

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

POST 40 FAMILY JOINT MEETING

Post 40, Unit 40 and Squadron 40 will gather on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:15 PM for dinner (\$5.00/person) and meeting at 8:00 PM. Our honored guest will be the representatives of Post 40 and Unit 40 who attended the 2009 Boys and Girls State. An added feature will be remarks from SAL State Commander Harley Gaddy, a former Boys Stater and an excellent speaker. This is an excellent time to bring potential new members to your Post.

The October meeting will be on the 6th. This is the Tuesday after the fair. Come on out for a preliminary report on who, what, when and where of the happenings of the fair.

SHRIMP FEAST

The 18th annual Shrimp Feast, sponsored by the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 40, will be Saturday, September 12 starting at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 day of. If you haven't gotten your tickets as yet you can get them at the Post, Westover Deli, Dixie Auto, United Country, Colony Tire and Albemarle Motors. The profits from this event go to support the Albemarle American Legion baseball team sponsored by Post 40. To keep from increasing the ticket cost the SAL will be preparing the meal with help from some Legionnaires. Please thank the volunteers because they will have also paid for their ticket. This is an all you can eat affair from 5 to 7 PM. The beer taps and soft drinks provided by Pepsi will open at 4:30 PM. The music by Dyversity (Southern Rock) will start at 6:30 and go until 9:30 PM. After 7 PM it is asked that you make donations for any beer you might consume. This is a fun time for all. Oh yes, there will be BBQ for those who can't eat shell fish. Yes, all can have BBQ. Just want all to be able to eat, drink and have fun. This is an outdoor event so suggest you bring bug spray for the uninvited guest. Go to www.chowanfair.com and click on Shrimp Feast or call 482-4057 if you have questions. T-Shirts are limited. If you want one the cost is \$10.00 and you need to see Ronnie Sawyer (482-4224) or Bob Ascher (426-1112).

FAIR TIME

The 62nd annual Chowan County Regional Fair will be September 29 thru October 3. Exhibit entry will be Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27 starting at 1 PM each day. The fair is shaping up to be a jammed packed week of fun and learning. The theme for this year is "Making the Best Better, Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H". Volunteers are needed to help with the work to provide this community service program for the community. If you are willing to help call one of the following:

Set-up/Tear down – Office – 482-4057

Exhibit Entry – Sherri Volk – 482-5505

Security/Fire Watch – Haurice Toppin – 221-8507

Ticket Sales – Steve Leary – 482-4179

Parking – Gerry DiNunzio – 221-8390 (This will be assisting the Marine Corp League).

You can find most all information about the fair at www.chowanfair.com. **SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!!!!!**

Volunteer fair workers and their mate are invited to a Fair Workers Appreciation Dinner on Friday, October 9. We will gather at 6:30 and eat at 7:00 PM.

BUILDING RENTAL

Members of the Post 40 family get a special rate when renting a building for a personal family function in which the member will be present. **PLEASE NOTE – "PERSONAL FAMILY FUNCTION"**, this means exactly what it says. The rate is about a break even cost to use a building when you figure utilities, insurance, clean-up and wear and tear. Personal family is not for 3rd and 4th cousin's birthdays. No functions are open to the public unless approved by the Executive Committee. All guest should have received an invitation, in other words all non Legion events are private unless approved by the Post Executive Committee. If a member planning to rent is planning to use an outside cater then the members rental rate does not apply. It is amazing that people sign a contract without reading and or comprehending what they have signed. Another family member such as a brother or sister can not rent a building for a function in your name. Only a member can rent

at the special rate. Besides, if you are a member then most members of your family should also be dues paying members of the Legion Family.

MEMBERSHIP

The lifeblood of The American Legion is membership. The lifeblood of Legion programs is volunteers. It is not expected that every member will be an active volunteer but we can always hope. In any event numbers mean a lot when the National Commander appears before Congress and our State officials appear before elected representatives. Believe me, politicians can count votes and every legion member is considered a minimum of 3 votes because of our influence in the community. The American Legion is the largest veteran's fraternal organization in the free world, not just in numbers, but also in the amount of monies and time we give back to our communities. Our major concerns are our veterans, the widows, our children, national defense and the young men and women now serving our Country. By renewing your membership and inviting others to join your American Legion, you are asserting that these are your concerns. Mail your renewal today and let's get the renewal process behind us and let's channel our energies towards the programs of the Legion.

