



The American Legion

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Department of France Stuttgart Post 6 April – May 2013 Newsletter

POST MEETINGS

General Membership Meetings - All meetings will be held at 1800 hours on Patch Barracks, in building 2345 Patch Community Center.

April 10th 2013

May 8th 2013

June 12th 2013 – Post 6 Elections!!!

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HOT! HOT! HOT!

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

If you are currently receiving the newsletter via snail mail and would like to receive it via email, please email [Email: michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil)

Mike will gladly add your email address to his distribution list.

Post 6 Elected Officers for the 2013 Membership year are:

Commander: Derek Van Duyne (derekairforce@hotmail.com)

1st Vice Commander Doug Clemence (refclemence@yahoo.de)

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Post 6 Appointed Officers for the 2013 Membership year:

Adjutant Gary Miller gary.d.miller2.ctr@mail.mil

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Post 6 Department of France Officers for the 2013 Membership Year are:

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Commander Comments

I hope all of you had had a wonderful Easter and God Bless all of you, your families, and your friends. We had a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt for the kids on Easter. We had about 45 children and many stuck around and enjoyed the cup cakes and other treats provided by the Post, its members and supporters, both in the preparation and execution of the event. A special thanks has to go to our Easter Bunny, Shannon Lapham, as always, she did a great job and the Kids loved her.

The Oratorical competition for Department of France went great, really tough competition, but the final results found Caleb Winningham of Stuttgart as the winner. He will be representing Stuttgart Post 6 and Department of France at the Oratorical competition in the States in April 2013.

Our Boys State competition is coming up quickly and I look forward to these opportunities we provide to our Youth in the community.

As I stated in the last newsletter, many of the American Legion Members are facing many challenges this year. As we still do not know the full spectrum the budget cuts and reductions will have, I just want to remind all of you, we are here for you if you need us.

Best wishes and God Bless,

"For God and Country"
Derek Van Duyne
Commander
The American Legion
Stuttgart Post 6

Summary of Key Activities since the last newsletter

Department Oratorical contest – was held on February 16th, 2013 in the Patch Community Club at 1300 hours. Patch High School senior Caleb Winningham won the Department Oratorical contest and will represent Post 6 at the National competition.



Farewell party for Legionnaire Will Dunham – Post 6 held a farewell dinner for Comrade Dunham. He has been a Legionnaire for 10 years, worked at DISA-Europe on Patch Barracks. Will is leaving and taking a job in Arlington Virginia at Marine Headquarters – BEST OF LUCK WILL!!



Easter Egg Hunt – Post 6 hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. All of the little bunnies had plenty of plastic filled eggs, cupcakes, Chocolate bunnies and pictures with the Easter Bunny!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day ceremony – will be held on May 27th, 2013 on Patch Barracks in Washington square at 1100. Come on out and support the Post And your veterans.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Post 6 Elections - Post 6 will be conducting their elections on Wednesday the 12th of June 2013 in the Patch Community club. The elected officer positions are:

COMMANDER / 1ST VICE COMMANDER / 2ND VICE COMMANDER
SERVICE OFFICER / SGT AT ARMS / HISTORIAN / CHAPLIAN and
3 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS.

The will be a nomination roster posted at the Community club .

STUTTGART POST 6 FUND RAISERS

Stuttgart Post 6 has established separate fund-raisers or special projects for our Post. **What can I do to help** support these projects, **you might ask???** Each member can help support these projects by sending in a donation to the Post. Regardless of how small your donation is every little bit helps us fund and complete these special projects. If you decide to send in a donation, please make your check or money order payable to Stuttgart Post 6 and state on your check/money order to which fund you want to support. Listed below, you will find the four fund-raisers and what they are for. These fund-raisers will remain open until we have the require funds to complete the project. In some cases, it could take up to two years to have the required funds. The Post will inform you as each project is completed.

