



**BERKELEY POST NO. 14
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY SINCE 1919

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July - September 2011***



From the Commander

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Ladies of the Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion. It's that time again, so here we go with another newsletter. I hope that everyone is well.

I wish that I could say that the situation of the new post home has changed, but it is still the same. We are still trying to acquire a loan from a bank. I will be retired on July 1 and hope to remedy this situation soon.

I still feel that I need to have something to fill the 2nd and 4th week-ends of each month so that our members may have a good time. If any member has any suggestions please feel free to make them.

Our monthly New York strip steak dinner on the first Saturday of the month is still going strong. The price can't be beaten at \$10.00 a meal for a 10 once strip steak, potato, salad, vegetable and a role. We still have our breakfast on the third Saturday with a dinner later that evening. These functions are still making a profit for us. Hope to see all of the membership join in on these dinners. See page +++ for the Post calendar and these events.

The post is still doing well with bingo. It is still going strong and is a profit maker. We are still looking for additional help. Please feel free to come out on Wednesday night and help or if you are a bingo player, come to play. It is a fun night for all.

We have reached our goal to be a 100% gold post and during this month we will be starting to work on the membership for the 2012 year. Hurry and get your membership in to be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner. If you have a friend or relative that is eligible to be a member and isn't a member, work towards signing him or her up. Also if they are eligible for the SAL squadron, sign them up also. And don't forget your wives and/or daughters. The Auxiliary is always looking to enroll new members. If there are members that ride cycles, we need members there also.

Several Legion members just returned from helping with the American Legion Boys State and I want to thank all who helped in any way, be it by donations or working at the Jackson's Mill during the week. As a counselor/athletic worker/photographer, I had a great time. The 27 new senior high school boys from Berkeley County had a great time and learned much about the Government and Americanism. The same goes for all that helped with Girls State. A special thanks to Brian for all that he and the riders did for Boys and Girls State.

I will still continue to have an open mind for any suggestions that anyone might have. A message can be left for me at ddog-bob@gmail.com or you may call the post home at 304-267-6100 to leave a message with the bartender on duty. This is to reiterate, we still need any e-mail addresses so that we may continue to send this and any other newsletters or correspondences. Please send your e-mail addresses to paul.turner@wvlegion.org or call the legion at 304-267-6100 and leave your e-mail address.

I hope that I've shed some light on things that may be on your minds. Please, I'm still open for your thoughts and suggestions so don't be shy and communicate with us.

Bob Speaks

Chaplain's Corner

A nickel, a dime, a dollar or two,
What does it mean to someone
like you?
A snack or a treat or a candy bar,
Its everyday life as we cruise in
our car.
Air conditioning and heat and all
the conveniences of life,
A fly or mosquito are our life's
only strife.
Houses, toys and gadgets of all
kind,
We heap to ourselves until we are
blind.
Blind to the lost and hurting out
there,
With no one to help and no one to
care.
We sit in our churches so snug
and refined,
While the world goes to hell and
we remain blind.
Christmas, Easter and Halloween,
too,
We spend all our money but still
remain blue.
Can we not see the price that He
paid,
Was for others who in life's
ditches have laid.
Can we pass by on the other side,
And turn a deaf ear to those who
have cried.
Will we remain complacent?—
you see;
I have decided it's not just about
me.
But if I would look as Jesus has
said,
I would give money and I would
give bread.
I would arise and look on their
plight,
I would fund missions and take
my flight.
To carry the true gospel to others
you see
Because I have come to realize
it's not just about me.

