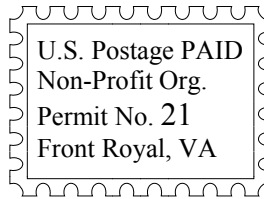


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THE COOKIE SHEET

Giles B. Cook Post 53
American Legion Family Newsletter
May—June 2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 2017

May 6 — ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM Upstairs Hall
May 6 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
May 6 — SAL Pool Tournament—Sign Up 1:00 PM, Play begins at 2:00 PM
May 6 — Cinco de Mayo Party in Clubroom 1:00 PM—6:00 PM Free Jukebox 2-6 PM
May 10— Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting
May 11 — Post 53 Membership Meeting
May 14— Happy Mother's Day
May 19-21—State Golf Tournament Host Post in Upstairs Hall
May 26— DARE Day—Bing Crosby Stadium Parking Lot
May 29—Memorial Day Event—Front Royal Gazebo—12:00—1:00 PM

June 2017

June 3 — ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
June 3 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
June 7 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
June 8 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
June 11—15th District Convention—Club closed at 11:30 AM for remainder of the day
June 14—Flag Day
June 17—Installation of Officers—Social at 5:00 PM
June 18—Happy Father's Day

From the Post Commander...

I hope that everyone in the Post 53 family is enjoying the beautiful Spring weather! ... Please keep in mind that our Post has its nominations for all officer positions coming up next month. I encourage our membership to become involved! ... Nominate those folks whom you feel would be good officers. Nominate members on the basis of not who's most popular, but who's most qualified! Our membership has many folks who would be tremendous officers, if they would only participate in the process. ... Once again my friends, I encourage you to participate in Post nominations. I plan to once again be a nominee for Post Commander and most respectfully ask for the membership's support. On another subject: Post 53 lunches are going very well. Excellent food served in generous portions! ... My favorite, the pot-pie is absolutely delicious. Come in for daily lunch and you absolutely will not go away hungry! Also, I ask that the Post 53 family keep in mind the many responsibilities of your hard working and dedicated bartenders, club room manager and second vice-commander. These great folks are in charge of the club room and deserve our respect and cooperation in maintaining a safe and orderly club room atmosphere. Any problems which may occur within the club room are immediately addressed by the bartender(s) on duty. Please make sure that the bartenders' instructions are complied with (and this includes all of us). The disciplinary policy (house rules and by-laws) will be applied if necessary. Thankfully we have had very little incidents regarding this matter. One more item: Making Choices from the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ... I set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, love the Lord your God, obey Him, and remain faithful to Him. ... Visit your Post home often ... There are many outstanding brothers and sisters within this house who would be glad to talk with you! ... Thank You! The Lord Bless and Keep you ...

L.M. Funk Commander Post 53

American Legion Family Installation of Officers

June 17, 2017

Social starts at 5:00 PM

We hope to see you there!

**Post 53 Officer/Elected Positions
2017-2018**

**Commander
First Vice-Commander
Second Vice-Commander
Adjutant
Chaplain
Finance Officer
Sergeant-at-Arms**

Executive Committee—Four (4) At-Large Positions

House Committee— Six (6) At-Large Positions

Nomination of Officers

**Post 53—May 11, 2017
Squadron 53—May 6, 2017
Unit 53—May 6, 2017**

Election of Officers

**Post 53—June 8, 2017 (For contested positions)
Squadron 53—June 3, 2017
Unit 53—May 6, 2017**

**Post 53 Club Room Summer Hours
Effective April 17, 2017**

**Monday—Thursday: 8:00 AM—9:00 PM
Friday—Saturday: 8:00 AM—11:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM—6:00 PM**

Updates posted on: www.alpost53.org & www.facebook.com/alpost53/

FROM THE AUXILIARY UNIT PRESIDENT...

Ladies, We are doing breakfast starting at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 20, 2017 during the State Golf Tournament being hosted by Post 53 in the upstairs hall. If anyone can help, please call me at 635-9341. Unit 53 is still meeting on the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM, except for the month of June, when our installation is considered our June meeting. The installation of Unit Officers will be on Saturday June 17, 2017 starting with the social at 5:00 PM. The slate of Unit Officers for 2017-2018 are as follows: President--Kathy Hartsell, 1st Vice-President--Angelia DeSarro, Secretary--Cindy Kokernak, Treasurer--Debbie Henry, Chaplin---Shelly Remillard. The election of Unit Officers will be at our May Unit Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Unit 53 is giving two (2) \$500 scholarships this year, one to a senior from Warren County High School and one to a senior from Skyline High School, and we are sending two (2) girls to Girls State. We also are planning to have a Fall Bazaar again this year in October. We have not finalized a date yet but we are working on it so we can get the word out early so folks can make plans. We will need lots of help so please let us know if you can assist us. I hope to see everyone at our May Meeting and the June Installation of Officers.

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 100 members paid or 86.21% of our goal. Please keep up the good work! We will be having our May meeting on May 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM where will be having nominations for Squadron Officers for 2017-2018. Elections will be at our June Meeting. Squadron 53 is hosting a Pool Tournament in conjunction with the Post Cinco de Mayo party on May 6, 2017. Registration is at 1:00 PM and games start at 2:00 PM. Please come out and join us! We regret to inform everyone that long time member (over 20 years) Robert (Bob) Pennington passed away on March 28, 2017. 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!