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## Commanders Comments

By Clare Sullivan

We're firmly in Fall and swinging toward the beautiful and chilly months of Winter! We've had another great month that was busy and fun. Thanks to all who helped make it all happen and those who came by to support all our activities.

We've effectively transitioned to our winter schedule, although it isn't hugely different from the summer one, it is most definitely calmer and quieter, with just the locals participating and an occasional member and guest from up in Anchorage. It is a good time to reconnect now that the frenetic pace of summer and all our crazy and busy summer events have come to an end. Whew!!!!





October for those of you who have stopped by has brought us to the annual frenzy of decorating of the post for Halloween, where we like to share all our ghoulish and fun décor with our members and their kids who stop by and enjoy the haunted house at the post! Thanks too to everyone who donated candy for Halloween. The kids who stopped by and the adults with a sweet tooth really appreciated it! I think a few of us need to hit the gym with all the sweets that kept calling our names!

Our October events were entertaining and we were able to start our winter pool league on Saturday nights. I'd also like to thank the volunteers for our weekly poker (Texas and Omaha) for stepping up to the plate and keeping our games going.

In case anyone was wondering, I've been collecting names and addresses for our service members for Operation Apple Pie so, get those addresses to me and we'll get a fun package to our Seward kids who are serving in our armed forces – in time for the holidays!

We're planning on having a ceremony for Veterans' Day with the Seward Senior Center and visiting some of our veterans at Seward Mountain Haven, so if you're up for honoring some of our senior veterans in town, give us a call at the post and we'll get you involved! It is a good thing to do 'cause we wouldn't be this great country without their efforts in our past conflicts.

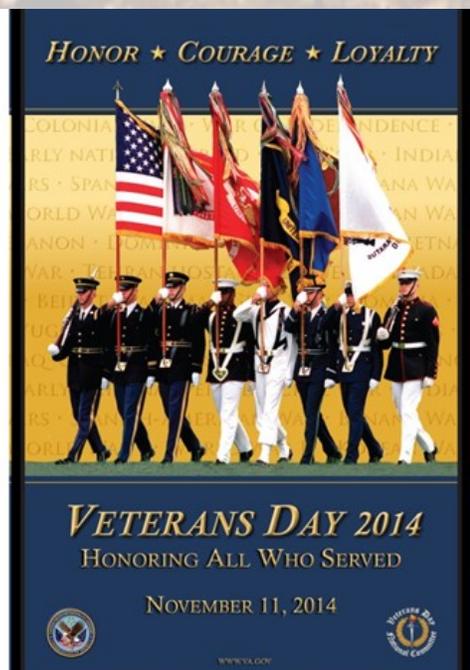
Looking forward to the latter part of the month, we're also planning our Post Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner where we will be cooking up a feast for all! We'll be looking for help in the kitchen, decorating the post and of course drivers for those who we deliver food for on the holidays. Give a call or stop by, we can always use the help, besides it is fun and gratifying spend time with and to help out our neighbors.

Now that November is upon us the cooler weather is firmly in place; we need to remember to look out more vigilantly for our neighbors for their health and welfare in the coming cold months. Utility bills and heating bills will be higher so ensure to get your boilers, furnaces, and wood stoves checked for efficiency and more importantly safety!



November is **Membership Retention Month**. We have already hit our target for November and have a goal of 75% for December. As we get closer to the end of the year, our renewals slow down with the holidays looming. If you have renewed – thank you! If you haven't, please renew; continue with your benefits of membership and help us reach our membership goals for the next few months (in addition, I don't want to get ragged on by our "higher headquarters" :) (just kidding)).

## Celebrating the Veterans Day Holiday



United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "**National Veterans Awareness Week.**" The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

The difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Memorial Day honors service-members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peace.

## House Notes

**Mike Calhoon**

### **Hello from the Second Vice/Club,**

Fall seems to be hanging on for a little longer although we can tell winter is just around the corner. The holiday season is upon us and there will be lots of activities at the Post and Club over the next few months. Hope you all have your volunteer hats on and are ready to go to work!!!

We were saddened by the passing of long time legion member Floyd Tanner this month. Floyd had 61 years as a legion member. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

The main happenings at the Post this month will be the Auxiliary Unit 5 Toys for Tots Auction on November 8th, Veteran's



Day Dinner on November 11th, Community Breakfast on November 16th, and Thanksgiving Meal on November 27th. As always there will be a need for lots of help with all of these functions so let us know when and where you can assist us in support of our veterans and community.

We are also cruising through the new membership year and have reached each membership goal so far. I want to thank each member who has renewed and the new members who have joined our legion family. If you have not renewed your membership for 2015 please consider doing so as membership is the cornerstone for all the American Legion programs and the ongoing fight for veteran's rights and benefits.

