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Mail Call



Members of Clearfield American Legion Post 6 Celebrate the Birthday of Post 6.

Commanders Corner

This is the first communication since my election. In looking forward we'll try to communicate quarterly with new issues coming out in January, April, July and October.

There are so many things going on that you really need to stop in and see for yourself. We have a wide variety of beverages including beer and mixed drinks. And the prices are excellent. Speaking of excellent, you'll have to get something to eat. We've expanded our menu and are anxiously making plans for newer, better, best facility upgrades. Such upgrades were the result of a lot of collaborative efforts of our partners in crime: Sons of the American Legion; Legion Riders and The Legion Auxiliary. Included in this is our new updated deck with incredibly comfortable and durable furniture. Ya just gotta see this... And as always, we're selling tickets, getting ready for the fair, and most importantly, enjoying the camaraderie of our brothers and sisters. Nothing is better than swapping lies and sea stories.



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For the past 117 years, The John Lewis Shade Post 6 has been a historic member, supporter and participant in the Clearfield County Fair.

Consistently, The John Lewis Shade PA American Legion Post 6 has led the way in the community. From it's inception, they strived to do the best for those that gave their best, our vets.

So, in tribute, we ask for your participation in this year's fair raffle. You'll see a nice variety of prizes and awards. So

stop in, buy a book, take some books with you for your friends and neighbors, volunteer to take a shift at the trailer...a GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL!!

Just some of the prizes:

Blackstone Grill, Kayak, Deep Freezer, Gift Cards, coolers, bags, and lots of other prizes. Stop by our boot at the Clearfield County Fair.

We support our Veterans as they supported us!

Nautical Quiz: What was the name of the Ship that fired the first rounds of World War II?

Email answers to PaAmLegion6@gmail.com by July 17th for a chance to win some ridiculous prize... like 2 free tickets to the Fair or something like that!!

Financial News

Revenues continue to climb as more and more activities drive attendance and participation in the Canteen.

Small games of chance have been doing well with revenues continuing to show a profit. With that said, we may be taking a hit on the skills games depending what our legislators can accomplish ???

We have incorporated a credit card device in the canteen. No more ATM and ATM Fees...

Continue to watch out for scams especially targeting our older folks and especially veterans and their families. When in doubt, call someone else for their advice....even stop down to the Legion. We're like the Government....here to help!

Post Information

Immediate Needs

We always have needs. Of course we do and we're looking for some help. Nothing full time, and obviously nothing you'll get paid to do (At least I don't think so?) We're looking for someone to perhaps take over the role of Historian? Or how about...Um, Resource Officer or even Judge Advocate. All of these are vacant...Work when you want...No pressure...well, maybe a little...

Anyhow we have these three openings:

- 1) Historian
- 2) Resource Officer
- 3) Judge Advocate

Additionally, our Honor Guard is looking to recruit a couple of other members. We've got new weapons and we're looking for some new members to help keep our traditions and provide honors to our fallen comrades. Should you have any questions or wish more information, please contact our Honor Guard Commander, Lou Ann Karcher at 814.577-3801 or via email to zanezach03@gmail.com.



Sons of the American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is constantly working to make the Legion the best in the state. So many activities for our supporting partners. Stop in a see what goes on. Never a dull moment for sure!

Ozone Quiz (Space Force): What is the highest "aircraft" that has ever flown?

Email answers to PaAmLegion6@gmail.com by July 14th for a chance to win some ridiculous prize...like 2 free tickets to the Fair or something like that!!

Dues are Due!!

Our new year starts in August. Stop in, pay your dues or pay online. In any event, once you pay your dues, you can either stop in for your membership card or have the Post Adjutant send it to you via snail mail. Either way, continue to support the Legion in all our endeavors. Good for you, good for me...Hoo-Rah!!



Adjutants Alcove:

OK...for those that don't know me, I'm the new Adjutant, Shawn Ward. We have lots of things happening and the annual Membership Rodeo is about to commence. So for those who don't know yet, GET YOUR DUES IN...and bring a friend with you while you're at it. Each new member and their "sponsor" get a free drink on the Adjutant!!

Branch Commanders Wanted

I'm a Sailor. Always have been, always will be. Me Mudder was a Mermaid and me Fadder was King Neptune...Anyhow, that blarney will fall on the deaf and misguided comrades in the Army, to a lesser extent my brothers from a different mother United States Marine Corps, but way far away from the Air and Space (not museum!) Force....And of course my somewhat shy and underfunded Coast Guard who get a taste of the spirit.

