



AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Spring 2018

Ladies Auxiliary President: Betty "Betsy" Miller

Home Association President: Barbara E. McLaren

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** Time flies! Hard to believe that I am now on the downside of my first year as commander of the Harry Lackhove American Legion Post 517 of Mercersburg. It has been a distinct pleasure to be part of this organization in supporting veterans, our youth, and the local community. The next year will be hectic and challenging as we will be celebrating the 100th Year of the American Legion. Activities will be scheduled locally, state-wide and nation-wide. Please show your continued membership support of the American Legion and attend these events at your convenience. Please attend our monthly post meetings. We will look forward to seeing all local area members at our Memorial Day Parade/Services which will be held at Fairview Cemetery on May 28, 2018.

Joseph E. Diamond, Post Commander

■ **OUR HOME ASSOCIATION:** Is Spring really around the corner? I, for one, am ready for some warmer weather. What an "up and down" winter. Since becoming Home Association president and with the support of our post officers, several upgrades have been made to our Post Home. In August 2016 we completed the resurfacing of the parking lot, we have now added a wind barrier wall and new doors at our entrance. After 20+ years, our HAVC System over the dining room area became inoperative and has been replaced. We are now in the midst of planning our Spring Gun Drawing scheduled for May 19th. Tickets are \$10.00 and have been available since the beginning of February at the post canteen facility and other outlets in the surrounding area. To preview the prize list, go to our post web site: www.papost517mercersburg.com. To receive tickets by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (letter size) to our Post Adjutant: **Dave McLucas, 75 Seminary Lane, Mercersburg, PA 17236**. Be sure to include the correct information for each ticket, including address, phone number and \$10.00 per ticket. We will need lots of help from our members to pull off a successful drawing. The James Buchanan High School Athletic Department (students and parents) will again help with picnic area clean up, parking, and other chores at the drawing. Our Fall Gun Drawing will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018. I solicit and encourage all members to assist in the sale of tickets; and, volunteer some of your time at these drawings. Your continued support of our canteen facility appreciated – SEE YOU AT THE POST! **Barbara E. McLaren, President, Post 517 Home Association.** ■

SAL VETERANS' APPRECIATION: Our SAL Squadron will be assisting the 22nd District in sponsoring a Veterans' Appreciation Day on June 2, 2018, to be held from

10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. at AMVETS Post 224, 750 5th Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. The theme is to **"HONOR OUR VETERANS"** who have served or are currently serving our country from the surrounding communities, local area VA Centers, Nursing Care Facilities. **ALL ARE MOST WELCOMED.** There will be food, guest speakers, a Flag Retirement Ceremony, and other activities. ■

GET OUT AND VOTE: In May, we all need to get out and exercise our constitutional right and vote in the upcoming primary elections. Likewise, our post, SAL Squadron, and Auxiliary Unit will all be holding nominations and election of officers for the upcoming legion year of 2018-2019. In most cases, nominations will commence at the monthly meetings in May with elections to be finalized at the June meeting. Anyone interested in serving as an officer should make their desires known by attending the appropriate upcoming meeting. Post meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.; SAL meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M., while Auxiliary meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. ■

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/SERVICES: Our parade and services will be held on May 28th. The parade will commence at 8:30 from Park St. to Fairview Cemetery. Services will start promptly at 9:00 A.M. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a guest speaker from the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. We will again have a wagon available for our elderly folks to ride through the parade to the cemetery. The wagon will load at our legion post at approximately 8:00 A.M. Space on the wagon will be limited. Accordingly, anyone interested in riding this wagon will need make advance reservations through Ed Goodman, phone or text (717)360-7432 or e-mail: egoodman@internet.net. ■

HOME ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES: If you visited our canteen during the past few months on Saturday, you would have noticed a bee-hive of activity in the dining room area. Our 500 Bid League has now been finalized with the league champions being Rich Smith and Chet Keefer. Card Party Champions were Bub Swailes and Connie Stuff. Thanks to all participants. ■

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is the life-blood of our organization. We are currently in the fourth month of 2018 and there are still a number of individuals who have not paid their annual dues (\$30.00) for the current calendar year. It is not too late to pay those dues; simply mail payment to our post address or stop by and pay them in person. It is worth mentioning that our Post and the Ladies Auxiliary Unit have met their 100% membership targets for the 2017-2018 Legion Year. ■

POST GOLF TOURNAMENT: We will be sponsoring a 4-person scramble golf tournament on June 16, 2018, to be held at the Great Cove Recreational and Golf Course in McConnellsburg, PA. This annual tournament is held to provide much needed funding for Honor Guard Units that support our deceased veterans at funeral services and other support such as our Memorial Day Services/Parade and the Mercersburg Halloween Parade. The tournament committee will also hold a raffle which will yield \$1,000 in cash prizes. Please support this raffle accordingly. For additional details, contact our canteen manager, Todd Sixeas, at (717)328-2410 or email him at post517@comcast.net. Applications for this tournament will be posted on our post web site in the near future. ■

★ **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

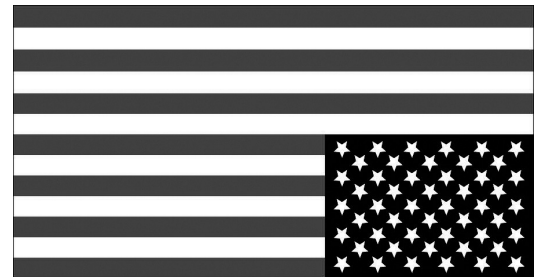
★ Last Call 15 Minutes Before Closing!
Nightly drawings will be conducted at 9:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 12	9:00 A.M.	PLACE FLAGS ON AREA CEMETERIES
MAY 13	11:00-3:00	MOTHERS' DAY DINNER BUFFET
MAY 19	8:00 A.M.	DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT
MAY 19	11:00 A.M.	HOME ASSOCIATION GUN DRAWING
MAY 28	8:30 A.M.	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/SERVICES
JUNE 10	2:00 P.M.	FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES
JUNE 16	8:30 A.M.	POST 517 GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 17	7:00-10:00	FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET
JULY 12-15	-----	DEPT CONVENTION - HARRISBURG, PA
SEP 8	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.papost517mercersburg.com

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