

# LIBERTY NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to start out by thanking all of you that volunteer your time to this post for any and all events we have. Specific Thanks to all that donated money for the new picnic tables for the

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back patio and the crew that put them together. A Big Thank You to Fred Goda for donating an electric scooter for our members short term use when in need. Thanks to the Backbone Band for donating an evening for our entertainment. That was a fun night for our members and guests. Thanks to Cliff Zimmerer for putting together a 50 plus car show for our Memorial Day event. Those were some really neat classics. Thank You ALL for supporting the Family of the American Legion Organization.

You have now spoken and the new officers are in place. I look forward to serving you another year. I am extremely excited about the upcoming year. The engine is full of steam and we are ready to release the lever. I would like to ask that you to attend our monthly general membership meetings. This is where you as a member can express your ideas, concerns, and recommendations. I know a lot of you have great ideas. We have a lot of them and want to do some really good things for the Post and our Members. You have assembled a great team to represent the membership. Let's make this an exciting year.

Please come out to support the Dinners, Entertainment, and other events. Things have slowed to a crawl and we can not continue these things if the membership does not support them. I am still in need of a Breakfast crew, and a Dinner crew. If you have some time on Sunday Morning or Friday Evening please let me know so we can attempt to keep these going.

Finally Thank you all for a wonderful year last year. Thank you all for wanting me to lead the way for next year. I speak for the entire Executive Board when I say "We are here for the Post and its members!" This is a wonderful Family and I am proud to be a part of it.

Thank you,

Troy O Pazos  
Commander Post 152

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MON-THURS 10:00AM-11:00PM SUN 11:00AM-10:00PM FRI-SAT 10:00AM-1:30AM HAPPY HOUR M-F 4:00PM-7:00PM

\*EXCEPTIONS: HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (I.E. SUNDAY NITE FOOTBALL, ETC.)

**POST OFFICERS 2011/2012**

Commander	Troy Pazos
1st Vice Commander	Dale Madrishin
2nd Vice Commander	(OPEN)
Finance Officer	Bob Lair
Chaplain	Bill Scott
Historian	Open
Sgt. at Arms	Jim Dawson
Adjutant	Debbie Lair
Judge Advocate	Open
Service Officer	Charmaine Zimmerer

**Executive Committee**

3 Yr. Member	Cliff Zimmerer
2 Yr. Member	Patrick Maguire
1 Yr. Member	Theresa Zipler
1 Yr. Member	(OPEN)

**Appointed Committees**

Boys State	Debbie Lair
School Medals	Bill Seemann
Red Cross (Blood Bank)	Mike McIntosh
Lounge Committee	Theresa Zipler
Pull Tab Machine	Bill Taylor
Building and Grounds	Rick Montemayor
Entertainment	Armond LaFramboise
	Patrick Maguire
Disciplinary	Jim Dawson
	Jim Zipler
Newsletter/Webmaster	Cliff Zimmerer

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2011/2012**

President	Sheryl Kinsler
1st Vice President	Erin Pritchard
2nd Vice President	Kimberly Engelhardt
Secretary	JoAnn Lathers
Treasurer	Jeanne Kerens
Chaplain	Margaret Holtz
Historian	Kim Williams
Sgt. at Arms	Open
Immed. Past President	Kathy Driggers

**ALA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Romaine Taylor  
Phyllis Roman  
Vicky Irby

**UNIT 152 AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN**

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Girls state	Mary Perkins
Poppies	Kathy Driggers
VA & R	Shirley Patz
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Parliamentarian	Joanne Lathers
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Sheryl Kinsler
Cavalcade of Memories	Jeanne Kerens
Community Service	Erin Pritchard
Constitution & By-Laws	Anna Richter
Education	Shirley Davis
Hospitality	Erin Prichard
Junior Activities	Kathy Driggers
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Americanism	Erin Prichard
Leadership	Open
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National Security	Open

