

Officers Lititz Springs VFW Post 1463 2010-2011

Commander	Joel Ellis
Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Kuhn
Junior Vice Commander	Barry Diem
Quartermaster	Ron Tropasso
Judge Advocate	Greg Ludwig
Chaplain	Bob Kauffman
Surgeon	Bob Antes
Adjutant	Mark Reider
Service Officer	Manny Gonzalez

Trustees:

3-Year	Ed Orrison
2 Year	Richard Getz, Jr
1 Year	Karl Spidel

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President	Ron Zunich
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President	Susan Ellis
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Guard	Jane Dzubinski
Chaplain	Gail Mabe
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Patriotic Instructor	Anne Loechner
Trustees:	Janet Getz Kathy Kenavan Cindy Ulrich

Activity Committee 2009-2010

President	Ed Orrison
Vice President	Joel Ellis
Secretary	Chris Caruthers
Treasurer	Laurie Kear

Calendar of Events

JULY

Thurs., July 1 – No Post Meeting
Fri. & Sat. July 2 & 3 – Kitchen Closed
Sun., July 4 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Fri., July 9 – BAND – “Syr-Plus” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Fri., July 16 – DJ It’s Your Turn to Shine – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sun., July 18 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Fri., July 23 – BAND – “Mad Hatters” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Fri., July 30 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

AUGUST

Sun. Aug. 1 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Thurs., Aug. 5 – No Post Meeting
Fri., Aug. 6 – BAND – “Vertigo Vibe” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Tues., Aug 10 – Activity Committee Mtg – 6 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 13 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 14 – Annual Club Picnic – Club Closed
Sun., Aug. 15 – No Breakfast – Has been moved to next Sunday, Aug. 22
Fri., Aug. 20 – BAND – “Southstreet” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sun., Aug. 22 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Fri., Aug. 27 – DJ – Scott Heisey – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 2 – Post & Canteen Meeting – 7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 3 – Karaoke Night – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 5 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Wed., Sept. 8 – Purple Heart Meeting – 7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 10 – BAND – “Southstreet” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 11 – Flea Market in our Parking Lot – 8 to 12
Tues., Sept. 14 – Activity Committee Meeting – 6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 17 – BAND – “Underground Hotel” – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 19 – Breakfast – 9 a.m. – noon
Mon., Sept. 20 – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 24 – DJ – It’s Your Turn to Shine – 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

It's summertime; let's all enjoy the long days, warm temperatures and the great outdoors.

At this time of year the state and national VFW organizations hold their conventions. This year I will be attending along with Richard Getz, our new District 9 commander. The Ladies Auxiliary will be represented at these same conventions where Janet Getz will begin her term as District 9 President. Congratulations to Richard and Janet, may they both have successful terms in office.

At these conventions we gather to learn how the various VFW programs are progressing, elect officers, and receive awards earned during the year. **Post 1463 will receive the All State Post award for Community Service, Department of PA, for the fourteenth time.** This award is achieved by completing all VFW programs and having membership of 100% or more; this year we had 102%! Thank you for your help in bringing in new members or current members who might have forgotten to renew their membership. Without your hard work and dedication to our post we wouldn't be receiving the All State award. Also for the thirteenth time in a row, we are the number one Post in the state in community service; this award is presented at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, in August. Oh man, what a streak we have going in our great post, and I am so proud to be part of this tremendous group of people. We work so well together, and that is what it is all about!

This Memorial Day our Post remembered veterans of wars past, and those currently serving in harm's way. Our patriotic instructor, Anne Loechner, ladies of the Auxiliary and I visited United Zion Retirement community where Anne read inspiring stories and letters and we chatted with veterans living there. Later in the month the Salute to Veterans at Clipper Magazine Stadium was well attended by many veterans and the pregame show, coordinated by Representative John Bear, was outstanding. On May 31, 2010, Post and Ladies Auxiliary members attended a service at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Rothsville, placed wreaths at the East Main Street Veteran and Revolutionary War Memorials, and then joined the Lititz Memorial Day Parade to the Moravian Cemetery where everyone gathered for a moving memorial service. Our Post was proud to be a part of this important day.

I am honored to start my second term as commander of Post 1463. I've learned a lot in the past year, I am still learning, and I look forward to working with everyone again. In the coming year, please continue your support and loyalty to our great Post and supporting the work we do every day.

God Bless America.

Respectfully,

Joel Ellis

Post Commander

President's Message:

Don't forget the club picnic! It will be held August 14th at Elstonville Sportmans Club, located off route 72 North, to Pinch Rd. The picnic will feature excellent food, games, music and prizes from noon to 5 p.m.