Unknown

VA estimates that **107,000** veterans
are homeless on any given night

Stephen P. Miller

Post Adjutant

I would like to thank all the members who paid their dues for 2011. **If you did not pay your dues for 2011 by now you are considered diligent by National. When they put together the 2012 roster you will be put in without continuous years. If you miss paying just one year you are not considered a continuous member.** I encourage all members to pay your dues early and keep your years up to date. In addition to having continuous years, you are also invited to attend the free Early Bird Dinner. Remember, your 2012 dues must be paid by October 1 to be Early Bird Dinner eligible. Also, I encourage all members to try to sign up new members and help make our Post grow. **There has been an American Legion Post 14 in Berkeley County since the American Legion was formed in 1919. Help keep Post 14 going and growing.**

If you know anybody who did not pay their dues for 2011, encourage them to renew their membership. If you know someone who served in the military or is still serving, please invite them to join our Post. The American Legion needs all the members it can get to have a successful post. There are a lot of things going on at your post and for the community. Don't forget to check the calendar of events for what is happening. If you have any questions about how you can help with an event at the Post or in our community, please leave a message with a bartender or contact our Commander, Bob Speaks.

To continue getting the newsletter you need your dues paid up to date. We are trying to save money on newsletter costs by sending the newsletter by e-mail. If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving your newsletter via that e-mail address, please keep us up-to-date by getting notifying Paul Turner. Saving money here will give us more money to use for our new building and other programs that we do each year. Please check out the programs and see if you can get involved in one of them.

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Ladies Auxiliary

The woman's auxiliary started off last quarter with our annual Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial park. We received many contributions from our local business's to fill the eggs, and a lot of support from the post. The Martinsburg Journal showed up and covered the event, showing how everyone from age 1 to 100 enjoyed the day. Lisa Turner, treasurer, had her yearly audit by the state, and we are pleased to announce the books are perfect. Way to go Lisa!!! Starting in April the auxiliary held nominations followed by elections for the upcoming year. The ladies are showing up everywhere. We are always there to help with the pancake breakfast, steak dinner, and any other event the post might have for us. On June 21st Dianne Orlick, president, attended the National 9/11 Flag Stitching Ceremony at the Martinsburg VAMC to show the support of the auxiliary. "It was a once in a lifetime experience," Dianne said. To continue to support our Veterans, the auxiliary is providing lunch for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new HOPE Center at the Martinsburg VAMC in July. If you would like to help please see Dianne or Sarah. In Upcoming news we will be having our 2nd annual BBQ Rib and Chicken Dinner in August. Check the board for the event date. Have a safe summer

Sarah M Tolstyka
Vice President

Need to Replace a Flag?

Visit <http://emblem.legion.org/>. Your purchase through the website supports programs that help America's children, veterans and military families.

EDITOR'S NOTES

- Please submit articles ON TIME! Late articles delay your newsletter.
- This newsletter is published quarterly: January, April, July and October, and is free of charge.
- Articles submitted for publication must be received by the editor **at least** 15 days prior to publication date (e.g. 15 Sep for the Oct-Dec newsletter). Articles may be emailed to the editor or dropped off/mailed to Post 14. Be sure to include your name, phone number and/or email address.
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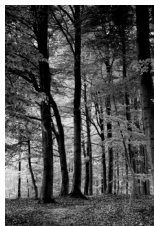
E-Membership Renewals

Beginning July 1, 2011 all members will be allowed to renew their membership online through www.legion.org.

An interactive web-presentation is designed to inform you of the implementation timeline of the program. Three primary audience groups, Departments, Post-Officers and members will be educated over the next 3-months regarding how the program will be advertised, and the membership-processing procedures that go along with it.

Click on the link below to view the web-presentation. Make sure the sound on your computer is turned on. You can also print out a .pdf file of the presentation.

<http://members.legion.org/legion/OnlineRenewals/OLRenewIntro/index.html>



Save a Tree!

And the cost of printing and mailing your newsletter. If you have an e-mail address, please provide it to the Post email address at: post14@wvlegion.org or directly to Paul Turner at paul.turner@wvlegion.org so we can send your newsletter to you electronically.

Post Adjutant

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We could use all your help so let us know what interest you have. We are always looking for new ideas and projects to help the community.

