



THE POST PATRIOT

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COMMANDER'S NOTE

To all Legion family members, greetings. We have gotten 2013 off to a fabulous start, and with a little tweaking I believe we can be unstoppable!

As head of the Activities Committee, I would like to extend a huge well done to Bill Schulz and his team members for the job they did with the roses ceremony for veterans on Memorial Day. Also to the Family members,—Auxiliary Unit 34, SAL Squadron 34, and Riders Chapter 34—**congratulations** on exceeding 100% in last year's membership. The Legionnaires snuck in under the wire and achieved 100+%.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heart felt gratitude for everyone's hard work. Please keep an eye out for information posted about the upcoming Commander's Ball and come out and thank Jere Axe for a job well done during some trying times. Please continue to support your Post and each other, and may God bless you all.

Respectfully,

James R. Vollrath
American Legion
Post #34 Commander
10th District

Right: Commander James Vollrath places roses on veteran's graves at Lancaster Cemetery during the Memorial Day Flowers event.



UPCOMING BANDS 8:00 PM—MIDNIGHT

June 14	Cheeze Brothers
June 21	SilverHawks
June 28	Underground Hotel
July 5	Back In Motion
July 12	Kracker Bees
July 19	Forget Harry
July 26	John King Dance Band
Aug 2	Pocketful O' Soul
Aug 9	SYRPLUS
Aug 16	Party Bombs
Aug 23	Nomads
Aug 30	Groove Dawgs



Letter from the editor

I have a lot of gratitude to extend this issue.

First, a BIG thank you to our Service Committee for

organizing the Memorial Day Flowers event at Lancaster Cemetery. We have already held a follow-up meeting and plan for an even bigger and better ceremony next year. Also thanks to our Legion Family for their help and support at the service and after-gathering at Post #34. I believe all that attended will remember Memorial Day 2013.

Special THANKS to our **Wounded Warrior Moving Team** who accomplished what I considered the impossible. With only two days notice by the PA State American Legion Dept., we were able to move a full (and I mean FULL) apartment 3 flights down to pack a moving truck. The recipient of our assistance was a young man, SPC Charles Molisani, who had been hit by I.E.D's numerous times requiring him to now undergo a series of surgeries at Walter Reed Hospital. His wife and two

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SAL CORNER



We have been hard at work since the last issue of the Post Patriot was published and there is lots to report on!

In May, we held a redecoration of the flag ceremony at Stevens Greenland Memorial Park (see photo to at right). We offer thanks to the Gettysburg Boy Scouts Drum and Fife Corps and the Lancaster Red Rose Honor Guard for their participation and conduction of the ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, Comcast, Inc. cut the grass and fixed many of the headstones and markers in need of repair. They've since pledged to continue that maintenance throughout this year which is wholeheartedly appreciated. Thank you Comcast employees!

Our next event will be Saturday, July 27th beginning at 1:00pm and is a fundraiser for Stevens Greenland. Tickets are available now for \$10/person and include food, soda, draft beer and entertainment by DJ King James at 1:00pm and SYRPLUS on stage from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Food will be served from 1:00pm until around 7:00pm. I hope many of you can join us for what promises to be a great event!

I'd like to take a moment to reflect back on the 4th Annual Fisher House fundraiser that the SAL and Legion Riders co-hosted on May 18th. It was a highly successful event with some fantastic BBQ chicken, cooked by Riders Dave Fluke & Greg Gramm, that was commended by all who had some. Hope you guys are ready to work your pit-magic at our next event! I know I'll be ready and waiting with a

plate (wink, wink). Also, many thanks to Sharon McNece and Carol Sears for pulling together the basket raffles. Your hard work directly contributed to the success of this fundraiser.

My gratitude also extends to the Legion Family organizations and the Post #34 members who support and attend all of our SAL events.



I want to take a moment to highlight SAL member, Sam Wilson, who procured 3 skids of cereal, snacks and cookies from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. That is a lot of much-needed food that has since been donated to various food-collection facilities that cater directly to veterans and their families. A big thanks goes out to Sam!