As most probably know our small games of chance has been drastically reduced due to problems with the \$5,000 weekly prize limit. This limit was set in 1988 when the original legislation was passed. Over the past several years, bills have been introduced in both legislative houses and for one reason or another something happens and the bill dies. The current situation is that House Bill 169 was passed and Senate Bill 211 is in the Senate Finance Committee where it has received no conclusive action. Your officers have tried and tried, to no avail, to convince our legislators to support an increase in this weekly prize limit. The answers we get are always the same. They tell us they can not support an increase in the weekly prize limit because their constituents are against it. [I ask all our members to help us by calling the local offices of their respective PA House and Senate representatives.](#) If you agree the weekly prize limit should be raised please tell them you support this issue. Better yet, please take the time and write a letter to the Lititz Record Express Editor voicing your support to increase the weekly prize limit. After all, aren't we also constituents of these legislators and don't we deserve equal and fair representation?

Thank you for supporting the various club activities that are held throughout the year. Bingo, trivia, special club functions are all a great success because of your loyalty.

Have a safe and happy summer.

**Respectfully,
Ron Zunich**

From The Office:

I want to remind all our members that your club has an evening at the Lancaster Barnstormers planned for July 10, 2010. We reserved the Susquehanna Suite, which accommodates 50 people. Each member is allowed 1 guest. This year children are permitted. A buffet meal will be served! Soft drinks and bottled water are included. Cost is \$25 per person. Your club pays a portion of the total cost. Why not join us for an evening of fun, food and friendship!

Recently the Activity Committee sponsored a trip to Fells Point in May and then organized a pig roast for June. Both events were well attended and as always all that participated enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank each and every member of the Activity Committee for his or her hard work and dedication. You make our post an extraordinary club to belong to. For our new members there is no finer way to understand what membership in Post 1463 means than to join this outstanding group of volunteers.

Things are going fairly smooth here at Post 1463. **Once again we were recognized for our work with the community and our veterans. Post 1463 received its 14th first place award from the Department of PA. We were also honored as a National Community Service Post for the 11th consecutive year. Congratulations to Commander Ellis for his dedication and all the hard work needed to obtain this prestigious award! We also congratulate Commander Ellis and Quartermaster Tropasso for receiving the coveted “All State Post Officers White Hat”. This hat is presented to those officers who demonstrate outstanding leadership and dedication to our VFW mission statement. This is Quartermaster Ron’s fourth consecutive “White Hat” and Commander Joel’s first. Post 1463 says thank you guys for all your hard work.**

Last but not least I am proud to announce Dick Getz has been sworn in as District 9 Commander for the Department of PA, VFW. Dick has completed a grueling journey to arrive at this prestigious position. In this new job, Dick will be responsible for 24 VFW Posts in Lancaster and Chester Counties. We can be very proud as a post that one of our very own now represents not only District 9 but also our post at the department level. Semper Fi Marine, we are all very proud of you!

Respectfully Yours,
John Z.

Veterans News

Do you need help resolving a veteran benefit problem? Your Department of PA, VFW provides help in the form of two service officers who will listen and help solve your problem. Both have their main offices at the Lebanon VA Hospital. They also visit 2 locations at other locations in Lancaster County. Membership in the VFW is NOT REQUIRED. Please call them for an appointment. Following information is provided for your conveyance. This service is for all veterans.

John Chiodi..... 717-234-7927 or (Cell) 717-884-1704

Lebanon Veterans Hospital

Location: Bldg. #17, Room 123, Bay 4

- Available every Tuesday and Thursday...All day
- Available the 2nd and 4th Wednesday..... All day

Greenfield VA Clinic, Lancaster, Pa

- Available 1st and 3rd Thursday ...All day

Audrey M. Bergstresser...717-234-7927 or (Cell) 717-884-1705

Lebanon Veterans Hospital

Location: Bldg. #17, Room 123, Bay 5

- Available every Friday...All day
- Available every Monday Ephrata VFW, 1 to 6 PM

In addition to the above, don't forget Dan Tooth who is the veteran's affairs representative for Lancaster County. He is an excellent source of information regarding veteran benefits. His office is located at 150 N. Queen St., Suite 101, Lancaster, PA 17603. His phone # is 717-299-7920.

All veterans who participated in the "Salute to Veterans" weekend want to express our gratitude to State Representative John Bear and his remarkable staff for their hard work organizing and presenting this special tribute to veterans of the 97th legislative district. For the 3rd consecutive year respect and gratitude was showered on those who served our great country.

