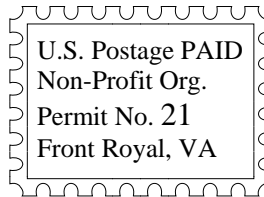


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THE COOKIE SHEET

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American Legion Family Newsletter

September—October 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 2016

September 3—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 1:00 PM
September 4—Post 53 Picnic @ VFW Pavilion 8:00-10:00 AM, 12:00-5:00 PM
September 5—Labor Day (Federal Holiday)
September 7—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
September 8—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
September 10—Unit 53 Fall Bazaar 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
September 11—9/11 15th Anniversary/Patriot Day
September 16—National POW/MIA Day/American Legion Day
September 25—Gold Star Mother's Day
September 26—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM

October 2016

October 1—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 1:00 PM
October 10—Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)
October 12—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
October 13—Post 53 Golf Tournament—Bowling Green North
October 13—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
October 21-23—Department Fall Conference—Williamsburg, VA
October 24—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM

From the Post Commander...

Greetings Post 53 Family! It is my hopes this Newsletter finds you healthy and in good spirits. As the Summer of 2016 rapidly nears its end, I sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed this special season of family vacations and restful recuperation from the long Winter and busy Springtime.

Update on Front Royal Presbyterian Churches Back Pack Buddy Program for E.W.M. Elementary School : Our Post Home began its donations to this most worthy charity in July of this year . The Program currently serves approximately (70) needy E.W.M. Elementary School students.

Backpack Buddy packs are filled with healthy snacks, drinks, soups, cereals and other items by Front Royal Presbyterian Church members. These packs of foods are then delivered to the school children who are signed up for the program. Food is provided for the children through the week and on the weekends. The Post Clubroom continues to accept donations within the "Blue Plastic Pigs" or it can be given to Barbarita or the other stewards to be placed in a special container. I have the pleasure of delivering the monthly donations to the Church Office on behalf of Post 53! ... To date I have delivered approximately \$600.00 to the Church for E.W.M. ... The sincere appreciation expressed by the Church Pastor and other staff members will be long remembered by this Post Commander ... I can assure you that Post 53's efforts to support the Backpack Buddies Program are well founded and are absolutely helping to enhance the nutritional status of I thru 5th grade children who may otherwise go hungry ! ... Please continue to "Feed The Blue Pigs" in our Social Quarters with your spare change or perhaps a dollar or two. Our Post family should be most proud of the great difference for the good that they are making in the lives of needy community school children . This is truly a source of pride for the Post...

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As the Bible says.."Do not hide your light under a bushel." Please share this good news of what the Post 53 family is doing in our Front Royal and Warren County community with your family, friends and neighbors and ask them to join us. Post 53 is conducting our 2017 membership drive. So if you like what we are doing, please ask them to join the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and/or the Sons of the American Legion! If they are already members, please ask them to renew and stay part of our programs! The Lord Bless and Keep You!

Larry Funk, Commander

UNIT 53 FALL BAZAAR

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

AT THE POST 53 UPSTAIRS HALL

**WE HAVE OVER 20 VENDORS AND CRAFTSMEN!
PLEASE COME CHECK THEM OUT AND GET A HEADSTART ON YOUR HOLIDAY
SHOPPING!**

**POST 53 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

WHERE: BOWLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB (NORTH COURSE)

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016 SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM

**COST: \$50.00 PER PLAYER (INCLUDES GREENS FEE, CART, BOX
LUNCH AT THE TURN & DINNER AT POST 53 AFTER THE ROUND)**

FORMAT: CAPTAINS CHOICE

**INTERESTED PLAYERS SHOULD STOP BY THE POST TO SIGN UP OR
VISIT WWW.ALPOST53.ORG FOR THE FLYER/SIGN UP FORM**

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT LEGION FAMILY PROGRAMS!

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...

The date for the Post 53 Legion Family Picnic is Sunday September 4, 2016 at the VFW Pavilion. We hope to have a good showing of support from our Legion Family members.

Our Annual Fall Bazaar is Saturday September 10, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the upstairs hall of the post home. We have over 20 vendors signed up and it looks like we will have a good variety of products. Please come out and get an early start to your holiday shopping!

We are conducting our 2017 Membership Drive so please stop by the Post or come to one of our Unit Meetings and pay your dues! Please share what we are doing and invite ladies to join us!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Please come out and join us! For more information please call Kathy at 635-9341.

Thank you!

Kat Hartsell, President

FROM THE SONS...

As a reminder, Squadron 53 meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Post Home. Please come out and join us and get involved with our programs!

Post 53 Legion Family will be holding a Golf Tournament to raise funds for our programs on Thursday October 13, 2016 at the Bowling Green Country Club North Course! It is a Captains Choice format with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. If you are a golfer please come out and play and have a great time. If you are not a golfer, please come out and volunteer to help us raise funds for our programs!

We are conducting our 2017 Membership Drive so please stop by the Post or come to one of our Squadron Meetings and pay your dues! Please share what we are doing and invite eligible Sons to join us!

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.

If you have not paid your 2017 dues, the Stewards take your renewals!
Come on in and join us!