



# AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Commander: Barbara McLaren

SAL Commander: Warner Quick

*Spring 2015*

Ladies Auxiliary President: Elizabeth Brown

Home Association President: Dale F. Thatcher

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** Has OLD MAN WINTER finally left us? I'm sure everyone's hoping so. As I enter my last few months of being your commander for the year of 2014-2015, MANY THANKS to everyone who has supported me in the past three years. I look forward to serving you for one more year! We kicked off our spring/summer season with the Kids' Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th. It turned out to be a lot of fun for all. On May 23rd, we will be holding our Home Association Gun Drawing. We will need lots of help to make this event successful. On May 25th, Memorial Day, we will have our annual parade with an Honor Guard from Fulton County, bands from the middle and high schools. Our guest speaker for this year's event will be Command Sergeant Major Christopher Kepner.

**Commander, Barbara McLaren**

■ **THE LADIES AUXILIARY:** Karen Thatcher, Daris Higgins and myself recently delivered Easter baskets to the Robert M. Jackson Veteran's Home Center in Harrisburg PA. Also, if anyone knows of a junior high school student who would like to attend Girl's State at Shippensburg University in June, contact Karen thatcher at 717-593-9726, for an application and more information. You can also review this student program and others at: [www.ala.pa-legion.com/programs/](http://www.ala.pa-legion.com/programs/). We will be conducting a 50/50 at upcoming gun drawings; any auxiliary member who can help, please contact me. An hour or so of your time would be appreciated. Our election of officers will be held in June, any auxiliary member who would be interested in being nominated for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain and Historian, please let me know. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M, your ideas and suggestions are important, bring them to a meeting.

**Elizabeth "Cookie" Brown, President** ■

■ **OUR HOME ASSOCIATION:** Have you seen the results of our lounge area restroom renovation projects? We owe a debt of gratitude to our volunteers: Ed Goodman, Bob Ommert, Tob Musselman, Toby Swank, Luke Hammond, Larry Cordell, Todd Sixeas, and Don & Martha Hetzer for donating their time and expertise on this project. Thanks folks. We will be undertaking additional facility improvements in the near future. In the interim, we will need lots of help with our upcoming gun drawing and the many summer and fall programs on our agenda. I would like to further remind all that we are a part of a Post Veteran's Memorial Home and all need to show respect and abide by our canteen rules. **Particularly, the use of profanity must be curtailed.**

**Dale F. Thatcher, President** ■

■ **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:** Spring has finally sprung. So that means a lot of upcoming events here at post 517. Don't forget to get your May gun drawing tickets, where the S.A.L. will chance off a brand new zero turn mower. To get a good look at it stop by the post. Also our first chicken BBQ of the year is coming up this month, so don't forget to stop and get some of the best darn chicken in the state. I hope to see you at some or all of our upcoming events. I would also like to thank everyone for their help and support in my first year as S.A.L. commander. So let's get out and enjoy the change in the weather by supporting your post and honoring the veterans. Remember your legion is only as strong as the members in it ... Thanks for your continued support.

**Quick, SAL Commander** ■

■ **GUN DRAWINGS:** Again, we will have two gun drawings this year. The first one will be on May 23rd with prizes including 39 guns, 10 - \$500.00 Cash Awards, and a Side-by-Side Polaris 4-Wheeler. Tickets for this spring drawing have been on sale for the last three months; a limited supply of tickets remains. Our fall drawing will include 38 guns, 10 - \$500.00 Cash Awards, and 2 - Polaris 4-Wheelers. Sale of those tickets will commence on or about May 23rd. For additional information on these drawings, check them out on the web site: [www.papost517mercersburg.com](http://www.papost517mercersburg.com) ■

■ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Election of officers for the upcoming legion year of 2015-2016 for the post, auxiliary, and SAL will be held in the month of June. Nominations are currently being accepted. Anyone desiring to be considered for an officer position should contact the incumbent commander and/or president of their respective organization to let their desires known. Home Association elections will be held in Sep; individuals desiring to serve on the home association should contact our canteen manager or Dale Thatcher. ■

**2016 DUES NOTICE:** : Believe it or not, we are only a few short months away from collecting dues for the upcoming year. All dues for 2016 (Post, Auxiliary, SAL, and Social) will remain at \$30.00. The post will commence with collection of dues on or about Aug 1, 2015, with the Auxiliary, SAL, and Social following in the Sep/Oct timeframe. Post members are highly encouraged to use the on-line payment option at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). Dues for 2016 must be paid by Dec 31, 2015. All members need to verify their addresses, phone number, and e-mail address when paying dues. Post and SAL members can make address corrections on-line at [www.legion.org/membershipmanagement](http://www.legion.org/membershipmanagement). All others should report changes in person to the post or e-mail any change to [post517@comcast.net](mailto:post517@comcast.net) ■

**WEB SITE:** We recently contracted with The American Legion's National Headquarters in constructing a new web site. That web site is now fully updated with a variety of information on our legion organization and the community. Our Canteen's restaurant menu is updated every

Tuesday. Check out our upcoming events. Applications for membership can be printed from the "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION" page. We welcome new members and all current members should be active in our recruitment efforts. Please visit our web site at: [www.papost517mercergsburg.com](http://www.papost517mercergsburg.com)

Your comments are welcomed! ■

**CANTEEN FACILITY RULES:** We ask our members to respect our Memorial Home. Headgear must be removed. Profane and/or boisterous language will not be tolerated. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs are strictly prohibited on the premises. Violators will be permanently barred and referred to local law enforcement officials for criminal prosecution. Smoking in the bar area only is authorized. Our post and home association officers are currently considering options to improve smoke removal via additional air filtration systems. We do, however, anticipate, at some future date, our PA General Assembly will totally restrict smoking in private clubs. ■

★ **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

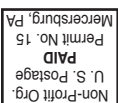
★ Last Call 15 Minutes Before Closing!

Nightly drawings will be conducted one hour prior to closing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Apr. 18	10:30 A.M.	SAL BBQ
May 10	11:00-3:00	Mother's Day Dinner Buffet
May 23	11:00 A.M.	Home Association Gun Drawing
May 25	8:30 A.M.	Memorial Day Parade/Services
June 6	11:00-4:00	22nd District SAL Vet Appreciation Day (Gettysburg)
June 21	7:00-10:00	Father's Day Breakfast Buffet
Sept. 19	11:00 A.M.	Post Gun Drawing

**Additional activities will be posted at the club and/or advertised in The Merchant and also posted on web site at: [www.papost517mercergsburg.com](http://www.papost517mercergsburg.com)**



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**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Anyone interested in participating in our golf tournament should consult our Canteen Manager, Todd Sixas at (717)528-2410. Tournament will be held on May 9, 2015, at the Great Cove Golf and Recreational Club in McConnellsburg.