Anyhow, I'm trying to identify unit or Branch Commanders. Someone and your cohorts in crime can help in promoting your individual services. For instance; A US Navy group; A USMC Group: Etc. That way, when we do have events such as USMC Birthday, they can take the bull by the horns and run the operation the way it needs to be run! Semper Fi....

So if we can get some volunteers to HELP... Not asking to take over Rome...yet, but lets set this up, send your name and info to

PaAmLegion6@gmail.com.

Items for Sale

We currently have T-shirts and Challenge coins for sale at the Canteen.

We will look at ordering some more items shortly but in the meantime, show your Legion pride with these high quality items.

We'll be looking at selling more items soon so stay in touch.

For Legion Members wishing to buy Legion Clothing, stop in and see us and from Legion Caps, Shirts, Jackets and jewelry, showing your legion pride is advertising for your Legion.

Legion Riders

So you like to ride your motorcycle? How about your trike, spider or Can-Am? We continue to support our Post and our charitable organizations with time well spent on the road, seeing the sights and riding around with others filled with fun and enjoyment. Whether a poker run, dice run or good old fashioned fun run, join us for the adventure. You'll never want to miss another event.

We also support our other Posts in their rides which make it even more enjoyable. So join us for the ride!!



Legion Riders supporting the "Mikey Old School Ride"

Legion Meetings:

Legion meetings are open to all Regular Legion Members. Not only are they open but your help, guidance and insight are important to our Post and our Community. How, when and where we donate our time and monies is important and your input is valuable. Further, we're looking to expand our outreach and would like to have your participation. So stop in and join in shaping our direction and our future. Meetings are held on the Second Sunday of every month at 1400 in the upstairs meeting hall.

Honor Guard



Paying tribute to our fallen comrades, the Honor Guard provides Honor and Dignity to those who have served. Each member of the team has devoted their time and efforts to ensuring your loved ones get the respect they deserve.

BE THE ONE

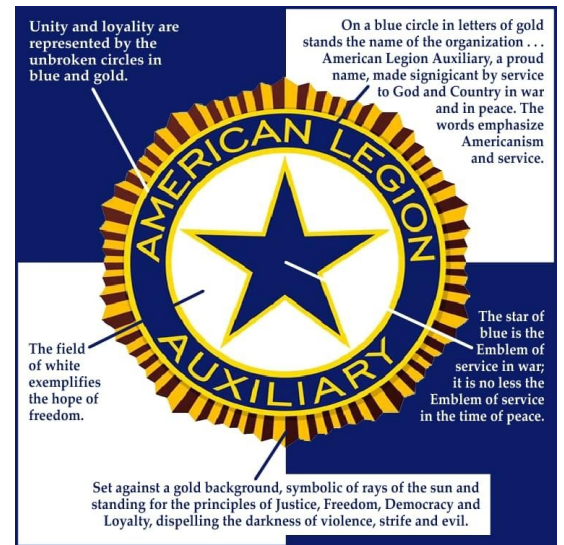
TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

Legion Auxiliary

The Legion Auxiliary continues to support not only our Post but our community as well. With events, games, activities and all the fun and friendship you could ever want. You don't have to be a former member of the military to join and we're always looking for others that enjoy the fun and festive events sponsored by our organization. Stop in and see us. Your time is valuable to support our veterans.



“ALTHOUGH A SOLDIER BY PROFESSION, I HAVE NEVER FELT ANY SORT OF FONDNESS FOR WAR, AND I HAVE NEVER ADVOCATED IT, EXCEPT AS A MEANS OF PEACE.” –Ulysses S. Grant

Post News and Views

What's new at the Legion? So many different things. From our newly designed outside deck with fantastic furniture to our food and beverage menus the fun and festivities never end.

We for those that may not know, we also have an upstairs hall that can be rented for your parties, gatherings, reunions and whatever else you can come up with. Features a kitchen, bar area, tables /chairs and the ability to arrange it to fit your needs.

We've also been having new items for sale including our T-shirts, American Legion Coins and of course all of our small games of chance, skill games, darts, pool and you may even find a few different games being played in the Canteen.

There is of course our camaraderie that can only be found at our Legion Post. We invite everyone to stop in, enjoy the atmosphere and sample some of the friendship. You'll be impressed and anxious to come back for more.

Make sure to review our upcoming events and activities.





Before you know it, It'll be time to bundle up for the fall festivities. So in anticipation of the long, cold dark winter, we're looking to set up some different games, leagues and entertainment nights.

