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HARD WORK AND PATIENCE PAY OFF

As the 2005-2006 Legion year draws to a close, Post 160 is beginning its transition to a new era in our history. The land is sold and plans are being drawn up for our new home. It will be bigger, have more functionality and be cheaper to operate than our current home.



Cmdr. Hardman

Even with the changes, it will still carry the charm, atmosphere, and dedication that make Post 160 the best American Legion Post in the Southeast. We are also working with the City of Smyrna to make our new home and the new park complement each other. You will be very proud to call the new facility your Post Home for many years to come.

Now is a good time for reflection on a few of our accomplishments over the last 12 months. As a Post family, we:

Gave over \$2000 cash and clothing to Katrina Victims.

Provided food baskets through-out the year and especially on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Under the Auxiliary direction, raised over \$15,000 for Cobb County Special Olympics.

In cooperation with the Auxiliary, sent 40 young people to Georgia Boys State and Georgia Girls State.

Sponsored a Little League Baseball Team.

Helped families of deployed military members.

Donated to Veterans in need.

These are just a few of YOUR accomplishments this past year. Thank you all for all you do for your community and family. Let's keep up the good work and continue to add to our list.

There is a lot happening at YOUR Post over these next 2 months. Check the calendar and come on down. See old friends and make new ones. Volunteer to help with a program. Best of all, reestablish the camaraderie that was part of your military experience and let's "keep serving America".

Keith

MEMBERSHIP

WHAT HAPPENED ? Did someone pull a rabbit out of the hat? In my report on membership last issue I was fully convinced that attaining 100% would not happen for the Post.



Past Cmdr. Lienhop

This shows what can be done when A FEW GOOD MEN make good things happen. Congratulations on making it; and with your effort and the big push by other Posts, the Fifth District is now in first place again AND the largest District in the State with over 6,200 members.

Bill

PARTING WORDS FROM A FINANCE GURU

The Post has had a remarkable turnaround in finances since my last gloom and doom report.

We were successful in getting an adjustment to our water bill in the amount of \$455.00, which tracks with normal usage. This success is due but

not limited to the monthly Sentimental Journey Band and other upstairs rentals. We still need your increased participation in the lounge and other Post 160 activities. As I leave office, the Post assets are \$1,250,000 earning money market interest rates, CDs valued at \$72,988, food bank around \$1500 with about \$2,000 in ADM stock, and nearly \$7,000 in the general account. Bills outstanding are about \$2,600 for natural gas. Looming bills: September 06- insurance \$10,000, workers comp \$2,200; January 07- liquor, wine, beer and Sunday license \$5,400. We need to budget for these future expenses.

In my opinion, in addition to the assets listed, we must include our main asset; the tireless efforts of our VOLUNTEERS. Without them, we would have tapped into our CDs years ago.

I shall remain as a mentor to Dennis Barlow and Finance Officer Emeritus. My advice will be proffered whether solicited or not.



Frank McLeod

Frank

MISPLACE YOUR SERVICE RECORDS?

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: :

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>, this may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.



Dennis Barlow

Dennis

ADVICE FOR THE OPTIMIST:

When everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.



THE SMYRNA LEGIONNAIRE



YOUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007

LEGION



Keith Hardman
Commander



Charlie Barrett
Sr. Vice Cmdr.



Dave Moldenaur
Jr. Vice, Upstairs



Ron Mazzola
Jr. Vice, Down



Dennis Barlow
Finance Ofcr.



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Adjutant



John Copeland
Sgt @ Arms



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Chaplain



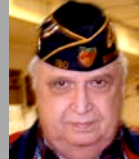
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E- Board



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E- Board



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Bill Lienhop
Past Cmdr.



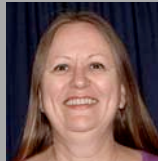
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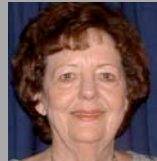
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2nd Vice Pres.



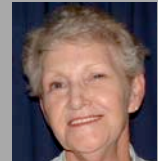
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Secretary



June Burgess
Treasurer



Donna Smallwood
Chaplain



Sandy Evans
Historian



Sue Johnson
Sgt @ Arms

SAL

(SAL pix not available this issue)

ALERT: Beware Of Calls To Area 809

This story is being distributed all over the US. It is pretty scary, especially given the way someone tries to get you to make a call. You might receive a call telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the US, you will apparently be charged \$2,425.00 per minute, or you will get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your bill, you could be charged more than \$24,000.00.