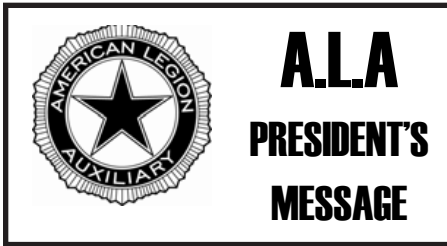
**SAL OFFICERS 2011/2012**

Commander	Scott Hudson
1st Vice Commander	Mike (Cowboy) Vaughn
2nd Vice Commander	Fred Brown
Finance Officer	Bob Lair
Advisor	Open
Adjutant	Open
Chaplain	Mike Vaughn
Historian	Open
Sgt. at Arms	Tommy Harwick

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I am hoping that everyone had a Safe and Happy 4th of July. In this, my first newsletter as your President, I would like to thank you for entrusting me with this position. I look forward to the coming year and ask for your continued support. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you, our members, that our general meeting is the third Monday of each month. I would love to see some new faces and the return of some familiar faces at these meetings; it is the best way to find out your Auxiliary is doing.

I would like to both congratulate and thank the 2011/2012 officers for accepting their positions as officers in your American Legion Auxiliary. The officers for this year are: President: Sheryl Kinsler; 1st Vice-President: Erin Pritchard; 2nd Vice-President: Kimberly Engelhardt; Chaplain: Margaret Holtz; Treasurer: Jeanne Kerens; Historian: Kim Williams; Secretary: JoAnn Lathers and Executive Committee: Romaine Taylor, Phyllis Roman and Vicky Irby.

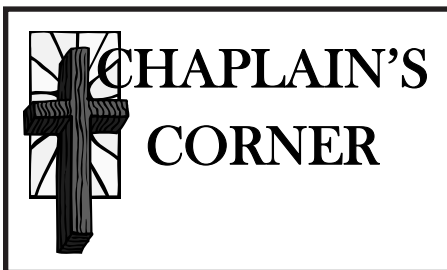
We are planning some fun things in the coming year and hope that all functions are well attended. We are planning an October fest featuring German food and an absolutely no talent Variety show. Please feel free to contact me to

have your lack of talent showcased. All untalented performers welcome. If you are one of the talented folks please plan to attend for the simply AWESOME food.

I would also like to remind you that we need volunteers to host our Wednesday dinners, please see Kimberly Engelhardt to sign up. Kim will be happy to go over the availability with you. If you are not able to do Wednesday night dinner for the coming year perhaps you could help out with breakfast. (You may even want to do more than one.) As always volunteers are always welcome.

**Yours in Service,**

**Sheryl Kinsler  
President**



Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call to Taps. One does not need to know the person or family who are laying their loved one to rest. The call is heard, you stop, and you feel. Those of us who have led a military life are supposed to be strong, tough and show no emotion. Not so with Taps. With Taps it doesn't matter if you are enlisted or an officer, male or

female, Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine the emotion is there. For those who do not know the words:

## Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the skies.  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier or sailor,  
God keep.  
On the land or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,

When the day, And the night  
Need thee so?  
All is well. Speedeth all  
To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar  
Goeth day, And the stars  
Shineth bright,  
Fare thee well; Day has gone,  
Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days,  
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go, This we know,  
God is nigh.

**Yours in Service,**

**Bill Scott  
Chaplain**

# SUPER BOOSTERS

George & Joyce England . . . . .	10/11
Tommy Hardwick . . . . .	11/11
Rick & Jean Montemayor . . . . .	11/11
Frank & Myra Ward . . . . .	12/11
Marilyn Yeager . . . . .	01/12
F. S. Fallon Jr. . . . .	03/12
Mike & Phyliss Corr . . . . .	03/12
Fred & Margaret Holtz . . . . .	04/12
Harry and Lilo Bryant. . . . .	04/12
Cynthia Martell . . . . .	04/12
TJ & Shirley Ramsey . . . . .	04/12
Jim and Theresa Zipler . . . . .	05/12
TN & Donna Hair . . . . .	07/12
Buzz & Linda. . . . .	09/12
Bill & Pat Seeman . . . . .	10/12
George & Jeannie . . . . .	11/12
Cliff and Charmaine. . . . .	11/12
Arsenio Trivin . . . . .	01/13
Duck Green . . . . .	03/13
D.W. Green . . . . .	04/13
Don & Shirley Patz . . . . .	06/13
Santa & Mrs Claus . . . . .	06/13
Bob & Linda O'Harold . . . . .	08/13
Bob & Debbie Lair. . . . .	08/16
Phyllis Veihmeyer . . . . .	12/17
Jack & Geraldine Billett, Sr . . . . .	07/18
Gypsy & Larry Faulkner . . . . .	08/19

