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Post Operating

Hours

Bar

Mon-Fri—1700-?

Sat—1500-?

Sun—1200-?

Kitchen

Mon-Wed—1700-2000

Thu-Fri—1700-2100

Sat—1500-2100

Sun—1200-2000

The Adjutant's Desk

I sometimes catch myself thinking that if my father had encouraged me to join the American Legion when I was first eligible, I would now have been a member for over 50 years. I certainly do not fault my dad for this, but at the same time—I wish he had “kick started” me! It is for this reason I encourage all members to suggest to any eligible young man or woman to explore the possibility of applying for membership. The rewards for the individual and the organization are well worth the effort.

With respect, Ed Clopper, Adjutant

The Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting

Comrade Stewart C. Brennan, age 92, passed away on June 22nd, 2012 at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown, MD. Stu was a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served during WWII. He was recognized by *The Herald-Mail* as the “Shining Star of Clear Spring.”

Sick Call and Relief

The Post has placed a “white board” on the wall across from the sign-in roster to record names of members on sick call and relief. Please review the listing as you enter the Post and update as needed.

Kenny Clopper, Chaplain

From the SAL

Current SAL Officers are as follows:

Commander:

Garry Mills

1st Vice Commander:

Chuck Mills

2nd Vice Commander:

Charlie Munday

Adjutant:

Mark Clopper

Finance:

Tom Trumpower

Sgt. at Arms:

Mike Faith

Chaplain:

Brent Mills

Historian:

Rob Bowman

Legion Advisor:

Stu Parsley

Garry Mills, Commander

From Your Post Service Officer

The Department of Veteran affairs has streamlined the process for families of deceased veterans to receive a medallion indicating the Veteran status of the deceased.

These medallions are available only to veterans whose death occurred on or after November 1, 1990. Secretary of the VA Eric Shinseki advises they have a new form (VA FORM 40-1330M) to be used for the medallion only. The medallion is available in three sizes: 5”, 3”, and 1-1/2” width.

Each bronze medallion depicts a fold-

ed burial flag with the inscription “Veteran” and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin may receive the medallion at no cost and affix it to the marker or have the cemetery affix it to headstone or burial location.

The medallion is available only to veterans buried in private and church cemeteries. For further information contact the VA at: 1-800-827-1000 or www.cem.va.gov/hm.asp

Stu Parsley, Post Service Officer

Post 222 News

June Steak Feed



Thanks again to all our dedicated volunteers (you know who you are) who helped with the tips, drinks, making coleslaw, serving, etc.



One of our steak feed participants shows her winning numbers—she won twice!



CSVFD & SAL Squadron 222 Gun Bonanza



The Gun Bonanza was VERY successful! Thanks to all the CSVFD and SAL volunteers who made it happen!

Correction

Brandon M. Reid, Veteran of the Iraqi Freedom War and member of Post 222, his father, Michael L. Reid (SAL member), Maurice L. Reid (Member Post 222,) and Gerry M. Reid (Post 222 Am. Legion Auxiliary Member) and other members of their family committed three years ago to the responsibility of placing flags on veterans' graves at the Shanktown Cemetery in Big Pool and plan to continue that commitment in the future. The Reid family's dedication was inadvertently omitted from the June issue of *The Triple Deuce*. The editor regrets the omission.

Purchase of Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary Caps

If there's enough interest, I will be making a purchase of Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary caps from the American Legion catalog. If we can make a bulk purchase, we can save some money on mailing costs. The caps will cost approximately \$45-\$50, depending upon the "accoutrements" needed, mailing cost, etc. For example, in the Department of Maryland, a Maryland insignia is required on the front of the cap—at extra cost, of course.

If you're interested, give me a call and I'll let you know about the options available. (Phone number's on the front of the newsletter.) I'll take a chance that I'll be paid when I deliver the caps.

Kenny Clopper, Chaplain

New Post Officers Elected

Note the new slate of Post 222 officers on the front page. Thanks to all who volunteered to run and a very special thanks to Dick Kershner, who served as Post Historian for many years.

Gerald Shupp, Executive Committee

“American Flag” Door Mats

A few weeks ago, I saw an Internet article stating that Lowe’s was selling “American Flag” door mats. Several other Post members saw the article also. A check with Snopes’ and Lowe’s Web sites indicated that the door mat did not have an “American flag” *per se* represented on the mat but a pretty close representation of the “Stars and Stripes”—something close enough that I would not feel comfortable wiping my feet on it. (See picture, below.)

