



AMERICAN LEGION POST 364, WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

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Monthly News & Views from The Friendly Post

You are not forgotten

James Francis Akers. Edmond Vernon Bell. Vincent Calvin Scott ... The names of Virginia's missing servicemen and prisoners of war were spoken with honor and reverence Friday night during American Legion Post 364's annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony in Woodbridge.

"For years, The American Legion supported a National POW/MA Recognition Day, which is now recognized annually on the third Friday of September," said Thom Karlson, Commander of the Legion's 16th District in Virginia and keynote speaker for the ceremony. "This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families." Karlson noted that nationwide there are 81,864 POW/MIAs who remain unaccounted for.

"That's 81,864 families that do not know what has happened to their loved ones. We cannot forget the sacrifices that have been made and are still being made to ensure our freedoms. And it's on this day we honor that sacrifice," he said.

Karlson noted that until July 18,

1979 no commemoration was held to honor POW/MIAs. In that year, Congress passed a resolution and a national ceremony was held for the first time. The ceremony took place until 1985, when Congress determined that commemorative days would no longer be considered. The president now signs a proclamation that recognizes POW/MIAs each year and ceremonies are held around the world on military installations, aboard ships, schools and churches.

As dusk fell, Army Maj. Scott M. Winter performed the Missing Man Ceremony under a covered picnic shelter. He explained that the table, which was set for one, is small and symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner alone against his captors. The white tablecloth symbolizes the purity of the prisoner's intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single red rose in a vase calls to mind the families and loved ones who keep faith while awaiting their service member's return. Winter said that the red ribbon tied to the vase is reminiscent of the one worn by thousands who demand a proper accounting of the nation's POW/MIAs. The unlit candle represented the up-



Army Maj. Scott M. Winter performs the Missing Man Ceremony during American Legion Post 364's annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.

ward reach of their spirit, he continued.

The slice of lemon on the plate is symbolic of their bitter fate while the salt represents loved one's tears as they wait. The glass is inverted because those missing cannot toast and the chair is empty because they are not here.

Prince William County Supervisor Mike May read the county's POW/MIA proclamation during the ceremony. Poems honoring World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Cold War/Gulf War POW/MIAs were also read, and Boy Scouts from Troop 1367 released balloons in their honor.

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dan Condon, Commander



As we leave the dog days of summer behind, the busy fall season started off the a bang with a golf tournament to raise money for Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Medical Center. The golf tournament began at 8:00 AM with a total of 87 golfers. There were 'hole –in- one' prizes on all the par 3 holes as well as closest to the pin prizes. We had 'longest drive' prizes for both men and women. But the best prize was the 15th hole sponsored by First Command. The prize was worth \$10,000 for someone lucky enough to put it in from the tee box. (Unfortunately, no one won any of the 'hole–in-one' prizes.) Then, it was back to the post for lunch and to give away more raffle prizes and door prizes. There were so many items to give away I think I was on stage for 2 hours. There were prizes including cash for 1st and 2nd places in four different flights. I think every group had at least one person that won something.

But the day was just beginning. After lunch a number of golfers continued the fun outside with a horseshoe tournament. Names were drawn out of a hat for partners and fun began. Everyone was really enjoying the day, but the fun wasn't over yet. Randy Bower set up his Karaoke equipment on the deck where we sang

and danced into the night.

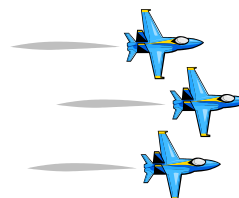
Although this was one of those days that will be remembered for a long time, it took a lot of work to pull this all together. We raised a total of \$3600 for McGuire. I want to thank Mike Roberge for his hard work in organizing and running the tournament. Thank you to Joanne Clark and First Command for donating some terrific prizes and for sponsoring the 'hole –in- one' prizes. I also want to thank Sherry and Thom Karlson and my daughter Denise for helping out on the day of the tournament; Dee Vercoe for all of the gift cards from various shops and restaurants around town and Danny Bafford for making up all the posters. I also can't forget Jay Beck for organizing and running the horseshoe tournament, Randy Bower for providing the entertainment that night and putting the perfect ending to a wonderful day and all the golfers and Post members who came out to support a very worthy cause. This day has to down in the history books as one of the best days ever at the Post.

