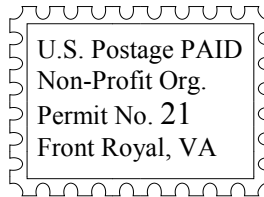


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THE COOKIE SHEET

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American Legion Family Newsletter
September—October 2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 2017

September 2 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @11:00 AM
September 3— Post 53 Legion Family Picnic @ VFW Pavilion
September 4—Labor Day—Federal Holiday
September 6—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
September 11—Patriot Day
September 13— Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting
September 14 — Post 53 Membership Meeting
September 16 — Happy American Legion Day!
September 18—National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 18—Happy USAF Birthday!
September 24—Gold Star Mother's Day
September 30—ALA Fall Bazaar in the Upstairs Hall

October 2017

October 4—ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
October 7 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
October 9—Columbus Day—Federal Holiday
October 11 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
October 12 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
October 13—Happy US Navy Birthday!
October 20-22—Department of Virginia Fall Conference @Virginia Beach, VA

From the Post Commander...

Greetings Post 53 Family! ... I hope everyone has enjoyed this beautiful Summer of 2017! ... I take this opportunity to express my sincere thank you to the American Legion members for once again allowing me to serve as your Commander for another term! ... Together our Post Home has come a long way since 2008-2009. The Post Home Club Room continues to be most friendly and accommodating to everyone that comes through our front door. ... The Post is truly Blessed to currently have the finest Bartenders, Club Manager and Post Adjutant of any Post in the State of VA. ... Thank you for your outstanding service to our Post Family. ...

I also take this opportunity to thank John Kokernak for volunteering his personal time to prepare the Cookie Sheet ... A job well done Sir! ... The Post Baseball teams also did a fantastic job this year. Congratulations Coaches and players for your great sportsmanship and athletic performance on the baseball field. The Post 53 family is indeed proud to provide sponsorship for these two teams.

Post 53 has received our 2018 Membership Cards so we are starting our 2018 Membership Drive! Please invited eligible veterans to join us and help us continue the great things that are we are doing at the Post for our veterans, their families and our community! If you have not paid your 2018 dues, please stop by the Post and pay your dues, mail in your renewal notice and payment or go online to www.MyLegion.Org and pay your dues online

May God continue to richly Bless our Post Home and it's family! ... 2 Timothy 15: do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker that does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the "Word of Truth". ... Peace my friends.

L.M. Funk Commander Post 53

American Legion Family Picnic at the VFW Pavilion

September 3, 2017

Breakfast - 8:00 AM and Dinner - 12:00 Noon

Please bring a covered dish!

We hope to see you there!

Post 53 Legion Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 3, 2017 at the VFW Pavilion
Breakfast served at 8:00 AM
Dinner Served at 12:00 Noon—Please bring a covered dish!
Dinner fare: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork and cold salads.

Entertainment:
Karaoke by Top Act
Children's Outdoor Activities to include our annual sand pile and a swimming pool!

Please come out and join us!

AMERICANISM

It is my honor to serve this year as the National Americanism Vice-Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary. The three main goals of the Auxiliary's National Americanism program are things we can do:

1. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays;
2. Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest; and,
3. Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs by supporting: American Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contest, and Junior Shooting Sports.

Let your patriotism show as we work the programs of our American Legion Family in 2017-2018!

Cindy Kokernak, PDP
National Americanism Vice-Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary

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 having our Annual Fall Bazaar in the Upstairs Hall on September 30, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Vendor tables are available for \$25.00 each. Please contact me at 540-635-9341 if anyone is interested in renting a table. We are also catering a class reunion on October 14, 2017. We are in need of volunteer help so if you are available, please contact me at 540-635-9341.

We have changed our meeting dates and times to the first Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 PM. We look forward to have everyone come out and join us.

We also have received our 2018 Membership cards so please stop by the Post and pay your dues or mail in your renewal notice.

Kathy Hartsell, President

FROM THE SONS...

Squadron 53 is starting our 2018 Membership Drive so please stop by the Post or come to one of our Squadron Meetings and pay your dues! Our 2018 goal is 114 members and we have 37 members paid or 32.46% of our goal. Please keep up the good work!

We will be having our September meeting on September 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Post Home so please come and join us! Just a reminder that the Post 53 Legion Family Picnic will be Sunday, September 3, 2017 at the VFW Pavilion. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM and Dinner will be served at 12:00 Noon. Please bring the family and a covered dish!

Squadron 53 helped host the American Legion Family Pool Tournament on August 26, 2017. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the event and help raise funds to support our Legion Family Programs!

Please share what we are doing and invite eligible Sons to join us!

Dan Remillard, Adjutant

From the Club Room....

Queen of Clubs continues on Tuesday's @ 7:00 PM! 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/>

Football season is upon us so we are starting our Tailgate Parties in the club room. For Every Redskins Touchdown, Beer will be \$1.00 each!

Come on in and join us!