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MARCH 2006 NEWSLETTER

AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TESTING

The American Legion's A & G Testing program is a long standing tradition and just one of the many ways that your Post is involved with the schools and the youth of our community. The A & G program tests the students knowledge of our constitution along with the structure and duties of our federal government. Students, boys and girls in grades ten, eleven and twelve, from both Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilborne High Schools participated. The six winners will share \$1,000.00 worth of U.S. savings bonds. This years \$100.00 winners are Mike Malguarnera, Tracie Sandefur, Nicholas Eastman and Adrienne Lemberger. The school winner from Thomas Worthington HS is Leah Itagaki. Leah will receive \$200.00 in savings bonds. Ambrose Wu, from Worthington Kilborne HS, is not only the winner of his school title, but also the Post winner. Ambrose will receive \$400.00 in savings bonds. Congratulations to all of the winners.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 12th, 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

1st Vice, Tom Helmick reports that 2006 membership is to 368 paid members. 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 1st 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 16th, 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.

LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER

Please join us for our traditional Legion Birthday Dinner, Saturday, March 25th. The canteen will be open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The menu includes Prime Rib, baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls coffee and dessert. The price of the dinner is \$9.00 per person. Reservations are required and the deadline for making reservations is Monday, March 20th. A reservation list will be posted in the canteen. I hope to see you there.

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 1st Vice, Tom Helmick. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

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MEETINGS

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| Auxiliary | Wednesday | March 15 th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Legion | Thursday | March 16 th | 8:00 p.m. |

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Parade machine has put it in gear and begun to rev up the participation for Memorial Day 2006. Invitations are going out to all of last years participants and several new ones. 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. Every Memorial Day, our Color Guard gets another year older and I'm not going to tell you how many Memorial Day Parades some of them have marched in. This dedicated group of Legionnaires is always looking for new members and now they have something new to offer. If you haven't got the time to be a regular member, you can just try it for a day. They need at least two individuals to join their ranks for this Memorial Day Parade. They have some extra uniforms and will make sure you are in the proper uniform for the days activities. Please contact Valerie Kerbler at the Post.

THANKS

To all the Friday Night Special crews. Thanks to Joe Hart for all the time and effort that he puts into our many youth programs. Thank you Matt Favret, S.A.L. Commander, for all the hot air and cold beer!

March 17th
St. Patrick's Day