We have had **nominations and elections of our 2013-2014 SAL Officers**. These officers will be installed at our August meeting:

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

I would wish you luck, but I know you won't need it because you have myself and the Legion Family behind you!

In closing, I would like to **thank all Post #34 members for giving me the honor of serving as your SAL Commander**. I will continue to serve you as the District #10 Adjutant and look forward to helping with all SAL events at the Post.

To my new officers, **I'm proud of what we've done and know you will carry on and do even bigger and better things!** We're Post #34. It's what we do!

Respectfully,

Bill Middleton
 American Legion
 SAL Squadron #34 Commander

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

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.

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

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

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.

DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS

Are you aware of a deployed service member from Lancaster? The Auxiliary can provide a Blue Star Banner to be proudly displayed in the front window of their home.

Auxiliary can also provide assistance to the family. Do the children need a backpack for school? A uniform? Assistance with lunch costs? Just let us know and we will do our best to accommodate their needs!

COUNCIL NEWS

We are proud to announce that Unit #34 President, Marilyn M. Pew, has been elected as the new **Chester/Lancaster County Council** President for a 2-year term. Genevieve Malone, Unit #34 1st Vice President has also been elected to serve as 2nd Vice President for the Council. Congratulations to both!

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!

Auxiliary President, Marilyn M. Pew, led a POW/MIA ceremony at Highland Community on Memorial Day. Granddaughter and Junior Auxiliary member,



Abbi Macauley, distributed poppies to all in attendance along with the poem "In Flanders Fields".

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **No Auxiliary meeting in July or August:** We will reconvene on September 4th at 7:00pm in the Post #34 "pool" room.
- **Wednesday, July 3rd:** Country Fair at Coatesville VA Medical Center
- **Saturday, Sept. 14th:** Chester/Lancaster Council Meeting at 10:00am—12:30pm in the Post #34 Banquet Room

RIDERS ROAD



Dear Fellow Veterans & Supporters,

These past months the American Legion Riders of Post #34 have been busy raising funds for our Veterans. With your support of "Pat Shertzer's Bucket Wish", held on March 2nd, we were able to donate much needed funds to the Victory House of Lancaster.

The Pancake Breakfast held on May 4th was a success thanks to your donations and the hard work of my fellow Riders. The "Baskets of Cheer" were fun to make and raised additional monies for the Veterans programs we support.

The Fisher House Benefit on May 18th was a joint fundraiser between the Riders and SAL. Another successful event, it could not have been done without your support and donations.

May 27th, the Riders supported the Memorial Day Flowers ceremony, coordinated by the Post #34 Family and Flowers By Paulette, by directing traffic and distributing programs.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Riders for always pitching in and giving their all when called upon. I want them to know I truly appreciate their hard work

and efforts to make everything we do a success!

Thanks also to our Legion Family who donate their time and energies to help make our fundraisers successful.

Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month at 11:00am. New officers have been elected (see box below).

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

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, Sr.

Secretary: Ann Marie Fluke

Road Captain: Rich McCracken

Road Captain & Membership: Mark Shepard



Before (left) & After (right):

The Post #34 Riders donation of \$1,700 to the renovations of 17 units at Victory House has made a difference! Program Director, Doug Hopwood, provided these photos.

Way to go Riders!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #34 * DAVE FLUKE, PRESIDENT

A FUNNY THING...

A sergeant was passing the barracks after lights out when he heard voices from inside. He slammed open the door and shouted, "Listen, you guys! A few minutes ago you ALL heard me say 'Goodnight'. What you must realize is, as far as I'm concerned 'Goodnight' means 'SHUT UP!'"



The room instantly fell silent save a small voice from the darkness at the back of the room...

"Well in that case, goodnight, Sergeant".

LEGION UPDATE



VETERANS HEALTH CARE IN JEOPARDY

The American Legion is imploring Congress to take decisive action to resolve a growing veterans' health care access problem harming more than 340,000 veterans in 22 states.

