

LEGION-AIRING

Annville American Legion

March, 2009

POST 559 EVENTS

Memorial Day Service

Our annual Memorial Day service is Monday, May 25th at 10:30 am in the center of Mount Annville Cemetery just north of the college. An Honor Guard from the Lebanon Armory will provide the salute. The Washington Band of Annville provides the patriotic music. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the Post ballroom on Manheim Street.

50 Year Luncheon

May 16th, 2009 in the Post ballroom at noon marks a special event for Legionnaire members with fifty years at Post 559. We currently have 150 who have reached this milestone including 81 with 60 or more years. Leading

the pack are Stephen Nickliss of Muncy and Ernest Sholly of Lebanon with 66 years. There are 11 more with 65 years.

Veterans Day Lunch

On November 8, 2008 several volunteers served 140 lunches in honor of our veterans.

Post 559 Scholarship

All high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of members for at least one year are eligible. Currently the award is \$1,000 paid to the University or other school of higher education in the student's freshman year. The deadline for application is March 31 for the 2009–2010 school year. Applications are available in



the club room or by request with a SASE. Since 2000, we have awarded 15 scholarships.

Golf Outing This year's scramble is June 7th. Member—guest. Fairview. Steak, beverages, prizes in scratch and Calloway categories.

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Obligatory words of wisdom from Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773):

- A wise man will live as much within his wit as within his income.
- Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them.
- An injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult.

SONS AND AUXILIARY SUPPORT CHARITY

The Auxiliary held a food and fuel drive in December for local families. They are taking orders for the June release of a cookbook of member-submitted recipes. (\$14.00)

The Sons Squad 559 is hold-

ing its second chicken BBO at Annville Auto Center on April 25th. The Auxiliary will have a bake sale as well. Tickets are available at the bar.

They are accepting new members.

Both organizations have joined the Legionnaires in hosting a one hour bingo night at the VA Hospital. The second such event was February 19 with 15 members providing prizes and refreshments for 30–40 veterans.

MEMBERSHIP EXPLODING; CLUB PACKS THEM IN FOR BANDS AND DJ'S

Between October 13, 2008 and February 9, 2009, 178 people became new members of the Home Association. Of these 19 are Legionnaires, ten are Sons of the American Legion, and 7 are Auxiliary. This adds up to 332 new members since the March 2008 newsletter. There were 1437 persons with paid memberships for 2008 compared with 1220 in 2007.

Due to space limitations, all names and residences will not be published as normal. The Manager and Board of Trustees thank all who have given us a huge vote of confidence in our organization.

Schedule of music events coming up:

March 6—DJ Tony Bennett

March 21—Dave Heilman / One Man Band

April 3—DJ TAZ

Come boogie with your friends from 9—Midnight. There is no cover charge for any event. We are planning to have entertainment at least once a month.

To live is to suffer;
to survive is to find

some meaning in the suffering.—Roberta Flack, musician

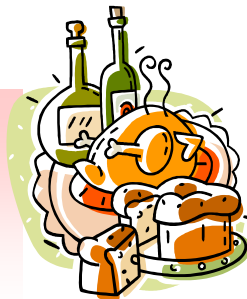


SPECIAL EDITION OF SUNDAY BRUNCH AHEAD

Our Second Sunday brunch buffet falls on Mother's Day in May. Manager Mike will have a family style menu at the special price of \$13.00 tax included. There will be **NO** Easter Sunday buffet. Brunch is from 11 am to 2:30 pm and served in the upstairs ballroom. The buffet will be suspended over the summer.

We are still serving **Saturday**

Breakfast specials at the ridiculously low price of \$2.50. Come and give our daily lunch and dinner features a try.



The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.—William Sloane Coffin, Jr

OTHER STUFF

Avenue of Flags Memorial Day, May 25th kicks off our season of putting out the display on Main Street in Annaville. Up next are Flag Day and Independence Day.

Wall of Honor We have two postings on our board in the upstairs lobby. If you can provide information and/or a photograph of anyone currently serving in our Armed Forces, bring it to the club

or contact a Board member. We want to recognize anyone with local connections.

Friday Promotions Change

Until the Senate of PA gets on with passing the Small Games changes, we are looking for opportunities to stretch the budget. For 2009, the "Twenty dollar bill" and "Laudermilch Meat Certs" promotions will be suspended. The next Friday ticket will be "Turkeys in the House" which will begin on Septem-

Bus Trips Next up is the May 9th trip to New York, New York. Reserve your seat now for a "do what you want" day in the Big Apple. Check the club posting for details.

We will again be traveling south on I83 to Inner Harbor and an Oriole's game on July 12th.

Get on board our bus to see the **World Champion Philadelphia Phillies** (yeah, it's nice to say that) on August 29th. More to follow on the latter two trips.

ber 5. The first drawing is September 11, 2009.

This is a savings of more than \$2,700 of operating expenses.

POW-MIA Flags for Sale In club room for \$30 each.

Three new special beers for March thru June. Anchor Steam, Troegs Pale Ale and Leinenkugel's Classic Amber.