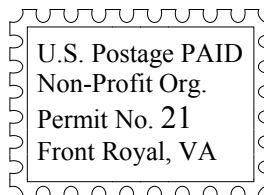


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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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## January 2016

					1 <i>Happy New Year! Fish &amp; Shrimp w</i>	2 <i>SAL Mtg 1:00 PM</i>
3	4 <i>Taco Soup &amp; Sandwich</i>	5 <i>White Beans &amp; Ham</i>	6 <i>Spaghetti &amp; Salad</i>	7 <i>Hamburger Steak</i>	8 <i>Fish &amp; Shrimp w Coleslaw</i>	9
10	11 <i>Chicken Soup &amp; Sandwich</i>	12 <i>Liver &amp; Onions</i>	13 <i>Exec Cmte Mtg—7 PM Hot Dogs Baked Beans Mac &amp; Cheese</i>	14 <i>Membership Mtg 7 PM Pot Roast</i>	15 <i>Fish &amp; Shrimp w Coleslaw</i>	16
17	18 <i>MLK JR Birthday! Veg Soup &amp; Salad</i>	19 <i>Pork Chops</i>	20 <i>Day on the Hill— Richmond Ham Potato Salad</i>	21 <i>Oven Fried Chicken</i>	22 <i>Fish &amp; Shrimp w Coleslaw</i>	23
24/31	25 <i>Aux Unit 53 Meeting 6 PM Chili Soup &amp; Salad</i>	26 <i>BBQ Baby Back Ribs</i>	27 <i>Vietnam Ceasefire (1973) Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage</i>	28 <i>Meatloaf</i>	29 <i>Fish &amp; Shrimp w Coleslaw</i>	30 <i>Corn Hole Tournament &amp; Chili Cook Off—1 PM Upstairs Hall</i>

## February 2016

	1 <i>Americanism Month!</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>SAL Mtg 1:00 PM</i>
7 <i>Four Chaplains Service Post 21 Winchester</i>	8	9 <i>Virginia Day Martinsburg VAMC</i>	10 <i>Exec Cmte Mtg 7 PM Ash Wednesday!</i>	11 <i>Membership Mtg 7 PM</i>	12	13
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Aux Unit 53 Mtg 6 PM</i>	23	24 <i>Start of Operation Desert Storm (1991)</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>End of Operation Desert Storm (1991)</i>	29					

### Post 53 needs you!

The Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. are always looking for new members and for current members to help with veteran and community projects. Join us and get involved!

### Breakfast served daily

The daily lunch program in the Post Club Room, becomes more popular every day! The meals are downright delicious and you cannot beat the price. Stop by the club room and come give them a try.

**You'll be glad you did!**

## From the Post Commander...

Greetings to all Post 53 family members. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas with their family and friends. The (4) Advent weeks are especially important as we look forward to the birthday of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. As we allow The Christ Child to be reborn within us and within our hearts during Advent, let us never forget that the birth of the Christ child is the real reason for Christmas! It was a pleasure to visit with many of our members at the Post Home during the last two weeks. The Christmas Spirit is definitely much in evidence amongst our brothers and sisters within the Post Clubroom. As we close out 2015 and Celebrate the beginnings of 2016, may we as the proud Post 53 family resolve together to display our love of God and country, our loyalty and patriotism, our love of our precious flag, freedom and liberty. Let our pride in being Americans shine forth for all this troubled world to see! ... The American Legion January edition Magazine has a fascinating story on pages 38 & 39 called "We'll be back for you"... The true fighting spirit and loyalty of American fighter pilots during the Korean War is much in evidence within the pages of this brief article. It serves to remind us once more regarding enormous importance of America's military veterans past and present. .... One last item: as the new year is upon us and we are all opening the book of our lives which as of yet contains no written entries, I am reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses... 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2016 provides yet another year to seek the Lord while He yet may be found! ... I am in hopes that 2016 will be a Blessed year for the Post 53 family and for our Post Home and as Saint Paul states in the last sentence of Holy scripture: behold, all things have become new!!!

The Lord Bless you and keep you.  
L. Funk Commander

**2016 Membership Dues are due for all American Legion Family Members!**

**Stop by the Club Room and pay your dues and pick up your 2016 card now!**

### Are you on the Internet or Social Media?

If you do not have time to stop by our Post Home, Please check out our Post 53 Website and/or Facebook Page for information on Post, Unit and SAL activities and events.

Website: <http://www.alpost53.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alpost53/>

## FROM THE AUXILIARY UNIT PRESIDENT...

Our next Auxiliary Unit 53 meeting will be the first meeting of 2016 and will be on the 4th Monday in January (January 25, 2016) and we have a lot of items to discuss. One of the main items we will be discussing is a proposed increase in Unit 53 membership dues and we need everyone's input. We will also be discussing our Spring Bazaar. We need to set the date, discuss advertising and work out the other details. Please come out and attend.

Unit 53 is conducting our 2016 membership Drive and we are at 31.82% of our membership goal of 154 membership goal. If you have not renewed, please stop by the post and pay your dues or come to our next meeting and pay your dues. All our members are important and we need your continued support and membership!

For our Christmas Community Service Project, Unit 53 donated unscented hand cream to the residents and staff of the Amerisist Nursing Home in Front Royal. The residents were delighted to receive this thoughtful gift. If anyone has any ideas for future community service projects, please let me or any of the unit officers know or come to our next meeting to present your ideas. Input from all unit members is welcome and appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Kat Hartsell, President

## FROM THE SAL SQDN..

Happy New Year to everyone in our American Legion Family! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual New Year's Eve Pool Tournament!

Squadron 53 is conducting our 2016 membership drive, if you have not paid your 2016 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

We are planning an American Legion Family Corn Hole Tournament and Chili Cook Off for January 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM in the upstairs hall. You can participate in one or the other or both. Details are being worked out and will be published as soon as they are confirmed.

## From the Club Room....

The Queen of Clubs continues on Tuesday evenings with a new game starting in January 2016! Be sure to get your tickets!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2016 Membership Cards are now needed to access the Club Room and you will need a white door card to access the Club Room! Please be advised that the Stewards will be checking for current membership cards. The Purple Door Cards no longer work! Please see the January 2016 Calendar for our Lunch Specials! Come on in and join us for Lunch!

