

## December 2015

		1	2	3	4	5 <i>SAL Mtg 1:00 PM</i>
6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day Happy Hanukkah!</i>	8	9 <i>Executive Board Mtg 7:00 PM</i>	10 <i>Membership Mtg 7:00 PM</i>	11	12
13 <i>Children's Christmas Party 10 AM-1 PM</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Adult Christmas Party 1-5 PM</i>
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Post closed at 1 PM Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas! Post Closed all day</i>	26
27	28 <i>Aux Unit 53 Dinner at Houlihan's 6 PM</i>	29	30	31 <i>New years Eve Party Post closes at 12:25 AM</i>	January 1 <i>Happy New Year! Clubroom Open</i>	January 2 <i>SAL Mtg 1:00 PM</i>

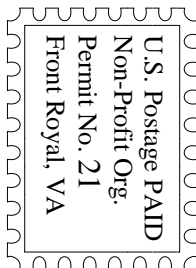
### Breakfast served daily

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!

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Larry Funk, Post Commander  
Glen Brown, SAL Detachment Commander  
Kathy Hartsell, President Unit 53



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!

## From the Post Commander...

Greetings Post 53 Family! I sincerely hope that everyone in our Post Home had a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner with their family and friends. We, as proud Americans truly have so very much to be thankful for! Thank God for His many Blessings upon each one of us, for our unprecedented freedoms and liberty, and for the opportunity to live in the greatest Republic the world has ever known! Our Post Home and our membership are extremely well known within the community for our dedicated involvement with Positive Youth Development Programs. The Warren County Sheriff's Office -American Legion Post 53 Anti-Drug and Violence Poster Contest - Pizza Party Magic Show is just one of the prime examples of positive youth programs our Post membership supports. On Monday Nov. 30 @ 6 PM, The Poster Contest Winners & families came to our Post Banquet Room for the recognition of 5th grade poster winners, to enjoy Domino's pizza, and watch Mr. Kevin Owens perform one of his very good Magic Shows. I extend my sincere thank you to the officers and members of this post for their ten years of support for this event, for not only the usage of the banquet hall, providing drinks and chips, and over one half of the total pizzas for the attendees. A thank you also to Doug Ramos, Barbarita Kidd, and John Kauffman for their invaluable assistance! Legion Magazine: I call your attention to a most interesting article on Pg.11 of the December addition regarding Johanna Jenkins. It's well written and not only references the service record of Johanna, but also makes a powerful statement to our younger veterans. Check this item out if you have the time. And one last item for your consideration: Matthew 23:11-12. The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Word from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I can only add a few of my own sincere words in response to what Jesus said... It remains an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your Commander. To me it is a most humbling experience!

The Lord Bless you and keep you .

L. Funk, Commander

### 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/>

## AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS...

Unit 53 has been given opportunity to have fundraisers in the club room during Happy Hour. We were able to have our first one in November but it was on short notice. Thanks to all who helped on the short notice of the Auxiliary and SAL fundraiser on Saturday November 21 during Happy Hour in the club room, the Auxiliary can do this once a month by ourselves to raise funds for our programs or we can combine with the SAL and split the funds raised. Please come out and join us. Everyone who attended the November event had a great time. We will be having our next event in January 2016 but the date has not yet been set, please check the board at the Post Home or the Post website ([www.alpost53.org](http://www.alpost53.org)) or the Post Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alpost53](http://www.facebook.com/alpost53)) for updates.

Our next Auxiliary Unit 53 meeting will be our Annual unit Christmas party on December 28, 2015 at 6pm at Houlihan's restaurant. Everyone is invited to attend but we ask that you pay for your own food and drink. We will NOT be exchanging gifts. The first meeting of 2016 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. 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!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Kat Hartsell, President

**Need a Gift for that Someone Special?**  
Please consider an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and/or Sons of the American Legion membership!

Membership cards have arrived and 2016 membership dues are due!  
Stop by the Club Room and pick up your 2016 card now!

## From the Club Room....

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



**Children's Christmas Party** in the Club Room on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Entertainment provided by Magician Kevin Owens and a visit from a special guest.

**Adult Christmas Party** in the Club Room on Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 1:00—5:00 PM. Entertainment provided by Frosty.

**Club Room closing at 1:00 PM on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day!**