We are running Bingo on Wednesday nights in our Legion Hall. If anybody has any experience in working bingo or calling bingo, we could use all the help you can provide. We are doing very well with Bingo and invite everybody to come out and play. Players don't have to be a Post member to play Bingo so invite all your friends to come join you.

Please read the Calendar of events and put in your input if you know of something we have missed. Come on out and help with the Post events. Thanks to those who have served or are still serving. **A big thanks to all that have gotten involved with the Post, keep up the good job and get more members involved with us.**

Chuck Stanley

Monthly Meetings

House/Finance/Executive

6 pm, 1st/3rd Thursdays

Post

7 pm, 1st Thursday

Auxiliary

6 pm, 2nd Thursday

SAL

6 pm, 4th Thursday

With the exception of the House/Finance/Executive meeting, all meetings are open to members. Come support the activities of your Post!

HAVING A SPECIAL EVENT?

The Post 14 Banquet room is available to you for wedding receptions, graduation parties, etc. Bartender services can be arranged for and a kitchen is available for food preparation.

Please contact the Post at 267-6100 for information.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES/EVENTS

July

- 2 Steak Dinner 5-8 pm followed by Karaoke from 8 pm-12mid. Tickets are \$10 or \$12 at the door**
6 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
7 Meeting cancelled due to convention.
12 American Legion Riders Meeting at 6 pm
13 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
14 Ladies Auxiliary meeting 6 pm
21 Home Club and Executive Meeting at 6 pm
16 Sausage and Pancake Breakfast – 7 to 11 am
16 SAL Meeting 11 am
16 Dinner 5-8 pm - To be announced
20 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
27 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
30 Special Karaoke Event – Contact the post for more news.

August

- 3** Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
4 Home Club and Executive Meeting at 6 pm, followed by Post Meeting at 7 pm This will be a joint meeting of SAL, Auxiliary, and Post. All members of the Post, Auxiliary and SAL are encouraged to attend.
6 Indoor Picnic 3-8 followed by Karaoke from 8 pm-12mid
9 American Legion Riders Meeting at 6 pm
10 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
11 Ladies Auxiliary meeting 6 pm
17 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
18 Home Club and Executive Meeting at 6 pm
20 Sausage and Pancake Breakfast – 7 to 11 am
20 SAL Meeting 11 am
20 Chicken and Rib Dinner Hosted by the Auxiliary 5-8 pm followed by Karaoke from 8pm -12mid
24 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
31 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00

September

- 1** Home Club and Executive Meeting at 6 pm, followed by Post Meeting at 7 pm. Swearing in of new officers.
3 Steak Dinner 5-8 pm followed by Karaoke from 8pm -12mid Tickets are \$10 or \$12 at the door
7 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
6 American Legion Riders Meeting at 6 pm
8 Ladies Auxiliary meeting 6 pm
14 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
15 Home Club and Executive Meeting at 6 pm
17 Sausage and Pancake Breakfast – 7 to 11 am
17 Past Commander's Fried Chicken Dinner 5-8 pm. Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Broth. \$7
17 SAL Meeting 11 am
21 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00
28 Bingo – Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30 and Regular at 7:00

Upcoming

November 24 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Post – All veterans and their families are welcome to attend

AT THE POST

<p><u>DON'T FORGET</u></p> <p>The Daily Drawing is held in the Home Club nightly at 8:00 pm; except for Sundays when it is held at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>The Weekly Drawing is held each Saturday at 7:45 pm.</p>	<p>Your Home Club bartenders work hard for you. Please show your appreciation. They are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rachel Bobbie Jo Wendy</p> <p>BARTENERS ARE IN CHARGE AT ALL TIMES</p>	<p><u>Home Club Hours</u></p> <p>Mon thru Thu - 3 pm till 10 pm Fri - 1 pm till 12m Sat - 1 pm till 1 am Sun - 1 pm till 8 pm</p>
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Please, if asked, always be prepared to present a valid membership card when entering the post.