Congress has worked to improve local medical access for veterans by authorizing and supporting more than 800 community-based clinics through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) since the 1990s. These are important facilities for the convenient, cost-effective primary care for millions of veterans.

Unfortunately a sudden policy shift by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has put the future Congressional authorization of more than 38 VA leases for major medical facilities on an indefinite hold.

This unexpected challenge won't resolve itself absent a decision from House and Senate leadership on whether Congress will continue to authorize new construction of local VA community-based outpatient clinics and other needed facilities. Without decisive action by House and Senate Leadership, the VA warns existing leases will expire,






clinics will close, and costs will increase as veterans travel further and wait longer for needed treatment.

Without an explicit decision on the fate of these promised clinics, the VA cannot adequately plan to meet the unique needs of veterans. Committee leaders with jurisdiction over the VA have pledged to solve this problem but the decision on Congressional budget rules falls on top leadership.

In these times of partisan strife, it's encouraging that Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu (LA) and Republican U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany (LA) are working together to issue a bipartisan, bicameral letter to House and Senate leadership requesting immediate action from both chambers of Congress to help retain and expand VA clinics around the nation. We need lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to sign on to the letter to send a strong message to leadership. Providing quality, timely and accessible health care should not be a partisan issue. We all can agree that veterans, from World War II vets to recently discharged veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan or on the home front, should get the medical services they need and deserve.

WAYS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

Following the American Legion on Facebook has never been easier, more fun or informative. You're invited to follow us on these pages, which range from general news to specific interests:

-  **The American Legion National Headquarters**—News and updates on the national commander, program information and deadlines
-  **The American Legion Online Update**—News feed featuring stories from Legion digital media as well as external stories, photos and videos of interest
-  **National American Legion Riders**—Legion Riders activities, announcements and accomplishments
-  **The American Legion Burn Pit**—Keep up with the Burn Pit blog site
-  **Citizens Flag Alliance**—News about the U.S. flag, including related legislation and The American Legion's efforts to protect it from desecration

WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR YOU

- ★ Participating in a workgroup with the Dept. of Energy and other agencies on veterans credentialing
- ★ Attending a hearing on the Keystone LX Pipeline and Small Business Jobs
- ★ Briefing National Press Club American Legion Post #20 on national office works and other legislative programs
- ★ Testifying before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and attending other related hearings
- ★ Meeting with a reporter from Insider Higher Education to discuss higher education policies and legislation
- ★ Meeting the Rep. Al Green's staff about the HAVEN Act
- ★ Providing guidance and training at the VA Regional Office in Togus, ME
- ★ Attending and providing testimony to the Senate Committee on pending health care legislation

VETERANS SERVICE CORNER

GI BILL FOR OLDER VETS

According to an AP report, the Senate may soon have the chance to vote on whether or not to remove the time limit for GI Bill benefits. Currently veterans have 10 years to use their Montgomery GI Bill (or 15 years to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill). The so-called delimiting date is determined by the veterans last discharge date.

Senator Richard Blumenthal announced his new bill on Tuesday May 28, saying the new bill that would repeal the "unfair and arbitrary time limits."

Blumenthal said more than 2 million veterans who missed the 10-year expiration date have been denied the benefits despite paying the required Montgomery GI Bill enrollment fee of \$1,200.

While the bill would not have an immediate effect on Post-9/11 vets, it would restore the GI Bill for many Vietnam, Cold-War, and Gulf-War era veterans who were unable to take advantage of their benefits within the 10 years after discharge.

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GET VETS IN-STATE TUITION RATES

Some veterans service organizations are calling for states to treat student veterans as residents for tuition and fee purposes. While several states offer tuition waivers or discounts to eligible veterans, less than ten states offer "in-state" tuition rates to veterans. The impact for transitioning veterans is out-of-pocket expenses which can be more than the actual in-state tuition. Most state schools charge as much as double the tuition for non-resident students, many veterans are forced to cover tuition and fees costs above that cap. Because the Post-9/11 GI Bill limits the tuition and fee payments to the school's in-state tuition and fees rate. This leads more student debt for veterans, and comes as an unhappy surprise to those who expect to have the GI Bill cover their full tuition.

The Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs recently introduced bipartisan legislation - the Bipartisan GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013 (H.R. 357) that would require state operated schools to charge veterans in-state tuition rates even though they may not be residents of the states where the schools are located. The requirement would apply to state schools which have programs which are eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs education programs under the GI Bill. This move could help veterans save thousands in out-of-pocket tuition expenses.

HOUSE PASSES TWO VETERANS BILLS

The House of Representatives passed two bills on May 21, the American Heroes COLA Act (H.R. 570) and the Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act (H.R.1412). H.R. 570 would permanently tie annual increases in veterans' disability compensation rates and other benefits to the cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for Social Security benefits. Disabled veterans would never have to depend on further congressional action to receive COLA adjustments; the increases would become automatic year to year. The other bill, H.R. 1412, would help veterans to use their GI Bill benefits for apprenticeships and on-the-job training.

American Legion National Commander James E. Koutz said he appreciated these most recent efforts by Congress to help America's veterans, and that it needs to keep moving in the right direction. "The House also needs to pass



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VETERANS SERVICE CORNER (CONTINUED)

OBAMA SIGNS NEW STOLEN VALOR ACT

President Obama on Monday signed into law the latest version of the Stolen Valor Act, which makes it a federal crime for people to pass themselves off as war heroes by wearing medals they didn't rightfully earn.

The legislation passed both houses of Congress with overwhelming majorities.

An earlier version, passed in 2005, was struck down in June 2012 when the Supreme Court ruled that lying about military heroics was constitutionally protected speech unless there was intent to gain some benefit or something of value by fraud.

The law signed Monday at the White House includes such a provision, making it illegal to make the claims with the intent to obtain money, property or other tangible benefits.

Veterans organizations were quick to applaud Congress and the President for acting quickly on the amended version of the law.

"I think this was necessary because people were using it to receive the benefits of decorations of valor, and they were getting monetary benefit from it," said John Stovall, director of national security and foreign relations for The American Legion. "That's why we supported the amended version, not to infringe on anyone's First Amendment rights but to protect the reputation and meaning of the decorations."

The 2005 law made its way to the Supreme Court after a California man challenged his conviction and \$5,000 fine for unlawfully claiming to be a Medal of Honor recipient. The court declared the law unconstitutional unless the fabricator intended to get something of value by making the claims.

William "Bill" Hillar of Maryland spent years claiming to have been a Special Forces soldier with expertise in human trafficking and counter-terrorism. Colleges and universities paid him to teach classes, and law enforcement organizations paid to hear his presentations.

But the charge that got Hillar sentenced to 21 months in

federal prison was wire fraud, not the 2005 Stolen Valor Act. Among Hillar's claims was that he went on a one-man search for a daughter kidnapped and sold into slavery; the story was the basis for the Liam Neeson film "Taken."

He was arrested finally in Jan. 2011 after his scam was exposed by veterans through the website ProfessionalSoldiers.com.

The Stolen Valor Act of 2013 was introduced into the House by Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev., who has said the awards, like the men and women who earned them, are worthy of respect.

Other lawmakers shared Heck's sentiment. "I'm very happy the President signed the Stolen Valor Act," said Rep. Paul Cook, R-Calif., a retired Marine colonel. "The new law ensures that we protect and honor veterans and the sacrifices they've made. When people make false claims of military rank and heroism, it does a tremendous disservice not only to our vets, but to the public."



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MEMBERS MEMORIES

Memorial Day Flowers ceremony photos courtesy of Studio 52: We Love Art Now 📷



Left: Attendees and guest speakers listen as Flowers By Palette representative and Post #34 member, Jack Shenk, delivers the opening remarks at the Memorial Day Flowers Ceremony.



Above: The Lancaster US Army Recruiting Station Future Soldiers prepare to fold and present the flag to conclude the ceremony.

Right: Cheyenne places a single red rose on the grave of a soldier who gave all.



Left: U.S. Army Reserves 1185th DDSB Honor Guard present the flag at the start of a Memorial Day ceremony to be remembered.



