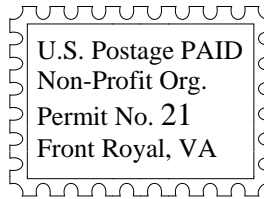


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THE COOKIE SHEET

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American Legion Family Newsletter
November—December 2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

November 2017

November 4 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
November 7—Election Day! Please Get Out and Vote! 6:00 AM—7:00 PM
November 9 —ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
November 8 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
November 9 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
November 10 — Veterans Day Ceremony @ 11:00 AM Warren County Courthouse
November 11—Veterans Day! (Actual)
November 11—Top Act Karaoke! 6:00 PM—11:00 PM in the Clubroom
November 23—Happy Thanksgiving Day! Clubroom is Closed!

December 2017

December 1—Top Act Karaoke! 7:00 PM—11:00 PM in the Clubroom
December 2 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM
December 6— ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM
December 10 — Children's Christmas Party 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
December 13 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
December 14 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
December 22—Top Act Karaoke! 7:00 PM—11:00 PM in the Clubroom
December 24— Adult Christmas Party 1:00—5:00 PM
December 25— Merry Christmas! Clubroom is Closed!

From the Post Commander...

Greetings Post #53 family. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. ... As we enter this Holiday Season, I am going to mention Church attendance and an invitation to Sunday Worship services at Front Royal Presbyterian Church. Recently I was appointed Sunday School Superintendent and actively teach children's Sunday School classes. There are also adult classes and staffed nursery available. If you are not currently involved with a Church, I most cordially invite you to attend Front Royal Presbyterian Church, Sunday mornings 1100 Hrs. ... Sunday School classes 0930 Hrs. The congregation would love to see you.

We are entering a very busy season and I want to wish all our members a Happy Veterans Day and I want to thank every one of our members for your service to this great country of ours! We would not have the freedoms that we enjoy today if you had not stood on the line and raised your right hand to support and defend her and our Constitution! Please take time out of your busy schedules and VOTE on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Once again we have the opportunity to elect our representatives to run our government for us, We The People! Please come out for our Veterans Day Ceremony on the Warren County Courthouse Lawn at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 10th.

In our Upcoming Holiday Season of Thanksgiving and Christmas! Please take time to reflect on the actions and behavior of our Savior Jesus Christ! Please have charity in your hearts and treat others as you would like to be treated yourselves. Remember that our Post and Club Room especially are a "Family Oriented" area and as such inappropriate language or actions have no place among us. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important matter. ... May the Lord Bless and Keep You All Year Long and Especially During This Holiday Season!

L.M. Funk Commander Post 53

American Legion Post 53 Family Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, November 10, 2017

Warren County Courthouse Lawn - 11:00 AM

Open House at the Post Home Following the Ceremony

We hope to see you there!

Post 53 Legion Family Christmas Parties!

Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 10, 2017 at the Post Home
11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Adult Christmas Party
Sunday, December 24, 2017 at the Post Home
1:00 PM—5:00 PM

Please come out and join us to celebrate our Holiday Season!

Senior ALA Member Americanism Essay Contest

National American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Chairman Martha Corriher has issued a challenge to the Divisions and Departments for a Senior Member Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme is "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?" The essay should follow Class V requirements of 450-500 words. Senior members should send their essay to Martha via email (preferred): ncusa1993@hotmail.com.

In subject put Senior Member Americanism Essay contest. These will be due to Martha by January 5, 2018. If members need to mail them, have them send to: Martha Corriher, 950 Daugherty Rd, China Grove, NC 28023. I would love to see the Department of Virginia have the most essays sent in...let's show our true "Red, White & Blue" love for schools and our communities!

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

Post 53 Legion Family Membership Status!

	Current Members	Goal	Percent
Post 53	221	338	65.385%
SdqN 53	56	146	49.12%
Unit 53	40	131	31.01%

Please RENEW Your Membership!

FROM THE AUXILIARY UNIT PRESIDENT...

Ladies, Auxiliary meeting for November has been moved to the second Wednesday of the Month due to schedule conflicts of some of our Unit Officers. The Unit 53 meeting will be on November 9, 2017 (Thursday) and our December meeting will be December 6th (Wednesday). For our December meeting we try to do a dinner meeting, any questions from our members, please call me for information and I will also put it on the board at the post.

Please come out and honor our veterans at the Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday November 10th at 11:00 AM! We will be having an Open House at the Post Home immediately following the Ceremony!

A big thanks to all the help on the BAZAAR and also for the class reunion dinner that we catered. Our year end reports are due and any input from our members that have done community services, we can use on our reports just let me know. Please come out to our meetings and get involved with the good that we do for our veterans.

Kathy Hartsell, President

FROM THE SONS...

Squadron 53 is conducting 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 56 members paid or 49.12% of our goal. Please keep up the good work!

We will be having our November meeting on November 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Post Home so please come and join us! Our December Meeting will be on December 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Just a reminder that the Post 53 Legion Family Veterans Day Ceremony will be Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Warren County Courthouse at 11:00 AM. There will be an Open House at the Post home immediately following the ceremony!

Squadron 53 helped host the American Legion Family Pool Tournament on October 28, 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 having our Tailgate Parties in the club room. For Every Redskins Touchdown, Beer will be \$1.00 each!

Come on in and join us!