

# The American Legion Woodbridge Post 364

## POST-O-GRAM MAY 2008

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Mary Diperna  
SAL Commander  
Matt Peters

### Broger – Chakurda Memorial Bowling Tournament

The tournament was held on April 5, 2008 at the Bowl America Lanes in Woodbridge. 159 bowlers participated.

I would like to thank those who helped me put this tournament together in such a short time: Billy Broger, Rick Genest, Chris Fialkvoich, Matt Peters and my wife, Addie. Without them this tournament would not have happened.

I would also like to thank Manager Barry Clark and his staff for the courtesy and friendliness shown to the bowlers and their guests. A special “thank you” to Lois Hoban for all of her behind the scene expertise (you know, that computer stuff).

To the Broger and Chakurda Families, thank you for your support. And thank you Mary and Kirk Daubenspeck for making us get off our butts and getting this tournament back on track. And a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Margaret Broger for suggesting the tournament be named to honor both her husband John and George Chakurda who, for so many years ran the show almost single handedly.

Saleswoman of the Year goes to Cathy Howard who did an amazing job pushing those 50/50 raffle tickets.

And thank you to Sara and Mary for a great meal and Joe Clay who DJ'd the whole shebang.

Finally, on to the winners:

Overall Winner - Harley Horner with a 753 handicap series.

Team Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katie’s Irish Pub (3175)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sandbaggin Dogs (3170)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Broger Team 1 (3093)  
Donkey Butt – Genest Team 2 (2747)

Individual Winners:

Female High Game Scratch – Alba Ocasio-Mooney (197)

Female High Game Handicap – Amanda Dillon (244)

Female High Series Handicap – Patsy Corbin (671)

Male High Game Scratch – Bill Herrell (240)

Male High Game Handicap – Mark Genest (281)

Male High Series Handicap – Jesse Barron (680)

**This is official notice that the 16th District  
American Legion and Auxiliary Convention date  
has been set as**

**SUNDAY June 8 , 2008 at  
Stafford Post 290 starting at 2:00  
PM**

Please share the word with your membership all members in good standing may attend.

Call letter will go out May 6, 2008



**Commander**  
Thom Karlson

**Post 364**

**COMMANDER'S ARTICLE**

May is the month we hold elections for new officers. The Legion year is drawing down and it is almost time for me to move out of the way and let someone else lead the Post. I invite all members to join us on May 20<sup>th</sup> for elections. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual trip to the McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond, VA. We will have a cookout and visit with the patients in the nursing home as well as others to say thanks and we do remember and appreciate their service.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> we will attend services at Quantico National Cemetery. Events get under way at 11AM. Following events at Quantico we will be hosting our annual Memorial Day Picnic. As usual the cost will be \$5 per personal you can eat in the pavilion.

Other upcoming events include the Auxiliary Bus Trip to Atlantic City on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we will hold a function to thank all our Bingo workers for all their help this year. Bingo is the program that pays for all the Legion Programs we run. From scholarships to Boy Scouts, to Jr. Shooters, to assisting veterans in need and many other Programs, without the Bingo Program we could not do all the great things we do for the community. Thanks to all the Bingo workers especially Warren DiPerna. Warren has been Bingo Chairman for many years. We are looking for someone to assist or take over for Warren so he can have some time to enjoy his growing family.

We had our Post cleanup on 26 April. Pete Turner has done a fine job keeping the Post looking good. Thanks to all those who showed up. A special Thanks to Raider and the guys and gals from the US Military Vets Motorcycle Club. I appreciate all you do for us.

We are within 100 members of reaching our goal for renewed and new memberships. If you have not already renewed for 2008 please stop by the Post and pay your dues. If you know anyone who may be interested bring them by the Post and show them around, maybe they will join.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

The volunteer of the month for the month of April is Sy Horowitz. Sy spearheaded the Broger-Chakurda Bowling Tournament for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and did an outstanding job. Of course he had help from his wife Addie, Billy Broger, and Rick Gnest. Without Sy and his assistance the annual bowling tournament would not have occurred. Thanks Sy for keeping the tradition alive.

**DoD Prepares to Remove SSNs from Identity Cards**

In response to Congressional pressure to protect service members and their families from identity theft, the Department of Defense is moving ahead with plans to remove Social Security numbers (SSNs) from identity cards. SSNs will be removed from the identity cards of family members by year's end and replaced temporarily by the sponsor's SSN. By 2009, the SSN will also be removed from service members' ID cards. More information about this issue is available from the Army Times.



### **Auxiliary President**

Mary Diperna

Hi Everyone,

Here it is May and spring has finally come just in time for all our outside functions. Have you ever been to McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Virginia? If not this is the year to go. We put on a very special picnic for all the Veterans and their families there and our own Motorcycle club rides down and always puts a show on for our Veterans in the hospital and nursing home. Please come with us on May 24<sup>th</sup> and spend a few hours taking care of the ones who took care of us. You will find out this is a very moving and rewarding program and you will always go back for more.

