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FIELD TRIP TO DIXIE WING OF THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

Please join us on Saturday, December 12th as we take a field trip to visit the Commemorative Air Force (Dixie Wing) at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. We will meet at Chick Fil A at 8:00am for breakfast on your own and then car pool down to the exhibit. There is no entry charge for Veterans. On display they have a collection of WWII, Korean and Vietnam era aircraft such as the Douglas SBD-5 "Dauntless" that was used in the Battle of Midway, a P-51D "Mustang", a Beechcraft C-45 "Liberator", a L-16 "Grasshopper", a LT-6 "Mosquito", a PT-26 "Cornell" and a P-63 "King Cobra" among others. If you are interested in going please RSVP to Commander Geoff Toman (678-372-2463) no later than Wednesday, December 9th.

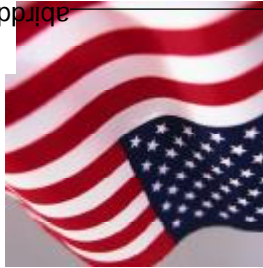


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It has been a slow economic year to say the least. Our company donations are down, but we continue to try and serve our Veterans and Community the best we can with our available resources. Veterans Day celebrations lasted all week as



A minute from *Cmdr. Toman*:

schools tried to work around the weather and early release days for the children. The annual ceremony at the Veterans Memorial was moved to the county fairgrounds due to the rain but was done very well. Congratulations to Richard Knight, District Commander and the VFW for doing an excellent job. Other programs at Settles Bridge and Haw Creek Elementary schools were very well attended by Veterans and quite informative for all attendees.



OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010

Special thanks go out to those of you who wrote to your Congressman and encouraged him to support the legislation pending that would make September 16th always to be known as "The American Legion Day". Senate Resolution 260, sponsored by Senator Olympia Snow (R-Maine) was passed on September 13, 2009. For those who don't know, the American Legion was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919 and that is why this date is so special.

Fire Chief Danny Bowman was our special guest at the October general meeting. He informed us that the Forsyth County Fire Department insurance rating was recently changed from a 6 to a 5. This means that you can contact your insurance carrier and request an adjustment in your annual Fire Insurance premium. A survey taken at our November meeting found that 15 members received between \$60 and \$220 in savings by requesting this change. See for yourself, call your insurance agent today.

We are proud to be the Charter Sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 8307 as they begin their existence with Whitlow Elementary School as their main base. Finally, please send an email to GAPost307@gmail.com to help us build our email data base. As always, it is a pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of Veterans, as you. Thank you for your service to our country and Post 307.

For God and Country,
Geoff Toman, Commander

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- Commander:** Geoff Toman
- Sr Vice Commander:** Guy Sillay
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- 3rd Vice Commander:** George Liebowitz
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Members of American Legion Post 307

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- William P. Baker
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- Billy Darby
- John Arant
- Guy Sillay

As of November 29, 2009

Finance Officer Corbin's Report

	Amount
Current Assets	
Bank Account (Wachovia/ Wells Fargo)	\$3,083.69
Total Current Assets	\$3,083.69
Investments	
Appalachian Community Bank CD	\$5,573.75
Fidelity Funds	\$2,035.82
Vanguard Funds	\$8,275.07
Total Investments	\$15,884.64
Balance of Cash & Securities	\$18,968.33

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Photos/News

Mayor declares Poppy Proclamation

In the spring of 1919 amidst complete devastation, the poppies bloomed in abundance in the battlefields of France where so many of our men had fallen in battle. A replica of that poppy became the Memorial Flower of the American Legion Auxiliary. The wearing of a Poppy gave everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to all who died in service. The true meaning of the Poppy is an “emblem of faith”, faith which is being kept with all who died through service to the living.



Mayor Gravitt signed the Proclamation declaring November 7th, 2009 Poppy Day. Members of the American Legion Post 307 accompanied the Auxiliary to meet with the Mayor on October 29th. Mayor Gravitt received the first poppy and was the first to make a donation of \$100. The Auxiliary and Legion members were at Chick-Fil-A and Wal-Mart on Saturday, November 7th distributing poppies and requesting donations for our veterans. Please wear a poppy for our veterans and be generous in your support



Veterans Day at Haw Creek

The new Haw Creek Elementary honored veterans Nov. 10. Geoff Toman, was the keynote speaker

(Photo and article: Logan Thomas, Forsyth Herald)