On September 11th, the Post family commemorated the Prince William County citizens who were victims of the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil with a *9-11 Remembrance Ceremony*. I would like to thank Barbara Stevenson for organizing this very moving event. That was quickly followed on September 17th with a *POW/MIA Ceremony* to honor all the POW/MIAs from Virginia. I want to thank Robin Oden and Barbara Stevenson for coordi-

nating this event and for taking care of all the dignitaries that were present.

That leads us into October where the month's events will start off with a Blood Drive on the 2nd. The following week, Columbus Day Weekend, will be very busy. Many of the post members will be heading down to Danville, VA for the Legion State Golf Tournament on Friday the 8th. On Saturday the 9th the Auxiliary will be having a Flea Market at the post starting at 8:00 AM. The weekend will wrap up with the Sons of the American sponsoring an Oktoberfest on Monday the 11th. Finally, the last weekend of the month is the Department Fall Conference and a Children's Halloween Party from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Post.

With all of the events that we've had in the month of September, all the hard work being done around the Post, I have chosen Robin Oden as the Volunteer for the month of September. She has been working diligently with our bingo program and she co-chaired the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony. Robin also helped organize the Post's celebration of the Air Force 63rd Birthday. So when you see Robin around the Post home, please let her know how much we appreciate all her hard work.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sherry Karlson, Unit President



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Now you can find us at
www.vaauxilliary.org or on



Please don't forget the Unit is sponsoring the 1st Annual Auxiliary Unit 364 Flea Market on Saturday, October 9th, from 8am to 2pm. This is a fundraising event for our Unit and will be held at the Post home, rain or shine! Look for our advertisement in this issue!

A very busy fall season is rapidly approaching. If you would like to join in the fun, please feel free to come out to one of our meetings held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:30pm, and hear about all our plans.



The 2010 Fall Department Conference will be held on October 29 through 31, at the Holiday Inn, Hampton, VA. The rooms are \$74 a night. Make your reservations early!



NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM

By Barbara Stevenson & Chris McDonald

The Post and Unit National Security Program chairmen will be hosting an educational presentation on the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) on Saturday, October 16th from noon until 4:00 PM at the Post home. The presentation will be conducted by members of the Prince William Composite Squadron and will include information on the history of the Civil Air Patrol, its various missions, aerospace education, cadet programs, emergency services and how it relates to the residents of Prince

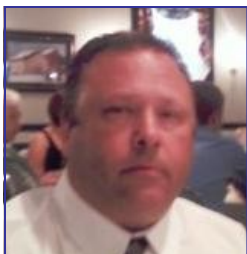
William County. There will be a Q&A session following the presentation and a light lunch will be served. Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members are encouraged to attend this worthwhile presentation to show our support to the men and women of the Civil Air Patrol who volunteer their time to provide valuable services throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the nation's capital. We are proud to announce that Richard Anderson, a Post 364 Legionnaire,

served as the National Commander of CAP from 1993-1996 and currently is a member of the 11-person CAP Board of Governors, a Congressionally-created body responsible for oversight of CAP and its operations and budgets.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—SQUADRON 364, DETACHMENTS' DISPATCH

Jack Rike, Commander



Attention SAL members please review your membership card to ensure it is a valid 2011 card. If not the dues are listed below for 2010 members and can be mailed to:

Sons of the American Legion; PO Box 2121: Woodbridge VA 22195.

Make checks payable to SAL 364.

If your membership card is 2009 or older please contact an SAL officer at (703) 494-4304.



Columbus Day
October 11th
1pm - 5pm
\$5.00
Hamburgers & Dogs
and
Entertainment!
Join us!

SALs Participated in the Sept. 11 Ceremony.
Justin Caskey presented flag (New SAL Flag)
& rang bell for the names of the PWC victims
Commander Rike led in the Pledge of Allegiance

SALs are participating in the
"Candy Buy Back Program" with Dr. Frank
Help us collect candy to package
and mail to soldiers (Iraq, etc..)
Contact SAL Commander for details

Thanks to all that donated to the **POW/MIA**
SAL fund in the lounge.

