



# AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Ladies Auxiliary President: Linda Brechbiel

Home Association President: Karl Myers

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** After 20 years serving as an officer of Post 517, Service Officer for 5 years followed by 15 continuous years as your Post Adjutant, I was nominated and elected to serve as Post Commander of The Harry Lackhove American Legion Post 517 of Mercersburg for the legion year of 2023 - 2024. Assuming that position on Aug 1, 2023, I do not anticipate any major changes in the continued support of legion programs, i.e., veterans, youth, and our community. As our post supports these programs, I ask that our membership equally support our post and activities. I do have a special request for all to become involved and support our legion scholarship programs: The Oratorical Program, The Essay Program, Keystone Boys State, State Police Youth Week, and others. We will do our best to make sure our school officials are provided with all applicable information on these programs. Get involved and make sure your children, grandchildren, and others are guided to participate in these programs. Check out all available programs by simply logging onto the American Legion, Department of PA, web site at [www.pa-legion.org](http://www.pa-legion.org).

**Dave McLucas, Post Commander ■**

My fellow legionnaires: As I step down from my position as commander of Post 517 of Mercersburg, I would like to stress how important it is to continue your support at the post and our activities, especially our major fundraiser, the gun drawings, and other activities. As our new commander assumes his position, please continue your support of him and all of our new incoming officers. I will always be a part of Post 517 helping wherever and whenever I can. GOD BELSS AMERICA AND OUR VETERANS! **Barbara E. McLaren, Immediate Past Commander**

■ **FROM THE SAL COMMANDER/ADJUTANT:** I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The weather has been enjoyable. As this year winds down Commander Paul (TOO TALL) wants to thank everyone that has helped the SONS throughout the year. It has been a trying year but know that the Post is back to normal hours along with the kitchen, now is the time to come back in and enjoy the atmosphere in this Post. We still have one more chicken BBQ scheduled for this fall on September 16, 2023. Please come out and support this fund raiser so we can give back to the community. This year has been another wonderful year for membership. We hit our 100% membership, and this could not have been done without each and every member. On this note you can start paying the year's dues and pick your card up at the bar for the year 2023/2024. Remember SAL regular dues are \$30.00 and for the junior and duel members it is \$7.00. Please pay them early so you do not forget. We are still of need of all of you to attend our monthly meetings. Your voice counts and the future depends on each and every one of you. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm. Please consider attending and get involved!! On a closing note, enjoy the end of the summer and watch the school buses picking up our kids and the ones walking to school as the new year is getting ready to start. They are our future! **Enjoy and see you all soon! Paul "Too Tall" Showe, Commander, & Rob Stouffer, SAL Adjutant**

■ **FALL GUN DRAWING:** Our gun drawings continue to be a major source of income for our post as we support the various legion programs. With your assistance, our Spring Gun Drawing was an amazing successful event. As we prepare for our Fall Gun Drawing, Saturday, September 23, 2023, we again need your assistance in the purchase and sale of our tickets. Tickets are available for a donation of \$10.00; prizes include 50 guns and 10-\$250 cash awards. **We are again including two tickets with the mailing of this newsletter.** To validate the purchase of these tickets, return the stubs with the applicable information, along with \$10.00 per ticket to our post or mail them to: American Legion Post 517, Suite 1, 100 Keefer Dr., Mercersburg, PA 17236. Anyone desiring additional tickets should visit our canteen or call our commander, Dave McLucas, at (717) 860-7530 or e-mail him at: [davemclucas75@comcast.net](mailto:davemclucas75@comcast.net). Your support and participation in these events are encouraged and appreciated. Likewise, we need lots of help in making these events successful. For those planning on attending the drawing, we need you to give us just one hour in assisting us. We will need help in our kitchen and gaming barns. Please sign-up at the post or call our commander and he will sign you up accordingly. Thanks for your help! ■

■ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** All members are encouraged to make their dues payment early. Please stop by our canteen and pay your dues or send payment to: Post 517, 100 Keefer Dr, Mercersburg, PA 17236.

**OUR AUXILIARY UNIT:** It has been a Hot-Hot Summer, hopefully everyone is staying cool. We are looking forward to the upcoming Gun Drawing, where the Auxiliary will be having their 50/50 again. Please be sure and see us at our table. The Auxiliary has set a box in the entryway to the club, accepting food donations for "My Neighbors Bounty". If you have not already given, please do so. There are many families struggling in our community and would appreciate any food donations you can give. We gave away three (3) \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors at James Buchanan High School this year. The recipients were Morgan Nelling, who is attending Allegheny College pursuing a career in Forestry and Soil Conservation; Emily Breon, who will be attending Shippensburg College, pursuing a career in Business Management and Katreena Jones who will be attending Wilson College, pursuing a career in Equine Veterinary. The Auxiliary presented the Distinguished Achievement Awards to eight grade students, Elissa Stine, and Logan Smith. Each received \$50.00 for their outstanding achievements. Since January we have also donated to the following organizations:

My Neighbors Bounty, MMP&W Fire Company, MMP&W Ambulance Service, Veterans at South Mountain Center, Franklin County Sportsman's Youth Program, Mercersburg Rotary Club, Fendrick Library, and Post 517, Election of Officers was held, and all officers stayed the same as they were for 2023. Linda Brechbiel, President; Jodie Laughlin, Vice President; Kim Fawley, Recording Secretary; Nancy Stokes, Corresponding Secretary; and Sharen Friese, SGT. at Arms. The offices of Chaplain and Historian remain vacant. Your 2023 dues are good until December 31, 2023. However, your dues for 2024 can be paid now, they are still 30.00 per year, do not wait until the last minute to pay for 2024, prevent that lapse in membership. We always welcome new faces to our meetings, the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30 PM. Please come and at least see what they are all about, even get involved with some of the functions, bring us some new ideas. With new ideas comes new help. Be the next person to help support our veterans and community. God Bless our Veterans.  
**Linda Brechbiel, Auxiliary President**

**POST AND HOME ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS:** Earlier this year, revisions were made to the post by-laws to conform with mandated by-laws of the American Legion, Dept of PA. Only minor changes were required. The Home Association By-Laws have also been revised to conform to those requirements mandated by the state and post by-laws. Please feel free to review these post and home association by-laws at our post web site: [www.papost517mercersburg.org](http://www.papost517mercersburg.org). The Home Association Board of Directors will meet separately on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; followed by an open meeting of all canteen card holders at approximately 6:30 P.M. All are invited to attend. The Post (legion members only) will meet immediately thereafter at approximately 7:00 P.M. All post members are encouraged to attend those monthly meetings. Auxiliary meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. and the Sons of the American Legion meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:00 P.M.

**CANTEEN RESTURANT & LOUNGE:** 2023 is moving fast. Hopefully, you have had the chance to stop into the Canteen for a meal or two. So far this year we have expanded the kitchen hours through the week, opened for breakfast on Sundays, and started meal specials other than the menu items. We realized this has not been flawless, but the team is working on improving the dining experience. The HA has also started bringing in bands and hopefully can make that a regular occurrence. This fall we hope to kick off regular corn hole tournaments as well as trying our hand at other games/activities i.e., Bingo. Any suggestions or feedback for activities are appreciated. We thank you for your continued support through this year's changes and we look forward to making the canteen experience better for all members. Feel free to bring any issues, suggestions, or feedback to our attention. Thank you.  
**Karl Myers, President, Home Association**

**NOTE:** For Our Canteen and Kitchen hours, please check our website: [www.papost517mercersburg.org](http://www.papost517mercersburg.org) under "Menu and Canteen/Kitchen Hours" for the most current information.