*If you would like to be a Super Booster, please pay your \$10.00 dues to the Post Finance Officer. The Post appreciates the support of all the Boosters.*

*A special thanks to the SAL & Auxiliary for their monthly donation towards our printing costs.*

## Many retirees, their families don't understand VA burial benefits

*(Excerpt from Afterburner Newsletter <http://www.retirees.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110407-066.pdf>)*

Retirees may qualify for burial benefits through Veterans Affairs, but it is important to understand what those benefits are and how to request them.

Many retirees and their families do not know all the facts. For example, a survey by Lindberg Research in 2008 shows that 60 percent of veterans mistakenly believe the VA pays funeral, cremation and cemetery expenses for all veterans. In truth, reimbursement of funeral or cremation expenses is limited, and certain restrictions apply.

Six out of 10 veterans also believe caskets are provided free of charge to all veterans. Actually, neither VA nor the various services provide a free casket for a deceased veteran unless death occurs while on active duty.

### NOTICE:

We will replace the Past Commander's, Past President and Past SAL commander's pictures on the wall in the hall with electronic photo frames. If it is your picture on the wall or you are the nearest relative of someone in a picture and you would like to keep it, please contact Cliff Zimmerer by calling (813)-885-6155 or email [service152@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:service152@tampabay.rr.com).

#### Members Helping Members

While we do not endorse any of the services listed, we are providing this service to match those members who provide a service to those who are in need of help. If you would like to be added to the list, leave a note with the bartender addressed to "Liberty News".

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# News from Your Boy Scout Troop 246

**2010** – Two boys earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Russell Page and Frank Marion III. Russell organized a drive to provide backpacks and personal aids (like soap, tooth paste etc) for the homeless in the Town n Country neighborhood. Frankie organized and implemented the repainting of the Post 152 social hall as well as giving the floors a complete stripping and re-wax.

**2011** – Two boys, Travis Stark and Daniel Marion have finished the requirements for Eagle Scout and expect to be receiving that award before the end of the summer. Travis installed new shelving and storage racks for the Alonso High School Orchestra and Chorus practice room.

- Daniel implemented a Youth Craft activity for the children of family's attending the annual Sober Stock gathering in Odessa.

**June 2011** – 16 boys and 5 adults attending Boy Scout Summer camp at Camp Boxwell in Lebanon Tennessee. A Grand time was had by all.

All of the parents, scouts and leaders appreciate the support and opportunities that come with having American Legion Post 152 as our Chartered Partner.

**From the Tent of**

**Karl H. Tramer B.S.A.**

Chairman Friends of Brorein

Chairman T-246 Chartered Representative T-246

## News from the Tampa Bay Thunder

The Thunders trip to DC and the Baltimore area was a very exciting and busy tour with 5 parades, 1 contest, and the laying of the wreath at Arlington Cemetery. Our journey began on June 30th at 11:30 pm on two charter busses to Manassas Virginia after a two day camp at the Tampa Florida Fair Grounds. We arrived late afternoon in Manassas (July 1st), practiced until sunset and then bedded down for the evening. On July 2nd, we participated in an evening contest against other drum corps and placed 3rd. Thanks to the organization of Dave Hobbs, the Thunder was able to place an honor guard on the field of competition consisting of the American Flag, State Flag, and the American Legion 152 Flag. No other drum corps there had an honor guard on the field!

On July 3rd, It was an early wake up call to prepare for our trip to Arlington National Cemetary. The ceremony was at 9:00 am and was a very humbling experience for the Thunder to participate in. Our honor guard consisted of five members..Taylor LeMay, Nancy Mingle Meyer, Kyle Chubb, Ali Thorsen, and Dave Hobbs. The members that layed the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers were...Brandon Lesando. Ashley Gillam, Bryce Nickelson, and Alex Gonzalez. The Thunder then traveled to Havre De Grace Maryland for a parade in which afterwards, the corps had some free time at the local carnival and celebration.

