



Post 967 News

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The Commander's Report – Larry Lucarino

Keep up the attendance at our club, things are going very well and we would like to thank all the members who support the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 0967. The business is picking up every week and the club seems to be running very well. We are constantly making additions and renovations at our Legion Post and much of it is thanks to those who support us. If you haven't had a chance to come out to our Legion Post we extend to you an invite to see all the changes made to improve the Club. And we will strive to continue to offer changes to make it even better.

One of our **major goals** is this year to have an Elevator installed to service the upstairs hall so that any disabled veteran or person can easily have access to the upstairs. We ask anyone who could help to contribute towards this project to make this occur that much faster. We have been collecting donations for this project and have so far collected about \$13,500.00 to date. We are probably looking at a total cost of about \$30,000 to \$40,000 before it is done and installed. Please help your club in giving a donation toward this well worth while project.

The Kitchen is doing very well and its regular hours are 6-10 from Thursday to Sunday. The food is very good and cost is very reasonable. They have helped to bring a lot of people or customers into the Legion. So please come out and support the Kitchen -- the more they do, the more we do. Let's all stick together and support the Kitchen and Legion.

Last month we purchased a new 32" HDTV for the bar area. We also switched from cable TV to Direct TV. The picture quality has really improved. We also bought another large screen HDTV for the upstairs so the large screen TV doesn't have to be carried up and down the steps, (no elevator yet) ha ha. If there is a game or fight that you would like to watch that is on Pay for View, let us know and if we have enough interest, we will get it on a TV for you. All the TV sets have their own receivers and could have something different on each set.

Well as you can see we have been very busy improving the Harveys Lake American Legion Club. If you would like to help us out, come to a meeting and volunteer your services. Thank you for your patronage and support of the Legion.

Adjutant's Report -- Charlie Ritts

Planned spending for 2008:

1. Install an elevator to the second floor.
2. Move the monument and replace it.
3. Pave adjacent parking lot (across Annabelle Street)

The New Years Eve Party was a hugh success. Up coming events include:

1. February 10th -- Free Venison Dinner (donations to the elevator fund will be greatly appreciated).
2. March 15th -- St. Patrick's Dinner (sponsored by SAL's). Proceeds will benefit the Kid's Fishing Derby.
3. March 30th -- The Legion Post will host The District Meeting.

Changes to our Post:

The bar area has been painted and 2 new Smoke Eaters installed (in the bar and downstairs dining area). The glass washer will be installed. Direct TV (satellite dish) has been installed with separate receivers for each TV set.

The kitchen is open Thursday through Sunday. The Dart League is doing very well on Tuesday nights. Memberships as of 1-20-08 show 225 paid Legion members for 2008.

Treasurer’s Report – Bernie Castillo

The year 2007 was a good year for the Post. Despite the numerous improvements and necessary maintenance all paid from current income we showed a positive balance for the year.

The Elevator fund continues to grow with contributions from the Legion, the Auxiliary, the SAL’s, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Villa Roma, and members George Smith, Joe Reilly, Guy Giordino, Ray Hillman, Bernie Castillo, Buddy Costigan, Charlie Jones, Walter Cepulkitis, and D. Zimmerman (donated from the line dance instruction on Thursday evenings). See a separate insert concerning the Elevator Fund.

Installation of Officers – 2008

The installation of officers for 2008 took place in October at the post home. A buffet dinner was provided to celebrate the installation of new officers.

POST 967		AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY		SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	
Commander	Larry Lucarino	President	Mary Kay Mital	Commander	Joseph Wynne
Adjutant	Charlie Ritts	1 st Vice	Joan Ritts	1 st Vice Commander	John P. Farrell
1 st Vice Commander	Ray Hillman	2 nd Vice		2 nd Vice Commander	Stanley Sims
2 nd Vice Commander	Charlie Jones	Secretary	Rosemary Lucarino	Adjutant	Robert Park
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Historian	Ron Hillman	Sergeant of Arms	JoAnn Rice	Sergeant-at-arms	Bill Exachopoulos Jeremy R. Sorber August H Genetti Larry W. West
Chaplin				Historian	David A. Hanson
Sergeant at Arms					

When you see your new officers be sure to congratulate them on their installation and thank them for providing service to the Post.

Offensive Actions Will Not Be Tolerated

Just a reminder -- no foul language, arguments or fighting will be tolerated at our legion post. The bartender has the right to cut off anyone for any of the above and action could be taken against the member creating this situation.

