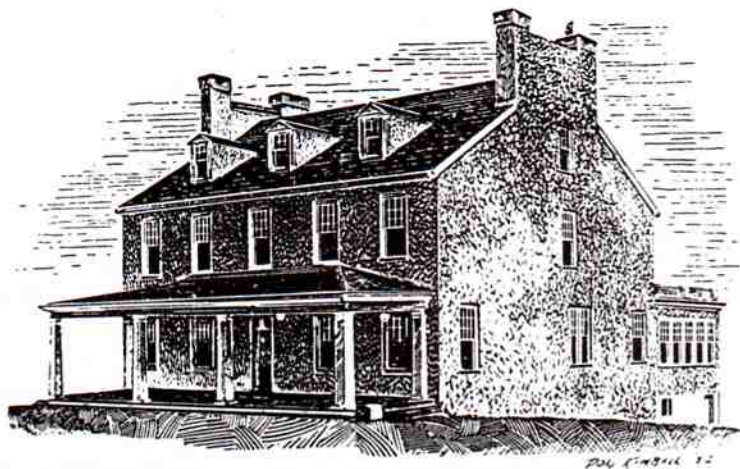


LEGION ALERT



For God And Country

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COMMANDER

Message

Let's start with a bit of trivia. We have all heard, read or said many times, Joseph L. Davis, we even get an occasional phone call, asking for him. Who was He? Answer: at the end of this message.

My condolences go out to Service Post #17 in Edgewood, whose roof collapsed during the last snow storm. Thank God the Post was closed and no one was injured. So, before we complain about what we don't have, let's be grateful that we have a post and let's take care of it.

On January 9th, Barry West and his wild bunch, held their annual Wild Game Feast, which is always a success! This year was to raise money to renovate the downstairs Men's Room. On the same day, one of our members, Robert Wood made a very generous \$500.00 donation to the cause. That following Monday, materials were purchased and work began. Thanks to Lee Grove, Bob Zeigler, Mark Farrow, Lance Pearson and Marshall Sargable, the project is finished and rest restroom looks great!

Ladies, we didn't forget you! The ladies' rooms need some attention too! And we will get to them in due time. We need to start taking steps in the way of water conservation; we use a tremendous amount of water. Just think, if we have an event, average time, four hours, and we have 100-200 people, that's a lot of flushing and washing. So, one of our priorities must be, to replace the rest of the old toilets and faucets with water efficient ones, even in the Pavilion.

Marshall Sargable has begun renovations in the T.V. Room and I am quite sure the results will astonish you. I have also noticed that the Ladies have been hard at work, organizing

their room in the front of the building. So, I am asking everyone who has a room/ office, to clean and fix it up to their best ability. There, I said it, go clean your rooms! And yes, I have the most work to do because, mine is the most disorganized!

It will soon be time to resume our outdoor projects with the replacement of the pavilion roof, placing the bricks in the courtyard and painting the building, which, I have been looking forward to all winter.

I firmly believe, the missing link to our financial stability is, the sale of food in the lounge. We miss out so much, by not having food available. So, my next drive is the kitchen, we have the space and the manpower, all we need are the funds. The Manager and I plan to put on dinners on Monday nights during the month of March in order to raise money for the kitchen. We will feature some very interesting and very affordable menus. Also, if you would like to help by volunteering on Monday nights, taking on additional nights, making a donation, or buying Bricks or Bonds, please do.

And now, for the answer! Joseph Leon Davis was a young Maryland National Guardsman who, when deployed to go fight in WWI, never dreamed that an American Legion Post would be named in his honor, after all, the American Legion didn't even exist until after the war. However, this would be an honor that he would die for. Post #47 was named Joseph L. Davis because, he was the first soldier from Havre de Grace to lose his life in WWI. He was 19 years old.

Thank You and God Bless!
Tim Zeigler

UNIT 47

Hello Eagles & Eaglettes!!! I'm hoping that this message is finding all of you finally dug out of the recent snows and able to come out and lend a hand to your unit. Membership is slowly but surely coming in, however, we still need all of your efforts to make goal this year. We have our Basket/Bag Bingo fundraiser coming up on March 6th that we would love to have as much support as possible for, anyone who

needs tickets to sell or purchase or anyone who would like to sponsor a bag or basket can contact Pam Morris (443-866-4657). This is a wonderful opportunity to get some very nice items and have a blast while doing so!! As always, we're in constant need of help for our weekly bingo and monthly

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catering for the local Tall Cedars.

