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## **APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER**

### ***POPPY SALES***

Enclosed with this newsletter is your annual poppy donation request. This is the premier fund raiser for the Ladies Auxiliary and the funds are used to support the many good programs they do for our veterans throughout the year. So get your checkbook out and support the good work our ladies do. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work and dedication.....Buy a Poppy!

### ***MONTHLY BREAKFAST***

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Join us for our monthly breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, now through May, 2006. It's \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and it's always ALL you care to eat! The menu includes: egg (any style or omelets with your choice of ham, onions, green peppers and cheddar cheese), bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, and milk. Juice is available for an additional \$.50. Guests are welcome.

### ***MEMBERSHIP***

1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Tom Helmick reports that 2006 membership stands at 372 paid members and I suspect that will be the final number for 2006. If you know of any members of the Guard or Reserve, who are returning from active duty, they are eligible for a free one year membership in the American Legion. Please contact the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice to get them signed up.

The 2007 membership recruiting year will officially start in June, with the first mailing of renewal notices. Let's get a head start on enrolling new members.

### ***EASTER EGG HUNT***

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm on the Post grounds. All children, through age 10, are welcome to participate. The children will be divided into three age groups, so that everyone has a fair chance to find the "special prize eggs." Be sure to bring your camera, the Easter Bunny will be there to pass out candy and prizes.

### ***FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS***

Don't forget the Friday night specials. Friday evenings, 5:30 to 7:00. The meals are \$4.00 and the friendship is free. We always need volunteers to cook and serve, just sign up.

### ***MEDAL OF HONOR***

Since its inception, 3,461 Medals of Honor have been awarded.

There are 116 Living recipients.

At present, the youngest living recipient is 55 years old.

There is only 1 female recipient of the Medal of Honor.

If you happen to travel to Indianapolis, be sure to visit the Medal of Honor Memorial. It isn't far from the American Legion Headquarters, in downtown Indy.

### ***NOMINATIONS***

The Executive Committee is actively seeking nominations for Post officers to fill various positions. If you are interested in becoming a Post officer, please contact 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Tom Helmick. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

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## MEETINGS

Auxiliary	Wednesday	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.
Legion	Thursday	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m.

### ***MEMORIAL DAY PARADE***

The Memorial Day Parade is beginning to shape up. If you know of a group that would like to be in the parade or if you have a convertible that you would like to use to drive one of the dignitaries, please let Dan Murphy know. Dan is also looking for volunteers to assist with staging and crowd control.

### ***COLOR GUARD***

Our Post Color Guard is in search of both full time and part time members. Please contact Valerie Kerbler at the Post if you are interested.

### ***12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT GOLF OUTING***

Friday, May 12, 2006, best ball scramble, with a Noon, shotgun start. Where? The Landings at Rickenbacker, \$50.00 per person. The profits will all go to support American Legion Baseball within the 12<sup>th</sup> District. Entry information is available at the Post.

### ***THANKS***

To all the Friday Night Special crews. The Birthday Dinner crew and all members of the Operating committee who take a little time to work in the canteen and help keep the facility running.

## ***Happy Easter***