HOW IT WORKS: The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (The Bahamas). The charges

afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

P.T. Barnum said: "There's one born every minute".
Don't join the group.

(article courtesy of LMGR New Horizons)

AND ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Save the whales, collect a whole set.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Support bacteria, they're the only culture some people have.



A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

JULY

POST EVENTS


2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Friday dinners include a \$2.50 drink	Lottery every Day Play Responsibly		Pizza & Spaghetti every Wednesday	Texas Hold'em every Thurs@7:00	Steak & Chicken every Fri. nite	Karaoke 1 by Reggie every Sat. Night
2	Darts 3 every Mon. @ 7:30		Pick'n 5 & Grin'n-upstairs	6	7 N2U Band	Brkfst 8 8:00 AM \$5.00
 9 Fifth District Installation	10	Post 11 Installation of Officers 7:30 PM	every 12 Wednesday evening	13	14 Gary & Donna "Sundowners"	15 Karaoke by Reggie
16	17	18 Membership Mtgs.	19	20	Sentimental Journey Orchestra	22 Karaoke by Reggie
23	24	25 SAL Mtg. @7:30	26	27	The 28 Clique Band	29 Karaoke by Reggie
30	31	July E-bd. Mtg. TBA	Legion Riders Mtg. third Sat.		Please order your Fri. dinners by 7:30	

Note: Scheduled entertainment subject to change

August

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Friday dinners include a \$2.50 drink	Darts every Mon. @ 7:30	1 Membership mtg. @7:30	Pizza & Spaghetti every Wednesday	3 Texas Hold'em every	4 N2U Band	5 Karaoke by Reggie
Shirlee's birthday  6	7	8 Exec.Bd. Mtgs.	9	Thursday 10	11 Gary & Donna "Sundowners"	Brkfst 12 8:00 AM \$5.00
13	14	Mbrshp. 15 mtgs. @7:30 (Aux. E-bd @6:30)	16	17	Sentimental Journey Orchestra	19 Karaoke by Reggie
20	21	22 SAL Mtg. @7:30	23	24	25 The Clique Band	26 Karaoke by Reggie
27	28	29	30	31	Please order your Fri. dinners by 7:30	
Have you paid your 2007 dues yet?						

Post Operating Hours- Mon. thru Thurs: 12:00 PM 'til 11:00 PM

Fri. & Sat. : 12:00 PM 'til 2:00 AM

Sun. : 12:30 'til 8:30 PM

Sentimental Journey Orchestra



The Sentimental Journey Orchestra will be back at American Legion Post 160 every 3rd Friday. Plan to join us on June 16, July 21, and August 18. 8:30 pm. Make sure you are there for their next performance.

Call 770-436-2501 for you tickets today. Dinner is available in the lounge downstairs. Admission for the performance is \$15 per person/ \$25 per couple.

SPECIAL COUPON

Present this coupon at the door and bring a new couple to the Sentimental Journey Orchestra. When you do you will receive your admission for 1/2 price. Must be a couple who has not previously attended a Sentimental Journey Orchestra Performance at American Legion Post 160.

Expires August 31, 2006

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY. Go to www.americanlegionpost160.org or fill out the form below and mail to: American Legion Post 160, 160 Legion Dr, Smyrna, GA 30080

Membership Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

For year 2007

Donate to the programs of your American Legion Post. Your Post supports the community through the Food Bank, Support our Troops Fund, Boys State and Girls State, and many other programs. It requires your support for these programs to continue to be successful. Consider donating today.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

\$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ Other _____

Name _____

Mail your donation to American Legion Post 160, 160 Legion Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080



The SMYRNA LEGIONNAIRE



Taps

Our ranks are growing thinner as we reverently salute a farewell to our departed comrades for the past year:

Bobby Barrett	Richard Smith
William Brown	Ralph Swendiman
Willie Conley	Hugh Cooper
Clifford Godsey	Tommy Ramshur
Sidney Harrell	John Gates
Roy Hyde	William Jones
Paul King	Neal Hann
Jesse Lawson	Leonel Hein
William J. Lnenicka	Bobby Franklin
Albert Mar	Don Kick
Don Phagan	Joe Barnes
Ron Witcher	Steve Turley

Post Supports Boys State/ Girls State Programs

Again this year, your dedicated Boys State/ Girls State Committee raised sufficient funds to send 20 boys and 18 girls to Georgia Southern University at Statesboro.

