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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

July and August are exciting months for the Mt. Washington Post 484. Hopefully you have been or will be able to attend the various activities and events within and around the Post: the Fathers' Day buffet, Post 484 Officers Installation, Mt. Washington July 3rd parade, the VA Cincinnati 4th of July carnival / picnic and the 4th District July 4th picnic and Post 484 Carnival.

If I tried to name all those individuals who support these activities, I'm afraid I would miss one or two who worked so hard to make these activities and events happen. All I can say is "Thank you" to all Post 484 volunteers who support these activities.

Post 484 has one of the greatest SAL, Auxiliary, AL Riders and Legionnaire support groups in the 4th District, BUT a lot of these volunteers are the same individuals at each and every event or activity. The Post needs NEW and more volunteers as we go forward this upcoming year please come support YOUR post. New events are being added and changes being made to improve your post.

Support Monday Night and Thursday Bingo and come to social nights and help at the future events to be announced. Make Post 484 a community and family post again...

The first weekend of August the Post holds its annual post carnival event, this carnival is one of our major fund raising events. Hopefully a lot of you and your families come to enjoy this activity and to support YOUR Post. BIG Thanks to all the supporting staff and volunteers, these individuals attended many meetings and held numerous discussions trying to make this a successful event.

MEMBERSHIP!!! I regret to say that our overall membership has fallen over the past years. Not only within the Legion membership, but also in Legion support groups. Some of this is due to fallen comrades and friends who have passed away, some of it is due to old post practices and non-family entertainment activities, and some of it is failing to encourage new members and past members to become involved. The 2019 membership drive is

starting now; members of Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Legion Riders will be contacting their members soon regarding their membership for 2019. Please renew your membership and ask a friend or neighbor to join.

As indicated in the July message, current membership wants to see changes which support families' activities and entertainment, community involvement and Post growth. Membership is one way of ensuring change, but we need NEW ideas and involvement from our members and support groups to make change.

For God and Country, Steven N. Ervin, Commander

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING POST #484 FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Lynn Soillberger as she continues recovery from numerous medical treatments and surgery

Lou Dimmerman as he recovers from recent hospitalization and ongoing medical treatment

George Monroe as he continues recuperation from recent surgery

Bob Coleman as he recovers from recent medical treatments

Walt Croswait in his recuperation from a fractured and dislocated left shoulder in recent injury at home

Dick Leonard as he continues recovery from recent surgery

Larry Foster - Dick Vliet - Hugh Scott - Arlene Potter - Leigh Harwood - Tom Dreyer - Ron Murphy - Dave Hurst - Larry Lathan - David Ficks - Bob Carr - Denny Lahey - Jim Brown - Dave Robinson - Warren Anderson - Jerry Harmon - Ken Klein - George & Lois Henson - Francis Transbarger - George Ahlrichs and

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS

## AMERICANISM

For the first time in 35 years I did not march in the Mt Washington Independence Day Parade, and

for the first time in 40 plus years the Parade was not chaired by a Legion Member. We continued our usual support for the Commemoration by performing all of our past activities, and added a new one. Our Post sponsored the 484 Riders Motorcycle group under the direction of Gary Holden. We thank all who helped with the Parade program.

For the Post Carnival, I will be working the Jumbo Poker Booth, along with some other Drill Squad members. Bring some friends, and drop by for fun.

We have agreed to act as Color Guard for the Dedication of football field lighting at McNicholas High School. The tentative date was given as Thursday, August 23.

#### **DRILL SQUAD**

Tony Hartlaub is retiring from the Squad after approximately 20 years of service. Tony has been an unsung hero for both Post and Squad. I remember him participating numerous times in activities for Veterans Day and Four Chaplains Service, sometimes after working Sunday Breakfast. He did a bang up job in being the Point Man during the last special Mt Washington Parade. We salute you Tony for Service well done.

#### **COMMUNITY**

We officially thank the Mt Wahington Community Council for their donation of \$250 to help cover Memorial day expenses.

We also thank the County Commissioners for their providing \$500 each year from a charity source to cover the cost of Grave flags for Memorial day. Glenn Johnson, Americanism and Community Chair

#### **2018 POST 484 GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

Golfers and duffers, the Post 484 Golf Champion is scheduled for September 23rd at the White Oak golf course starting at 8 am so plan on being there. Tom Berger, Dick and Jackie Ruzsa, 2nd Vice Nick Hillebrand and a cast of other characters will be on hand to make this an enjoyable day.

The cost will be around \$45.00 for food, drink, golf and cart. The course is preparing the food. There will be trophies for the winners.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubroom so get your group together and plan to attend this event. If you do not have a foursome you will be assigned to one. This event is open to non-members but they cannot win the Post championship. There will be additional information in the September Bulletin. Dick Ruzsa

#### **FUNERAL CALL LIST**

At this time we are developing the funeral call list for 2018-19. We attempt to call as many Legionnaires as possible when one of our members is called home by our Supreme Commander.