LEFT: Nona Hamilton, Andy Anderson and Guy Sillay listen during the Veterans Day Ceremony held at Haw Creek Elementary, Nov 10

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 4	11:00 am—4:00 pm	Blood Drive/Cumming Family Services
Dec 5	9:00 am—12:00 noon	Mini Legion College at Post 7
Dec 6	11:00 am—3:00 pm	District 9 Qtrly Meeting at Post 251 Duluth
Dec 7	5:30 pm	Chick Fil A
	7:00 pm	Executive Board meeting at Stars & Strikes
Dec 12	8:30 am	Field Trip/Dixie Wing, Commemorative Air Force at Falcon Field- Peachtree City
Dec 16	6:30 pm	Christmas Party at Andy Anderson's Home

Jan 4		Executive Board/Stars and Strikes/Chick Fil A
Jan 11	6:30 pm	Gen Membership meeting-Speaker Pat Giordano, Forsyth Cty 911 Director
Jan 21	6:00 pm	National Commander Visit/Buford Post 127

Feb 1		Executive Board/Stars and Strikes/Chick Fil A
Feb 7	11:00 am	District 9 Qtrly Meeting/Post 82-Ellijay
Feb 8	6:30 pm	Gen Membership Meeting-Legion Oratorical Contest
Feb 15	TBA	Flag Retirement Ceremony at North Lanier Baptist Church—Scout Troop 245
Feb 20	TBA	District 9 Oratorical Competition at Post 201

Mar 1		Executive Board/Stars and Strikes/Chick Fil A
Mar 8	TBA	General Membership Meeting
Mar 20	All Day	Dept Spring Conference—Windy Hill Marriott

HOMETOWN HEROES OF POST 307

Our friends at Patriot Bank, 2555 Peachtree Parkway in Cumming have selected another of Post 307's members as their "Hometown Hero" of the month. Henry Bearden was selected to be honored for the month of September, 2009 as part of its advertisement by the Bank in the Forsyth County News. During World War II Henry served in the Army Air Corp in England, Italy and North Africa (where he was wounded in battle and awarded a Purple Heart among other medals). Since the beginning of this program a little over a year ago Post 307 has had 6 of its members so honored by the Bank. We are proud to have had Fred VanLaningham, Max Kirby, David Woods, Bud Whedbee and Jesse Murphy similarly honored. Gentlemen, we salute you and thank you for your service for God and Country. We are privileged to have you as members of Post 307, Cumming, Georgia. All Veterans please stop by the Patriot Bank and thank John Bramblett for featuring Post 307 members.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

American Legion Family Christmas Party

You are invited to an evening of fellowship with your Legion brothers and sisters. We will have appetizers, wine, beer, tea and coffee at Andy Anderson's home on December 16th at 6:30 pm at 6770 Polo Drive, Cumming, Ga. 30040.

Please forward your check payable to the American Legion Auxiliary for **\$15 per person** to be received by 12/11 to Marian Rosswaag, 4325 Leslie Lane, Cumming, Ga. 30040.

We will not be exchanging gifts, but bring a **Toy for Tots** as a children's project for the Legion and the Auxiliary. The best way to celebrate the occasion.

We look forward to seeing you there. It has been a great year. Thanks for all you have done to support our Veterans, Children and Youth and our Community. You are the greatest. Here is to a Wonderful 2010.

Geoff and Nona

Legion members we need your help. Please sign up your wife as a member of the Auxiliary. We are short a few members of reaching our goal. Thanks to all of you who have forwarded your \$20 membership dues for July, 2009-July 2010 year.

Pauline and I attended the Leadership Conference on September 26th in Jonesboro. I attended the Department Fall Conference on October 24th in Marietta. Both meetings were informative sessions and will help us meet our goals for this year. Our Department President, Bettye Williams' theme is **Georgia Red Birds In Flight for Veterans.**

Mayor Gravitts met with members of the Auxiliary and Post on October 29th and declared November 7th as Poppy Day in Cumming. Many thanks to the members who solicited donations that day at Wal-Mart and Chick-Fil-A and at the Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11th. We had successful days and received \$2012 to support our Veteran's programs. We have been successful with the magazine and newspaper bins this year and have collected \$471. We are hopeful with the new locations we will be able to generate more revenue to support our programs in the coming year. Thanks to all of you who supported our raffle for the food basket. The winner was our chaplain, Charlie Weaver.