Our Poppy distribution will also be here on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let JoAnne Leidy know if you will be able to help. I am sure she will put a list up for volunteers. Our very own Memorial Day Picnic is on May 26<sup>th</sup> right after the Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery at 11:00am. All are welcome.

I am requesting that if possible that our Auxiliary members please come out to our May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting starting at 7:30pm. This is the night that we have our Elections of Officers. It is very important that we as members of the unit take part and vote for our upcoming leadership.

We made the decision to make it a go with the trip to Atlantic City. If you would like to check if we have any cancellations and would like to go, give us a call at the Post. The trip leaves bright and early on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'm sure it will be a great time as always.

What a way to start a wonderful morning, by interviewing the beautiful ladies from the schools in Prince William County. A very special thank you goes to Dianne Cabot and the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who helped at the Post to hold the interviews for the Girl State Program. I have been telling you how wonderful these ladies are. It was so hard to judge each one of them. We had many girls and each one was amazing. I even got carried away by asking a couple of extra questions and even when I put them on the spot they came through with flying colors.

The next stop on my busy day was to go to the bowling alley for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Broger/1<sup>st</sup> Annual George Chakurda Tournament. Your President has never held a large bowling ball and by the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game I was sore and tired. As always there was a bet between the Commander's team and the President's team. Well it seems the

President's team lost. Yes, the auxiliary will be cooking dinner for the Legionnaire's General Membership meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and enjoy a great meal cooked by the fabulous Auxiliary Unit. After bowling was over we all headed back to the Post for the Spaghetti Dinner fixed by our very own Sara and Mary. The awards were announced and everyone was pleased with their trophies. Music was provided by Joe Clay and fun was had by all.

We will be having a "Flower Power 60's Dance" on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at the post. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the POG. Make sure you let us see what you were wearing in the 60's. Make sure you buy your tickets early. If you were not at the 70's Membership Dance you really missed some very familiar people. We had Farah Fawcett who looked absolutely awesome (and a lot like Renee Beck). One man who looked a lot like John Travolta (Jay Beck) and I still can't figure out who the other one was wearing the Afro. We gave out all the membership pins to the new Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members and dancing to the 70's brought back a lot of memories for a lot of people. The music was played by ABC Entertainment. Great job Randy and a real nice beard.

I would like to give you another reminder of The Woodbridge Relay for Life. The Woodbridge Relay for Life is May 17-18 2008 at Forest Park High School. The Auxiliary's Community Service Program will sponsor a team this year for the Relay. We will have a tent onsite and participate in the entire 24 hour event which raises money for cancer research and promotes cancer awareness. Anyone interested in participating in the 2008 Woodbridge Relay for Life please contact Raye Ferrington ([rayezfun@yahoo.com](mailto:rayezfun@yahoo.com)). We would like also to get supporters to buy lighted luminaries at \$20.00 a piece to light the track. Funds raised support cancer research. Please come out and support this important program.

Just like the Legionnaire's our Auxiliary Bingo Program is in need of workers. If you feel the programs we do are important please contact Raye Ferrington ([rayezfun@yahoo.com](mailto:rayezfun@yahoo.com)), to volunteer to help. One day a month for just a couple of hours on either a Sunday afternoon or Monday night can be a huge help to our Programs.

This Butterfly of the Month might seem different from the other Auxiliary butterflies because she has many sides. In fact her main goal to me is that she tries very hard to make the Post and the Auxiliary a family. She has done 50/50s and pull tabs when the auxiliary needed extra money for our T-Shirts for Relay for Life. Nothing could have been more of a success than seeing the smiling faces of our seniors at the Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner that she organized for the Post, Sals, and the Auxiliary. I guess what really makes me proud of this auxiliary member is that she has a heart of gold. She personally contributed items for the Sweetheart for Heroes Benefit and assisted in making the sales a huge success. She also made sure there was food for lunch at the conference in Virginia Beach and worked really hard to help make a great hospitality room. She can put on a wonderful

party as we saw at the 70's Dance. All the money she made in those pulls tabs she gave to us, the Auxiliary. She not only works many of our programs, but is also very active with the Legion side. It is sometimes very hard being a dual member, but as you all know I have done it and so has this Butterfly of Month. Thank you so much Laura Horner for being my Butterfly of the Month for April.

Have a wonderful month.

God Bless to All.

