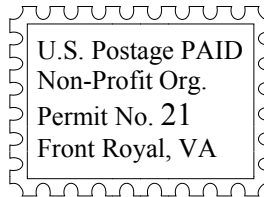


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# THE COOKIE SHEET

Giles B. Cook Post 53  
American Legion Family Newsletter  
November—December 2016

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### November 2016

November 5—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM (With Auxiliary Unit 53)  
November 8—Election Day! Please Get Out & Vote!  
November 9—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
November 10—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
November 11—Veterans Day Ceremony 11 AM & Open House 12:00 Noon  
November 12—Band Shocker in the Upstairs Hall 6:00-10:00 PM-Clubroom Closed  
November 13—ALA Unit 53 Fundraiser with LuLaRoe 1:00-4:00 PM (Tentative)  
November 19—SAL Pool Tournament 12 Noon \$10 Entry Fee Plus Chili Cook Off  
November 24—Happy Thanksgiving! Clubroom open at 3:00 PM for Redskins Game  
November 28—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM

### December 2016

December 3—SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 1:00 PM  
December 7—Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
December 8—Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
December 11—Post 53 Children's Christmas Party—Upstairs Hall 10 AM—1 PM  
December 17—Post 53 Adult Christmas Party—Upstairs Hall 1:00—5:00 PM  
December 25—Merry Christmas! Clubroom closed  
December 26—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM

## **From the Post Commander...**

Greetings Post # 53 Family. On 10-20-16 ... I had the pleasure of talking with Vicki Davies RN, BSN, Executive Director of St. Luke's Community Clinic. Vicki stated to me that any veterans from our Post are welcome to come to the clinic during normal operating hours for blood pressure checks. Also, the clinic will provide free assistance with VA benefits paperwork. In the event that the VA will not accept any Post 53 veteran for medical benefits after Saint Luke's Clinic has assisted with the application, then the Clinic will provide medical care for those veterans. A Social Worker is available to assist Post 53 veterans at the Clinic every Thursday until 1700 Hrs.

The Back Pack Buddies Program: I am delighted to announce that our Post #53 family and beer distributor donations for Front Royal Presbyterian Churches Back Pack Buddies Program has provided \$904.00 as of this month! ... This money is used to assist with providing healthy snacks, drinks and other food stuffs like soups, oatmeal, apple sauce and cereal to over (94) E.W. Morrison Elementary School children and younger brothers and sisters ages 02 thru 11 years old. The current sponsorship donations include \$5.00 per week per child ... \$20.00 per month per child ... And \$100.00 a Semester per child. A heartfelt thank you to the Post 53 Executive Committee for approving a \$100.00 donation to the program every other month! ... Brother and sisters, when you are visiting our Club Room, remember the needy children at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School. Donate your change from a purchase or perhaps a dollar or two for the children. The Post Bartenders will put your contribution in the special container behind the bar.

Please keep in mind that Tuesday, November 8, 2016 is election day. We encourage everyone to please vote your conscience in honor of our veterans who have fought to defend your right to vote!

Post 53 is currently conducting our 2017 Membership Drive. We are over 58% of our goal so if you have not renewed yet, please consider stopping by the post home and paying your dues! Remember it is not the price you pay to belong, it is the price you paid to be eligible to belong!

One Last Item : The Serenity Prayer ... God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. ( this is a very good Prayer in regards to the crucial upcoming election). ... May Father God richly Bless all of you ... Pray for me and I will Pray for you ... and all of Gods people said ... Amen.

Larry Funk, Commander Post 53

**2016 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

**11:00 AM**

**Warren County Courthouse Lawn, Front Royal, VA**

**Open House Immediately Following the Ceremony (approximately 12 Noon) at  
Giles B. Cook Post 53 Post Home  
Please Come Out at Help Us Honor Our Veterans!**

**POST 53 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

**Both Events are in the Post 53 Post Home Upstairs Hall**

**Children's Christmas Party is December 11, 2016 10:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Adult Christmas Party is December 17, 2016 1:00—5:00 PM**

**Please come and join us spread some holiday cheer!**

**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 rescheduled our October meeting to the same time the SAL are having their meeting on November 5 at 11:00 am. SAL has a guest speaker about a food bank that they are trying to get the community involved in and it may be something the Auxiliary wants to be involved with. Our next meeting will be November 28, at 6:00 pm

Please come out and support our Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Warren County Courthouse.

The Auxiliary is setting up a fund raiser party that is tentatively set for November 13, 2016 from 1:00—4:00 PM at the Post Home, if anyone needing info about it can call me at 540-635-9341.

Lastly, if you have not renewed for 2017, please consider paying your Auxiliary dues! We have less than half of our members who have renewed at this point in time so we can use your help! 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 note that our November 5, 2016 meeting will be at 11:00 AM with the ALA Unit 53. We have a guest speaker coming to discuss community support of food banks. Please come out and join us! You are invited to get involved with our programs!

Squadron 53 will be holding a Pool Tournament and Chili Cook Off on November 19, 2016 at 12 Noon. Registration fee for the Pool Tournament is \$10.00 per person.

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! Our goal is 116 members and we are currently 5 short of our November 9, 2016 goal of 41. 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 @ 7:00 PM!  
Be sure to stop in and get your tickets!

Breakfast and Lunch are being served in the clubroom! If you are on Facebook, we are posting our menus on a weekly basis on the Post Facebook Page.

If you have not paid your 2017 dues, the Stewards take your renewals!