SALs participated in this wonderful event
and were able to make a generous donation
to the **POW/MIA League of Families.**



2010/2011 Dues

21 & older	\$25
13 thru 20	\$20
12 & under	\$15
Dual	\$10



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Scott Burgess, Post Chaplin, *Yours in Faith*



Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:6&7)

Do you ever feel like you've lost your fire or enthusiasm? I have this last few months and I apologize for not writing an article. I felt as though I was overwhelmed by the pressures of life - kids, work, you know. We can make any excuse we want about why this or that, has or has not happened, but *that's* when we need to stir up what God has placed on the inside of us and not let it get us down. Remember, there are no disadvantages with our God. He has given us everything we need to suc-

ceed. God has told us "No weapon formed against us is ever going to prosper". So how do we stir up God's gifts?

We can start, right now with Prayer, and simply declare We are going to see God's favor in every way. We will trust in God. New doors are going to begin to open. Supernatural opportunities are coming our way. We will be in the right place, at the right time. We will overcome every obstacle and defeat every enemy. We are going to see

every dream, every desire that God has placed in our hearts, come to pass. We need to use our power of love, and sound mind, to unite in God. Call a friend or family member that you haven't talked to in a while. Reach out to someone you know who could use a bit of a pick me up. Get involved with a worthwhile project. When we do these things, the Lord will open doors we never even knew existed.



The Family Circle - special thoughts and prayers for our family members

Convalescing

Warren DiPerna
Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Prayer Requests

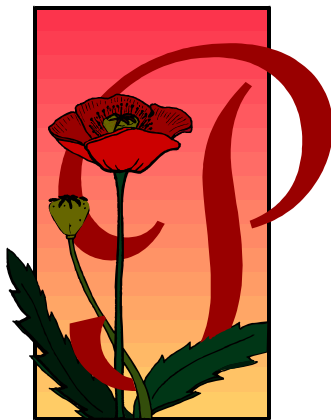
Our troops through the world.
Lou Culbertson
Anonymous member
of the Legion Family

Post Everlasting

On the wings of angels
Marie Mitrione

In Flanders Fields

**By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army**



**In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



Coming Soon to a Post Home Nearest You!



**1st ANNUAL
AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 364
AUXILIARY
FLEA MARKET
Fundraiser Event**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2010

**8am - 2pm
RAIN or SHINE!**



Conveniently Located Inside:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 364
3640 Friendly Post Lane
Woodbridge, VA 22192



Clean your closets, your basements and garages!
Crafters welcome!

Tables for Booths start at: \$15 for the first Table, \$25 for 2, \$35 for 3 and \$50 for 4 Tables.
First Come, First Serve.

**AUXILIARY FOOD BOOTH AVAILABLE for
FOOD PURCHASES DURING EVENT!!**

Contact: Diane Condon to request tables or to get more information at: auxunit364@yahoo.com
or you can mail your reservation(s) request to:
American Legion Unit 364 (address listed above) attention to: Diane Condon - 2nd Vice Auxiliary



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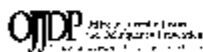
KNOW THE RULES...

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



1. Be sure older children **TAKE FRIENDS** and younger children are accompanied by a **TRUSTED ADULT** when "Trick or Treating."
2. Accompany younger children to the door of every home they approach and make sure parents and guardians are familiar with every home and all people from which the children receive treats.
3. Teach children to **NEVER** enter a home without prior permission from their parents or guardians.
4. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
5. Make sure all children wear reflective clothing and carry a glow stick when out at dusk and at night.
6. Make sure children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
7. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a home that is not well lit both inside and outside.
8. Teach children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents, guardians, and/or the proper authority.
9. Teach children if anyone tries to grab them to make a scene; loudly yell "This person is not my father/mother/guardian"; and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting.
10. Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."