Mary

## Annual Children & Youth Easter Party

The Annual Easter Party was a BIG hit this year, attended by about 60 eager Easter egg enthusiasts. The children enjoyed making and painting wooden bird house and wind chime crafts, a really big Easter Egg Hunt (note from Kara: do not stand in front of the children when you shout GO for the start of the egg hunt), a pizza lunch, door prizes and a really surprise visit from the Easter Bunny (Sy). Many many thanks to all the folks that helped and especially to Olga for making about 200 eggs, we received rave reviews from quite a few children and their handlers regarding this years party thanks to all your hard work!

### From the Chaplain:

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord Delivers him out of them all (Psalm 34:19)

You might feel afflicted today, you may be going through adversities. It's easy to become negative, its easy to lose your enthusiasm for life, but we must remember we are not defined by our past we are prepared by our past. Every challenge, every affliction, and every adversity we have faced , God has deposited something on the inside of us. Our character was being developed , our strength was being increased, our vision was being enlarged. With every difficulty, we experience a new level of Gods goodness. No matter what challenges we may be facing now, no matter what we've experienced in the past, if we stay in faith, God will turn it around for our good! God will turn our tests into testimony's! God wants us to be stronger, happier, healthier, and better off than we were before!

Should any one need to reach me my e-mail is [burgesscable@aol.com](mailto:burgesscable@aol.com) and my cell number is 703-901-1321. Please inform me if you know of any member or their immediate family of being ill so I may send our prayers and blessings, or of any one just wanting or needing an extra prayer.

Yours in Faith  
Scott F. Burgess  
Chaplain

## Eric Hunter, Oratorical Champion

Congratulations to Eric Hunter, of Forest Park High School, our 2008 oratorical champion at Post 364.

After winning at the Post level, Eric went on to compete in the District 16, Northern Virginia Regional, and Department oratorical competitions! He won the District and Northern Virginia Regional competitions and then placed 4th in the Department oratorical competition which was held at Spring Conference in Virginia Beach, VA. In the photo is the American Legion National Commander, Marty F. Conaster, shaking Eric Hunter's hand and congratulating him on competing. Our 16th District Commander, Danny Jones, is in the background.



# FLOWER POWER

RETRO

1960s

DANCE

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8 pm – 1 am**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 364**

**Tickets: \$5 in advance - \$7 at the door**



**Music by ABC Entertainment**

**Costumes Encouraged**

**Prizes for the BEST Costumes**

**So... put on your Bell-bottom Jeans, go-go Boots**

**and throw some flowers in your hair!!!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Junior Shooter 7:00	2 5:30 – 7:30 PM Post Dinner	3 <i>Atlantic City Trip</i>
4 2:00 PM BINGO Team 5	5 7:15 PM BINGO Team 6	6 Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	7 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	8 Junior Shooter 7:00	9 5:30 – 7:30 PM Post Dinner	10 <i>Retro 1960's Dance</i>
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18 2:00 PM BINGO Team 1	19 7:15 PM BINGO Team 2	20 Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	21 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	22 Junior Shooter 7:00	23 5:30 – 7:30 PM Post Dinner	24
25 2:00 PM BINGO Team 3	26 7:15 PM BINGO Team 4	27 Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:30	28 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	29 Junior Shooter 7:00	30 5:30 – 7:30 PM Post Dinner	31

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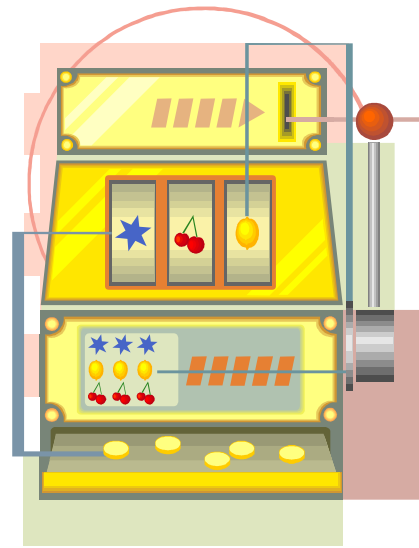
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**Assumptions:**

Bingo Every Sunday 2 PM and Monday 7:15 PM throughout the year.  
Executive Meeting on the first Tuesday and Membership Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM  
Auxiliary Executive Meeting on the second Tuesday and Auxiliary Membership Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM  
SAL meeting third Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM  
USMVMC 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 6:00 PM  
Auxiliary Dinners on Thursday evenings in the social quarters  
Post Dinners on Friday evenings in the hall 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Boy Scouts on Wednesday evenings each week at 7:00 PM  
Junior Shooters on all Thursdays but the third at 7:00 PM with no meetings in July and August  
Cub Scouts on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

