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Commander's Call

For personal health reasons Commander Lew Lipscomb has resigned as Post Commander, effective 1 December, and I have been asked to step-in as Commander. I would like to thank Commander Lipscomb for the many years he has devoted to the Post.

As I assume this key position in the Post we are confronted with challenging problems. We must come together to face some of our immediate problems. First, we must once again begin to comply with our Constitution and ByLaws (C&BL). Then and only then, can we function as an organized unit. I will appoint a C&BL Committee Chairmen to begin reviewing these documents to determine where, if any, changes are needed. Second, our Post is faced with a balloon mortgage payment of nearly \$500,000 due in January 2010, to stave off foreclosure on our property. Corporate Board President Stu Bailey and his directors are working this problem and they believe they have a handle on the situation. Our third concern is electing and appointing officers to fill our vacancies (see below). We need you to come forth and assist in filling these vacancies. And finally, we must get back to our Legion programs, after-all that is why we are here.

The Post is short of operational funds to keep us going. How can you help? When you pay your Legion dues for 2010 the Post realizes a small portion of the dues for Post operations. Considering that around 500 members have not paid their dues for 2010 we are talking about several thousands of dollars. If you haven't paid your Legion dues please consider doing so, now. In addition, you may have forgotten or never realized that Post 176 is a 501(c)19 charitable organization. This allows you to donate money to the Post for Legion programs and use the donation as a charitable deduction on your income tax. Receipts for these deductions will be furnished by the Post. Mail donations to the Post and indicate on the check which Legion program you want to support, e.g., Legion Baseball, Boys State, Veterans Programs.

We will keep you informed on what is happening at the Post through our Post Scripts. I will be looking forward to seeing you at our January Membership Meeting.

Wishing you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Bob Eidsvoog, Commander

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NOTICE to the Membership

Post Vacancies

IAW the Post BYLAWS, dated February 2002, Article IX, Section 2, a twenty day (20) notice is hereby given to the membership that an election to fill the following positions will be conducted on 5 January 2010, at the 7:30 PM General Membership Meeting:

1st Vice Commander, Finance Officer , Sergeant-at-Arms and Director, Corporation Board.

In addition, the following appointed positions must be filled: Judge Advocate, Adjutant, and Historian.

Individuals interested in filling any of these positions should contact the Post Commander.

Commanders Introduction

My name is Robert Eidsvoog and I have been a member of this post for two years. I am married to Grace Saldana Eidsvoog and we live in Alexandria, VA. I am a Vietnam Era Veteran and have served in the Army Reserve and National Guard for 28 years total time in service. I have recently retired from the Army Reserves after almost six years of recent active service and I am also recently retired from the United States Postal Service where I worked as a Letter Carrier and Supervisor for thirty five years while living in Minnesota. I am currently employed as a contractor and working at Ft Meade and yes the commute is difficult from northern Virginia.

My goal as the newest commander of Post 176 is to move this Post into an era of financial stability, move us beyond the last four years of turmoil in order to encourage volunteerism. We will make the refinance of the post the first priority, establish good business practices, be financially accountable, expand our business base through programs and events that support Veterans and their families. All EXCOM and General Membership meetings will be open to all. We will make Friday night dinners a weekly event, promote the once per month Sunday breakfast in order to establish the traditional events that our Post's members look forward to. So please say hello next time you are in Post 176. I look forward to meeting as many of our members as possible and hope to see you soon at the General Membership meetings and in the lounge on Friday night's singing karaoke.

Bob Eidsvoog
Commander Post 176

**AMERICAN LEGION
ORATORICAL PROGRAM JAN. 17, 2010**

Our Post Oratorical contest we have scheduled on Sunday, Jan.17th, at 1:00pm with briefings for students, Judges & aids starting at 12:30pm. Come and hear what our youth say about the American Constitution. All Post members and friends are welcome.

Our Post winner will compete one week later, Sunday, the 24th, at Post 270 in McLean for the 17th District contest, and several weeks later for the N. Regional winner of the state. The Western and Eastern & Northern Regional winners compete for the state winner at the Dept. Spring Conference, Mar. 19th, at VA Beach. Our State winner will travel to Indianapolis, IN., April 9, 10, & 11th for the National Contest. Scholarships for the winners are \$18,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000 and \$1,500 for lower levels.

If anyone would like to joint & help in any capacity, please leave a message or call me at 703 866-5853. We need about ten members to handle the contest. Mark your calendar and encourage the contestants as this is a great Legion Americanism Program.

Jerry Mittelbach, Post 176 Chairman
(middlebh@cox.net)



Sons of The American Legion

MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

We look forward to seeing everybody at 7:30 PM on January 12th and February 9th. These meetings are very important as they are when the Squadron discusses important business and spending for the year.

2010 MEMBERSHIP :

The 2009 membership year is half over and as of December 8 on target, but we can do better. We are now at just over 50% towards our membership goal. If you have not renewed your membership by the time you read this several unfortunate things will occur. First, you will have lost your ability to use the Lounge and to receive Post Scripts. Second, any "key access cards" you have will expire. New cards are being created and will be issued soon. Third, and most importantly, you have lost the comradeship of your fellow members and your support of the many program that support our veterans and youth. So please take a few moments and renew your membership because we need your energy, time, and yes a little of your money to carry on the many great programs we support in the Legion family, especially the Children and Youth Program and various Veteran's Programs. While your at it, don't forget to ask all your friends who qualify to come join us!!!!

Also, while we are on the topic of renewal, if you have a "liquor locker" please remember to pay your annual rental on time. See the folks in the lounge for more information.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by Post 176 and Squadron 176 has been very active lately. In late October, they had their fall Court of Honor at which many merit badges were awarded and many scouts advanced in rank. Also, by the time you read this, (or early January at least) the Troop will have its first Eagle Scout Board of Review. Life Scout Joe Hall will be examined by a board of reviewers made up of Scout Leaders and others. The "others" will included two folks from our own Squadron; Commander Ted Byers (who was a scout and scoutmaster many years ago) and Past Commander Terry Breyman, who is our representative to the Scouts as well as being an Eagle Scout himself. The ceremony for Joe to be awarded his Eagle Scout rank (known as an Eagle Court of Honor) will take place sometime after he is examined by the Board. The Court of Honor will take place here at the Post Home. More details will follow when a date has been finalized.

STATEWIDE NEWS

At the December meeting, the Squadron overwhelmingly voted to endorse our own past Commander, Chip Byers, for the position of Detachment Commander (State Commander) of the Sons of the American Legion for the entire State of Virginia. The election will take place at the State convention in Richmond, Virginia on Saturday July 10th at the Sheraton Richmond West.

The Spring Conference of the Legion Family will take place in Virginia Beach from March 19-21st.. A "hospitality suite" will be held for Leading candidate for Detachment Commander Byers. All are invited.

Finally, the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of the American Legion of Virginia will hold its mid-winter meeting here at Post 176 on February 19-20th. So, if you see some "strange sons" (well more strange than usual-GRIN) say "Hi!"

Ted Byers,



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