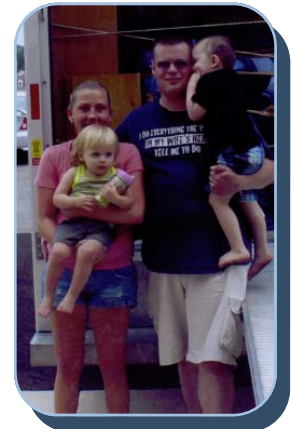
Above: SAL Commander, Bill Middleton, graciously takes skids of donated cereal, snacks and cookies into his warehouse so they can be broken down and sorted for ultimate donation to various veterans organizations. (see Letter from the Editor)



Above: Looks like Anabelle Huffman, daughter of bartender Sammy, has quite the green thumb and a great start on her Welcome Home Seed Packets vegetable garden. Way to go Anabelle!



Above: The Wounded Warrior Moving Crew from left: Charles Middleton, Dave Hoover, SPC Charles Molisani, Bill Schulz, Todd Lovell, Tammy Lyons, John Strandburg & Bill Middleton. Not pictured: Linda & Adam Schulz Thanks to all!



Above: SPC Charles Molisani, his wife Ashley and their two children.

5 SIMPLE WAYS TO THANK A VETERAN TODAY

A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life. Regardless of potential political views, that is an honor. Too many people in this country no longer remember that fact.

I've always liked that description because it elicits so much meaning in so few words. This is what I would like your goal to be today. Do something simple that will mean so much to the veterans around you. Here are five simple ways to make that happen.



- ★ **Say Thank You**—Just the simple act of saying “Thank you for your service” goes a long way with veterans. Throw in a hand shake and you’re bound to see a smile on their face. It will all be worth it!
- ★ **Volunteer**—Do something for veterans in your community. Think about it. What is an hour of your time compared to the sacrifices they have made? Attend a monthly meeting at your Post (Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary Riders) to find out how you can contribute to our veterans and the community.
- ★ **Donate**—Make a small donation to any of the fantastic organizations out there that help veterans each and every day. Support Post #34 or your local Post in the fundraising endeavors for our veterans.
- ★ **Pay for Lunch**—I remember having lunch with another Vietnam veteran when a total stranger came up to our table, thanked us for our service and paid for our meal. It felt so good to get that unsolicited recognition.
- ★ **Never Forget**—One of the biggest things you can do, and I think all of my veteran brothers and sisters will agree with me, is to make the most out of the gift you’ve been given. Our freedoms have been paved with the sacrifices of our military veterans. They sacrificed for all of us to enjoy those freedoms in this great country. Let us not ever forget or take that for granted.

-Written by Bill Schulz

TAPS



Remembering the veterans we've lost.

- **Russell Lee Snyder**—Passed March 7th
US Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam
- **John E. Weaver**—Passed March 25th
US Marine Corps veteran of WWII
- **Abram S. "Abe" Funk**—Passed April 4th
US Air Force veteran of Vietnam
- **Donald R. Roehm**—Passed April 4th
US Army veteran of Korea
- **William E. Mehaffey**—Passed April 25th
US Marine Corps veteran
- **Michael L. Elmire**—Passed April 27th
US Navy veteran of Vietnam
- **David W. Brill**—Passed April 29th
Brother of Legionnaire member, Timothy Brill
- **Charles F. Ressler**—Passed May 1st
US Navy veteran of WWII
- **John I. Eby**—Passed May 12th
US Army veteran of Korea
- **Lawrence Dalessandri**—Passed May 25th
US Army veteran of Vietnam
- **John R. "General" Slaymaker, Sr.**—Passed May 31st

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its Integrated Mental Health Care Act,” Koutz said, “so that veterans won’t suffer because a contract for services has expired and VA hasn’t noticed. The difference between renewing the contract of a mental health provider on time, or letting it lapse, could be the difference between survival or suicide for one of our veterans. Koutz also encouraged the House to pass its Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act. This bill would ensure that veterans get access to VA health care within 30 days - instead of many months, which is often the case. “We would much rather see a 14-day time limit, but we’ll take 30,” Koutz said. “Again, in many cases, we are talking about a matter of life and death. Veterans who are kept waiting too long for VA mental-health services will sometimes take their own lives in despair.”

