



- ☐ Fall Conference, Oct. 22 -23
- ☐ Legion Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 12
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Commander ~ Bill Miller 2009 - 2010

This has been a busy month for the post. The Auxiliary and the S.A.L. have put together a good Color Guard. The Post participated in the Concordia parade and out of seven marching Color Guards, Post 499 was awarded second place. Continuing to

brag on our Color Guard they also received the longest and loudest applause. The Blue Springs parade was good. Lots of friendly faces lined the parade route and they showed their patriotism when they saw the flag. This is always rewarding to see. If you see any of the marchers around the Post, you might want to congratulate them for a job well done.

Bob Thorp and I worked together on the Patriot Fest. The Elks and the Legion again joined hands on this venture. All things came together without a hitch and God was good to us and kept the weather nice and dry. With two fine organizations working together for the good of the community, only good things can happen. In my opinion the city of Blue Springs is Lucky to have us both. I'm sure we made a profit and I'll let you know the amount after all the bills come in and are paid.

The Legion workers had agreed to donate their tip money to help send packages to the troops. When the Elks heard of our intentions they also agreed to donate their tip money. Many thanks to the workers for your generosity and for your hard work in making this a success.

My hat goes off to the Post for all that has been done for the needy in the community. The S.A.L. has delivered 1500 pounds of food to the Community Service Center this month alone and also a money donation. When the family works together things get done.

Linda Kramps "the Bingo Queen" came up with the idea to give away extra bingo cards for a donation of food for the Community Service Center and also for any cash donations for the troops. It has been a huge success. Thanks Linda. I am very proud to be a part of this Post's family.

God bless America and this Post.

Bill

Remember: "If you can't say something nice about somebody, don't say anything at all".



Adjutant ~ Paul Bekebrede

October

- 1. Motion and second to renew the post van insurance for \$491.00. Motion approved.**
- 2. Motion and second to approve the Commander's appointment of John Kingsolver as Sergeant at Arms. Motion approved.**
- 3. Motion and second to approve \$1200.00 for the Sikeston Parade on 2, 3, and 4 October 2009. Any excess funds to be returned to the Post General Fund. Motion approved.**
- 4. Motion and second to approve two new members for the post. Motion approved.**
- 5. Motion and second to allow Zone II Post Officer Training for the Department of Missouri on 10 October 2009 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the post home. Motion approved.**
- 6. Motion and second to approve the Commander's appointment of Kerry Boardman as 5th District Representative. Motion approved.**
- 7. Motion and second to purchase twelve turkeys and twelve hams for the bingo players to be given out at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Motion approved.**
- 8. Motion and second to add "For the Good of the Community, State and Nation" to the General Membership Meeting Agenda. Motion approved.**

A special thanks to George Scarborough for taking the minutes at the 8 September General Membership Meeting!

First Vice ~ Mike Hutchinson

I want to start off by saying "Thank you" for electing me to First Vice Commander. I will work hard for all the members and the Post this coming year. I will need everyone support this year to see if we can all exceed our goal.

As of September 14th, 2009 we are at 398 paid members. This is 59% of our Goal. This is a good start and we all need to keep up the good work and if you haven't paid for your 2010 dues, please do so.

There is going to be a "New P.U.F.L. Program" starting on October 1, 2009. The good news is that you will have 36 monthly payments, instead of only 12. The bad news is that the rates are going up! So, If you have thought about doing this, you might want to get your P.U.F.L. dues paid before the deadline. The post and I have applications if you need one. Just let us know.

S. A. L.



Adjutant ~ Steve Lowe

At our meeting in September there were 7 members and our Legion advisor present. American Legion commander Bill Miller also attended. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3rd @ 12:00 P.M.

The minutes from our previous meeting were read and accepted.

Correspondence was read from the Community Service League asking for our financial support. A request from Theresa Wessing asking us to support her and her sister in their upcoming MS charity bicycle ride. We also received a card from Trevor Johnson thanking us for sponsoring him at Boy's State.

Attention SAL members, 2009-2010 membership cards are in and available in the club room. Dues are \$ 10.00, please ask the bartender on duty to assist you to get yours.

Committee Reports:

Membership stands at 40 paid so far.

Staffing for bingo parking lot security and snack bar nights are going well. It is really nice to see some new people step up and help with these duties.

Food donations to Community Service League was 1,500 lbs. for September.

Lee reported that for our SAL picnic, after raffle money and donations were taken into consideration, we came in under budget. . Lee also reminded us of the upcoming SAL fish fry on Friday September 25th, stating we need help for this.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Legion commander Bill Miller asked for our assistance in helping out on the Patriot Fest activities, and also asked for our squadron to make a monetary donation to the post to help cover the cost of the Sikeston trip.

Motion made and approved to accept the SAL budget for 2009-2010 as submitted.

Motion made and approved to move scholarship fund, it will be added to the child welfare donation total. This was done because we received no scholarship request forms.

Motion made and approved to make a donation to MS and to the CSL .

Motion made and approved to make a donation to the post to help defer the cost of the Sikeston trip.

Motion made and approved to make funds available as needed for supplies to help with the scraping and painting of the back steps.

Commander Bill Basey reminded us of the upcoming fall conference in Jefferson City on October 22-23. It would be nice if some of our squadron other than Bill could attend these meetings.

AUXILIARY



Stephanie Gentsch ~ President

October

Again this month I want to thank everyone who stepped up and took an office and/or chairmanship. We have many, many things going on and many things coming up. Please be willing to give of yourself and your time.

One thing we need immediately is a couple of volunteers to sub at the bingo snack bar on Wednesdays. The Auxiliary alternates every other week with the SAL. We have three teams so each team only has to work once every six weeks. But sometimes something comes up or someone falls ill. We need a couple of people who are willing to sub when this occurs. If you are willing please give me a call at 816-718-9985 or 229-7720.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a fantastic organization made up of individuals. Sometimes we don't all agree on things but as adults we agree to disagree and move on to the next activity. Please keep in mind that we are here for the Auxiliary and its aims and purposes. As a group we can accomplish more than we can apart. Please be tolerant of one another's eccentricities. It is nice to be recognized for a job well done but we do not need "attention hogs". The key word is humility.

Stephanie Gentsch,
President



1st Vice ~ Lisa Thompson

Membership is currently at 45%. If you have not paid your 2010 dues, PLEASE do so. We appreciate getting them early!!! They are due by December 31. If you have not paid for 2009, please submit with your 2010 dues.

Our next meeting, October 13 @ 7:00 in the Lantern Room, will be initiation of new members. If you have joined since April of last year, you will be receiving an invitation letter. Please RSVP and let me know if you CAN or CANNOT make it. Hope to see you there!

Also, I would like to get new and existing members emails added to our roster. This would allow us to save a little on postage. If you have an email address, please send me a note at lisa_tho@hotmail.com. Just a reminder.....Don't forget the Veterans Lunch on November 12 at Noon!! Please RSVP to Phyllis Lindsey or Carol Hyer.

HARVEST FEAST VETERANS LUNCH



**Thursday,
November 12,
2009
12:00 (Noon)**

Join Us For:

- **Good Food**
- **Entertainment**
- **Door Prizes**

**American Legion
499 S. 7 Hwy.
Blue Springs, MO**

**RSVP by November 1, 2009
Phyllis Lindsey 816-564-8504 or
Carol Hyer 816-522-8840**