For more information about child-safety topics, please visit our website or contact us at

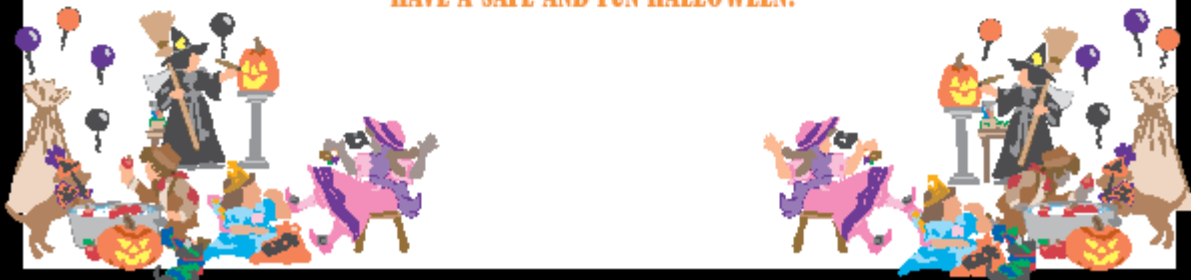


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Coming Soon to a Post Home Nearest You!



AMERICAN LEGION POST 364 GOLF TOURNAMENT September 3rd, 2010

The weather was overcast and in the mid-80s. There were 89 golfers in the tournament. The course was in good shape. Unfortunately, none of the golfer had a hole-in-one at the 15th hole, which would have netted someone \$10,000. Bob Hutzell came the closest at 1 foot 6 inches.

Everyone got back to the American Legion by 2:00. After eating, the door prizes and raffle prizes were given out. That was followed by the flight winners and runner-ups. Later in the afternoon, several participants formed a horseshoe tournament. A good day was had by all.

1st Flight
1st Place
David Roberge
Donny Smith
Bob Hutzell
Scott Neer
2nd Place
Les Tinsley
Jerry Ledbetter
Bob Lambert
Jeff Gaskins
3rd Place
Mike Roberge
Jerry Coleman
Cory Horn
Paul Priebe

2nd Flight
1st Place
Harry Vercoe
Jason Vercoe
Scott Matthews
Tommy Digirallamo
2nd Place
Mike Thomas
Dave Surgent
Dan Brannon
Rich Wax

3rd Flight
1st Place
Dan Condon
Brian Miller
Henry Miller
Roger Gole
2nd Place
John Oden
Merle Bevenour
Scott Burgess
Kit Walton

4th Flight
1st Place
Vic Poillucci
Sam Essey
Bill Connor
Pete Bignotti
2nd Place
Andrew Benyo
Skip Benyo
Roger Benyo
Mike Benyo

LONGEST DRIVE

- Mens**
- Mike Steele
- Ladies**
- Jo Peters

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

- HOLE #4**
- Dan Eubanks
- HOLE #6**
- Jeff Gaskins
- HOLE #11**
- Jason Vercoe
- HOLE #13**
- Tommy Digirallamo
- HOLE #15**
- Bob Hutzell





October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	2
3 Bingo (Team 1) 2 PM – 5 PM	4 Bingo (Team 2) 7:15 PM -10 PM	5 SAL Exec Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Exec Meeting 7:30 PM	6 Boy Scouts 7 PM	7 Junior Shooters 7 PM	8 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Department Fall Golf Tournament	9 Department Fall Golf Tournament
10 Bingo (Team 3) 2 PM – 5 PM State USMVMC Meeting 6 PM Department Golf Tournament	11 Columbus Day Bingo (Team 4) 7:15 PM -10 PM SAL Oktoberfest 1PM – 6PM 	12 Auxiliary Exec Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Boy Scouts 7 PM	14 Junior Shooters 7 PM	15 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Karaoke 8PM-12AM	16 Civil Air Patrol Briefing 12PM-4PM
17 Bingo (Team 5) 2 PM – 5 PM	18 Bingo (Team 6) 7:15 PM -10 PM	19 SAL Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	20 Boy Scouts 7 PM	21 Junior Shooters 7 PM	22 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	23
24 Bingo (Team 7) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meet- ing 6 PM	25 Bingo (Team 8) 7:15 PM -10 PM	26 Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	27 Boy Scouts 7 PM	28 Junior Shooters 7 PM	29 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM 2010 Fall Conference October 29-31 Holiday Inn Hampton	30  Children Halloween Party (Time: TBD) Fall Conference
31 Bingo (Team 1) 2 PM – 5 PM Fall Conference						