Georgia Boys State and Girls State is a comprehensive one-week course in state and local government. It is a "leadership action program" where qualified high school rising seniors take part in a practical government course. It is designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon the citizen the fact that our government is just what we make it. Along the way delegates have the opportunity to learn the political process by organizing a mythical 51st state. Those delegates who are elected to serve run each level of government. Instruction is presented on the law and court system, parliamentary procedure and Georgia political history.

Attendees this year:

Boys

Brenton Bowman
 Joshua Byrd
 Jeffrey Drennan
 Isaiah Ervin
 Hari Gopal
 John Luikert
 Abel Martinez
 Myles McGee
 Daniel Moore
 John Newsome
 William Pettit
 Yasin Rasheed
 Ronny Ramirez
 Grayson Rogers
 Matthew Rose
 Matthew Roos
 Gridhar Subramanian
 Marcus Thompson
 Ky Tran
 Dale Wilson

Girls

Katherine Abdy
 Naidade Aires
 Maggie Alley
 Gabrielle Arrington
 Kathy Arreola
 Erin Brannon
 Taylor Christophor
 Brittany Cook
 Taira Duncan
 Jordan Killpack
 Amy Mode
 Lauren Smathers
 Kortney Shelley
 Kari Storia
 Lara Straub
 Andrea Veach
 Angel White
 Brittany Hay

Important Events

For my readers who glibly passed over the upcoming events listed on the enclosed calendar, they are herein repeated for your benefit:

- July 4th - Parade at Marietta and Post bar-b-que afterwards.
 - July 8th - Saturday Morn breakfast. All you can eat for \$5.00. 'Can't beat the deal.
 - July 9th - Fifth District installation of Officers (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) at our Post. Starts at 10:00 A.M.
 - July 11th - Installation Of Post officers for 2006/2007. Covered dish for dinner.
 - July 18th - General membership meetings at 7:30. (Auxiliary E-board at 6:30).
 - July 21st - **Sentimental Journey Orchestra** upstairs. single tickets available for \$15.00, couples for \$25.00. Kitchen will be open at 5:30 with the usual excellent menu.
 - July 25th - SAL membership meeting At 7:30
 - July Executive meeting date: TBA
 - August 1st - General membership meeting for the Legion at 7:30 P.M.
 - August 12th - Don't forget that excellent breakfast from 8:00 'til 11:00. Still \$5.00 and it gets you all you can eat.
 - August 15th - Membership meetings at 7:30. (Auxiliary E-bd. At 6:30).
 - August 18th - **Sentimental Journey Orchestra** upstairs. single tickets available for \$15.00, couples for \$25.00. Kitchen will be open at 5:30 with an improved menu.
 - August 22nd - SAL membership meeting at 7:30
- A reminder again that we have darts every Monday at 7:30, pizza and spaghetti every Wednesday, pick'n and grinnin' upstairs also on every Wednesday, Texas hold'em every Thursday at 7:00, karaoke most every Saturday and of course a different band every Friday each month.

Participate and support. It's your Legion

Website Available

Our website at <http://www.americanlegionpost160.org> is available not only to view the newsletters (current and past), but also contains a wealth of other news and updates. Newsletters will continue to go out every other month, but updated info is available to you on call and we hope that in the future we can eliminate a portion of our 1200 mail-outs. Please take advantage of the hard work our webmaster(s) do to provide this service.

Membership "Early Birds"

There are "incentives" in work for the annual "Early Bird" program. In the past, it has resulted in a dinner for those that get their dues paid "early". This year may be different. More in the next issue.

Stay tuned.

Need a location for a gathering or event, then rent The American Legion Hall at Post 160. Comfortable for groups from 25 to over 200. Kitchen available. Bar Service available. Reasonable rates.

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