**Calendar:**

Auxiliary Atlantic City Bus Trip – May 3, 2008  
Bingo Workers Appreciation Dinner May 17, 2008 (maybe May 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Karaoke)  
Post 364 Officer Elections – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 7:30 PM  
Memorial Day Picnic at McGuire Veterans Hospital – May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Auxiliary Poppies Distribution – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery 11 IS – May 26, 2008  
Memorial Day Picnic at the Post – May 26, 2008  
Auxiliary Officer Elections – May 27, 2008 7:30 PM  
Commander and Presidents Appreciation Picnic & Flag Day Ceremony – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 12:00 PM  
Post 364 Officer Installations – June 28, 2008  
Dept Convention 2008 July 10-13, 2008  
Fairview Marriott in Falls Church



**ATLANTIC CITY TRIP  
3 MAY 2008 SATURDAY  
LEAVE FROM POST 7:30  
AM  
ARRIVE BACK 11:00 PM**

**COST \$40.00  
\$21.00 COIN BACK  
\$5.00 IN FOOD**

**ANY QUESTION CONTACT:  
SHERRY KARLSON 703-  
819-8376**

Sunday Sales start 1:00

**BINGO TEAMS**

Monday Sales start 6:15

Warren Diperna - 571-239-7556

<p><b>Team 1 SUN</b>                  Bob Fitzgerald (TC) 540-752-5390                  Renee Beck (C) 703-472-9157                  Denise Galligan 703-339-7404                  Sy Horowitz 703-670-8325                  Marty &amp; Ray Rhyne 703-221-4848</p> <p><i>Addie Horowitz 703-670-8325</i></p>	<p><b>Team 2 MON</b>                  Paul Leidy (TC) 703-791-6786                  Raye Ferrington (C) 703-924-1150                  JoAnne Leidy 703-791-6786                  Dan Eubank _____                  VACANT _____</p> <p><i>Barbara Stevenson 703-670-8750</i></p>	<p><b>Team 3 SUN</b>                  Dan Condon 703-919-6227                  Jack Roach (C) 703-901-2815                  Meryl Bevenour 703-897-0398                  Chris Thomaidis 703-232-0956                  VACANT _____</p> <p><i>Kathy Roach 703-901-2815</i></p>	<p><b>Team 4 MON</b>                  Gary LaPore (TC) 703-303-0759                  Ed Graham (C) 804-301-3610</p> <p>Mel McGee 703-472-9157</p> <p><i>Barbara Stevenson 703-670-8750</i></p>
<p><b>Team 5 SUN</b>                  Matt Peters (C) 703-680-047                  Thom Karlson 703-730-2172                  Adrian Petrescu 703-590-1032                  Dave Caskey _____</p> <p><i>Dianne Clark _____</i></p>	<p><b>Team 6 MON</b>                  Raye Ferrington (TC) 703-924-1150                  Peter Turner (C) _____                  Laura Horner _____</p> <p><i>Barbara Barnes 703-670-0753</i></p>	<p><b>Team 7 SUN</b>                  Cal Albers(TC) 703-670-9815                  Scott Burgess(C) _____                  Harley Horner 703-878-8231</p> <p><i>Mary DiPerna 571-239-7555</i></p>	<p><b>Team 8 MON</b>                  (TC) _____                  (C) _____                  USMV _____                  USMV _____                  USMV _____</p> <p><i>Vacant</i></p>

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 PERMIT NO. 10

**Friday Night Dinner  
 5:30 – 7:30**

All specials are \$8.00, except Steak \$12.00.

May 2nd Pot Roast  
 May 9th Crab Cakes  
 May 16th Country Fried Steak  
 May 23rd Pork Roast  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> Steak on the Grill  
 (Weather permitting)

Regular Menu consists of the following:

Beer Battered Cod	\$8.00
Butterfly shrimp	8.00
Scallops	8.00
Spaghetti	6.50
Steak	12.00
Hamburger w/FF	4.00
Cheeseburger w/FF	5.00

Choice of Baked Potato or French fries  
 Choice of veggie  
 Salad Bar

Child's menu:

Spaghetti	\$3.00
Wing Dings w/FF	\$ 3.50
Chicken Tenders w/FF	\$ 3.50

**Post Lounge**



**Hours of Operation**

Sat----- 2:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
 Sun----- 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Mon----- 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM  
 Tues -Thu-- 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Fri----- 3:00 PM - 1:00 AM

**FRIENDLY HOUR**

**Monday Thru Friday  
 3:00 - 7:00**

**Directions to Post Home**

Take I-95 to Exit 158, Prince William Parkway

Prince William Parkway toward Manassas

Past Commuter Lot, Bear right onto Caton Hill Rd.

Turn Right onto Caton Hill to Minnieville (2<sup>nd</sup> Stop light)

Turn Right onto Minnieville to Fowke (about 200 yards)

Turn Left on Fowke (used car dealer on corner)

to Jenny Lane (Stop sign)

Turn Left on Jenny Ln to Friendly Post Ln (about 100yds, 1<sup>st</sup> street on right)

Turn Right on Friendly Post Lane

**Welcome to our Post Home**