Priority Group 7 & 8 Copays to Increase \$1: The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that Priority Group 7 and 8 veterans will begin paying \$1 more per 30-day supply of medications beginning July 1. Priority Groups 7 and 8 veterans are those with no service-connected disabilities, and who generally have higher income levels. The \$1 copayment increase - from \$8 to \$9 - will be the first copayment increase for these two categories since Jan. 1, 2006. **The change will not impact veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6, who will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day supply of medications for non-service connected conditions, unless otherwise exempted. Priority Group 1 veterans - those with service-connected disability ratings of 50 percent or greater - are exempt from copayments.**

I close with these words of wisdom: "Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do."

May God Bless America and all who preserve our freedoms.

Respectfully Yours,

John Z

Ladies Auxiliary Message:

Well, this is my last newsletter. My term as president has ended and we have a new Auxiliary President, Sue Ellis. I know Sue will do an excellent job, and I wish her all the best.

I want to thank all my Auxiliary sisters and my officers for the help and support you gave me during my years as president. I also want to thank all the members for supporting the auxiliary during the years. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Cindy Ulrich,
Auxiliary President

ANNIE'S CORNER

Summer is here!! Let's hope that brings us closer to the small games of chance Senate Bill 211 getting passed so we can get back to normal around here. You have all witnessed how antiquated the law is regarding the \$5,000 weekly payout prize limit. It's ridiculous and needs to be changed to a more realistic number. Unfortunately our community will suffer the most from all of this. Being the optimist that I am, I feel that something will change soon. Eventually, it will all be in the hands of our Governor so feel free to let him and your legislators know how you feel about this. We would appreciate your help getting Senate Bill 211 passed.

Please keep in mind that our bulletin boards are mainly for information we need to post regarding our club. You do need permission before you hang anything on them.

Tickets will be on sale soon for our annual Club Picnic, Sat., August 14. We are all busy getting ready & planning some neat things once again. I have no doubt that the weather will be great because I have a standing order every year with the big guy!

There will be one members number hidden somewhere throughout the pages. If you find it and it is your number, let me know and you will win \$25.00! It will clearly say Member # - followed by the number that was pulled prior to writing this newsletter. It will not be part of a date or phone number. You have until July 31, 2010 to claim your prize if it is your number in this newsletter. We finally had our first winner, Sue Eshelman and she collected her \$25.00.

See you at the club!! Annie

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

I would like to thank everyone for their support. The Activity Committee is nothing without your support. We had a super bus trip to Fells Point in May and we are talking about doing another bus trip. We will keep you posted. By the time this goes to print I am sure you all will have enjoyed our Pig Roast & all the wonderful food that was there.

The Activity committee gives away over \$3,000 a month to Veterans and community organizations, but we could not do this without our Bingo nights and meat trays. So we need your help on Bingo nights, if you can work one night a month or every other month please sign up on the Bingo schedule hanging on the bulletin board. Also, if you could spare an hour the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., we would love to see you at the Activity Committee meeting.

Our next big event will be the Clubs annual picnic, which will be held Sat., August 14. Louie is once again providing the food and we will have games including our famous Bingo. Watch for the signs to go up around the Post.

We are once again doing our parking lot "Flea Market". It will be held Saturday, Sept. 11th. We have spots available so clean out your house & make a little money. Remember, your junk is other peoples gold!! Sign up is behind bar.

STARS & STRIPES CAFÉ

For those of you that don't know, we have a new addition to our kitchen. John Navikis, who used to run the kitchen here known as Boomerang's, has joined the staff as a part time cook. He brings a lot of experience and hopefully some new ideas.

Due to cutbacks, we have stopped our advertising on the Dining Out page in the Lititz Record Express hopefully only for the summer. We are not closing. You can still go on our website lititzvfw.com to find out the specials that we have every week.

Please note the kitchen will be closed Fri. & Sat., July 2nd & 3rd due to the 4th of July Celebration down in the park. We will have breakfast on July 4.

Sunday breakfasts for the next 3 months are as follows:

July 4 & July 18

August 1

August 22 (due to the picnic on the 14th)

Sept. 5 & Sept. 19

Thanks again for your continued patronage!

Louie

Fall Pheasant Hunts to Benefit Post

Wing shooters can spend a fun day in the field and raise funds for the Post at the same time. Hunts will be offered from \$150 - \$300 per hunter.

Hunts will include birds, dog, guide, bird cleaning and lunch.

Youth under 16 years of age will hunt for half price. Non-members are invited.

An informational meeting will be held this summer to discuss all the details.

If interested be sure to sign-up for this informational meeting at the bar or by calling Phil McCloud at 626-5884.

Remember this is a Post Fund Raiser and is open to the public.