



LEGION-AIRES

Moline American Legion Post 246

For God and Country

December 2016

Post Commander's Message:

My fellow legionaires, I have been elected to serve as your Post Commander. First of all, I want to thank our past commander, Jack Smith, for the great job he has done for us the last two years. With the help of our newly elected officers we will follow in the direction Jack has started us on and that is to respond to the needs of our veterans and to our community. As the new in commander, and Jack as outgoing commander, we both requested an internal audit of our financial statements for post 246, this was done on August 29th, 2016. Everything was in great order, and I want to thank Dale for the great job he is doing for our post. We are fast approaching the holidays and I want to remind everyone to pause to give thanks for what you have. I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

God bless the United States of America.

For God and Country

Harry C. Scarff Sr. Commander

American Legion Post 246

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

Honor Guard Commander:

As of 30 November the post honor guard has provided military honors for 189 departed comrades.

Albert Aubry, a member of our honor guard for fifty plus years, passed away on 15 November. He hadn't been able to participate with the squad for several months, because of health problems. He was 95. He will be missed.

The media continues to refer to our rifle salute as a "21 gun salute". For years I thought it was because they probably had never served in the military, but now the term is starting to show up in veteran's publications. The honor guards in our area have done thousands of military funerals over the years, and not one of them ever gave a "21 gun salute". A three volley rifle salute – yes, a 21 gun salute – no.

There are still a few former members of the squad that have not turned in their uniforms. We really would appreciate it if you would drop them off at the Moline VFW, 1721 7th Street, Moline Anytime after 12:00 noon). If that is not convenient call 309-762-0934 and tell us when and where we can pick them up. Thanks for that.

We have added two member's since the last newsletter: Tim Warren and Paula DeDoncker.

James Joseph

Honor Guard Commander

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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.



Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

Greetings to the Home Bound from your auxiliary members. Ruth Adams is a guest at Amber Ridge Care Center. Gerti Myer is still with her family out west. Mary Rizzalo is receiving P.T. to improve her health following her accident.

Due to budget problems your auxiliary will no longer pay membership dues for those over 80 years old. You may contact Julie Schomer (membership chair) for more information. Yearly dues are \$20.00.

“No Bake Sale”

The bake sale has been delayed and we hope to have one next year.

A ? “Thanks” to V.F.W. for Giving us space for our meetings.

Wishing everone a happy and safe Holidays.

Millie Bowling

President

Moline Auxiliary

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Auxiliary Officers for 2016-2017

President—Millie Bowling

Vice President—Dian Firch

2nd Vice President—Chris Carlson

Secretary—Jan Frey

Treasurer—Connie Mohr Wright

Chaplan—Ronna Stickrod

Membership—Julie Schomer

Sargent at Arms—Vickie Barzich

Historian—Elayne Hogan

Chaplain's Corner:

Well Legionaires before you know it, it will be Christmas, and then we are in a new year. During this past year I had the opportunity to pray with some of you, also eight weeks ago I stopped in to visit with Bob Widner at Heartland, we had a great visit, and two weeks ago, I stopped by to see Bob again, but he was released and had gone home. Bob is now cancer free, but keep him in your prayers. Emmett Frey is currently at Heartland receiving PT. Keep him in your prayers. If I can be of service to any of you, please call me anytime. I want to thank all of you for your service to this great nation. For God and Country, and God Bless all of you.

In Christ's Love

Harry C Scarff Sr.

Service Officer:

I am your Service Officer. If you need assistance in Legion or VA matters contact me at (309) 737-6536. I can also be contacted at our meetings on the forth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 2153, 1721 7th Street, Moline Illinois.

Service Officer

Howard Koch



We are currently distributing the newsletter via email only. If you know a post member that is not receiving the newsletter and they have an email address please send their information to alpost@alpost246moline.org.

Due to the holidays our regularly scheduled meeting for December 26th has been canceled.