

The Beacon

Newsletter of American Legion Post 202
and Auxiliary Unit 202

April
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Edition



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Squadron Legion
202 Riders

Herbert Williams — U.S. Army, WWI, Boone County Missouri

American Legion
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Commander
Ron McMillian

1st Vice Commander
Darrel Goetz

2nd Vice Commander:
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Service Officer
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Board of Directors

Chairman Alan Wolfe
Vice Chairman Dennis Gayer
Secretary Paul Hobbs
Terry McDonald
Mike Hoferlin

Calendar of Events

Every Thursday though Saturday
The Bar Opens at 6:00 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 11	SAL meeting	7:00—8:00 PM
April 13	Legion Riders meeting	6:00—8:00PM
April 18	Board Meeting	6:30-7:00 PM
April 20	American Legion Family Meeting	5:30-9:00 PM
May 8	Mother's Day	
May 9	SAL meeting	7:00—8:00 PM
May 11	Legion Riders meeting	6:00—8:00PM
May 16	Board Meeting	6:30-7:00 PM
May 18	American Legion Family Meeting	5:30-9:00 PM

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Commander's Comments

Fellow Legionnaires,

Lots of behind the scenes activities have been happening in the past month or so. The big news is that we have a new Commander. Commander Duncan resigned as the Post 202 Commander as of March 10, 2016. Ron McMillan as 1st Vice Commander has assumed the position of Commander as of the last Board of Directors Meeting. At that time, it was also decided to fill the vacant positions until the next elections. Comrade Darrel Goetz will move from Sergeant at Arms to 1st Vice Commander. Comrade Debra Gayer will fill the vacant 2nd Vice Commander duties. Comrade John Hendrickson will become the new Sergeant at Arms. This action was taken in accordance with the By-Laws of American Legion Post 202. I might add that each of the officers appointed will appear on the ballot for the office they were appointed. Elections for all Post Officers as well as the Board of Directors will be held at the May meeting. If you wish to run for any office please let us know.

Speaking of Post Meetings. Paul Hobbs has arranged a great speaker for the next meeting. That meeting will be held on Wednesday April 20th. We will have our speaker at 7:00pm and then follow with our business meeting. There will be a little change in the decorum of the meetings. I will be a little more formal than past Commanders. That will be very briefly discussed at the April 20 meeting.

At least two members have passed on to Post Everlasting during the month since we have met. We will have a ceremony honoring these Legionnaires at our next meeting. Please if you know of any of our members who are either ill or have passed let us know.

Also we will return to the practice of accepting and initiation of prospective new members. If possible let us know of any new applications prior to each monthly meeting. Recruitment of potential new members is a benefit to both the Post and the new member.

If you have comments or questions for me please feel free to contact me at any time. My contact information is below. We also work most every Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday at the Post. Feel free to drop by. Normally we are here from 9:00 am until somewhere around 2:00 pm. I also man the Club Room on Thursday evenings. I am here from 5:00 pm until at least 10:30 pm. Drop by and see what is going on.

Ron McMillan, Commander

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Special Guest Speaker

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER FOR OUR APRIL 20 Post 202 MEETING

Post 202 will be greatly honored to have as our guest speaker WWII Navy Lt. JG. Mr. Dabney Doty. Lt. Doty served on the High Speed Transport USS Ringness, APD 100 in 1944 and 1945.

Mr. Doty is approaching 100 years old and without doubt you will enjoy the presentation of his activities in the Pacific during WWII and his life afterwards.

Mr. Doty's presentation will be in a joint gathering of the Post 202 family, the Post, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons. Mr. Doty will begin at 7:00 PM.

There will be a special award for him following his presentation.

Chaplin's Comments

As Ron has noted: spring is here—finally. This year I really could not wait for winter to be over; even though we did not really have much of one. The grass is growing, and, as I type this, Linda is cheerfully riding around in circles on the mower pretending to cut the grass—fun stuff. As I talked about last month, spring is usually considered a time of renewal and rejuvenation. A time for new growth and perhaps a time of reflection. Hopefully after reflection comes a rededication to the things that matter.

