Commander’s Comments...

By: Clare Sullivan

It’s looking like we’re moving finally into the Fall and toward the beautiful and chilly months of Winter! We’ve had another great month that was busy and fun with all the Post, Sons and Auxiliary working together to make things happen! Thanks to all who helped in all our activities and those who came by to support our efforts to provide a warm and welcoming place for our American Legion Family and guests. We started out with supporting the Marathon Wrestling Dinner and Auction, of course our Third Sunday of the Month Breakfast; we had a yummy End of Season Dinner for the ALR (thanks Connie for the fabulous chicken fried steaks!), the Mustang’s Chili Competition, and to close out the month we had a successful Department Commander’s Visitation Dinner (Prime Rib for those who missed it!), and of course Halloween! It’s been busy and fun doing “our thing” while we serve and support others which is what we’re here for – to help veterans, their families and the community!

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

October for those of you who have stopped by 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! We’re getting bigger and better with all our spooky surprises. It was a fun time for all 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. Come on by and rack up, it is open to all Post 5 Family members. I’d also like to thank the volunteers (Danny and Charlie) for our weekly poker games (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 call at the post and we’ll get you involved! It is a good thing to do because 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 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 falling a little short of 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)).

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.

**Celebrating the Veterans Day Holiday**

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 and Vice Reports...

By: Mike Calhoon

Hello from the Second Vice/Club,

Looks like winter is slow in coming this year but is on the horizon.

First I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort this past month. It was a busy one with lots of activity and we definitely needed the help. As always, all the volunteers are awesome and we could not do what we do without all of you!

Clare and Connie have done a great job getting the post decorated for Halloween so be sure to come by and check it out. The Department Officers were very impressed with how the place looked during the Commander’s Visitation Dinner on October 24th and we all got some great information and had a fun time with them.

This month really kicks in the holiday season with Veteran’s Day, the Auxiliary Unit 5 Toys for Tots auction on Nov 14th, Community Breakfast on Nov 15th, and Thanksgiving on Nov 26th. As you can see there are many opportunities to volunteer some time and effort to help us serve our veterans and others in need. Be sure to let us know if you can give some time at the post this month.

The 2016 membership year is in full swing so please consider renewing your membership if you have not done so already. Membership is what drives the train for the Sons of American Legion programs so please help us continue the great work being done by the Post 5 family.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at 224-5440. Thanks again for all your support of the Post 5 family and I look forward to seeing you all around the Post.

Salutations from the Sons!

By: Mike Calhoon

Greetings from the SAL First Vice Commander.

Are you ready for winter? It is coming slowly but is on the way.

I would like to give a hearty thanks to all those individuals who have given and continue to give of their time and effort to the Post 5 family and all the functions and activities we have. Volunteerism is what truly makes things happen and without you all we would not be able to serve our veterans and this community like we do. Thank You!!

November will be a busy month as the holidays begin so there will be lots of opportunity to volunteer at the Post. If you have time and are interested in giving a hand please contact us and we will gladly put you to work.

Be sure and come check the Post out for Halloween as Clare and Connie have done a great job with the decorating. The place looks spookily fun and everyone is enjoying it here.

Coming this month is Veteran’s Day, on the 11th of course, Toys for Tots Auction and Dinner on Nov 14th, Breakfast on Nov 15th, Thanksgiving on Nov 26th. Looks like lots of work and lots of fun. Come join us!

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Vice President’s Post…

By: Suzi Towsley

Happy Autumn Everyone!!
Veterans Day events on November 11 will be coordinated with our American Legion Post, Sons and Riders. Please contact the Post to volunteer.

The Lovely Ladies of the American Legion Axillary have had a busy and educational autumn! The changing of seasons can leave you taking stock of your life and deep questions of yourself in quite introspection. For instance, have you noticed that cool nip in the air? Have you seen the leaves trailing tranquilly down out of the trees? Have you heard that Pool league has started up again on Saturday nights? These are all sure signs of autumn turning to winter! Which can mean only two things: 1) Legion family members will be screaming at football games at the Post, and

2) It’s time for the Annual Toys for Tots fundraiser auction!
This year’s fun is on Saturday November 14th. Connie will please our picky palettes with feta spinach stuffed chicken breast, twice baked rustic potatoes and veggies all for the bargain basement price of $12. You can’t begin to touch a meal this scrumptious for that price anywhere else in town! Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and the white knuckle roller ride that is the auction, starts at 7pm. This year’s event promises to be a lively one with some very special things up for sale, including beautiful handmade native crafts and at least a few gorgeous quilts.

This year will also feature a rotating cast of talented auctioneers, So if you’re irritated by the current auctioneer, just have another drink and wait five minutes because there’s a new one on deck! Seriously though folks, thank you for the donation of your time and items for auction. Please bring donations to Post 5 during business hours.
Thanksgiving is rolling right up on Thursday the 26th and volunteers are welcome at Post 5. Please check at the post to coordinate efforts. Also please let them know if you know of anyone that needs a meal on Thanksgiving.

We are moving forward, excited to include all of our members and mentor our young ladies into the leadership!
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**Food Every Night!**

Come on down we have weekly poker, Bingo, and pool league plus great dinners every night! See you at the Post!