



LEGION-AIRES

MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

For God and Country

January 2015

Post Commander's Message

We are phasing out our printed newsletter. Printing and mailing is becoming too expensive. Our last printed newsletter will be in the spring of 2015. All newsletters after that will only be accessible online.

"RUHL COMMERCIAL" will handle the sale of our Post home. Over the past few months we have made several improvements designed to make our property more marketable. These include repairs to our roof, basement and office areas. We have reduced our expenses to a manageable level. Some expenses we have postponed until closing. These include lawyer fees, CPA fees and VVA loan. Where do we go from here? We can continue to use the VFW facilities for only so long. Do we purchase, lease or rent? Do we stay in Moline? What considerations do we have to take into accounts with each of these options? More questions than answers. Come to your membership meetings and let your voice be heard.

God bless America
Commander Jack Smith

Senior Vice Commander:

Keeping your family's files current. Veterans does your family know where your files and important papers are? If you died tomorrow, would they know where your financial accounts are, what insurance you carried and other important documents to include your DD214. Without these documents you and your family could miss out on certain benefits to include your burial benefits you've earned and deserve. Please put those documents together and let family members know where they are. Pass this information on to your friends.

James Joseph - Senior Vice Commander

Adjutant:

Greetings everyone, this is an update of the information I had given you back in the Fall of 2014 about increasing the Post Membership Dues. Please remember that our Department Headquarters had raised the per capita per member last year at State convention and this was a trickle-down effect for post to either raise or stay for 2015. We had decided to stay for one year to give our members time to get information on the increase and to hold a membership meeting(s) to discuss this increase.

We held membership meetings to discuss regular business and this topic had been mentioned in those meetings. During the November 2014 Regular Membership Meeting, membership had made a decision; A motion on the floor was made to raise our dues from \$30.00 to \$40.00; and with a second and very little discussion, we approved the motion and raised the current dues from \$30.00 to \$40.00 beginning with the 2016 membership year and for all years to follow. So Starting with the dues notice for Summer 2015 you will be asked to pay \$40.00 versus \$30.00 for your post 246 membership. Thank you

Rick Schomer - Post 246 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

Past Honor Guard Members:

If you still have your uniform, please contact Honor Guard Commander James Joseph at (309)781-5201 or jrj4733@aol.com to schedule a time and place to turn it in. As the group grows, we are in need of more uniforms. At this time the post is not in a financial position to purchase new ones. Thank you for your support.

Taps were played for:

Irving Anderson Jr, Henry E. Donis, Arthur P. Farrance,
Jack Floming, Raymond Lamansky, David Milett Jr,
Donald Phillis, Daniel Roman and James Williams

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:

Happy New Year Everyone

A start of new beginnings. We would like for you to attend our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at the VFW on Seventh Street in Moline at 7 P.M. In order to conduct our business we need the support of our members. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 23..

Jan Frey
Secretary

Illinois Boys State 2015:

Post 246 is sponsoring a Moline High School student who will attend the Illinois Boys State 80th Annual Session to be held June 13 - 19, 2015 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. We are still looking to sponsor one more student, so if you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact Doug Bodeen in the MHS Counselors' Office (743-8824).

This sponsorship was made possible by personal donations. So if you are interested in growing the Post's Children and Youth Programs, please send a donation. Thank you for your support.

2014-2015 Elected and Appointed Officers:

Commander - Jack Smith
 Senior Vice Commander - James Joseph
 Junior Vice Commander - Andy Jones
 Adjutant - Rick Schomer
 Finance Officers - Rick Schomer/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.

Post 246 on the Web

Please visit Post 246 Web Pages at alpost246moline.org.
Also use the link to visit our facebook page.

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Post Calendar for February 2015:

- 23-Feb-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

Post Calendar for March 2015:

- 23-Mar-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

Post Calendar for April 2015:

- 27-April-2015 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.

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.