



LEGION-AIRES

MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

For God and Country

April 2016

Post Commander's Message:

The next four months (April - July) will determine the level of competency at which we will be able to operate. Our objectives are as follows: Elect and install a complete slate of officers. Approve a complete revision of our bylaws. Establish a financial budget for fiscal year 2017. Responsibly increase our membership. The ground work in these areas has already been established by four competent standing committees. We strongly suggest that you attend as many of the next few meetings as you can to fulfill the required election and bylaw approval processes. Thank all of you fellow legionnaires for your assistance over the past two years. All comments, positive as well as negative, were taken seriously.

God bless the United States of America.

Jack T. Smith, Commander
American Legion Post 246

Honor Guard Commander:

Love this time of the year. Do we need heavy coats, light jackets or raincoats. Can't decide -- take all three. As of April 4, 2016 the Squad has provided Military Honors for 50 departed Comrades (14 were members of our post).

We had the honor of firing the rifle salute at the National Cemetery in observance of the 50th year anniversary of the Vietnam War. It was a great presentation. The speaker was interesting (and short). The balloon release, in wind gusts of up to 58 MPH was a flop. Most of them are lodged in trees on the Arsenal Island. Should have used plan B.

We finally got the big Legion Emblem off the wall in front of our former home. Whitey Schomer made a frame to protect it and it is now safely stored with the rest of the stuff we have no place for.

James Joseph
Honor Guard Commander
(309)781-5201 or jjr4733@aol.com

Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

On March 28th, 2016 we were pleased to have Doris Kilkenny, 14th District President as our guest. We want to improve the attendance at our monthly meetings so we welcomed her input on everything. With weather improving, hopefully more ladies will be able to attend.

I will welcome any and all suggestions for money making projects. Although we are limited for space perhaps we could do something. The VFW has offered the uses of their hall if we need it.

We have several members whose health is declining. Ethel Perez, Ruth Adams and Gert Myers. I am sure they would like to receive a card or a note. If you need a address you can contact Jan Frey or Millie Bowling. Wait for more news next time. See ya

Millie Bowling
President

Finance Officer:

Our financial situation at the present time is good and we are working to keep ourselves on sound footing. We need to continue with good judgment on decisions that concern our Post and it's future. We are striving to increase our membership both active and inactive and hope to have more of an active participation at our membership meetings. Our Post 246 financial health is based on the dues received from our members each year. As we continue to increase our membership, we also increase our financial situation and increase the health of our Post. Thank you for your membership and participation and may we continue to prosper as a Post.

Dale Brahm
Post 246 Financial Officer

Blood Donors:

Your body replenish' a donated pint of blood in 24 hours. Donors are always needed. If you can donate please do. Code 585 credits the Legion.

Taps were played for:

Member	Branch of Service	Date of Burial
Paul Porter	Army WWII	02/22/2016
Richard Bailey	Army WWII	02/25/2016
Robert Noe	Army Korea	02/26/2016
John Danay	Army WWII	03/09/2016
George Williams	Navy WWII	03/23/2016
Roy McGuire	Army WWII	03/24/2016
	Air Force Korea	
Donald Lanpher	Marine Corp WWII	04/04/2016

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

Veterans Awareness Walk 22:

The walk is to make awareness within our Community, State and Nation that "22" Veterans "END" their lives daily in the United States. The walk will consist of; 5K (3.2) miles through Milan, IL. On April 30th, 2016, time; 1000am, Location: Milan American Legion, 515 1st Ave West, Milan, IL 61264. The walk includes; T-Shirt, Water, fruit and a really good time. All proceeds will be given to the Department of Illinois American Legion to support all veterans in Illinois. Let's walk together so that we can make our Communities, State and Nation aware of what "22" Means.

All donations and Registration for walk can be mailed to; P.O. Box 1066, Milan, IL 61264, Attn: Awareness Walk

Registration and donations for the walk can be done early or at walk site. A lunch will be provided by the Milan American Legion for a fee. Pledge cards and T-Shirt Form or more Information can be obtained on Face Book "Veterans Awareness Walk 22" or by calling; Rick Schomer (309) 558-0712 or E-Mail: rrschomer@gmail.com

Post Web Page:

Please visit Post 246 Web Pages at alpost246moline.org.

Also use the link to visit our facebook page.

Chaplain's Corner:

My fellow Legionnaires, I pray our newsletter will find all of you in great health. Please remember one of our legionnaire, Elsie Moyer in your prayers, as she has had a hard time lately. In January she had eye surgery then on Feb 18th she had her left knee replaced and on March 17th she had her right knee replaced. I hear from Elsie on the 24th of March and she is doing great, but keep her in your prayers. I want to thank all of you for your support of the American Legion and for GOD and COUNTRY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

In Christ's love
Harry C Scarff Sr.
(309) 428-3330

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. You can sign up for a shift at the April 25, 2016 Membership Meeting.

Friday May 20th at Moline Walmart from 9:00am to 12:30 two volunteers

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Friday May 20th at HYVEE 7th Street 9:00am to 12:30pm two volunteers

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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.

2015-2016 Elected and Appointed Officers:

Commander: Jack Smith
 Senior Vice Commander: Jim Joseph
 Vice Commander: Open
 Finance Officer: Dale Brahm
 Chaplain: Harry Scarff
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Nick Huyten
 Service Officer : Open
 Historian: Open
 Adjutant: Tom Behl

2015-2016 Auxiliary Elected and Appointed Officers:

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

Post Calendar for April 2016:

- 25-April-2016 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting
 Post Officers Nominations

Post Calendar for May 2016:

- 23-May-2016 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting
 Post Officers Election

Post Calendar for June 2016:

- 27-June-2016 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

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

Adjutant:

Election of Post 246 officers will be held at the Membership meeting Monday May 23, 2016 at 7:00PM. Any Post 246 member in good standing is eligible to seek and hold elected office. Elected offices to be filled by ballot include Commander, Sr and Jr Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Sergeant of Arm, Historian and Chaplain. Candidates for elected office should be nominated by a Post member in good standing at the Membership meeting Monday April 25, 2016. Please come to be a part of this important event.

Tom Behl
 Post Adjutant

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.

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.