



LEGION-AIRES

MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

For God and Country

July 2015

Post Commander's Message

I have been elected to serve another year (2016) as your Post Commander. Since June of 2014 we have pursued a policy designed to separate us from a Post Home that is too large and too expensive for us to maintain. Through volunteers efforts and much support from our members, we have been able to tread water. We must now face the reality that volunteerism can only go so far. To date we have worked with two realtors to try and find a fit for our facility. We have not been able to do so. We are now working with an auction company to reach out to other potential purchasers. We are working to get a fair market price for our Post. The specifics were discussed at our June membership meeting and approved by the membership as presented by our Executive Board. Volunteers will be needed this summer as never before. Please consider helping us. Contact me at 309-236-4163 so that we can schedule necessary work details.

Installation of Post Officers will be at 1900 hours on Monday, July 27, 2015. Moline VFW Post 2153 is providing their home for the installation Ceremony. Please attend if you can and meet your fellow American Legion Officers and members.

God bless all of you and your families

Jack T. Smith, Commander
American Legion Post 246

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 jj4733@aol.com

Post 246 on the Web

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

Poppy Day Chairperson

The Post and Auxiliary working together collected \$1998.00 this year from poppy distribution. Thank you for your support. The following letter was sent to the Rock Island Dispatch and Argus for print.

"The Moline American Legion Post 246 Family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL) would like to thank everyone within the community of Moline, IL for their contributions/donations during our Poppy Distribution days on May 15th and 16th 2015 and we include a very special thank you to Wal-Mart, Fareway and 7th Street HY-VEE for allowing us to make this happen. The donations accepted from the distribution of poppies on those dates will be re-donated to the; American Legion Gifts for Yanks Program for Illinois Veterans, Veterans Homes in; Quincy and LaSalle, Illinois and to the Veterans while Hospitalized at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa."

For any questions please don't hesitate in calling me at; 309-558-0712 or send correspondence to; 4010 30th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

For God and Country,

Rick Schomer, Poppy Chairperson

Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

Our Legion Auxiliary Unit 246 will be installing officers on Monday, July 27. We are looking forward to working with each other.

We would welcome old and new members to be with us. We are hoping the Auxiliary will be able to continue.

Presently, because we are unable to meet at the Legion, we were given a space at the VFW.

There are a few things we have in mind to continue and increase our membership. As we go ahead, work and help our goal is a new home in the future. From our members we need new ideas. I know we will remain strong, if we work together. Poppy Day's were very good, because of donations of the public. The Auxiliary worked with the Post members on this very important program.

Submitted by
Incoming President
Millie Bowling



Post 246 Honor Guard during the 2015 Memorial Service held 5/25/2015 at the Rock Island National Cemetery.

Senior Vice Commander:

Where does time go? As I prepare this submittal it is the last day of June. The Honor Guard has provided military honors for 125 departed comrades plus fired the rifle salute at Rock Island National Cemetery on 5//25/2015 in observance of Memorial Day. At that observance the local newspaper accidentally took our picture and published it the next day. We're pretty sure they thought we were someone else.

It's hard to put in words what a great bunch of guys we currently have on the squad. All are highly skilled, motivated and in most cases potty trained. More credit should be given to the spouses. They end up doing chores that normally would be done by their husband, if they weren't out honoring a fellow Veteran. As big a sacrifice as that seems, we do occasionally receive a thank you note (usually anonymous) thanking the post for getting their husband out from underfoot.

We are fortunate to have the finest "live" bugler in the area (Tracy Hepner). It is a little disturbing however, to occasionally be referred to as "Tracy's' group" instead of Post 246.

Well, enough of this crap for now. Hope you had your boots on.

Jim Joseph
Senior Vice Commander
American Legion Post 246

Taps were played for:

Gilbert Heyvaert

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

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Blood Donors:

Did you know just one pint of your blood can help save the life of three people. Credit your donation to American Legion Post 246 by using code 585. Thank you for your support.

Chaplain's Corner:

Hello my fellow legionnaires, as your chaplain, I look forward to serving post 246. I pray our Almighty Father will shower all of us with His Grace which we don't deserve and for peace and strength for our everyday life as we serve GOD and Country. Please call me if you need prayer or if you are in the hospital. My number is [309 428 3330](tel:3094283330).

In Christ's love
Harry C Scarff Sr.

American Legion Post 246 Officers for 2016:

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

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.

Adjutant:

In the next week or so you will be receiving your Annual Membership Dues Notice. Please do not throw it away but send your payment out by August 1, 2015 so we can send you your 2016 Membership Card. You may also renew online at www.legion.org/renew. Thank you for your support.

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life program online or can print a personalized application and mail in their payment. Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments. For more information visit the National Web Site at: <http://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

If you haven't done so please furnish us your e-mail address. Send it to: alpost@alpost246moline.org

Tom Behl - Post Adjutant

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 Marckese
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 Calendar for July 2015:

- 27-July-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting
Installations of the 2016 Post 246 Officers

Post Calendar for August 2015:

- 24-August-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

Post Calendar for September 2015:

- 28-Sept-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.

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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.