1st Project/fund-raiser: (CONVENTION FUND) There is no set goal to this fund. The purpose of this fund is to generate money to help offset the cost of our members attending the annual Department Convention held normally during June. The money from this fund is divided equally between those who attend the Department Convention. **Amount raised: \$3.00**

2nd Project/fund raiser: (VETERANS DISTRESS FUND) The purpose of this fund is to help veterans in their time of need, with \$500.00 loan to help defray the costs of a death in the family, house fire, etc. The loan is to be repaid to the Post with in 6 months of issue. **Amount raised: \$1153.00**

Additional Fund Raisers are:

Homeless Vets:	\$312.00
Children and Youth:	\$268.15
Fischer House	\$42.00
Burial Wreaths	\$133.00
JROTC	\$100.00
Boy Scouts	\$154.00

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE AT:

WWW.LEGION.ORG/RENEW

We are only 31 members away from reaching 100% membership for membership year 2013. So please renew your membership online or use the form on the last page of the newsletter.

There is strength in numbers.

WIN YOUR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Department of France is important. Because it is important, the Department of France will place your name into a raffle each time you bring in a new member. The raffle is a Paid-Up-For-Life membership in The American Legion. The more new members you bring in, the better your chance of winning. If you already are a Paid-Up-For-Life member and your name is drawn, than the Department of France will give you a check for what your Paid-Up-For-Life membership would cost. So far, the following members of Stuttgart Post 6 have won their Paid-Up-For-Life membership for recruiting new members. The Department started this program in 2001 so as you can see members of Stuttgart Post 6 has won 5 out of 9 of the drawings.

Keith A. Morros Anthony S. Suchovsky William L. Swiger
George Johnston Carl M. Schmitt III

American Legion Paid-up-for-Life Program

Tired of getting renewal notices in the mail two to three times a year? Are you one of those who keep forgetting to get your membership renewal in? If yes, than The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life program is for you. For members belonging to Stuttgart Post 6, our Post will do a Post membership reduction rate for members signing up for a Paid-Up-For-Life.

The chart shows what your Paid-Up-For-Life membership would be based on your age group.

Under this new program, you have to have it paid off within three years upon signing up. If interested, contact Mike Umland for the application by either calling DSN 434-5181/COMM 0177-727-6772 or email at michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil.

AGE GROUP	TOTAL COST	DOWN	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
18-24	\$995.00	\$27.64	\$27.64
25-29	\$958.00	\$26.61	\$26.61
30-34	\$919.00	\$25.53	\$25.53
35-39	\$876.00	\$24.33	\$24.33
40-44	\$829.00	\$23.03	\$23.03
45-49	\$779.00	\$21.64	\$21.64
50-54	\$723.00	\$20.08	\$20.08
55-59	\$664.00	\$18.44	\$18.44
60-64	\$582.00	\$16.72	\$16.72
65-69	\$540.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
70-74	\$479.00	\$13.31	\$13.31
75-79	\$420.00	\$11.67	\$11.67
80-84	\$403.00	\$10.19	\$10.19
85 & Over	\$329.00	\$9.14	\$9.14

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 6

Ladies, ladies, ladies, Legionnaires, Legionnaires Legionnaires!!! Stuttgart Post 6 Auxiliary Unit 6 needs your help. We would like to get our Auxiliary unit active. It is dormant and needs your help. Join now and see how rewarding your involvement with the Post and community can be.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary contact the Mike Umland at 0177-727-6772 or email: michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

If you have a son that you would like to sign up to the Sons of the American Legion, please contact Mike Umland at 0177-727-6772 or email: michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR 2013, 2014 and 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ TEL # _____

Yes, I'd like to renewal for the 2013 membership year.
Enclosed is my check in the amount of **\$30.00** payable to Stuttgart Post 6.

Yes, I'd like to renew my membership for both the 2013 and 2014 membership year.
Enclosed is my check in the amount of **\$55.00** Payable to Stuttgart Post 6.

Yes, I'd like to renew my membership for 2013, 2014 and 2015 membership year.
Enclosed is my check in the amount of **\$80.00** payable to Stuttgart Post 6.

Please send me a Paid-Up-For-Life Application explaining what the full cost and the time payment program is about based on my age group. I have included my date of birth below.

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Day / Month / Year

Signature: _____

(Please check the appropriate Box)

Make all checks and money orders payable to Stuttgart Post 6 and send to The American Legion, Stuttgart Post 6, CMR 480, General Delivery
APO AE 09128

Should you have any questions, feel free to email me at michael.t.umland.civ@mail.mil
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