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Commander's Column

Wow!! Did the summer fly by or what! I hope everybody had an awesome summer. I want to say what a great job the Auxiliary did on the steak and rib BBQ. Fun was had by all. A big thanks also goes out to the Auxiliary and all who helped put on Family Day. Friday night suppers started in August by the SAL. I thank everybody who comes out and supports the suppers. Be sure to get your dues in early for the "Early Bird" supper which is on October 7th. Benny's famous monthly breakfasts start up on October 1st.

Meetings resume in September, (4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM). I hope to see you there; this is the perfect time for you to bring up your ideas.

Darts start the Monday after Labor Day. Come out and support your favorite team. Dances continue in September; we're going to try some on Friday nights, the first one being September 23rd, 7-11P.M. after the supper. And don't forget the Halloween Dance/Costume Contest 8-12P.M.

Finally **Membership!**
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Let's shoot for 100% by December 31st.

Jim Veilleux
Commander

SAL Doings

I hope all of you have had an exciting summer. However fall in Maine is, I believe the best time of year. An important reminder the SAL meetings start up on September 27th at 7:00. Your comments and ideas are always welcome and needed. I look forward to seeing you there. As always if any of you have a son or know of someone who would like to join the Sons of the American Legion, just drop into the Post and pickup an application. Or, call me at 353-6266 and I'll send one out to you.

There is also a dance after the Friday night meal on September 23 from 7-11. The Friday night meals have started up and the SAL and Ladies Auxiliary will be taking turns each week.

Mark Durisko
Commander

Membership

Just a reminder that you can go on-line to pay your dues with a credit card. Go to myLegion.org and follow the instructions. We have had

one take advantage of this easy step already. NOTE: it will instruct you to mail or take the bottom portion of the temporary card to the Post for an Official Membership Card. You can email or telephone the Adjutant for your card.

VA Expands Support for Families of Low- Income Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today an important program designed to provide enhanced services to low-income Veterans and their families who are at risk of being homeless. Under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program, VA will provide grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that will help break the cycle of homelessness among America's Veterans at risk. The program will deliver grants to community agencies for vocational and rehabilitation counseling, employment and training service, educational assistance; and health care services. Agencies will also provide direct financial assistance

for daily living, transportation, child care, rent and utilities and other expenses. Agencies may also propose funding for additional services in their supportive services grant application based on the specific needs of their communities and local Veterans

—This new program will provide valuable new tools in our campaign to end homelessness among Veterans and their families, □ said Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. —Partnering with homeless agencies across this country, we will attack the problems that underlie homelessness and, for the first time, fund services for the spouses and children of

homeless Veterans. □

By mid-December, VA officials will provide local agencies with the instructions necessary to apply for grants under the program. Eligible Veteran families include those who are residing in permanent housing, are homeless and scheduled to become residents of permanent housing within a specified time period, or who have left permanent housing and are seeking other housing that is responsive to such very low-income Veteran family's needs and preferences.

VA Vision and Hearing Care

Veterans who meet specific VA criteria have access to vision and hearing exams in addition to free eyeglasses and hearing aids. This benefit can save veterans hundreds. Veterans with any compensable service-connected disability, former POWs, Purple Heart recipients, and certain housebound veterans are among those who qualify. Go to the following site to view the entire list of veterans who are eligible for VA Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids.

<http://www.military.com/military-report/va-vision-and-hearing-care?ESRC=miltrep.nl>

Early Bird Supper

This will be held on Friday, October 7th and is open to all members. Those who have paid their 2012 dues eat for free. The normal donation of \$6 will be in place for others. The Friday night suppers are an outstanding deal for the donation asked. Come on over and enjoy some good food and see friends from the Legion family. There is no smoking during our suppers.

No Smoking Ballot

It's that time again. We vote every three years to determine if there will be smoking or no smoking at Post. Watch for your letter of notification of the date of the vote and try to swing by to cast your ballot.

Remember, it is just like the politicians we have to put up with, if you don't get out to vote, you cannot complain about the outcome.

Positions Still Open

We are still looking for someone to take over as finance officer next year. This is not a position that can be learned overnight so we are being proactive to get training started for an interested Legionnaire.

WE would like to work with training for a rifle and color guard over the winter as well. Please let the Commander know or email the adjutant at adjutantpost158@roadrunner.com to express interest or ask questions.

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