

NEWSLETTER



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Commander's Call

While opening this month's Commanders Call I want to pass along my most sincere thanks to Frank Caputo, 1st Vice Commander, for taking the reins and guiding the post in my absence. Frank is doing an outstanding job and he is currently planning a host of future



events, which I am sure will be successful. I also want to pass along how much I deeply appreciated all of you who called me, texted me, and stayed in touch via numerous emails. With well wishes regarding my recovery. After numerous tests, I received the news yesterday that all the tests came back showing outstanding results. I am currently on light duty for a few more weeks, but I am exceptionally happy that just about every test was performed (with most of them only as a faint memory now) and even more important receiving the most positive results from all of them.

This month's Commanders Call will be brief as I missed the last Legion meeting and am getting caught up to speed as we speak. Next month's regularly scheduled Legion meeting will be very important as the vote for the new Commander will be cast. The position of Commander requires more attention and skills than just to oversee our Post activities. He or she must always maintain the highest degree of completion and excellence regarding achieving the national Legion's requirements. All district Legion Posts are represented at all the quarterly district meetings and all Posts are constantly evaluated and compared to other Posts regarding their membership drives, community involvement activities, etc. Getting enough volunteers to make events and activities successful to keep the Post moving forward to strive to be fiscally responsible is crucial to the bottom line of keeping the doors open for all of our members. Equally important is our need to satisfy our Legion charter requirements. As I have said many times, without the Legion none of us will be here.

Ok, I will step down from the soap box. Thanks again to Frank for keeping the fires burning!

As always, we support our troops.

Richard J Wojnar



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***Does your flag look like this?
Bring it to the Legion***



When your American flag becomes tattered and worn or soiled or faded, it should be replaced with a new flag. There are several ways to respectfully dispose of the American flag without showing disgrace. If you have flags that need to be retired you can take them to the Legion before June 14. At 6:00 on Wednesday, June 14 there will be a proper retirement for your "Proud to be an American Flag".

Dates to Keep in Mind

Monday May 29th - Meet at the Post at 9:30 AM for the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, followed by a luncheon at the Post.

Monday June 5th 7:00 - Post Meeting

Tuesday June 6th 7:00 - Riders Meeting

Monday June 12 7:00 - Home Assoc. Meeting

Wednesday June 14th 6 PM - Flag Day. Bring your old unserviceable flags to the American Legion. We will dispose of them following our retirement ceremony using our new fire pit donated by local Eagle Scouts.

Every Wednesday BINGO 7:00 - Bring a guest and join in the fun with our new BINGO blower machine and Digital Display. Come early to eat. You can check the calendar for the week's featured sandwich.

Friday June 16th 7:00 - Karaoke at 8:00

Sunday June 18 - 9:00 - Noon - SAL's Father's Day Breakfast ***PUBLIC WELCOME***

Thursday June 22 7:00 - SAL Meeting

Monday June 26 7:00 - ALA meeting

August 26 - Legion Picnic

CANCELLATION of POST 712

VIETNAM WAR ERA VETERANS DINNER

We sincerely apologize, but the

Post 712 Vietnam Era Dinner has been CANCELED.

HOW TO GET A DD214 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY (DEATH)

Although it is best to have a copy of your service member's DD214 in a safe place where it can be located at the time of his or her death, here is information you can follow in the event you need an emergency DD214.

For emergency DD214 requests for funerals:

1. Call 314-801-0800 and explain you need a DD214 for a funeral service.
2. Call Department of Veterans Affairs - Pittsburgh, PA- Veteran Benefits - for funerals 800-827-1000. You will need the veteran's social security number.

For assistance, call Post Adjutant 412-616-1834.

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AMERICAN LEGION PUFL MEMBERS

Each Paid up for Life member receives a permanent card from National. You will not receive an additional card from any American Legion Post.

Why become a PUFL member?

1. To avoid dues increase
2. To avoid late notices

For new, simplified PUFL program FAQs of The American Legion go to the following link for details.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/218307/new-simplified-pufl-program-faqs>

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Sons of the Legion,

Our big event in June is the Father's Day Breakfast.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

SUNDAY – JUNE 18TH 9AM -12:00PM

\$9.00 -- 5 AND UNDER - FREE

BUFFET- HOT COFFEE & HOT TEA

PUBLIC WELCOME!