Steve Hose sent an e-mail to Lowe’s expressing his concern. The reply, from Lowe’s Customer Care stated:

*“Lowe’s offers home decorations, including mats made in the U.S. that have red, white and blue designs, but none of these mats shows the actual image of the U.S. flag.
We try to offer a variety of products that allow customers to express their personal pride, patriotism and love for our country.
We apologize if any of the designs on products in our stores were misinterpreted or our intentions were misunderstood. We meant no disrespect.”*

Bill Hose and I both brought up the subject at the Lowe’s store in Hagerstown. The associate to whom I talked didn’t know what I was talking about so we “Googled” the item. We looked around the store but didn’t see any examples of that particular door mat. Another associate thought that they may have had the mats at one time but did not now. She didn’t know if they had sold out or had been removed from inventory. The first associate to whom I talked tried to say that the mat didn’t desecrate the flag. I told him that I strongly disagreed. He took a picture of the mat with his cell phone to show to other employees.

So, anyway, I think we may have stirred a little interest/knowledge in a couple of Lowes’ employees’ minds about flag desecration. I don’t think they had any idea. (They are not veterans.) One employee did say that he has noted an increase in “patriotism” in the past year as he’s seen a substantial increase in the sale of US flags and, especially, bunting. Thanks to all who expressed their concern.



Kenny Clopper, Chaplain

New Air Conditioner Needed

The Clear Spring American Legion needs a new air conditioner. The current unit is 40+years old. The new unit is needed to cool the downstairs dining area. Replacement of a new unit will cost about \$10,000 - \$11,000.

Although the Legion is financially holding it’s own, to replace this used unit is not possible at this time. To continue to attract customers, we must provide a cool atmosphere for them.

We need your assistance in making our Legion home successful. We currently have 700 members of our Legion family. If each member made a \$20.00 donation, we could easily replace the old air conditioner and not have the outstanding financial burden.

Please consider making a \$20.00 donation (or more) to this fund. Mail or, better yet, come to the Legion home and deliver your donation in person. Address is:

Clear Spring American Legion
P.O. Box 158
Clear Spring, MD. 21722

Thank you to the following personnel who donated to the Legion Home air conditioner fund:

Larry Trumpower	David Shupp	Adam P. Webber	Kenny Clopper, in memory of
Mark Yetter	Larry Lee	Darryl Clopper	C. Richard Clopper
Bonnie Yetter	Sam Snyder	Skip Malott	
Ryan Yetter	Robert Kelley	Ed Clopper	
Eric Yetter	Annabelle Kayser	Dick Kershner	

It is not too late to contribute to the air conditioner fund. You can also donate in honor of or in memory of a person or persons of your choice. We will publish a continuing listing in the newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Kurtis Kayser, Manager

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Legion Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month @
1900 hours.

SAL Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month @ 1900
hours.

Auxiliary Meeting: As needed.



Upcoming Events

July 3—Independence Jam @ Plumb Grove. Food, drink, entertainment and fireworks, starting at 3 PM.

July 4—Legion Home closed for the holiday.

July 6—Steak feed in the pavilion—6-9 PM. Karaoke following, starting at 9 PM.

July 13—SAL golf tournament at the Whitetail Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 7:00 AM. Cost per golfer is \$90. After golfing, food will be served at the Legion pavilion. Brochures are available at the Legion Home.

July 21—Karaoke and dancing in the pavilion, 8-11 PM. Music by “Krazy Monkey.”

July 30 – Aug 4—Clear Spring Firemen’s Carnival

August 3—Karaoke, starting at 9 PM.

August 13—Steak Feed in the pavilion starting at 6 PM.

August 18—Karaoke in the pavilion, 8-11 PM.

We’re continuing to look for Legion/SAL/Auxiliary members who would like to have their *Triple Deuce* delivered via e-mail. Each copy that we can send via e-mail saves us approximately 75 cents. Multiply that by several hundred copies and the cost adds up fast! Contact your friends and relatives who are Legion members and have them send the editor their e-mail addresses to nxlp44a@peoplepc.com. You’ll receive the newsletter much faster than by “snail mail.” Also, send any changes to current e-mail addresses to the same address.

Kenny Clopper, Editor