Speaking of programs, we are scheduled to work at the Christmas Shop at the Atlanta Veteran's Hospital on December 8th. We have taken proceeds from the Poppy solicitation and bought gifts for the hospitalized Veterans and their family members. If you have not helped at the hospital before, then make it a must this year. You can be a personal shopper to help the Veteran select gifts, wheel them down to the Christmas Shop, or be a gift wrapper for the presents they select. When you see tears in their eyes or the



Officers for 2009-2010

Seated R to L: President Nona Hamilton, Margaret Gordon, Pauline McKinny, Sue Youdell. Standing R to L: Marion Allen, Marian Rosswaag, Fran Montgomery, Marie Rossetti.

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A Special Message . . .

Major Kelly, thank you and congratulations on earning second place at The American Legion Southern Regional Drill Competition in Montgomery, Alabama. Please extend our Congratulations to the NFHS MCJROTC Drill Team.

John Arant, Sr. Vice Commander

9th Dist. Dept. of Ga.

The American Legion

Memo from Cumming Armory

First, I would like to say thank you for doing all you do for veterans. I have received your emails for years and I know you are truly dedicated. I am with the National Guard in the Cumming armory. On Dec 5th we are going to have our annual Christmas party. As I am sure you are well aware of we are not allowed to ask for donations. I am not asking for donations from you, what I would like to ask is if you would email out to your contacts in the Cumming area is that we are very glad to be a part of the community and we appreciate the people in this community very much. I would personally like to thank everyone that has purchased a meal for me and my staff when they have seen us out in area.

If the community would like to really help soldiers and their families out they can donate to the Armory itself in the way of donating Christmas decorations, they can donate lights or their time to help decorate or donations to the general fund to pay the soldiers families meal at the Christmas party.

A good point of contact for the Armory is SSG Jacobs at 678-569-8274 or myself.

LT. Lamar A. Johnson
BN S6 / BDE S6
348th BSB / 648th MEB
706-685-7523

Reminder about Membership

Membership: Post 307 has exceeded its membership goal for 2010 but several current members have not paid their dues yet. Time to renew is running out so please mail your renewal to:

American Legion Post 307
PO Box 2624
Cumming, GA 30028
Attention: Post Adjutant David Woods

or you may be dropped from our Post 307 membership roster in the future and lose your many American Legion Benefits.

gratitude they express, it makes Christmas come alive for you. You have made a difference and the standing in the cold to solicit donations for this worthy cause shadows in comparison. We will meet at Belk's parking lot at 6:30 am, call me if you plan to carpool with us.

Our next District meeting will be in Duluth on December 6th. Plan on attending and learning what we are doing at the District level. Let's support our President Connie Dewey.

Our National Commander will be here in January. The closest Post that is hosting his visit will be Buford on January 31st. Let's have a big showing from our Post and Auxiliary. Let Geoff or I know if you can attend, as we will be arranging carpooling.

At our February meeting, we will again host the Post's Oratorical competition. A few years ago, our participant won in excess of \$20,000 in scholarship money. It is always easier to give a Speech to a full house. Plan on supporting our youth in Forsyth by attending the meeting. Wear uniform or red, white or blue for our meetings.

Remember **Chick-Fil-A Veteran's Appreciation Night** the first Monday of each month. See you there between 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Our special Guests for the November meeting were Sr. Vice-Commander Department of Georgia Charlie Tucker and Unit 316 President Annetta Tucker. We appreciate the support of the Department and other Units.

For God and Country,

Nona Hamilton, President

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Chaplain Gordon's Notes

Here we are again at the brink of the Holiday Season. First we have to be thankful for our health and to live in a Country as the United States of America.

We have just celebrated Veterans Day and our thanks go to those who lost their lives in the past wars and those men and women now fighting for our freedom. Unfortunately we lost lives at Fort Hood, due to the thinking of one person.

On the Home Front we have three members who have been hospitalized:

Marie Rossetti due to illness, Pat Herrick and Lola Kearney for surgery

Marian Rosswaag will have back surgery this month.

Ladies, our thoughts and prayers are for your quick recovery.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful and bountiful New Year.

" Let us not be Justices of the Peace, but Angels of Peace."

St. Theresa of Lisieux

For God and Country,

Margaret L. Gordon

Unit Chaplain

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The American Legion, Cumming Post 307, Announces Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, February 8, 2010, GA. National Guard Armory, 429 Canton Rd.

For more information, please contact:

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