If you are interested in being placed on this list to receive a call please notify Bill Harris 474-1330 as soon as possible. By attending the visitation and/or the service of our comrades lets the families know we care and feel their sorrow.

#### **POST 484 2018 CARNIVAL**

It is that time of the year again and we need your support for the 2018 carnival. First I hope you are selling and returning your Major Awards tickets.

This is a very important part of the fund raising for this activity. If just half of the Post 484 Family, who received tickets, purchased the 3 books we would make more than last year. It is getting more difficult each year to meet our operating expenses and we need everyone's support to break even.

Also, there is a change in beer pricing for carnival workers. For years Post 484 has furnished free beer for the carnival volunteers and each year there has been a discussion about asking our workers to pay a small cost for their beer. This has been a difficult decision but this year it was decided to charge the volunteers \$1.00 for domestic beer and \$2.00 for a craft beer.

This is less than 50% the cost of the beer to others attending the carnival and will cover the cost for Post 484. We are trying to get the word out early about this change and we hope you will understand the reason for making it.

Remember the carnival will be on Friday, August 3rd, 6-11 pm and Saturday, August 4th, 5-11 pm. So let your family and friends know there will be a lot of good food and fun for all at this event. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THIS FUNCTION!

#### **THANK YOU!**

1. Special thanks to everyone who worked to make the Installation Ceremony a successful night. We know Incoming Commander Steve Ervin, President Vicki Monroe and Sons Commander Daryl Brandstetter spent some time getting everything ready. Several Post 484 Family members set-up and decorated the James Howard Hall and it had a very formal look. There are very few posts who do the Installation Ceremony as well as Post 484 and again we thank the people involved. Also a special thank you to Denny Lahey, Legion Installation Officer, Jackie Ruzsa, Auxiliary Installation Officer and Lou Dimmerman, Sons Installation Officer.

2. A very "special thank" you to the 30 people who came to the Major Awards mailing party. This shows how quickly things can get done when the Post 484 Family works together. It was great to see the volunteers staying and spending sometime together after the job was completed.

3. This year Post 484 was not in charge of the Independence Day Parade but our Post was still

involved. It was a very nice parade with 59 entries. Special thanks to Bill Hosking, member of the Sons, for being the Post 484 representative on the Parade Committee.

### DONNIE'S DANCE NIGHT

Donnie Robinson has scheduled a dance for Saturday, September 15th to support Post 484 and have some fun. The evening will start at 6 pm with food being prepared by the PIT TO PLATE BBQ CATERING. Donnie says the food is outstanding. The music and dancing will start at 7 pm, ending at 11 pm, with a live band, Ben Levin and the Heaters, supplying the music.

Several members have stated that we need to more activities to get people to come to Post 484

and this is a start. The cost for the evening is \$20.00 per person which includes draft beer and soft drinks (can beer will be available at an additional cost). During the evening there will be items to be raffled with fun for all.

So mark your schedule for September 15th, bring some friends and attend this evening for a good time. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubroom or see Donnie for tickets.

### VETERANS BREAKFAST

The veterans Breakfast at the New England Club will be held on Thursday, August 9th. The guest speaker will be either Ryan Cook or Nick Hillebrand. Both work with Homeland Security, and that will be the topic.

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 Trustee.....Ed Benken  
 Trustee .....Dan Mugavin  
 Trustee .....Chuck McDonald

**August 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7PM Communication Comm Mtg  7:30PM H.C.C. Mtg @ Post #484	2 10:30AM Bingo 7PM S.A.L. Mtg	3 6-11PM CARNIVAL	4 5-11PM CARNIVAL
5 8AM CARNIVAL TEARDOWN  10AM 4th District ExecBd Mtg @ Post #138 {Hamilton Ohio	6 6PM Bingo  7PM Auxiliary Exec Bd Mtg	7 7PM Post Mtg	8	9 10:30AM Bingo	10	11
12	13 6PM Bingo	14 7:30PM Auxiliary Mtg	15 6-9PM Soccer Referee Clinic	16 10:30AM Bingo  6-9PM Soccer Referee Clinic	17 6-9PM Soccer Referee Clinic  6:30PM Social Night	18 11AM-2PM Luncheon/Games - VA Patients  10AM-4PM Jr Girls CarWash
19	20 6PM Bingo	21	22	23 10:30AM Bingo  7PM Legion Riders Mtg	24	25
26	27 6PM Bingo	28 7PM Post Exec Bd Mtg	29	30 10:30AM Bingo	31	