Home Club News

Hello, and welcome to the summer newsletter.

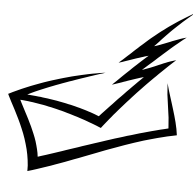
This quarter should be a lot of fun. As usual, our picnic will be the first Saturday in August with Karaoke by Josie. We will be staying open with our regular Karaoke by Suzi-Q in the evening from 8 pm -12 midnight.

Because of the picnic, our steak dinner for August will be on the 3rd Saturday. In July and September the steak dinner will be on the 1st Saturday. We will be having a chicken and ribs dinner on the third Saturday in July – hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Many of you are familiar with our mascot, “AL.” He has been busy and now has a wife, “ALAna” and a son “SALvadore.” We suspect they adopted their son as it does not look like either AL or his wife. He is, however, publishing his own article for the paper and you should go read it on page 6.

We are in the summer months – where business always slows. We appreciate each of you coming in and spending a little time with us. Although there are a lot of summer activities, please come down and stay a while with your friends. AL and I hope to see you there!

Paul Turner



You Can E-mail Us!

Thanks to SAL member, Jacob McCarty, Post 14 now has it's own email addresses. Please feel free to use the e-mail addresses to contact your organization with ideas, questions, suggestions. We want to hear from you!

Post: post14@wvlegion.org

Home Club: post14hc@wvlegion.org

Sons: sal14@wvlegion.org

Auxiliary: aux14@wvlegion.org



Come down to the Post for an old-fashioned picnic without the ants! We'll be cooking up hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixins'. Picnic will be held Saturday, August 6, from 3 - 8 pm. You know it will be too hot to cook, so come on down and let us do it for you! Enjoy camaraderie and good food: two items necessary for a great picnic!

Then stick around for karaoke from 8 pm—midnight with Suzy-Q. You might even get to hear AL humming along.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

American Legion Department of West Virginia and Berkeley Post 14 congratulate the following Berkeley County High School students for their completion of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) 2011. The American Legion and its sponsors paid for 30 Boys to attend this years camp. The Post sent seven counselors/instructors three from the Post, 3 from the SAL, and one former graduate of AL MBS from Berkeley County. The Post also sponsored two girls to attend Girls State. Of the 30 boys paid for 26 attended the 2011 AL MBS. The following Berkeley County Students attended 2011 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State:

Martinsburg HS	Allan R. Banks
	George VanDuzer IV
	Alex Abrahamian
	John Baronner
	Marqus Burrell
	Brett Barnes
	Gaydon Sawyer
Hedgesville HS	John Michael Reges, Jr
	Skylar Randolph Hinson
	Patrick Zdziera
	Robby Cicchio
	Nicholas Crites
	Aaron G. Lloyd
	Blake Hutcheon
Musselman HS	Sean Reidy
	Gunnar S. Wilt
	David Hoeng
	Carl Nielsen
	Andrew C. Carroll
	Joseph Miller
	Joseph Paciorka
Faith Christian Academy	Christopher A. Smith
	Alexander David Frost
	Tyler Dotson
	Phillip Thomas
	Benton Gates

Along with instructors and counselors from Post 14:

Bob Speaks	Post 14	Counselor
Paul Turner	Post 14	IT/Photographer
D.L. Robbie Robinson	Post 14	Counselor
Jacob McCarty	SAL SQ 14	IT Director
Jeff Ryman	SAL SQ 14	Counselor
Danny Staggers	SAL SQ 14	Instructor
Chad White	ALMBS Grad	Student WVU

Our sincere thanks to all those that chose to support our citizens from Berkeley County! Next year Mountaineer Boys State celebrates 75 years of camp!

David "Robbie" Robinson

AL's Corner



Hi, my name is AL, for those of

you who do not know me. I am the Mascot for the American Legion Post 14. Many come by to say "Hi" to me and joke about my apparel, or how I am seated at the Bar. Some even give me doggie treats.

