



AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Commander: Joseph E. Diamond

SAL Commander: Michael McCarty

Fall 2018

Ladies Auxiliary President: Linda Brechbiel

Home Association President: Barbara E. McLaren

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** Our post officers for the legion year of 2018-2019 remain unchanged. As I enter my second year as commander, I am most grateful for the support I have received. We have continued to support our veterans and veteran programs while assisting the local area in many endeavors. We are especially proud to have continued our support of the MMP&W Fire Company, Mercersburg Area Youth Organization, Tuscarora School District, the Tuscarora Educational Foundation, Mercersburg Youth Baseball, Lions Club, and the Mercersburg Halloween Parade, just to name a few. We continue to need post members. We solicit all our members to actively recruit new members and encourage our younger members to become involved in the overall management of our legion post. Attend our monthly meeting which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. **Joseph E. Diamond, Post Commander**

■ **HOME ASSOCIATION:** Our Home Association operates the casual aspect of our legion post. We have had a trying past six months as we had an outpouring of rainy conditions over and above normal expectations. Our Spring and Fall Gun Drawings fell on hard times as rain persisted and attendance dwindled, as did our anticipated profit. As a result, the post and the home association must tighten their belts on many outside activities. We are taking action within the post facility to upgrade to LED lighting. We have a number of issues at our picnic grounds that need immediate attention which will require unexpected expenditures. We will continue to strive to serve our customer base with first class service. Your suggestions are most welcomed. **Barbara E. McLaren, Home Association President and Post 1st Vice Commander.** ■

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL): As we close out the past year and start a new year, the SAL would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. Each and every year is a challenge for everyone as we all strive to work together to strengthen the bond that we have within this organization. Yes, we have our ups and downs but as we all work together we become stronger as an organization. With this new year started, I am asking all SAL members to pay their 2019 dues ASAP. It would be nice to be close 90 or even 100% paid membership by the end of this calendar year. Dues remain at \$30.00; stop by the Post Canteen Facility and pay your dues and receive your 2019 membership cards. Remember, the American Legion is celebrating 100 years. Let's make this the best year for the American Legion. All the veterans deserve it. **Thank you from SAL Squadron 517. Rob Stouffer, SAL Squadron Adjutant** ■

LADIES AUXILIARY: Summer has come to a close; Fall has arrived. What a hot and rainy summer we have had! Election of new auxiliary officers took place in June. Auxiliary officers for the 2018-2019 year are as follows: President, Linda Brechbiel; Vice Pres., Jodie Laughlin; Secretary; Kim Fawley; Membership Chairman, Debby Homeier; Treasurer, Elizabeth (Cookie Brown), Chaplain, Shirley Stouffer; Sgt. at Arms, Sharen Friese and Historian, Karen Thatcher. Membership dues can be paid now; they are \$30.00 per auxiliary member. Current dues do not expire until Dec. 31, 2018; however, 2019 dues should be paid now. Dues can be paid at the post canteen facility or may be mailed to Deborah Homeier, 4728 Lemar Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236. We request that everyone who has email to please submit your e-mail addresses to either me lbrechbiel5564@comcast.net or Debby Homeier (dmhomeier@comcast.net) in order that we may keep you updated on Auxiliary and Post events, etc. Please note that your dues may be paid on-line at www.alaforveterans.org and you can update your personal information, including e-mail addresses. Remember our meetings are held the first (1st) Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Post. Please try and attend, support your Auxiliary and community. Wishing everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. Hope to see you at our meetings. **Linda Brechbiel, President, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 517** ■



VETERANS' DAY BANQUET: Once again, we plan on recognizing our local area veterans with our program/banquet to be held on Saturday evening, **Nov 10, 2018**, with doors opening at 5:00 P.M. and program beginning promptly at 6:00 P.M. Lt Col Jeffrey Dismore, USMC, has agreed to be our guest speaker. He is currently a student in the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. All area veterans are invited, along with one guest. Pre-registration will be required along with a \$5.00 fee for each attendee. Our post members will be notified by e-mail/mail with additional notices published in **THE MERCHANT**. Those prepaid fees will be returned upon arrival at the banquet. We are also conducting a raffle for \$1,000.00+ which will be awarded at the conclusion of the banquet/program. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and they are available at the legion and other outlets in the immediate area. To receive tickets via mail, forward the appropriate amount via check (payable to **Post 517**) with a self-addressed stamped return envelope to our adjutant, Dave

McLucas, 75 Seminary Lane, Mercersburg, PA 17236. **Help us to recognize our veterans and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. ■**

2019 DUES: Our dues structure of \$30.00 for all members remain unchanged; Post, SAL AUX, and Social membership dues must be paid by Dec 31, 2018, otherwise entry into our canteen facility will be denied commencing on Jan 1, 2019. Post and AUX dues may be paid on-line. Follow instructions contained in your renewal notices. Please note that no renewal notices will be sent to social members. Dues can also be paid at the canteen facility. We would also ask that our post and SAL members verify their personal information by visiting www.legion.org/membershipmanagement and update any change of address, phone number, date of birth, and e-mail addresses. These changes can also reported to either the post and/or SAL adjutants at post517@comcast.net Social members can mail due payments to our: American Legion Post 517 Home Association, 100 Keefer Dr, Mercersburg, PA 17236. ■

★ 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

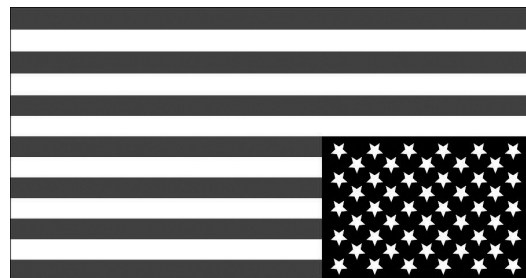
★ Last Call 15 Minutes Before Closing!
Nightly drawings will be conducted at 9:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT 29	7:00 P.M.	MERCERSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE
NOV 10	6:00 P.M.	VETERANS DAY DINNER
NOV 22	THANKSGIVING	CANTEEN CLOSED
DEC 16	2:00 P.M.	SANTA AT CLUB
DEC 23	5-8:00 P.M.	MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC 24-25	CHRISTMAS	CANTEEN CLOSED
JAN 1	NEW YEARS	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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