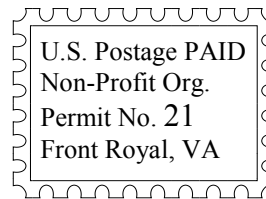


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# ***THE COOKIE SHEET***

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March—April 2018

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

### **March 2018**

March 3 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @11:00 AM  
March 7 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting—Cancelled  
March 8 —ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
March 8 — Post 53 Membership Meeting - Cancelled  
March 10-11 — Beauty Pageant in Upstairs Hall  
March 18 — Club room closes 11:0 AM for 15th District Spring Conference  
March 23— Friday Night Dinner 4—6 PM Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

### **April 2018**

April 1— Club room closed for Easter  
April 7 — SAL Squadron 53 Meeting @ 11:00 AM  
April 11 — Post 53 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
April 12— ALA Unit 53 Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
April 12 — Post 53 Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
April 13, 14, 15— Host Post for Virginia State Golf Tournament  
April 13 — Top Act 7—11 PM  
April 14— Breakfast in Upstairs Hall for Golfers and members @ 7—9 AM  
April 27—Friday Night Dinner 4—6 PM (Menu TBD)

## **From the Post Commander...**

Greetings Post #53 Family. I highly recommend to you an interesting read from the March Legion Magazine on Page 38 “We asked for no rewards but a nation's thanks“... This article is referencing a Vietnam War Commemoration that has established March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. President Trump signed the Recognition Act in 2017 and this has proclaimed a 50th Anniversary remembrance authorized by congress. Presently there are approximately 7 million living Vietnam era veterans that served between November 1955 and May 15, 1975. A heartfelt "Thank You" to my brothers and sisters who served in the military during these chaotic and dangerous times!

A few reminders: The American Legion's 99th Birthday Celebration and Dinner at 1700 Hrs. on Saturday March 03 at our Post Home. ... Also, "Top Act" will be down stairs from 1900-2300 Hrs. ... Due to the number of post officers and members planning on attending the Department Spring Conference, there will be NO Post 53 Executive or Membership Meeting on March 7th and 8th. ... Sunday, April 1st the Post Home will be closed for Easter.

One last item: one of my favorite Old Testament Scriptures, Psalm 62:5 Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken ...Put your trust in God. God leads us in the right path. God gives us directions on how to live. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life “ (John 14:6) Jesus is all you need to live an abundant life. It will overflow to those around you. ( L. June Stevenson Ajax, Ontario) ... The Lord Bless and Keep you,

L.M. Funk Commander Post 53

***American Legion Post 53 Family 99th Legion Birthday Dinner***  
***Saturday, March 3, 2018***  
***5:00 PM***  
***We hope to see you there!***

### Upcoming Events

Post 53 is the Host Post for the Virginia State Golf Tournament on April 13, 14 and 15. The Golfers will be playing golf at Shenandoah Golf Course and socializing at Post 53. If you are interested in playing golf, the Registration Form is on the Department Website (<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-Spring-State-Golf-Tournament-Flyer-01222018.pdf>)

Please come out and meet other veterans from all over Virginia!

Installation of Post/Unit/SAL Officers—June 16th at 5:00 PM  
Post 53 Disco Party! June 23rd (Details TBD)

### **Nomination of Post Officers for 2018-2019**

According to the Post 53 Bylaws, Nominations for candidates for the following elected Post Officers, Executive Committee and House Committee positions will be accepted at the May 10, 2018 General Membership Meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you must provide a letter of acceptance to the Post Adjutant prior to the May meeting accepting the position you have been nominated for. Candidates can only accept the nomination for a single position. Elected positions are:

- Commander
- 1st Vice-Commander
- 2d Vice Commander (Chairman of the House Committee)
- Chaplain
- Finance Officer
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Adjutant
- At-Large Members of the Post Executive Committee (four (4) total)
- House Committee Members (six (6) total)

### **Post 53 Legion Family 2018 Membership Status!**

	<b>Current Members</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Post 53</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>87.87%</b>
<b>SdqN 53</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>78.07%</b>
<b>Unit 53</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>70.99%</b>

**Please RENEW Your Membership for 2018!**

### **FROM THE AUXILIARY UNIT PRESIDENT...**

We are trying to have our meetings the same night the Legion has theirs, (second Thursday of each month) but please check the board in the Club Room at the Post for any changes. March 11th the Auxiliary is providing food for the St. Patrick's Day beauty pageant, if anyone wants to help just give me a call. On March 18th, Giles B Cook Post 53 American Legion Family is hosting the 15th District Spring Conference. The social/registration starts at 12 Noon followed by a brief Joint Meeting with the Legion and Sons at 12:30 PM. We will serve a meal after the Joint Session and then break into separate Auxiliary and Legion/SAL meetings. Please try to attend to show your support for our Veterans. The Auxiliary is also providing breakfast for the Department (State) Spring Golf Tournament at 7 AM on Saturday, April 14th in the upstairs hall, so Ladies come on down and help with the breakfast! I realize it is early but the golfers always enjoy our breakfasts and the proceeds help support our scholarships program.

Lastly, ALA Unit 53 finished 2017 with 129 members and we currently have 93 paid members for 2018. If you have not paid your dues for 2018, please stop by the Post and pay your dues!

Every member is important to us and we need your continued support!

Kathy Hartsell, President

### **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/>

St. Patrick's Day Margarita Party on March 17 from 7—11 PM with entertainment and Karaoke provided by Top Act!

Sunday, March 18—the Club Room will close at 11 AM for the 15th District Spring Conference that is being hosted by Post 53. All Legion Family Members are invited to attend!

We are having our Monthly Friday Night Dinners in the Club Room. Our next Dinner is March 23 from 4—6 PM. The menu is Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread and Lemon Pie for dessert! The cost is \$6.50.

The Club Room will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 1

Karaoke by Top Act on Friday, April 13th from 7—11 PM

Friday Night Dinner on April 27 from 4—6 PM! Menu is to be determined.  
Come on in and join us!