



AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Commander: Barbara McLaren

SAL Commander: Warner Quick

Fall 2016

Ladies Auxiliary President: Betty Miller

Home Association President: Dale F. Thatcher

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** It is such an honor to serve Post 517 as your commander for the fifth consecutive year. It seems just like yesterday that I started my 1st year. We recently completed our events for the spring/summer, including our Fall Gun Drawing held on Sep 10. We endured the heat of some 90+ degrees and the drawing was an overwhelming success; thanks to the extra efforts in conducting ticket sales, volunteer members who assisted with various tasks at the drawing, and the parents and supporters of the local high school football team who served as parking attendants and performed other necessary chores, including cleanup of the picnic grounds. Entering the fall season, our next major function will be our "CHILDRENS' HALLOWEEN PARTY" on Sunday, Oct 23, from 2-4:00 P.M. with D J DONNIE providing music and games. Hope to see a lot of kids in costume and compete for the available prizes. We will also host a CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, Dec 18, from 2-4:00 P.M. with Santa and D J DONNIE. I encourage more of our post members to attend our monthly meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. See you there! Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Commander, Barbara McLaren

■ **OUR HOME ASSOCIATION:** Just last month, I was, again, selected to lead our home association in overseeing the operation of our lounge and restaurant facilities. A newcomer to our board is Jim Gordon. The newly elected Ladies Auxiliary President, Betsy Miller, will now serve as the auxiliary's representative. I trust all members will continue to support our canteen facility. I appreciate everyone's patience during our three week closure in upgrading our parking lot. A few reminders: Our facility is a Memorial Home; profane and boisterous language will not be tolerated. As a private club, entry is controlled and we ask all to assist in precluding the entry of any nonmember. While guests are permitted, local area residents are limited to two visits; thence, they should apply for membership. Purchases by nonmembers are not permitted. Suggestions, complaints, and/or compliments must be signed and placed in the suggestion box provided.

Dale F. Thatcher, President ■

2016-2017 ESSAY AND ORATORICAL PROGRAMS: Please discuss with your children and grandchildren that our American Legion supports available scholarships and encourage eligible students to participate in these programs. Students should consult with school official to obtain additional information.

Information is also available at our PA American Legion web site: www.pa-legion.com/programs or contact Dale or Karen Thatcher at (717)593-9726. ■

■ **LADIES AUXILIARY:** It's been an exciting and busy few months for the Auxiliary. 2016/2017 Officers were elected resulting in a new 1st Vice President, Deb Homeier, and a new President, Betsy Miller. We proudly served the Post, providing our assistance and tasty treats for the annual officer installation ceremony. Martha Hetzer and Betsy Miller attended the semi-annual Presidents/Secretary's State Conference in Harrisburg. Two gun drawings (May & September) allowed the Auxiliary to again serve our Post by volunteering, selling 50/50 tickets and introducing our newest fund raiser, the "Cake Wheel". Participates enthusiastically received the Cake Wheel and generously supported the Auxiliary's efforts. All Auxiliary members were invited to attend the October 4th meeting. Sadly, very few were in attendance. We need everyone's input as we begin 2016/17 projects, working to identify local veterans/active duty military in need of our assistance and programs that support them, to which donations can be made. PLEASE plan to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, November 1st. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and will be held in the dining room of the American Legion Post 517. EVERY Auxiliary member matters to me and I look forward to serving and meeting each one of you!

Betty "Betsy" Miller, President ■



DUES FOR 2017: POST, SAL, and AUX members should have received notices to effect payment of 2017 dues. Please follow the instructions contained in those notices and remit payments accordingly. Dues notices are not provided to SOCIAL members; those dues can be paid at the canteen or mailed to 100 Keefer Dr, Mercersburg, PA 17236 (ATTN: Todd Sixeas). All dues remain at \$30.00 and must be paid by Dec 31, 2016; otherwise, canteen privileges will be immediately terminated. ■

ATTENTION VETERANS: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov 12, as we will host a Veterans Day Banquet commencing at 5:30 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Lt Col John "Chris" Becking, US Army, who is currently a student at the Army War College in Carlisle. Pre-registration is required, along with a \$5.00 fee, for each attending veteran and one guest. ■

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT: Earlier this year, we made our final payment on an outstanding mortgage. Immediately thereafter, plans were developed for the repavement of our parking lot and that project was completed in August. As funding permits, we will be identifying and making additional improvements to our post facility and picnic grounds. **William "Bill" E. Sanders Jr, Post Finance Officer &, Chairman, Facilities Improvement Committee** ■



★ **Business Hours:**

Canteen

- ★ Monday - Thursday 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
- ★ Friday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ★ Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ★ Sunday 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Kitchen

- ★ Monday - Thursday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- ★ Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- ★ Sunday 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

★ Last Call 15 Minutes Before Closing!

The daily drawing will be conducted during the first hour of business of the following day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Oct. 22 | 8:00 P.M. | Dance to Still Clear |
| Oct. 25 | 2:00 P.M. | Kid's Halloween Party |
| Oct. 31 | 7:00 P.M. | Mercersburg Halloween Parade |
| Nov. 8 | ALL DAY | General Election |
| Nov. 12 | 5:30 P.M. | Veteran's Day Dinner |
| Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Dec. 18 | 2:00 P.m. | Santa at Club |
| Dec. 21 | 5:00-8:00 P.M. | Membership Christmas Party |
| Dec. 24-25 | CHRISTMAS | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Jan. 1 | 12:00 P.m. | Pork and Sauerkraut |

Additional activities will be posted at the club and/or advertised in The Merchant and also posted on web site at: www.papost517mercersburg.com

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