



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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*“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves some turn up their noses, and some don’t turn up at all.”
– Sam Ewing*

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2010

DUTY AND SERVICE – The Legion year is winding down. We will have elections in May. The Executive Committee is looking for candidates for a slate of officer for the 2010-2011. We have had the same 3 officers run the post for the last 8 years. We have heard that a “clique” runs the post, and this is true, we have 343 members and only 10% do all of the running. So, if you would like to join the “clique”, take one step forward and let the Executive Board or Tom Eshelman, 1st Vice Commander, know and we will gladly welcome you aboard. We need a full slate of officers by the April meeting. Installation will take place in June.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE – It is never too soon to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a Poppy Plate in his/her name. Enclosed with this newsletter are the form to complete and an envelope to make your donation. Please remember that every penny donated goes to support the work that we do to benefit our veterans and current service personnel. Please welcome our new Poppy Chairman Betty Scurlock. We look forward to Betty carrying on the tradition established by Mary Grazer. Let’s make this auxiliary project a huge success. We look forward to processing your poppy plate orders.

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION! – On March 20, Happy Hour at 6:00 PM and Dinner served at 7:00 PM. Reservations are due no later than March 14. Chef Richardson will be serving succulent Rib Eye Roast accompanied by mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert all for \$10 per guest. Make your reservations now. A **reservation sign-up list** is posted in the Canteen. Sign up the next time you are in or call 888-9096 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. daily.

WELCOME HOME - Post 239 is proud to have served as reception central when Lt. Michael Dunlap returned home from Afghanistan for a two week leave. Michael is the son of Blue Star Mothers President Trina and Joe Dunlap and is one of the newest members of Post 239. We look forward to welcoming him home in August when his tour of duty Afghanistan is over.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS - Dinner is served 5:00-7:00 on these nights. Please call or check the post bulletin board for dates and menus. Remember, anyone can volunteer to prepare a meal and if you don’t “do” cooking, you can purchase food and someone will be glad to prepare it in your name.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST – February’s breakfast falls on Valentine Day! Give your sweetie a special treat this year. Bring her to a delicious breakfast prepared by Post 239’s world famous chefs! They’ll make a return appearance in March too.

MEMBERSHIP – *CONGRATULATIONS TO 1ST VICE TOM ESHELMAN FOR SURPASSING THE 100% MARK FOR 2009 with 243 members.* **Just a friendly reminder – According to Legion by-laws, a member whose dues are not paid by January 1 shall be classified as delinquent.**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS – Chapter 239 is starting off its second year of existence with a total of 21 members. If you are a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary or SAL and own a motorcycle, I encourage you to join us.

To all our Legion Family members, thank you for your support I hope we can count on you in 2010 as we strive to exceed last year’s \$1500 donation to the American Legion Legacy Fund.

AUXILIARY – President Sandy Goshorn, 1st Vice President Mary Grazer, 2nd Vice President Darlene Richardson, Secretary Barbara O’Connor, Treasurer Cheryl Smith, Historian Nancy Bootes, Chaplain Marlene Derry and Sergeant-At Arms, Libby Holman.

Please keep Mary Grazer in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery. Get well soon Mary, we miss you.

SALUTE TO VETERANS WEEK FEB.8-14 – Please let the Auxiliary know of any hospitalized veteran.

VA Coffee Cart – February 16, please let Cheryl Smith know if you are going to help with this event.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Children and Youth and Education is collecting Box Tops for Education. We would appreciate any that you care to drop off at the post. We will put them to good use for local schools.

SPRING BOXES FOR OUR TROOPS - We will once again be collecting small items for shipment to our troops. They especially like to receive yo-yos, puzzle books, games, pens, pencils plus snacks and candy. Please drop your donations off at the post. These boxes from home are greatly appreciated as indicated by the thanks we have received for the boxes sent at the holidays.

Canteen Notes – The Canteen is in need of additional help. If you are available and would like to help keep the Canteen open during our scheduled hours, please see Terry Siemer or give him a call at 263-7001. Remember, **you** are the you in “you guys”!

A BIG THANK YOU-to all of the Post and Auxiliary Officers who have helped make this a banner year for Post 239. The American Legion wouldn't be able to survive if it weren't for people like you. I can't thank you enough. - Tom

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Legionnaires - \$35, Auxiliary - \$20, SAL - \$20

If you haven't paid your dues yet, just use this, cut-off, and mail to the Post with your check.

Thank You!

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