UPCOMING EVENTS



- ◆ **1st Sunday of every 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.
- ◆ **Sunday, June 30th:** Fireworks at Longs Park. Avoid the traffic, **bring your lawn chair and watch from the Post #34 parking lot.** **Light fare provided** from 6:00pm—9:00pm.
- ◆ **Saturday, July 6th—9:30am:** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1008 Chicken BBQ. Martin's Country Store, Rt. 322W, Ephrata, PA
- ◆ **Saturday, July 27th—2:00pm—10:00pm:** Stevens Greenland Veterans Memorial Park Fundraiser hosted by the SAL of Post #34. \$10\ticket includes food, soda, draft beer and entertainment by DJ King James and live band, SYRPLUS. Proceeds benefit Veterans from the Civil, Spanish American, WWI & II, Korean and Vietnam Wars as well as the Buffalo Soldiers.
- ◆ **Sunday, August 11th—9:00am—2:00pm:** Legion Riders Post #466 Round Robin. Sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association. Participants do not need to be members. Contact Sam Brinton at 717-898-0871 or Skeeter Hartmant at 717-413-1208
- ◆ **August 16th—18th (Friday—Sunday):** Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club 21st Annual Camp Out & Party. Routes 35 & 850, Reeds Gap, PA. Gates open at 12:00pm on Friday. \$40/person (\$30 after 1:00pm on Sunday). Includes 2 nights camping, unlimited beverages & entertainment. See Stan Mateja for advance tickets (\$35/person). Call 610-370-9798 or email rufusvvn@aol.com for more information.
- ◆ **Sunday, August 18th—11:00am—4:00pm:** Thunderbird Motorcycle Club Carnival Run. Fallen Members Memorial Ride. Call 717-577-2842 for more information.
- ◆ **Sunday, August 25th—1:30pm:** Helping Our Homeless Veterans Day at the Ballpark. Clipper Magazine Stadium. The Lancaster Barnstormers will play the York Revolution. For more information call Lancaster County Commissioner Craig Lehman at 717-394-4456 or email clehman.lancaster@gmail.com or contact the Box Office at 717-509-HITS.

ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **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 or visit 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.
- ◆ **Operation Military Kids (OMK) Welcome Home Seed Packets:** Still available in the Post #34 Lobby. It's not to late too start your summer garden!
- ◆ 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 650 phones**. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get us to that point. Keep them coming!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **June**—June is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month
- ◆ **June 14th**—Flag Day
- ◆ **June 25th, 1950**—Start of Korean War
- ◆ **July 4th**—Independence Day
- ◆ **July 27th, 1953**— End of Korean War
- ◆ **August 2nd, 1990**—Invasion of Kuwait/Operation Desert Shield
- ◆ **August 5th, 1964**—Gulf of Tonkin incident
- ◆ **August 7th**—Purple Heart Day & American Legion Baseball regional tournaments
- ◆ **August 14th, 1945**—V-J Day
- ◆ **August 16th**—87th American Legion Baseball World Series

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young children will move to Ft. Meade to be closer to him while he goes through this process. A job WELL DONE to the moving crew for making this possible for them!

Working with Sam Wilson and Bill Middleton, we were able to procure 3 skids of mixed cereal, snacks and cookies. Donor wishes to remain anonymous. Bill picked up and stored them at his business until they could be sorted and distributed to Victory House, Lampeter United Methodist Church and Milagro Houses.

Thanks to donations from our Legion Family programs (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) along with members Bob Horst, Bob Long and Jack Shenk, we raised \$2,650 to support our Legion Baseball team. Each entity contributed \$500. Because the J.P. McCaskey HS team made it to District championships, look for a revised Legion team schedule and **please come out and support our team!**

And finally, thank you for supporting our Post Patriot, a soon to be **award-winning publication!**

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