EMERGENCY SERVICES APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Chowan County Emergency Services Appreciation Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, October 22. This date is tentative at this time as the speaker has not been confirmed. There will be a news release once the speaker is confirmed. Tickets will go on sell as soon after that date as they can be printed. This is your opportunity to say "Thank You" to the men and women who serve and protect us every day all day.

CLUBROOM

The Post 40 Clubroom is one of the finest in the area. If you haven't been out lately you should give it a try. The Friday night dinners are packing the house. To stay abreast of Post and Clubroom happenings provide Bud with your emails and you will be informed weekly. Bud's email is buds27t@hotmail.com. If you don't do email call Randy at 482-2097.

BINGO

Bingo has been doing great of late. A big "Thank You" to the new volunteers. With 2 or 3 more volunteers it just might be possible to establish 2 teams so that some won't have to work every Monday. Give it a try, you might enjoy it.

COOK CREW

We are moving into the busier season for catering. If you like working around the kitchen or don't mind getting dish pan hands the cook crew can use your help.

FALL CONFERENCE

The annual Fall Conference will be October 16 & 17 at the North Raleigh Hilton. If you plan to attend let Jerry Rahal know or call 800-445-8667. Room rates will be \$82.00 per night plus taxes. This can be a learning experience if you want it to be.

DIVISION 1 MEETING

There will be a Division 1 meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 3 PM at Post 39 in Greenville. For those that wish to go we will gather at the Post at 1:15 PM. A meal will be served if you want to plan to eat.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

In the last news letter there was a list of maintenance needs for the Post. Several have said call me if you need help. Comrades, this is your Post and if you are willing to work then come on out. The list doesn't get much shorter. Thanks to Bud the grass is being kept under control. But, with the rain it is growing so fast it needs cutting every week. That requires mower maintenance and blade sharpening.

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP

The Post, Unit & SAL Family Pick nick & Membership Roundup will be Sunday, October 11 beginning at 1 PM. If you have paid and or pay as you come in the gate then you eat for free, otherwise the cost is \$5.00 per person. Besides the food there will be games and fellowship and fun and door prizes. Make your plans to attend and bring family and friends who are eligible to join the Legion family. Food will be served from 1 PM to 3 PM. The fun will continue until all have gone home.

COMMANDER'S CALL

Hi Guys and Girls,

I have received two requests for help. The first is on October 3, in the morning for approximately 3 hours to help Joyce Lassiter with the Peanut Festival. She needs help in lining up the Peanut Festival Parade. I would hate to see the parade die due to the lack of helpers. We need approximately 10 people. When you think of all the old, young and handicap people who really enjoy a parade in our own town it would, in my opinion, be a crime to let it fall by the way side. Yes, I know it is at the same time as the fair but the parade is in the morning and the fair is in the afternoon and evening.

The second request is from Jo Ann Wilkins to assist in the selling of tickets and preparing plates for a benefit dinner to help pay the funeral expenses for her deceased husband and Post 40 member Bobby Wilkins. The benefit dinner will be Friday, October 16 here at the Post for lunch and dinner.

All who are willing to help please call me at 252-333-0105. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

My friends, you have not supported the Family Pick-nick and membership Round-up in the past few years. If again there is only a handful that comes then we will discontinue it. It is your choice.

Your Commander,

Joe Patrick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, Sept. 1 ----- Post, Unit & SAL Joint Mtg.

Mon, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 ---- Bingo

Tues, Sept. 8 ----- SAL Reg. Mtg. (6:30 PM)

Sat, Sept. 12 ----- **Shrimp Feast**

Tues, Sept. 15 ----- Post Executive Comm.

Tues, Sept. 22 ----- CCRF Set-up begins

Sat & Sun, Sept. 26 & 27 --- CCRF Exhibit Entry

Tues, Sept. 29 thru Sat, Oct. 3 – **Chowan County Regional Fair**

Mon, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 ----- Bingo

Tues, Oct. 6 ----- Post & Unit Reg. Mtgs.

Fri, Oct. 9 ----- Fair Workers Appreciation Dinner

Sun, Oct 11 ----- Post Family Pick-nick/Membership Round-up

Thur, Oct 15 ----- 2010 Membership Dues Are Due

Fri & Sat, Oct 16 & 17 ----- Department Fall Conf.

Thur, Oct 22 (tentative) ----- **Emergency Services App. Banq.**

