



# LEGION-AIRES

## MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

*For God and Country*

November 2015

### Post Commander's Message:

A heartfelt thank you to the members of American Legion Post 246 for stepping up and continuing to volunteer. Your assistance in getting our post home in shape to sell cannot be overstated. Your support of and involvement in our various veterans and community programs is inspiring. When I feel down and despondent, I look around to see who has my back. Seeing your support is a humbling experience which motivates me to get off my behind and move forward. Very seldom do I get to say thank you from the heart. This is one of those times. Thank you. God bless you, God bless America.

God bless all of you and your families

Jack T. Smith, Commander  
American Legion Post 246

### Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

I attended our auction, remembering previous members who built this home. We are hoping and praying for a future home, so we can enjoy the fellowship we had in the past.

We would like to encourage our present and new members to join us at our meetings. We meet the 4th Monday of each month. We are still guests at the VFW. Thanks so much for them.

Photo of the past presidents may be picked up by family members. Contact Jan at 764-1588 or Millie at 762-4607 to get them.

Several plans for the future are remembering our veterans at Christmas, those in Care Centers, and making the public aware of our organization. Encouraging new and old members to be active.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and all holidays.

Millie Bowling  
President

### Illinois Boys State 2016:

Post 246 is looking to sponsor two or more High School student who wants to attend the Illinois Boys State - "A Week That Shapes A Lifetime" 81st Annual Session, June 11th - 17th, 2016 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact Doug Bodeen in the Moline High School Counselors' Office (743-8824).

### Veteran Day:

Wednesday 11 November is Veterans day. Please plan on joining us at VFW Post 2153 (1721 7th St, Moline) to show your respect and appreciation for all Veterans that served to protect our freedom.

The service starts at 11:00AM with a speaker from the Rock Island Arsenal, after which American Legion Post 246 Honor Guard will render a rifle salute.

Following the service the combined posts will serve a light lunch (how light has yet to be determined).

### Senior Vice Commander:

For those of you with fond memories of our post home, visiting it now is not a good idea. All that's left in the bar room beside the nar are the bar stools (which probably should have been gone long ago). The "license plates" from posts all over the country are packed away. Maybe we'll be able to put them up again some day.

There's nothing left in the cooking area except the kitchen sink (I'm sure there is room for a pun here). The power company suggested we do something with the maze of gas pipes. On cue Mark Jackson (M.L. Jackson Plumbing Co.) assisted by his father Ted Jackson a long time American Legion member, they removed all the pipes and capped the gas off at the wall. Additionally Mark bled our water lines of all air pockets and he did this at no cost. We really appreciate that Mark.

The hall is clear -no tables -no chairs -no bingo players or dancers.

Funds are a little tight right now, even though our dues are higher than ever and going up. The Legion Post gets to keep very little of the dues. The majority goes to our governing bodies (sort of the Legion's version of the IRS).

We are looking for ways to raise some funds. The best advice we had so far took a hit when Illinois capped lottery checks at \$600.00. We no longer buy a lottery ticket each week (and we no longer take advice from the man behind the curtain.

Why am I telling you this? I have no idea. They said write something --- so I did.

Jim Joseph  
Senior Vice Commander  
American Legion Post 246



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

**Honor Guard Commander:**

Summer is officially over, but you probably already knew that (it has been in all the papers).

As of 31 October your Honor Guard has provided 214 Military Honors for departed comrades. The majority did not belong to any veteran organization but they are still our comrades and earned and deserve that recognition.

We had a great get together at Jake O's. The food was terrific, the drinks flowed and the camaraderie couldn't have been better. There were no fights or ejections this time, but we enjoyed ourself anyway.

We have had some unforeseen health problems and are working hard to cross train guys to fill some voids (whatever that means). Somebody ticked off the Big Guy cause we caught some gully washer in September, all part of doing what we do.

The "snowbirds" will be leaving soon which leaves us a couple guys short for fall out. If you feel you could help us out a few days a month contact Jim Joseph at 309-781-5201 (Note to all spouses: This is an excellent way to get the old guy out from under for a few hours).

James Joseph  
 Honor Guard Commander  
 (309)781-5201 or [jrj4733@aol.com](mailto:jrj4733@aol.com)

**Blood Donors:**

Did you know just one pint of your blood can help save the life of three people. Please donate blood at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Moline. Credit your donation to American Legion Post 246 by using code 585. Thank you for your support.

**Chaplain's Corner:**

Hello my fellow legionnaires, my name is Harry Scarff and I am your chaplain for post 246. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you, our GOD and our country. If I can minister to your needs, please contact me at any time at the number below. Please notify me when there is a death, illness or special concern in your family. As your chaplain everything is confidential and I will never break that trust. In parting let me said as individuals we belong to GOD along, our purpose in life is to enhance GOD's glory and do GOD's will. May GOD bless you and may we all walk in divine health.

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

**Taps were played for:**

Member	Branch of Service	Date of Burial
Arnold Isenberger	Army WWII	06/02/2015
Donald Sweeney	Army Korea	07/02/2015
Giles Wiegant	Army Korea	07/10/2015
Robert Quick	Army WWII	07/17/2015
Robert Lucas	Army Korea	07/20/2015
Kenneth Udehn	Army WWII	07/24/2015
Joseph Mortier	Navy WWII	07/29/2015
Steve Spurgetis	Army WWII	08/28/2015
Peter Burns	Army Korea	09/14/2015
	Army Vietnam	
Alan Allison	Army Korea	09/28/2015
Robert Downs	Army WWII	10/05/2015
	Army Korea	
William Green	Army Korea	11/02/2015

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

**Adjutant:**

As of November 1st we had approximately 75% of Post 246 members pay their 2016 Membership. This means we need to contact the other 150 members to remind them they need to pay their 2016 membership dues. I'm looking for volunteers who would be willing to contact 15 of these 150 members in the next months to discuss the importance of staying an American Legion Member and find out why they haven't paid their dues. If you want to volunteer or have questions please contact me at (309) 314-4923. Thank you for your support. God Bless America.

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

Tom Behl - Post Adjutant

**Finance:**

Reminder that National has approved a \$5.00 per capita increase that take effect with any membership card process after 1/20/2016. If you haven't all ready don so please pay your 2016 membership dues. Thank you.

Dale Brahm - Post Finance Officer

**Post 246 on the Web**

[Please visit Post 246 Web Pages at \[alpost246moline.org\]\(http://alpost246moline.org\).](#)  
[Also use the link to visit our facebook page.](#)

**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 November 2015:**

- 23-November-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting  
Installations of the 2016 Post 246 Officers

**Post Calendar for December 2015:**

- 28-December-2015 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

**Post Calendar for January 2016:**

- 25-January-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.

**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 \[alpost@alpost246moline.org\]\(mailto:alpost@alpost246moline.org\). Thank you for your support.](#)