Lastly, our friends at Edgewood Service Post/Unit & SAL #17 were devastated during the recent blizzards when the roof of their recently renovated banquet hall collapsed from the weight of the excessive snow. Fortunately, no one was injured (the hall was empty), however, at this time they are unable to use the building. Commander Zeigler has let them know that if they are in need of crews for any part of their reconstruction process to let him know. Please contact our post home if you or anyone you know would be able to assist them in any way.

Yours in Service,
Lori Chatham
President, Unit 47

Squadron #47

I hope everyone made it thru the 2010 Blizzard safely. This one hit everyone by surprise and we might not be thru with the snow yet so for some of you remember your health first. We have a lot of snow removal yet at the Post and if your able and energetic stop by and help shovel where needed, like the back deck if it isn't already done before this alert comes out.

Volunteers are always needed at the Post for one thing or another so if you have some spare time stop in and see if there is something you can do. Thanks to all who were involved in remodeling the two Men's bathrooms, they look very nice and with more volunteers like this we could have our Post Home like new again. When you see work that has been done around the Post don't stand around to see if you can find something wrong with it because if you have time to do that you have time to help out and maybe you won't find anything wrong. Jump in and help that is what we are there for.

Sons of The American Legion meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00p.m. And in February we were not able to have an official meeting due to the lack of **ATTENDENCE!** Just remember when you joined our family organization you join the SAL hopefully not only to have lounge privileges but you join because of you Father, Grandfather, etc. and you were Proud of them for what they done for us. I know that one hour a month will not hurt for you to come to a meeting and continue on for the one you were able to join under. They did their job now it is time to do yours. Come to the meetings and should everyone how proud you are to be a member of the Joseph L. Davis American Legion Family Post 47. If enough of our members show up to a meeting you will see a big difference around there. If you want a voice then you have to earn it and sitting at the lounge is not the way.

On the other note there is no excuse that the SAL should have over ONE HUNDRED UNPAID MEMBERS at this time in February. All dues are to be in by DECEMBER 31st, 2009 and no later than DECEMBER 31st of every year thereafter. If you are not a paid up 2010 member than you have no privileges at the Post what so ever EXCEPT attending meetings. If you are one of these slackers, then get your dues up to date ASAP before you get your membership suspended permanently. Don't let this happen to you.

God Bless Our Troops And God Bless America!

Yours in Service;
Jerry Saunders
Sq. Commander

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Membership is going good with 620 Members paid to date. 48 Members are still needed to make our quota.

New Members

Charles W. Beasley David L. High Daniel S. Rusin

Transfers

Marshall Sargable

SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Yours in service, Fred Vanorsdale

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

As noted in the Jan-Feb2010 issue of the ALERT there was to be a vote during the General Membership meeting on February 10 – but Mother Nature decided to dump quite a bit of snow on the area and the meeting had to be cancelled. The Riders are assuming that during the next scheduled (Wednesday March 10th at 7pm) General Membership meeting a vote will be taken to amend the Post Constitution and By-Laws to include your Post 47 American Legion Riders Chapter as a Program of Post 47. We are hoping that you will attend and vote favorably for this action. If you would like more information of what the Legion Riders are about please check either of the following websites: <http://www.legion.org/> - OR - <http://www.americanlegionriders.net/>

If you are interested in joining your Post's Riders please fill out an application which may be obtained in the Lounge and place in the Membership box - or feel free to call Rocky Loewner at 443 824 7616

Wharf Committee

The washing of our piers has been scheduled for the 3rd of April. The following week on the 10th of April we will be applying the preservative. Any help would be most appreciated!

**Longaberger/Vera Bradley Bingo
sponsored by Unit #47**

Come out and join us Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 1:30pm for our basket/bag bingo. Tickets are available for \$12 advance purchase, \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 12:00pm and bingo will start at 1:30pm with 20 games of bingo along with raffles and door prizes. Kitchen will be open and we are always thankful for volunteers. All proceeds will benefit The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 47. We are accepting donations for basket/bag purchase and/or basket/bag fillers through March 3, 2010. Please contact any Ladies Auxiliary Member or by calling Pam Morris @ 443-866-4657 for info.

POST EVERLASTING

*A sorrowful Right Hand Salute to our
Comrades answering the Final Call transferring
to Post Everlasting.*

Dr. William Brendle (Post)

Aurora Uglick (Post)

Earl R. Gross (SAL)