This last Saturday, I had the privilege of officiating the funeral service of a Fulton veteran. He served in the Army during the Vietnam era in Germany (his family cannot remember the dates). All the family can remember is that he helped in the transportation of the fallen. He was only 69 years old.

All of us, especially me, have things in our lives to work on, things that we need to rededicate to. Romans 12:2 reminds us to "... not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." The renewing of your mind is remembering what's important and why it's important. The transformation is our rededication of ourselves to these items.

So, let me reiterate, take time to remember, renew, and restore your soul.

Ed



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Building Manager Comments

Good Day Legionnaires,

There is lots going on at our Post Home. The grass is growing, flowers are blooming, the Geese are mating and the Starlings are still messing up the front window. Paul H. has under taken a project of ridding our building of these pests. Today he put up screen wire and some other barriers, but they are persistent, having said that, so is Paul. We will see who wins out. My money is on Paul. The moles seem to be breeding as well. We really need to get rid of them. Help me out on that and any other of the daily duties that happen around the Building.

Rentals are going great, sometimes almost too good. Last weekend we had the University of Missouri Neuro Health Sciences folks with us in the Main Ball Room on Friday. They came about 150 or so strong and had a great Trivia night. In the Memorial Room, we had a good turnout for Poker. The Club Room had a really good night Friday and not bad on Thursday. Saturdays renters were not so good; but, since we kept the security deposit the money was decent. The reason we kept the security deposit is the renters did nothing toward clean up. They did not take any trash out. Left lots of food containers with leftovers on the counter tops, spilled lots of items and swept or mopped nothing. The back storage room was trashed after the fight that occurred. Why do I mention all of that? We need help with building cleaning and setting up for events. When we have events each day of the weekend and some days multiple events there is lots of work to do. It is time for others to step up and help out. We have rentals almost every Saturday Night, and we now have a Church Congregation meeting in our building every Sunday Morning. The place needs to be cleaned prior to them arriving. Let me know if you can help out with some of these duties.

Larry, Moe, and Curley are working every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on general building and ground maintenance. The grass looks great, but have I mentioned the @\$% moles? They are killing us! Come out on T-W-Th and give us a hand, direction, or company. We are at the building from about 8:30 until around 2:00.

To ask a question about what is going on with the Building rentals, upkeep, or anything else please give me a call or email. I would love to hear from you.

Ron McMillan, Commander

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POST 202 ELECTION NOTICE

Per Article VIII Section 6 of the Post By Laws - **The annual nomination of Officers and Board of Directors shall be held in April** sufficiently in advance of Department conventions to permit the Commander –elect and other officers–elect to attend the convention as official delegates of the Post; and **the election shall be held at the regular meeting in May.**

Nominations of Post Officers and members of the board of Directors shall be announced at the regular Post meeting one month prior to the election meeting.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Election meeting. The Commander shall first call for any nominations from the floor two (2) times before voting on the Officers.

2016 Officers slate

Current slate of officer candidates for May election. Those who have said they want to run for office or will continue to serve in their present office.

Commander – Ron McMillan
1st Vice Commander –Darrel Goetz
2nd Vice Commander –Debra Gayer
Adjutant – Brett Hendren – Will continue
Sgt. At Arms – Dave Bentley, John Hendrickson
Finance Officer – Lisa Hendren – Will continue
Chaplain – Edwin Hall – Will continue
Judge Advocate – Ryan Asbridge will continue
Service Officer – Ron Brown
Historian – Melvin Bradley

Current slate for Board members. (Per By Laws Article IV Section 2, New Commander will call a Board meeting for vote on Chair and Vice Chair 10 days after Officer Installation in August.)

Chairman -Alan Wolfe
Vice Chairman -Dennis Gayer
Secretary- Paul Hobbs
Member-Terry McDonald
Member – Harold Brake

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