On July 4th, The Thunder participated in 4 parades in the greater Baltimore Maryland area in which the American Legion Flag was represented in all activities along with the American and State Flags. We then loaded the busses and traveled back to Tampa arriving back at 5:00PM on July 5th. I attached one picture showing the honor guard in one of the parades and I understand that Dave already sent you pictures of us at ANC and if you require more, please contact me.

**Robert Adams**  
Tampa Bay Thunder



## HONOR FLIGHT OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

Honor Flight of West Central Florida (HFWCF) was established in late 2010 as an official Regional Hub of the National Honor Flight Network. As part of this national program, HFWCF provides all-expense-paid flights to World War II veterans in the Tampa Bay area to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. Since its origin in 2005, the Honor Flight network has provided "honor tours" to almost 70,000 of our heroes from the Greatest Generation.

With significant support from Southwest Airlines and Brighthouse Networks, we were able to make our first flight with 25 veterans on May 3rd, 2011. Charging ahead, HFWCF scheduled a second flight -- this time for 70 vets, accompanied by 70 guardians, on a chartered Allegiant Airlines flight from St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport on June 28, 2011..

Your help is needed -- and your donations are the only means by which the thousands of local veterans can be included on an Honor Flight. There are an estimated 32,000 WW II vets in our coverage area, so we have a huge challenge. With continued support from grateful Americans, and the generous participation of area corporations, HFWCF can honor these World War II vets with a tour in a manner they deserve. In the future, we will pay tribute to America's other heroes, those who served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. They, too, have given so much and it's time we show them that their efforts are not forgotten.

We hope you will see fit to give in support of this program, and consider volunteering as a trip guardian for the future. It will be a lifetime memory for you, to help bring this experience to our veterans. [www.honorflightwcf.org](http://www.honorflightwcf.org)



*Once again, your post has been involved in something to be proud of. We were able to gather 11 wheelchairs to help with the latest Honor Flight. The next flight is (Donation Dependent) 08/30/11 or 09/13/11. What are really needed for every flight are travel packets of Kleenex and travel packets of moist wipes, and small Black Sharpie Pens. 150 are needed per flight. Please bring donations to the post. There will be a tub marked HONOR FLIGHT. If you have a wheelchair that you don't need and would like to donate it, I will pick it up from your home or the post. If you have someone you would like to get to D.C. or if you would like to go as a guardian there are applications to fill out at the Honor Flight website. [www.honorflightwcf.org](http://www.honorflightwcf.org)*

**Yours in Service,**

**Charmaine Zimmerer  
Service Officer**

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Free pool all day	2 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts <b>Pool tourney 7:15</b>	3 Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	4 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM <b>Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM</b>	5 Commanders Fish Fry  <b>Music &amp; Dancing to The Open Juke Box</b>	6 Steak shoot 1PM  <b>Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P</b>
7 Commander's Breakfast 8:30-10:00	8 Free pool all day  <b>Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM</b>	9 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts <b>Pool tourney 7:15</b>	10 Dinner by Charmaine 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	11 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM <b>Legion E-Board mtg 7:00 PM</b>	12 Need help <b>NoDinner</b>  <b>Music &amp; Dancing</b>	13 Steak Shoot 1PM  <b>Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00PM</b>
14 Elaine and Pat Team Breakfast 8:30-10	15 Free pool all day  <b>Auxiliary E-Board MTG 7:00 PM</b>	16 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts <b>Pool tourney 7:15</b>	17 Auxiliary Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	18 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM <b>Legion E-Board mtg 7:00 PM</b>	19 Past Commanders Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Music &amp; Dancing Conch Critters 8-12</b>	20 Steak Shoot 1PM  <b>Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00PM</b>
21 Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30-10:00	22 Free pool all day  <b>Auxiliary General MTG 7:00 PM</b>	23 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts <b>Pool tourney 7:15</b>	24 SAL Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	25 Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM <b>Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM</b>	26 Boy Scouts Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Music &amp; Dancing to The Dukes 50-60's doo-opp night 8-11:30</b>	27 Steak shoot 1PM  <b>Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00PM</b>
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