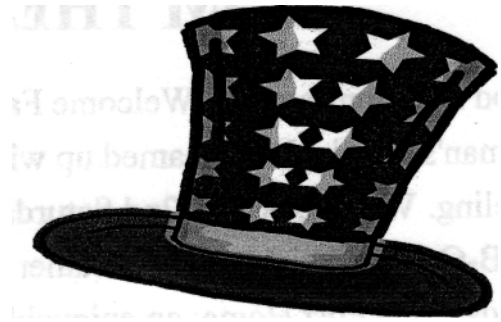


Post 159 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Another summer is coming to an end and we say farewell to many out of town Legion members we have had the privilege of meeting. We hope to see you again next year. We had a wonderful Annual Commanders Picnic this September and I would like to thank to all of the volunteers, the real ones that make this annual event so enjoyable. There were just too many names to list in this newsletter but if I have not personally said thank you to each of you please give me a kick in the head, nothing that we do, can be done without our volunteer force.

We had to say good bye to our 3rd Vice Commander Tom-John, as he has taken a job with a company in Arizona, but we welcome our new Children and Youth Chairperson, Lisa Reinartsen.

As we indicated in our last newsletter, Post 159 now has our own Post Website. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Welsh it is fully operational and also contains a calendar of events, an Auxiliary section, SAL section, and District information. We will also be putting our newsletters on the Website.

Ira Hudson and Harold Savage have been very busy this summer. As most of you have observed we have remodeled our Kitchen to provide more room for our food events (the cooks who were bumping into each other), and we added a fire extinguishing unit to prevent any fires from destroying the Post. Harold and Ira donated many hours in making this remodeling a success, Thank you.

The next Department Conference is the last week of October in Hampton again and all of our organizations will be taking part and we will put any new Legion info on our website. One last thank you to our "American Legion" color guard who have been busy supporting community events. Although the local papers listed it in error, the Color guard is the American Legion Color Guard, open to members of all three organization. Please have a Safe and Enjoyable Fall.

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Good Bye Summer and Welcome Fall! What a great summer we had. We participated in the Fireman's Carnival and teamed up with the SAL to raffle a television and a GPS system for traveling. We also hosted 2nd Saturday breakfasts and Friday night Hot Turkey and Bar-B-Que sandwiches. The weather was comfortable, we saw old friends and made new friends at the Post Home; an enjoyable time was had by all.

We start out this fall with a newly enlarged kitchen. Our organization donated \$1250.00 to helping this happen and we will greatly benefit from the renovations. From Friday nights to Saturday mornings and Bingo, a bigger kitchen makes a happier environment, easier to work in and lots more fun!

Speaking of Bingo, the legion has requested that no outside food be brought into the Post Home, so we have expanded our Bingo menu. We will continue to try new items, if you have any suggestions please come to a meeting and give us your feed back. A special thanks to all those members who donated to the Cake Auction at this year's Commander's Picnic. Your homemade goodies brought our Auxiliary \$850.00! Pat yourselves on the back and remember proceeds from the auction, as with all our fund raising efforts, goes toward helping our military and our community. If you have a family member that you would like to receive a care package from the Auxiliary please provide the mailing information to Linda Lewis, 757-336-3467 or Kathy Scott, 757-336-6919.

Membership dues for 2009 are being collected now, dues \$20.00.

As always our prayers go out to our soldiers and their families, we are here to help you and your family. Be sure and review the calendar of events and remember our monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Post Home starting at 7:30.

SAL

Just a few words to all the people that came out and helped in the functions that the SAL had this summer, Thank You very much.

Along with our 4th Friday of the month food, the SAL is now offering Sunday Football and NASCAR food from 1 to 6 PM, please come out and enjoy the food.

The SAL will be holding their annual Turkey Shoot in November. As usual I cannot stress enough how much help is needed for the SAL and the Post.

In closing thank you again to all of those members that volunteer their ime and efforts to support all of our programs.

POST NEWS

POST TO IMPLEMENT ACCESS CARD SYSTEM:

An electronic access card system is being installed at the Post. Legionaries, Auxiliary members, and SAL members in good standing will be eligible for initial issue of the Access Card. Legionnaires whose dues are paid for 2009 will be issued the card for free. Auxiliary and SAL members whose 2009 dues are paid will be charge a fee of \$6.00 for their card. All replacements of lost cards will be \$6.00. **Note:** Access card holders are requested not to let others enter on their card. There will be a buzzer system for visitors or guest from other Post.

POST 159 GOES TO THE INTERNET:

The post has launched its website at www.chincoteaguelegion159.org. the site contains information about the Post, the legion, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL, officers, upcoming events, the Quarterly newsletter, membership application, Legion District 1 and much more. Visit the site and let us know what you think. We will continue to update and expand the site, and we want to make sure that information you value is available. Inputs from legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and District 1 are solicited. Please send your comments, suggestions and input to us at pr-web@chincoteaguelegion159.org. Pictures are also welcome.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership for Post 159 is at 52% for the year. Unfortunately District 1 has moved from 13th place to 16th place in the Department. That means that there is only one District below ours. Please do your part to help in achieving our goal of 100% renewal before November. As most of you know the Legion organization relies on members dues to accomplish our goals of serving Veterans. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENT:

New Year's Eve Tickets will go on sale at 10 AM on 15 November. The venue will be the same as previous years with food and breakfast and FUN.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Ron Hamm is this year's service officer. Ron has been busy trying to get information from the Veteran's Hospitals to see what kind of support they would desire from Post 159. We also adopted a returning troop from North Carolina as they returned from the War.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Click on "EVENTS CALENDAR" on the left hand side of any web page to view upcoming events. Plan to attend one or more and support your local Legion Post.