



LEGION-AIRES

MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

For God and Country

April 2015

Post Commander's Message

Where did the time go? A lot has happened this past year. Too much to itemize but not so much that I can't say that I am a better person for having been your Commander.

A slate of officers, developed by our Executive Board, will be presented at the April membership meeting. Now is the time to attend that meeting and nominate other competent Post members to compete for these offices.

Competition is important so that we can build on our strengths. We have different management styles but that does not keep us from working as a close unit. Whatever the outcome, no current officer will give less than 100% support to the new officers.

God bless all of you and your families.

CMDR Jack T. Smith

Adjutant:

Post 246 would like to thank Rick Schomer for his services as the Post Adjutant the past few years. His expertise at this position will be greatly missed. Thank you, Rick.

On 3/10/2015, Tom Behl was asked by Commander Jack Smith to take the position of Post Adjutant, and he accepted the challenge.

The Post still has over 100 members who haven't paid their 2015 Dues. So if you haven't done so, please pay them now. If you have any questions concerning membership, please contact me at alpost@alpost246moline.org or Commander Jack Smith at (309) 236-4163. Thank you for your support.

The April 27, 2015 Membership Meeting is your chance to be involved in selecting next year's Post Officers. The post will be taking nominations for each of the officer positions during this meeting. The election will be held at the May Membership Meeting and the newly elected officers will be sworn in during the July Membership Meeting. This is your post, please be there and get involved.

REMINDER: Annual Dues will be going up for the 2016 membership year to \$40.

Tom Behl - Post Adjutant

Honor Guard Commander:

The American Legion Post 246 Honor Guard closed out calendar year 2014 having provided Military Honors for 251 Comrades. You'll be happy to know we are still accepting new members on the squad. In addition to new "bodies" we are desperately hoping for the return of former members that haven't been able to participate for various reasons. Please come back - we need you.

The Honor Guard is a DoD Certified Honor Guard to render final military honors to our departed veterans. Participation in the honor guard is on an "as available" basis. No full time commitment is necessary. Uniforms and training will be provided.

If you are interested in joining this elite group please contact Honor Guard Commander James Joseph at: (309)781-5201 or jrj4733@aol.com

Poppy Day distributions are here again and I need your support! Below you will find the times/dates/places and number of volunteers I need to help. I am in need of either the Legionnaires and/or Post Auxiliary to donate a couple of hours to ensure we have a successful distribution. Helping distribute poppies in our area will help our veterans that need our support, For more information or to help please contact; Rick Schomer, Post Poppy Chairman at; 309-558-0712.

Friday May 15th at Moline Walmart from 9:00am to 12:30 two volunteers

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Saturday May 16th at HY-VEE 7th Street 9:00am to 12:30 two volunteers

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All poppy canisters will be picked up from Rick Schomer or his designated son at a location to be determined; you will be notified the first week in May.

Taps were played for:

Robert Akin, Gary Bonggren, John Callio, Mahlon Carlsten, Bill Dhamers, Jack Floming, Landis Garrison, Bernard Gregory Donnie Harris and Sherman Scherer

May their souls rest in peace and watch over us and keep us safe. Farewell comrades. Keep their family in your prayers.

Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

The American Legion Auxiliary would like you to attend our meetings on the Fourth Monday of every month at the VFW Post on Seventh Street in Moline at 7P.M.

Our Bake No Bake Sale is still going on so if you want to donate we would appreciate the gift. We will be helping the Post with Poppy sales in May. We are buying shirts with the Legion emblem so people will know who we are and what we stand for. Our nominations are in April and if you have a candidate that you would like to endorse please come and let your voice be heard. Our elections will be in May

Looking forward to seeing old friends and new faces.

Jan Frey -Secretary

Post 246 would like to thank the following vendors for their support of our post:

Advance Business System of Moline for printing the Quarterly Newsletter the past year.

JV Direct Mail Moline for fixing address labels to the newsletter and cost of postage for the last two Quarterly Newsletters

Home Depot Davenport for supplies to assist in repairs of our post home.

Thank you so much for your support.

2014-2015 Elected and Appointed Officers:

Commander - Jack Smith
 Senior Vice Commander - James Joseph
 Junior Vice Commander - Andy Jones
 Adjutant - Tom Behl
 Finance Officers - James Joseph/Jack Smith
 Chaplain - Howard Koch/Jack Smith
 Sergeant-at-Arms - Howard Koch
 Service Officer - Thomas Marc kese
 Historian -

2014-2015 Auxiliary Elected and Appointed Officers:

President - Julie Schomer
 First Vice President - Dion Firch
 Second Vice President - Chris Carlson
 Secretary/Chaplain - Jan Frey
 Treasurer - Connie Mohr-Wright
 Historian - Elayne Hogan
 Sergeant-at-Arms - Millie Bowling

Post 246 Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to exceed the expectations of our membership in providing an atmosphere of camaraderie for all veterans.

This includes sharing information and working with related organizations to provide support and assistance to all veterans, active duty military and their families.

Our focus is on the future with remembering and observing past sacrifices.

Remember this is the last time the Newsletter will be mailed. After this the Quarterly Newsletter may be viewed on the Post 246 website at:

www.alpost246moline.org

Future Newsletters will be sent out by E-mail to members we have addresses on file for.

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Post Calendar for April 2015:

- 27-April-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting
 - Nomination of Post Officers
- 18-May-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting
 - Election of Post Officers
- 25-May-2015 - Memorial Day Ceremony
 - More Information to come

Membership meetings are the 4th Monday of the month and are currently being held at Moline VFW Post 2153 1721 7th Street in Moline.

Updated e-mail addresses:

Thank you to those who furnished their email address to the Post.

We are still accepting e-mail address from members who have an email address. Please send it to us, we will use it for sending out American Legion news items and the Post Newsletter. The cost of printing and mailing our newsletter comes to several hundred dollars each mailing. If we could reduce the number of mailings by using email, it would help our post save money. We will NOT give out your email address to anyone. This information will remain confidential. To assist us please send your updated email address to alpost@alpost246moline.org. Thank you for your support.