Please remember that having a Social Area or Club is a privilege of being a member of the Post 5 family. Let's all remember to be considerate of each other and to instruct our guests to conduct themselves accordingly. We have a great place to come socialize and have a great time. It needs to be appreciated and not just taken advantage of. If we all think more of what we can do for our Post and not about what the Post can provide for us we will continue to grow as an organization that will always be able to support our veterans, and our community.

I want to thank all of our great volunteers who continue to amaze and dazzle us with their spirit of giving and dedication!! You are all wonderful and truly appreciated. Without you we could not continue to provide the support for our veterans and the community that we do.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Post and the Club. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 224-5440/362-2029.

**For God and Country**  
**Mike Calhoon**

## SAL Notes

**Mike Calhoon**

Greetings from the SAL First Vice Commander.

The new membership year is in full swing. Thank you to all who have renewed their memberships and to those who have brought new members in. Membership keeps us growing and allows us to support all of the Post activities. If you have not renewed please consider doing so. If you know someone who has not renewed please mention to them how important their membership is in helping us reach our goals of veteran and community support.

November will be a very busy month with the Toys for Tots Auction, Veteran's Day, Community Breakfast, and Thanksgiving. The Post will need lots of volunteer help so if you have some time to give let us know and we will gladly put you to work.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their continued assistance. As a Legion Family we could not accomplish what we do without all the wonderful volunteers. Keep up the good work!!

I thank all of the SAL Squadron 5 members for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Mike Calhoon

SAL First Vice Commander



## From the Director

### Bobby Dunno

Well I have to say I think I put my Bike up too early this year. With the mid-day temperatures in the 40's and sunny there was more than a few trips up and down exit glacier road I could have made. But alas



the bikes are up on stands and the winter work list has begun for Bobby.

I hope the upcoming winter season finds everyone involved on the maintenance projects they need to get done on their bikes making them dependable and safe for next summer. Now is the time to get those brakes done, tires changed, cables lubed and leaks fixed (Yea, my Shadow is getting new head gaskets since one of them has blown.

Include all the other things that bugged



you about your bike's ride and performance last summer. If you are like me you are already talking about or laying hints with our better halves about what cool items for the bikes we are buying ourselves for Christmas! Get it done so when spring does get here we can Get On Our Bikes and Ride!



## From the Auxiliary

Nancy Perea, First Vice President



It that time of year again! The Toys for Tot's auction will be held at the Post on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 6:00pm, consisting

of delicious Cornish game hen, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls and yummy pie. The auction will start at 7:00pm and we are looking for donations and volunteers to be on the toy collection committee. If you have time to volunteer, please let Connie know at 362-1685. Donations of toys, auction items or canned goods can be dropped off at the Post during regular operating hours or give a call to coordinate a time at 224-5440.

Speaking of that time of year, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is also the perfect time to check the smoke detectors in your home. If you have carbon monoxide detectors, don't forget to check those too.

The Honor flight program has been wonderful for both our Veteran's and our Angels who provide assistance on these trips. What better way to give our thanks, than to provide them with this service. Sharon D. and Joanne F. went in October and Michelle S. and Connie C. are fortunate to assist in April. If you have time to spare, check out [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org) for more information.

Bingo is every Monday night at 6:30pm and doors open at 6:00pm. Come down to the American Legion and bring a friend. You do not have to be a member to come to bingo, please spread the word. We made \$562 at bingo last month. Let's see if we can do better in November!

The Convention in April seems far away right now, but it really isn't. There is a lot of planning to do, committees to form and details to be arranged. We have had two meetings so far, and things are coming together nicely. The next committee meeting is in later November and we will announce the date - we would love to see you there.

Lastly, we would like to say Thank You to our Veteran's. Veteran's Day is Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to show your Patriotism on the 11<sup>th</sup> and go out of your way to say "Thank You" to those who have fought, and continue to fight for our freedoms



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# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Food Every Night!!!</b>						1 Pool League 6:30pm
2 Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00pm	3 Bingo at 6:30pm  Omaha Hold'em Poker 7:00pm	4 Mexican Martes	5	6	7 Steak Night	8 Pool League 6:30pm
9 Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00pm	10 11 Bingo 6:30pm  Omaha Hold'em Poker 7:00pm  Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veteran's Day  Post Meeting 7:00pm	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	13 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	14 Steak Night	15 Pool League 6:30pm
16 Community Breakfast  Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00pm	17 Bingo 6:30pm  Omaha Hold'em 7:00pm	18 Mexican Martes	19	20	21 Steak Night	22 Pool League 6:30pm
23 Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00pm	24 Bingo 6:30pm  Omaha Hold'em 7:00pm	25 Mexican Martes	26	27 Thanksgiving Day  Dinner 2:00pm- 5:00pm	28 Steak Night	29 Pool League 6:30pm
30  Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00pm	