



# AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Ladies Auxiliary President: Linda Brechbiel  
Home Association President: Garry Brechbiel

## ■ Spring 2010 ■

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** The past year has been an exceptional period for Post 517. We are all aware of our economy and the hardships we have all faced. The members of our Post have been the most supportive of the American Legion and the Post they call home. I want to thank all members and the support of our Post officers, the Auxiliary, SONS, and Legion Riders for the accomplishments of 2009. I ask all members to volunteer their services to carry out the ambitions of 2010. Finally, this is an important year for all Posts in South Central PA. We need to be united in our effort to pass the Small Games of Chance legislation in Harrisburg, not only for the good of our legion, but, the existence of ALL Veteran Organizations. We invite any and all post members to attend our monthly meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

**Dale F. Thatcher**

## Messages From:

**THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** This past December, we were honored to be able to come to the aid of one of our veterans who arrived at South Mountain with only the clothes he was wearing. We were able to fully support the needs of this one veteran while other clubs in the area supported the remaining 14-15 veterans. Special thanks to Anita Newman for purchasing the items for this veteran from the list furnished by South Mountain. The Auxiliary also collected and donated money for toiletries and supplies for the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed. Thanks to Auxiliary member, Ronda Gehr, who along with her husband gathered supplies from the Red Cross and along with the items furnished by the Auxiliary, delivered them to Walter Reed in time for Christmas. Thanks also to Anita Newman for shopping for these supplies. "Watch for Poppy Days - coming up in May. This is one of our ways of supporting our veterans." Once again, our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Post Home. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. We need members to attend and participate in decision making. **GOD BLESS! Linda Brechbiel**

**THE HOME ASSOCIATION:** Our Prayers are going out to our President, Garry Brechbiel, who has had severe medical problems over the past year. I ask that everyone continue to pray for him. We had a rough winter; more snow than we have had in many years. Yet, our members continued to provide unwavering support to the canteen operation. Spring and summer programs are fast upon us and we need the help from members to assist in preparing the picnic grounds and to get our new building finished. On Saturday, **April 24, 2010, at 9:00 A.M.**, we will have

a general clean- up of the Picnic Grounds – Come out and help us with this event. The Auxiliary and SAL will kickoff scheduled events with a 300 Club Drawing on May 15; followed by our Gun Drawing on June 12; then the 800 Club Drawing will be held on July 10. Tickets for these events are now on sale at the canteen and from various members serving as salespeople.

**Dale F. Thatcher, Vice President**

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES:** Services will be held at Fairview Cemetery at 9:00 on May 31, 2010. Fulton County Resident, William Hine, Retired Navy Submarine Commander, will be guest speaker. This event is co-sponsored by American Legion Posts 517 and 830 and VFW Post 6241, all of Mercersburg. We plan on replacing all flags on the graves of our veterans on May 22, 2010, starting at Fairview Cemetery, at 9:00 A.M. There are 17 area cemeteries where over 1000 veterans are buried. Will need all the help we can muster. Your help will be appreciated.



## LEGION RIDERS PROGRAM:

This organization is up and running. Post, AUX, and SAL members who are interested in joining in our motorcycle activities should contact Tom Yeager at (717)414-2593.

## POST WEB-SITE:

Our web-site is up and running; check it out at:  
[www.americanlegionpost517.com](http://www.americanlegionpost517.com)

## BECOME A RECRUITER FOR OUR POST!

We need everyone to help us in recruiting Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members. If you know of anyone who might be eligible for membership, contact our Post Adjutant Dave McLucas (717) 860-7530 or e-mail him at [davemclucas@embarqmail.com](mailto:davemclucas@embarqmail.com). He will assist you in determining eligibility and obtaining the application.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

In the near future, the Post, AUX, and SAL will be conducting election of officers for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in becoming an officer of their respective organization should contact one of the appropriate representatives listed: **POST** - Barry Hamilton at (717) 816-7044; **AUXILIARY** - Linda Brechbiel at (717) 328-2789 or **SAL** - Daryl Gearhart at (717) 328-2748. ■

## - DRUG FREE ZONE -

We would like to remind everyone that our post home and properties of American Legion Post 517 are drug free zones. We will not condone the use and/or trafficking of illegal drugs on legion properties. We will actively pursue law enforcement and subsequent legal prosecution of anyone involved in drug related activities within the confines of our properties.

## ★ Business Hours:

### Canteen

- ★ Monday - Thursday 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM
- ★ Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM - 1:30 AM
- ★ Sunday 7:00 AM - 11:30 PM

### Kitchen

- ★ Monday - Thursday 11:30 AM - 9:00 PM
- ★ Friday & Saturday 11:30 AM - 10:30 PM
- ★ Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

★ Last Call 15 Minutes Before Closing!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 10, 2010 | 10:30 A.M. | Chicken BBQ, Post Parking Lot     |
| April 24, 2010 | 9:00 A.M.  | Picnic Grounds Cleanup            |
| May 15, 2010   | 11:00 A.M. | Aux. 300 Club Drawing             |
| May 31, 2010   | 9:00 A.M.  | Memorial Day Services             |
| June 12, 2010  | 11:00 A.M. | Post/Home Association Gun Drawing |
| July 10, 2010  | 11:00 A.M. | Post 800 Club Drawing             |
| July 31, 2010  | 10:30 A.M. | Chicken BBQ Post Parking Lot      |
| Aug. 7, 2010   | 11:00 A.M. | Family Picnic                     |

**Additional activities will be posted at the club and/or advertised in The Merchant.**



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