In the last month I have acquired a female companion, known as ALAna, as well as a pup, known as SALvadore.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful beginning to the Summer of 2011. As we do every month, the 1st Saturday is our Steak dinner for a howling price of \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door from 5pm to 8pm ALaina, SALvadore and I love to "woof" down the bones, followed by Karaoke with Suzie Q from 8pm to 12 Midnight. Sometimes, if you listen carefully, you can hear me accompanying the music.

Breakfast is wonderful on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 to 11 am: all-you can-eat for \$6. They let me have a "doggy bag" for ALaina, SALvadore and myself. There is a dinner in the evening from 5 to 8 pm \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, once again followed by Karaoke with Suzie Q from 8 pm to 12 Midnight.

Watch the events calendar for some great events that will have you "howling" with pleasure to attend, and don't forget to stop by and say "hi" to my growing family. I promise we won't "bite." If you can't stop by, visit me on Facebook. I keep my ears open for exciting events that I'm happy to share with you. See you at the Post!



AL History: American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands atop the traditional values upon which it was founded nearly 85 years ago. Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of wealthy bankers' and industrial workers' sons, and erasing any social divide between them. Most importantly, American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

World Series Tournament: 2011

AUGUST 12 - 16, 2011

Keeter Stadium - Veteran's Field
Shelby, North Carolina

ESPN3 will broadcast the entire series

Health Care Center Debuts

Veterans seeking the latest information on health care available to them now have a spot on The American Legion's website to turn to for that information. The **Health Care Center** features breaking news on Department of Veterans Affairs' health care, a step-by-step guide on how to enroll in the VA health-care system, and information on conditions such as traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress, military sexual trauma, and polytrauma. For more information, visit <http://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare>.

American Legion Oratorical Contest

Information for the 2012 Oratorical Contest will be distributed to high schools in September. Any high school student can compete for money for college or vocational technical school every year they are in high school. Contestants must deliver a prepared speech, and an impromptu speech on the U.S. Constitution. Information will be sent to guidance counselors.

Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Membership

If you are currently on active duty, serving the United States honorably, anywhere in the world, or have served honorably during any of the following eligible war eras, we invite you to become a member of The American Legion.

- April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I)
- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/ Grenada)
- Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
- Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War /War On Terrorism)

Do you know someone who meets the requirements for the American Legion. New members receive a pewter Branch of Service Pin along with the other benefits of membership. Visit <http://www.legion.org/join> for more information.



On behalf of the 26 young men from Berkeley County who attended Mountaineer Boys State 2011, thank you:

To the guidance counselors at the area high schools: Mr Vogler, Martinsburg High; Ms. Brown, Hedgesville High; Mr. Smith, Musselman High and Ms. Helman, Faith Christian Academy.

To those who donated to the Post fund to ensure that costs were paid for the camp, the supporters:

HMS Tech, Jerry Williams, Dorothy Howard, David and Jo Robinson, Karl and Nelda Rohrer, AMVETS Post 38, SAL SQ 14, Pill and Pill, MOPH Chapter 646, Hedgesville HS, Knights of Columbus Council 1169, American Legion 10th District, Marine Corps League 1143, American Legion Post 14, Rotary of Martinsburg, DAV Chapter 8, Chick-Fil-A, and Ried Distributors.

If you would like to know more about American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, please contact your American Legion Post or visit our Web Site at WWW.mountaineerboysstate.org. American Legion Post 14 is always looking for assistance with this program. If you are interested in helping or if you would like to donate or sponsor a Berkeley County student please contact David "Robbie" Robinson for more information.

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At Post #14, we're working together to support our veterans. We could use your help.
Support your organization and home club!

July 4—Independence Day
August 7—Friendship Day
September 5—Labor Day

**Vision for a Strong
America:**

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Strong National Security
Americanism
Children & Youth
Community**