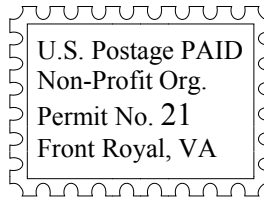


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THE COOKIE SHEET

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January—February 2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 2017

January 1 — Happy New Year!
January 7 — Auxiliary Northern Zone Workshop @ 9:00 AM Upstairs Hall
January 7 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
January 11 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
January 12 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
January 16 — Martin Luther King Jr Birthday—Federal Holiday
January 18 — Day on the Hill in Richmond, VA

February 2017

February 4 — ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
February 4 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
February 5 — Four Chaplains Memorial Service @ 10:00 AM Post 77 Strasburg, VA
February 8 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
February 9 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
February 10 — Valentine's Day Steak Dinner @ 5:00—7:00 PM \$14.00 per person
February 10 — Valentine's Day Karaoke with Top Act @ 6:00—10:00 PM
February 14 — Happy Valentine's Day!
February 20 — George Washington's Birthday—Federal Holiday

From the Post Commander...

Greetings Post 53 family. ... If I haven't expressed it lately, I will happily do so at this time ... It continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve as your Post Commander! ... I have enjoyed it greatly since 2009. Fortunately, the Post Executive Committees over the years have continued to demonstrate a great degree of dedication to our local veterans and the youth of our community. The membership of Post 53 remains a great source of pride for not only myself, but also every past and future Commanders! ...

With that being said, I would ask that you continue to support our Post and the easiest way to do that is by paying your 2017 membership dues. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, please stop by the Post Home, return your renewal notice in the mail or go on line at <https://www.legion.org/renew>. Also, please share what we are doing with your family and friends and ask them to join us, if they are eligible. The more members our American Legion family has, the more we can do to continue to help our veterans, their families and our community.

As the total membership of "This House" looks forward to a happy and prosperous 2017, may we never forget the true source of all of our successes "The Light That Shines Forth In The Darkness Of The World That We Live In" Our Lord and Savior "Jesus Christ"! ... A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and may God richly Bless you and your families !!!

Larry Funk, Commander Post 53

Happy New Year!

2017

We wish you and your families a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

**2017 VALENTINE'S DAY STEAK DINNER & KAROAKE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

**Steak Dinner
5:00—7:00 PM
\$14.00 per person**

**Karaoke with Top Act
6:00—10:00 PM**

Treat your Sweetheart to a Night Out at the Post!

Are you interested in Legislative Alerts and Updates that impact our Veterans?

**The National HQ's of the American Legion has created a
Legislative Action Center**

**Where you can sign up to receive to receive email alerts and updates.
Go to:**

<http://capwiz.com/legion/home/>

To sign up to receive notifications.

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...

Ladies, the Auxiliary meetings have been changed to the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 am (during the winter months) and we will discuss dates of change in the Spring. Unit 53 will be hosting the Northern Zone work shop on Saturday, January 7, 2017 so we will not be having a unit meeting. All unit members are invited and encouraged to come participate in the Northern Zone workshop. Registration/social starts are 9:00 AM with the workshop. Lunch will be served for \$7.00 per person.

Lastly, if you have not renewed for 2017, please consider paying your Auxiliary dues! We have 64.63% of our achievement of 82 members who have renewed as of December 30, 2016 so we can use your help! Thank you!

Kat Hartsell, President

FROM THE SONS...

Squadron 53 held a successful Pool Tournament on New Years Eve. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our tournament! Squadron 53 donated a new 70 inch TV to the Post clubroom and also gave Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to Blue Ridge Opportunities.

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 2017 goal is 116 members and we have 71 members paid or 61.21% of our goal. Please share what we are doing and invite eligible Sons to join us!

As a reminder, Squadron 53 meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at the Post Home, please come and 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.

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

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

Come on in and join us!