Bar Games and Entertainment Ideas:

We're looking to do some more events so watch for sign up sheets to be posted for whatever you may be interested in:

New Pull Tab Games	X-Box Game Area
New Raffel Tickets	Acey-Ducey Game
New Small Games of Chance	Card Games
Video Skill Games	Spades League
Dart League (Sponsorship?)	Pool League (Sponsorship?)
"Juke" box	Ship, Captain, Crew Dice Game
Cribbage League	Pinochle League
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AND

If there is something you want to do but don't see it listed, send your requests to:

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We will be taking time next issue to bring to you those companies and entities that have supported us through monetary and prize donations. IF you or your company wishes to be included, a donation can be made and free (?) advertising is provided in our fall Newsletter.

We strongly encourage every one of our members to reach out to those companies who donate so very much for our endeavors. Shop local and shop often at these business and establishments.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

July 13: Happy Birthday Party for Rose Smith, our oldest American Legion Member. Rose turns 102 this year and in celebration of this event, we are holding a special party in her Honor. Stop in and see this young lady and share in her accomplishment and learn about her incredible journey. Party starts at 1700 (5:00 PM for civilians.)

July 17-25: Join us at the Clearfield County Fair for our annual Fair Raffle. Tons of prizes so stop by and buy a book of tickets (prizes make a great gift!!)

August 29: Post picnic held at the Copper Cork from 1200 (noon) till we grow tired. The Post Canteen will be closed that day so come out to the picnic and enjoy our festivities. Menu will include a chicken quarter (leg/thigh.) Those attending will be asked to bring a covered dish for sides. Cost will be \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. Cost of drinks will be \$1.00/beer and \$2.00 for mixed drinks. Tickets and sign up sheets will be available at the Canteen.

SIGN THE BOOK!! So many winners had they only signed the book. Me included!! It is only \$0.50 with a new opportunity each day. Stop in, sign the book and maybe you'll win the prize...Currently it is over \$300!! Whatcha waitn fer??

Kitchen Menu

Wings	Cheese Pizza
Tender Basket	Pepperoni Pizza
Basket of Fries	Cheeseburger
Dipping Sauce	Fresh Chips
Cheese & Cracker Tray	Hot Pepper Cheese Balls

We're always adding to our selection. Stop in and try something easy for supper!!

House Committee

PC Gene Garman, Mark Cirspel, (!st Assistant Commander,)

Gabrielle McCord (Canteen Manager,)

Todd Swattsworth (SAL,) LuAnn Karcher (AUX,) Debbie Priester (Riders)

Copies of the Post Constitution and By-Laws are available to Legion Members from the Post Adjutant.

American Legion Affiliated Groups and Executive Officer

Todd Swattsworth, Sons of the American Legion..... S.A.L. Commander

Debbie Priester, American Legion RidersALR Director

LouAnn Karcher, American Legion Auxiliary,.....Auxiliary President

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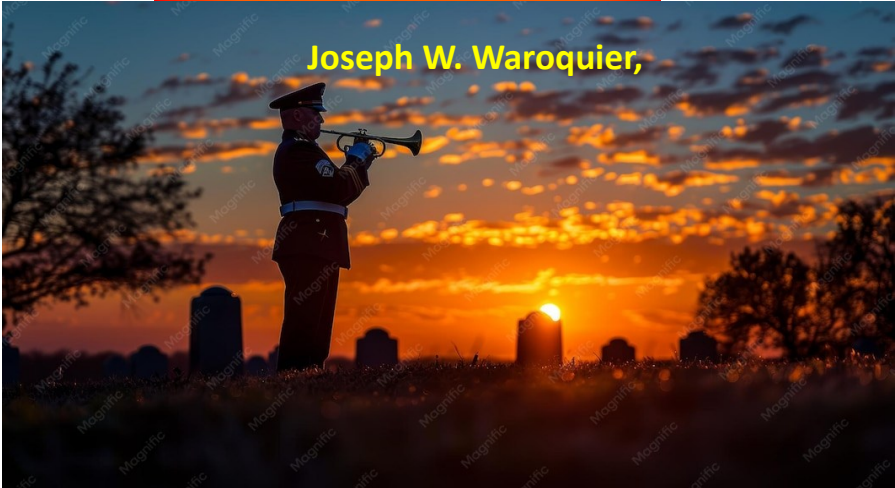
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Elected and Appointed Officials

- Post Commander: Gene Garman
- 1st Vice Commander: Mark Cispell
- 2nd Vice Commander: Chuck Gardner
- Adjutant (Appointed): Shawn Ward
- Financial Officer: Larry Conklin
- Chaplain: Burton Henschbarger
- Historian: VACANT
- Resource Officer: VACANT
- Judge Advocate: VACANT



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- American Legion Auxiliary:.....Lu Ann Karcher.....Auxiliary President

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