



LEGION-AIRES

MOLINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

For God and Country
September 2014

Post Commander's Message

WANTED!!! Working groups to help put our Post home in useable condition. We do not need any more committees. We need action oriented American Legion members.

We are in a negotiating phase with our current Broker which looks like it will take some time before we can show solid progress.

Let's don't sit and wait!

Let's move forward. If you can be responsible for cleaning a room or maintaining an area of our facility, let me know. The details can be worked out. I will be responsible for keeping the Honor Guard's lavatory (head/latrine) clean.

Join a work group to look at alternate uses for our Post home. Such as opening it up to groups to use for special events. We currently have two organizations interested. Think outside the box for other possible uses.

Join a fund raising work group. Activities such as assisting at the Bix-7, Deere Classic, Wireless Center, and Modern Woodman Stadium are possibilities. If you can contribute as little as one hour would be helpful. I can donate four hours for a chosen event.

Please give one of these three groups serious consideration. Let me know of your availability at 309-236-4163 or cdr@alpost246moline.org.

If you do not get involved, you will be a watcher. "One of those cold timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

God bless America
Commander Jack Smith

Chaplain Corner:

My Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be your Chaplain. It is with great sorrow that I had to resign as your chaplain for personal reasons. Again I thank you for the privilege of serving Post 246. In Christ Love, Harry C Scarff Sr.

We cannot thank Harry enough for bringing the Chaplain's responsibilities to the forefront. The physical and emotional health of our members should be of primary concern. Thank you, Harry. I'll do my best to follow your example.
Howard Koch, Chaplain

Veterans Day Ceremony 11/11/2014 at 11:00 AM:

We will be participating with the Moline VFW for this year Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held with the VFW in the Old Belgian Village Parking Lot next to the VFW. For updated information please view the Post Web Page or Facebook Page. We hope to see you there.

Honor Guard Commander:

As of 9/22/2014 The American Legion Post 246 Honor Guard was present at 176 Military Honors burials in 2014. The Honor Guard is looking for a few good men and women. 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

Adjutant:

Fellow Legionnaires of Post 246, this is coming to you from your Post Adjutant Rick Schomer.

I hope this finds you well and as the fall season approaches I wish you all a very safe and happy closing to summer. Our membership to date is over 400 paid members and we still have a way to go, so if you are one that has not paid your dues yet for 2015 please do so, our post needs your support. At the 2014 Department Convention, it was passed to increase the per capita amount to \$26.00 per member this is leaving a smaller amount of revenue at post level to pay for necessary items. Our post dues are currently at \$30.00, so after all said and done, this only leaves \$4.00 per member left for post to take care of business and frankly its not. I am asking that you please attend the membership meeting on the fourth Monday of the Month Starting this September at the Moline VFW on 7th Street, to help us discuss ways to generate funding for our post, we will be addressing the need to increase our dues for the 2016 membership renewal year. Please keep in mind that we just entered 2015 renewal year but we have to have official notice to Department no later than April 2015 for any increases to our renewal dues for 2016, so we will be addressing increasing the dues starting at the October 2014 membership meeting, so please come and support your post and be a part of the process to find funding for the post and to make a decision on increasing or not for the 2016 membership dues amount. This is the first time this has been mentioned and this will be further discussed at the regular membership meeting in September, so bring some ideas and I am looking forward to seeing you there at 1900. May Godspeed be with you all and may he always be watchful over you and your family.
Rick Schomer, Adjutant.

Post 246 Auxiliary Message:

Hello fellow Auxiliary members. Change is coming. Our Post building is up for sale and we have to move. VFW Post on 7th Street in Moline has graciously invited Post 246 and Auxiliary members to use their facilities for our meetings until we find a new home. Our regular meetings will still be on the 4th Monday of every month beginning October 27 at 7:00 PM. We need your support by attending our meetings and letting your voice be heard so we can continue the good work that the Auxiliary does.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday October 27 at 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 2153, 1721 7th Street in Moline.
Julie Schomer, President

2014 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 - Whitey Schomer

2014 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 October 2014:

- 27-Oct-14 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

Post Calendar for November 2014:

- 11-Nov-14 - 11:00 - Veterans Day Ceremony held with the VFW in the Old Belgian Village Parking Lot next to the VFW
- 24-Nov-14 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting

Post Calendar for December 2014:

- 22-Dec-14 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.