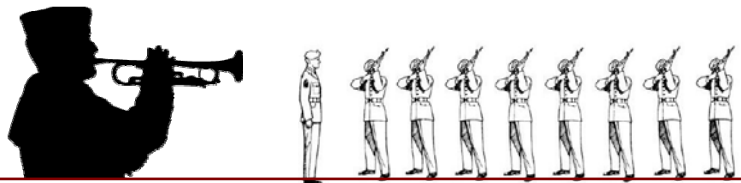


Are you ready for some Cornhole!? **Above,** several participants are enjoying a friendly tournament. Interested in throwing your beanbag in the ring? Post #34 now holds the tournaments every other Thursday evening. Come check it out!



Left: Veterans and their families from Victory House gather at Post #34 for another delicious meal provided by our hardworking Auxiliary ladies.

TAPS



“All is well, safely rest, God is nigh...” Remembering the members we’ve lost.

- **Thomas J. Amico**—Passed January 18th
US Navy veteran of WWII
- **William R. Dowlin III**
Son of Member, Dicky Dowlin
- **James R. Herzog**—Passed January 25th
US Army veteran
- **Ronald E McGuigan**—Passed February 15th
US Army veteran of Vietnam
- **John F. Meleizen, Jr.**—Passed February 15th
US Air Force veteran
- **Jacob E. Riehl**—Passed January 9th
- **Kenneth D. Riley**—Passed January 6th
US Navy veteran of WWII
- **Melvin E. Rineer**—Passed January 21st
- **William E. Sherman, Jr.**—Passed December 31st
US Army veteran of WWII
- **Benjamin T. Williams**—Passed February 4th
US Air Force veteran spanning the Korean and Vietnam wars
- **James T. Williams**—Passed January 23rd
US Navy veteran of Desert Storm

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ◆ **March 8th—10th (Friday—Sunday):** 2013 Women Veterans Symposium. Whyndam Hotel Gettysburg, PA. \$10.00 registration fee includes meals and lodging. Contact Marsha at (717) 861-8503.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 14th –9:00am—3:00pm:** Seminar: Understanding Military Culture, the Deployment Cycle, and Building Community Capacity to Assist Military Children. Offered by the Penn State Extension at Church of the Open Door in York, PA. FREE! (Limited to 50 participants) Register at <http://agsci.psu.edu/omk-rsg/york> or call (877) 489-1398.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 16th –9:00am—1:00pm:** Seminar: Understanding Your Returning Veteran. Offered by Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA. Call (215) 348-9080 to register.
- ◆ **March 22nd—24th (Friday—Sunday):** Homecoming Celebration for National SAL Commander, Chris Huntzinger. A week end of special events honoring Chris and welcoming him back to PA. Activities kick off with a PA Dutch Dinner & Entertainment at Post #272 in Linglestown on Friday evening followed by a series of fun-filled, family-friendly activities on Saturday and Sunday. Visit <http://www.legion.org/events/2013/03/22/national-commander-chris-huntzingers-homecoming> for more information.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 24th—1:00pm—3:00pm:** Children's Easter Party at Post #34. Sign-up sheet at canteen.
- ◆ **Monday, April 15th:** WEAR PURPLE for the 3rd Annual "Purple Up for Military Kids!" Day. The goal is for military youth to see the support of their community. Send photos of your purple attire to sjs52@psu.edu for posting on the State 4-H website.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 4th—**Legion Riders Pancake Breakfast and Ride. Additional details to be announced.
- ◆ **Saturday, June 15th—1:00pm—8:00pm:** Post #34 Legion Family/District #10 joint fundraiser. \$12/person or \$20/couple. Includes food, draft beer, soda and entertainment by the John King Dance Band from 4:00pm—8:00pm. Benefits various veteran programs.
- ◆ **April 12th—14th (Friday—Sunday):** Project Beacon Spring Retreat at Camp Victory in Millville, PA. Ages 5—17 with and without disabilities or special needs. Offered by Easter Seals and PA National Guard. Call (717) 901-3993 ext. 5396 to register.

ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Operation Military Kids (OMK): Eyes of a Military Child Creative Arts Contest.** Creative, innovative military kids should submit **artwork or poetry depicting the life of a military child**. Open to military children of currently serving and retired military personnel as well as siblings of currently serving military personnel in grades Pre-K through 12th. Selected submissions will be exhibited at the OMK Salute to the Military Child Family Fun Fair on April 7th at Penn State's Snider Agricultural Arena. **Cash prizes** for top 3 entries in each age category. Call (814) 865-2264 or email sjs52@psu.edu for more details.
- ◆ 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 600 phones**. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get us to that point. Keep them coming!!



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the Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders and Home Association organizations of Post #34. Their first task will be to plan our Memorial Day Ceremony and the gathering afterwards. Thanks to Todd Lovell for setting up our first meeting!

Lastly, please give to our food and miscellaneous donation boxes whose collections go to Lampeter United Methodist Church. They are providing up to 120 items per month for up to 6 months to four of our veteran families currently in distress.

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