The SAL look forward in serving and seeing you on this great day of celebration! Please spread the word.

Thank you,

Gary Hartman

Commander of the SAL

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Auxiliary Corner,

Our election is over and all officers will remain the same with the exception of secretary. Margaret Phillips is the new secretary. Thanks to Vickie Golden who arranged the trip to Namacolin Woodlands. Everyone had a good time losing their money. Can't wait for the next one. Our bingo will be coming to the close soon so please come for a night of enjoyment. The county council meeting will be June 4 at our Post at 1 pm. Please try to attend.

God Bless and Protect Our Troops
Mary Ann Marunich, ALA President

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American Legion Riders,

Guten Tag Legionnaires.

Please Join the Riders in welcoming **Edward Very** as a new member to Post 712 and the Riders. Ed is an Army Veteran and motorcycle enthusiast and has signed on-board. Welcome Ed and thank you for your Service to our Nation!

We would also like to ask everybody to keep our Sister, Rider, ALA member and bartender, Debbie Hromanik in your thoughts and in your prayers. Debbie is battling a Malignant Mixed Mullerian Tumor (MMMT), or more simply ... cancer. As we all know from how cancer has impacted our own lives through family and friends, cancer is a tough road to hoe. If you would like to help Debbie and her family to offset the cost of this fight a, *GoFundMe*, page has been set up by Debbie's family. On this page you can become part of the team supporting Debbie and her family and receive updates as to how Debbie is doing. You can find Debbie's *GoFundMe* page at www.gofundme.com/mmmtsucks. So far we have raised about \$8,000 toward a goal of \$30,000. The Riders passed the hat and donated \$460; plus contributions from individual Riders. Any contribution, \$5, is a great contribution and it reminds our friend that she is in our thoughts and in our prayers and that she is not alone.

The Riders have selected Sunday, August 6th as the date for our Annual Fund Raising Ride for Local Veterans. The Ride will begin at the Kurt J. Lesker Company on Route 51 and meander through the rolling hills of the Laurel Highlands; with a return to Post 712 for an after-ride party complete with 50/50's, Chinese Auctions, food and refreshments. The annual ride benefits local Veterans.

The Riders decided to hold the after-ride party at Post 712 to support the Post as the income the after-ride party brings into the Post is always welcomed to ensure the continued existence of Post 712. Through volunteerism, financial donations, or merely attending Post events, we must all support Post 712 lest it go the way of so many other American Legions and VFWs and close its doors permanently. Recognize the great venue Post 712 provides for Veterans and Patriots and lets find a way to all be supportive of

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April 28, 2017

Dear Friend:

The Gateway Clipper Fleet is proud to announce a "SALUTE TO ARMED FORCES" special this summer! All Active Duty, Reserves or Veterans can ride a Gateway Clipper Fleet Three Rivers Sightseeing-Daytime or Three Rivers Sightseeing-Evening Cruise Monday thru Friday for **FREE** from **June 5 through November 3, 2017!** Any family members that join you (up to 8 people) will receive their Sightseeing ticket at half-price. To receive this special offer, simply show a Military or Veteran I.D./papers.

We hope that you will promote this special offer aboard the Gateway Clipper Fleet to your group. Enclosed you will find a flier promoting this special offer. I ask you to please post this informational flier and, if you would like, make additional copies for your colleagues.

If you need additional information, please feel free to call us at 412-355-7980.

Sincerely,

Gateway Clipper Fleet



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Please call the Gateway Clipper at (412) 355-7980 or visit
www.gatewayclipper.com to check cruise times and availabilities.
Your valid Military or Veteran I.D./papers will need to be presented at the
Ticket Office on the day of the cruise to receive this special offer!

Offer only valid for Military Active Duty, Reserves & Veterans and their families.
Not valid on holidays, weekends or with any other offer or group discount.
Certain restrictions apply.
Only valid from June 5, 2017 through November 3, 2017.