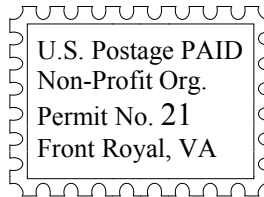


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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Larry Funk, Post Commander
Glen Brown, SAL Squadron Commander
Kathy Hartsell, ALA Unit President



THE COOKIE SHEET

Giles B. Cook Post 53
American Legion Family Newsletter
April—May 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

APRIL 2016

April 2—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 1:00 PM
April 13—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 14—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 16—ALA Unit 53 & SAL Sqdn 53 Co-ed Pool Tournament
April 25—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
April 28—DARE Day—Bing Crosby Stadium

MAY 2016

May 7—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 1:00 PM
May 7—Cinco de Mayo Party—TBD
May 11—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
May 12—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
May 21—Wine & Craft Festival @ 10 AM Downtown Front Royal
May 23—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
May 30—Memorial Day @ 11 AM Front Royal Gazebo

From the Post Commander...

Greetings to all Post 53 family members. As I write this article I note how swiftly time is progressing onwards! ... Here we are into the last of March, Holy Week has already passed Good Friday and is already poised to dawn upon the Easter Sunday Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus tomorrow morning! ... Tonight the Post 53 membership celebrated the American Legions 97th Birthday with a dinner and awards! ... Barbarita and crew provided an excellent meal as usual. It was my pleasure to present Clarence "Buddy" Hartsell with the 2016 Legionnaire of the Year certificate during tonight's birthday celebration! ... Even DARE Day is scheduled for next month ... Thursday, April 28th. ... Earlier in the year than ever before! ... On another note : the April issue of Legionnaire Magazine has a most interesting article on a veteran, Leah Morales, who is working with youth involved in the American Legion Jr. Shooting Sports Team. She has some interesting advice in her closing paragraph regarding "A desire to continue serving your Country even when you enlistment is complete! ... This was a very good read located on Pg..10.

We are entering an important time of the year at Post 53, at our May monthly meeting we will be holding nominations for our Post Officers for legion year 2016-2017. If you are interested in serving your Post, please come to the meeting and help us select the slate of officers for the coming year. Just a reminder that members must be in "good standing" so if you have not paid your dues for 2016, please stop by the Post and pay your dues!

One last thing : When you talk, choose the very same words that you would use if Jesus were looking over your shoulder. Because He is. ... Marie T. Freeman Happy Easter !!!

The Lord Bless you and keep you.
Larry Funk, Commander

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.

2016 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Legion (As of 4/6/2016)

<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>100% Goal</u>	<u># Needed</u>
423	347	436	89

Auxiliary (As of 4/1/2016)

<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>100% Goal</u>	<u># Needed</u>
124	78	154	76

If you know someone who is eligible to join the American Legion, American Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion Please invite them to join us!

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!

**Please Mark Your Calendars!
2016 Freedom Festival
July 2 & 3, 2016
Warren County Fairground**

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...

We will be voting on our dues amount at the April 25th meeting, 6:00 pm. It is really important that members attend our meetings and give their input.

The date for Installation of 2016 Giles B. Cook Post, Unit & Squadron Officers is June 11, 2016. We hope to have a good showing of support from our Legion Family members.

Our entire American Legion Family is supporting the Virginia Freedom Festival. It will be July 2-3, 2016, at the Warren County Fairgrounds; more information on this event will be shared soon, so save the dates!

We are going to have a Bazaar/Bake Sale in September. For more information please call Kathy at 635-9341.

Thank you!

Kat Hartsell, President

FROM THE SAL SQDN..

The S.A.L. and American Legion Auxiliary will host a co-ed pool tournament on Saturday, April 16th, so grab a girl and come and have some fun!

We're only a few members away from reaching our 100% goal so if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. We've reached this goal for the last 5 years and would certainly like to maintain this trend.

Our next meeting will be on May the 7th and we'll be accepting nominations for next years Officers.

Dan Remillard, Adjutant

From the Club Room....

The Queen of Clubs continues on Tuesday evenings! Be sure to get your tickets!

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!

We serve Breakfast Daily & have Daily Lunch Specials! Come on in and join us!