November 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bingo (Team 2) 7:15 PM -10 PM	2  Election Day SAL Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Boy Scouts 7 PM	4 Junior Shooters 7 PM	5 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6
7 Bingo (Team 3) 2 PM – 5 PM State	8 Bingo (Team 4) 7:15 PM -10 PM	9 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Boy Scouts 7 PM	11  Veterans Day Quantico National Cemetery 11 AM Junior Shooters 7 PM	12 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	13 Veterans Dinner 6PM – 8PM
14 Bingo (Team 5) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	15 Bingo (Team 6) 7:15 PM -10 PM	16 SAL Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Boy Scouts 7 PM	18 Junior Shooters 7 PM	19 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Karaoke 8PM-12AM	20 Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner 12 PM – 3 PM
21 Bingo (Team 7) 2 PM – 5 PM	22 Bingo (Team 8) 7:15 PM -10 PM	23 Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	24 Boy Scouts 7 PM	25 Thanksgiving Dinner Pot Luck 12PM 	26 No Post Dinner	27
28 Bingo (Team 1) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	29 Bingo (Team 2) 7:15 PM -10 PM	30 40/8 - 7PM				



Warren DiPerna - Bingo Manager - 571-239-7556

Teams 1, 2 Bingo Manager, Daniel Eubank 240-993-6916

Teams 3, 4 Bingo Manager, Randy Bower 703-309-3800

Teams 5, 6 Bingo Manager, Doug Caskey 703-899-5332

Teams 7, 8 Bingo Manager, Scott Burgess 703-901-1321

Sunday Sales start 1:00p - Monday Sales start 6:15p

Team 1 Sundays

Bob Fitzgerald (TC)
540-379-4664

Chris McDonald (C)
256-408-1207

Patricia Barr
703-910-6241

William Dorsey
703-541-3122

Diane Clark
703-497-3254

Team 2 Mondays

Jim Hawkins (TC)
703-819-8465

Raye Ferrington (C)
703-924-1150

Brian Condon
317-696-3906

Chris Thomaidis
703-232-0956

Barbara Stevenson
703-670-8750

Team 3 Sundays

Robin Oden (TC)
703-772-1653

Chris McDonald (C)
703-595-9507

Merle Bevenour
843-540-0498

VACANT
Anne Bower
703-494-1910

Myrna Sanborn

Team 4 Mondays

Gary Lepore (TC)
703-303-0759

Mel McGee
703-472-9157

Gary Eads
703-216-2387

Jack Chmielewski
571-594-0839

Ted Zeunges
703-583-4966

Jo Peters
703-680-0473

Team 5 Sundays

Matt Peters (C)
703-680-0473

Thom Karlson
703-730-2172

Sy Horowitz
703-670-8325

Addie Horowitz
703-670-8325

Team 6 Mondays

Jack Rike (TC)
703-878-0331

Pete Turner (C)
703-680-3068

Mark Clark
703-314-4594

Barbara Barnes
703-670-0753

Team 7 Sundays

Cal Albers (TC)
703-670-9815

Scott Burgess (C)
703-901-1321

Chris Thomaidis
703-232-0956

Patty Groves
703-730-1471

VACANT

Mary DiPerna
571-239-7555

Team 8 Mondays

VACANT (TC)

VACANT (C)
USMVMC

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Maureen Wessel
703-680-6003

Bingo...it's what we do.



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Club Hours	
Post Lounge— 703-494-4304	
<i>Friendly Hours—Monday Thru Friday 3:pm - 7:00pm</i>	
Monday	3pm to 11pm
Tuesday thru Thursday	3pm to 10pm
Friday	3pm to 1am
Saturday	2pm to 1am
Sunday	12noon to 10pm

<u>Post 364 Dinner Menu</u>	
Home Cookin'	
Regular Menu consists of the following:	
Beer Battered Cod \$8.00 Butterfly shrimp 8.00 Scallops 8.00 Spaghetti 6.50 Steak 14.00	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
<u>This month's Specials:</u>	
All specials are \$8.00, except for Steak - \$14.00	



Driving 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 (2nd Stop light). Turn Right onto Minnieville to Fowke Lane (about 200 yards). Turn Left on Fowke (used car dealer on corner) to Jenny Lane (Stop sign). Turn Left on Jenny Lane to Friendly Post Lane (about 100yds, 1st street on right) Turn Right on Friendly Post Lane. *Welcome home.*