In addition, anyone caught damaging any legion property will have disciplinary actions and could lose their bar privileges either temporarily or permanently at the discretion of the board members. The member will ultimately be responsible for the cost of the repairs. All members are also responsible for any guest they may bring into the legion. The legion post is a nice place to come and we intend on keeping it that way.
The Legion Board

Door card system:

All members of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 have been notified to renew your memberships prior to the end of the year. The new door card system cuts out anyone who has not renewed their dues before the end of the year.



Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967

Dear Legion Member,

You may have heard that the Post is in the process of raising funds for an elevator for our post home. This elevator will make our second floor hall handicapped accessible for our disabled veterans and post patrons.

The estimated cost of this new elevator is \$40,000. The Post has raised \$13,000 towards this goal. So, you can see we have a way to go, which is why we are seeking your help!

A charitable donation from you will go a long way towards helping the Legion reach its goal of having the elevator installed by the winter of 2008.

Please find it in your heart to donate towards this worthy cause. Any amount that you can afford to give will be greatly appreciated. Because every little bit helps!

Reminder: All donations are tax deductible.

This is the first time in our memory that the A/L has ever solicited donations from our members and neighbors for such a project and we would not do so, unless we truly felt that it was for a very worthy cause. And having our handicapped veterans and patrons being able to enjoy the activities held on the second floor is certainly a goal that they deserve and earned.

Please mail your donation to: Harveys Lake American Legion
P.O. Box 253
Shawanese, Pa. 18654-0253

Make checks payable to: H/L Am. Leg. Elevator Fund.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Your Legion Officers.

After the first of the year you must have a current legion membership card to drink at the bar and that is one reason we put the system in to help identify those who have the current cards. Once your card has been deleted, it will no longer be good and you will need to see your adjutant for a replacement door card.

All groups have been notified and it has been posted in previous newsletters. If you are one of those who have not renewed by now, then please think about doing it early next year. New cards come out in July of each year. So members have six months to renew their cards -- thus your door card will stay in effect.

Post 967 Web Site

The Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 web site has moved to www.harveyslake967.org. Stop by and look over the pages. We are now using pages designed by national at a substantial reduction in the cost for maintaining the web site.

Membership applications can be printed and either mailed or brought to the Harveys Lake American Legion Post. We hope that you will find this web site very interesting and that it keeps you informed.

If you have any comments or additions to the site, you can send an e-mail to website@harveyslake967.org.

This past year we had several unusual contacts via the website e-mail. A woman contacted us for the name of the cook for the pig roast. Bernie provided the name and number. In addition we received an inquiry from a gentleman concerning a young woman who died in an automobile accident in the late 1950's who had a best friend named Joanne Ritts. He hoped she would be able to answer a question concerning a letter he received prior to that woman's death. He turns out that that Charlie has a sister in addition to his wife named Joanne. A copy of the e-mail was printed for Charlie. I am not sure what the final outcome was on this e-mail.

Kitchen Now Open

The kitchen is now open Thursday through Sunday from 6 PM to 10 PM with a regular menu of burgers, cold sandwiches, chicken strips, and French fries. Check the menu at the post. Thursday night is still wing night. Stop by to check the specials and try the food. Mention to your friends at the lake that the kitchen is open to the public.

New menu items are under consideration for the Spring. If you would like to see something on the menu, please let the kitchen staff know.

Check out the menu at the legion web site.

2008 Safe Boating Classes

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Wilkes-Barre Flotilla 15-03 will again present its Safe Boating Course at the Harveys Lake American Legion Post.

Any boat operator, operating a boat over 25 hp and born after January 1, 1982 is required to have a PA Safe Boating Certificate. In addition, **all Jet Ski** operators must have a PA Safe Boating Certificate. Any questions, call Carol of the USCG (her number is below).

Upon completion of the course you will receive the USCG safe boating certificate and be eligible to send in for the PA Safe Boating Certificate. Cost of the USCG safe boating course is \$25.00 which includes a book, cd on safe boating and a completion certificate. The PA Safe Boating Certificate costs \$10 and is available from the Fish and Boat Commission. Get your safe boating certificate now.

The classes offered at the post home include:

- An 8 hour class on April 5th (8:00 am -4:00pm) at the Harveys Lake American Legion Post.
- May 20 & 22 (4hrs each night) Harveys Lake American Legion Post
- June 17 & 19 (4 hrs each night) Harveys Lake American Legion Post
- July 15 & 17 (4 hrs each night) Harveys Lake American Legion Post

For more info: call carol @ 655-6351

**LEGION MEMBERS, S.A.L.s, and AUXILIARY
2008 membership cards are now required at the post home.**

MEETINGS

Legion – 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM

Auxiliary – 1st Monday at 7:30 PM (Every other month)

S.A.L.s – 3rd Monday at 8:00 PM

Watch the electronic board and bulletin boards for schedule changes



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