



AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Commander: Barbara E. McLaren

Spring 2022

Ladies Auxiliary President: Linda Brechbiel

SAL Commander: Paul (Too-Tall) I. Showe

Home Association President: William "Bill" E. Sanders, Jr.

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** My fellow legion family members: It looks like "Old Man Winter" is about to say, "Goodbye and Hello Spring"! It sure was a frigid winter and I know that everyone is ready for some warmer weather. Here is it 2022 and we have survived the past two years. It was not easy, but we made it. I personally want to thank each and everyone for their continued support, it would have been difficult to keep our post open. Many thanks! Spring and summer activities are once again being planned. To make these events successful, we are going to need lots of help. Sign-up sheets will be on the nightly drawing desk. If you could spare an hour or two, it would be appreciated. Together we can make 2022 a good year for all. GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR VETERANS.

GOD BLESS AMERICA and our Veterans! Barbara E. McLaren, Post Commander ■

■ **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL):** As we head into the end of winter and spring just around the corner, I would like to thank each member that have paid their dues for this year so far. If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them paid as soon as possible. Your membership is especially important to us! This has been a trying time for all of us and especially for the Post that we all belong to. Please try to support this great Post as much as possible. As we are getting ready to start the spring season, we will be starting our chicken BBQ's this year. Refer to upcoming events for our scheduled Please come out and support our BBQ's as we try to raise money for different programs in the American Legion and try to support the local community as much as possible. As I close, I hope that all members of Post 517, Post members, Auxiliary, Sons, and social members and their families are staying safe and doing your part in moving forward as we all hope that we can get back to a normal lifestyle as soon as possible! Please be careful and remember come out and support the Post you belong. **Paul "Too Tall" Showe, SAL Commander. ■**

■ **MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT:** MyLegion.org is a free and secure website for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members that allows users to manage their profile information, print their membership ID card, renew their membership, view member-only discounts, and manage subscription to The American Legion Magazine and The Digital Dispatch. Our members are encouraged to register by simply logging onto mylegion.org. Our auxiliary members can also register with their national organization at: member.legion-aux.org/registration. Likewise, we solicit all current members to become active in the recruitment process and bring new people on-board as members of our post. ■

■ **SPRING GUN DRAWING:** Having cancelled most activities for the past two years resultant to the COVID-19 Pandemic,

we are looking forward to hosting a SPRING GUN DRAWING on May 28, 2022. Prizes for this drawing includes 50 guns and 10- \$250.00 cash awards. All members are encouraged to purchase tickets while assisting in their sale. Stop by the post and sign out tickets; our canteen servers will provide you with specific instructions and handouts. Tickets are also available from a few members who have already agreed to assist in their sale; stop by the canteen for tickets, plus tickets are available at some local businesses throughout the local area. Tickets may be purchased by mail by sending payment (\$10.00 per ticket) along with a return stamped envelope (legal size) to our Canteen Manager (Todd Sixeas) at Post 517, 100 Keefer Dr, Mercersburg, PA 17236. Please insure to provide at least a name and valid phone number to be placed on each ticket being purchased. Additional information on this upcoming drawing can be found on our website, including the prize list. We will need volunteer help at this drawing; please volunteer for serving food, gaming, parking, clean-up, and other functions. Only through your assistance can we make these drawing successful. For planning purposes, please note that our Fall Gun Drawing will be held on Saturday, Sep 10, 2022. Those tickets will be placed on sale on or about May 28th. ■

■ **ELECTIONS & DUE'S STRUCTURE:** As we approach the end of the 2021-2022 legion years, we will be conducting election of officers for Post, SAL, & the Auxiliary for the upcoming legion year of 2022/23. Nomination of officers will be accepted at the monthly meetings held in May with elections being finalized at the monthly meeting in June 2022. As members of these organizations, you are encouraged to step forward and volunteer to serve. Relay your interest to one of current officers; they are listed on our website. We have decided to keep our dues unchanged at the annual fee of \$30.00. Dues for 2023 must be paid by the end of the current calendar year (Dec 31, 2023). **Dave McLucas, Adjutant, Post 517. ■**

NEWS FROM THE HOME ASSOCIATION: As we continue to struggle through COVID-19 and the various strains of the influenza, we remain committed to provide you the food, drinks, and service given the restraints we are forced to live with. Our ever-rising food costs and mandated reduced hours of operation has put a service impediment not only on our food quantity, but also on our loyal employees. We are forced to not only reduce hours of operation but also raise food and supply costs to keep up with the current inflation. On behalf of the Board of Directors, manager, and employees, we remain committed to serve you and we pray that this pandemic will soon be over. **William E. Sanders Jr, President, Post 517 Home Association Inc. ■**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/SERVICES: We are again in the initial planning stages for our annual parade/services. Our parade will be led by the Fulton Honor Guard. All area veterans are encouraged to participate in the parade which

will step off at 8:30 A.M., May 30, 2022, on Park St adjacent to the Mercersburg Elementary School and proceed therefrom to Main St to Fairview Cemetery for memorial services at 9:00 A.M. Additional announcements on this event, to include information on a guest speaker will be published in **THE MERCERSBURG JOURNAL**. There is some 600+ war veterans interned in Fairview Cemetery. In preparation for Memorial Day, our legion is responsible for the placement of a flag on the gravesite of over 1000 war veterans interned in some 16 cemeteries within the Mercersburg and surrounding areas. We will need help with this project. We are planning to do this project on Saturday, 9:00 A.M., May 14, 2022, with all volunteers to meet at Fairview Cemetery. Carl Stokes, Post 517 Service Officer, will be our point of contact for the placement of flags and the subsequent parade/services on May 30th. Please feel free to contact him at (717)816-2310 or e-mail: **nstokes13595@comcast.net. ■**

★ **Business Hours:**

Canteen

- ★ Saturday-Thursday 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- ★ Friday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Kitchen

- ★ Monday & Wednesday CLOSED
- ★ Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- ★ Friday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- ★ Saturday & Sunday 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

* Last call 15 minutes before closing.

Nightly drawings will be conducted at 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 9	10:30 A.M.	SAL Chicken BBQ
Apr 10	2:00 P.M.	Kids Easter Egg Hunt
May 7	10:30 A.M.	SAL Chicken BBQ
May 14	9:00 A.M.	Flag Placement on Gravesites
May 28	1:00 P.M.	Spring Gun Drawing
May 30	8:30 A.M.	Memorial Day Parade/Services
June 11	10:30 A.M.	SAL Chicken BBQ
June 12	2:00 P.M.	Flag Retirement Ceremony

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EASTER EGG HUNT: We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our legion family members. Children through age 12 are welcome to participate, with special prizes for each age group. This event will be held on the grounds of the APX Facility located at 95 Fox Dr (just north of Food Lion) at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, Apr 10th.

