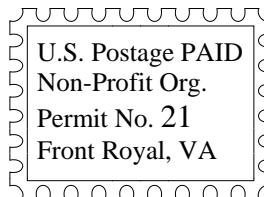


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American Legion Family Newsletter

March—April 2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 2017

March 4 — ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM Upstairs Hall
March 4 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
March 8 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting is Cancelled
March 9 — Post 53 Membership Meeting is Cancelled
March 10-12 — Department of Virginia Spring Conference—Virginia Beach, VA
March 15—Happy 98th Birthday to the American Legion
March 17—St Patty's Day Karaoke with Top Act— 6:00—10:00 PM
March 18—American Legion Birthday Dinner—5:00 PM
March 25—15th District Spring Conference—12 Noon @Post 22 in Luray, VA

April 2017

April 1 — ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
April 1 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
April 1 — April Fool's Day Karaoke with Top Act—3:00—7:00 PM
April 12 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 13 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM

From the Post Commander...

Greetings and Blessings to the Post 53 family. Front Royal Presbyterian Church expressed their gratitude for the Post's February donation to the Back Pack Buddy Program which supplements the healthy food and snacks effort for approximately (90) E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School Children. I am extremely proud of our membership's generous support for this much needed community program.

I also encourage those in our Post without a home Church to consider attending Sunday Worship Services at Front Royal Presbyterian Church on Luray Avenue, Front Royal VA. Sunday School is 0930 Hrs. and Worship at 1100 Hrs. You are most Welcome! ...

Post Home Update: I have noted with great pleasure the lack of complaints and problems from the Post Club Room since our current Second Vice Commander has assumed general supervision. Our Post bartender staff, our staff Supervisor and our Post Adjutant continue to provide excellent service to our membership. Let's remember the dedicated work performed by these good folks on a daily basis and as such work with them in a positive manner to maintain the great level of pride and outstanding reputation this House continues to enjoy!

Membership Update: According to the most recent Department Membership Report, Post 53 has 319 members for 2017! That means we need 39 more renewals and/or new members to reach our 2017 goal of 358 members! That is awesome! Thanks to 1st Vice Commander Buddy Hartsell and his membership team for an outstanding job! If you know a veteran that is eligible to join us, please invite them to join our Family!

And last but not least: Romans 10:17 Faith comes by hearing the word of God and the message is heard through the word of Christ. ... The Lord Bless and Keep you ...

L.M. Funk Commander Post 53

American Legion Birthday Dinner

March 18, 2017

We hope to see you there!

Happy 98th Birthday to the American Legion!

On March 15, 1919, the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 - for the date in 1776 when patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and birthed the spirit of America - March 15 is the date when The American Legion came to life.

Please join us at the Post Home on March 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM as we celebrate the 98th Birthday of the American Legion!

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 are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 am (during the winter months) and we will discuss dates of change in the Spring.

Thank you to the ladies for your support of Unit 53 and our hosting of the Northern Zone Workshop! The event was well attended from ladies from around the Northern Zone and we received very positive feedback from the ladies that attended.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank you all for responding to our renewal requests! Unit 53 has 119 members or 145.12% of our 2017 membership goal!

Hope to see everyone at the American Legion Birthday Dinner! Thank you Ladies!

Kat Hartsell, President

FROM THE SONS...

Squadron 53 is 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 93 members paid or 80.17% of our goal. Please keep up the good work!

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!

Just a reminder, that the American Legion Birthday Dinner is scheduled for March 18th at 5:00 PM. Please come out and join us celebrate the birthday of our organizations!

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.

<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!