

Auxiliary Happenings!



Oratorical Contest Winner

Pictured: John Arant, Mary Matia, Mac McKinny, Nona Hamilton

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Commander McKinny's Minute:

We are late with this newsletter because of pending news that has now been resolved and can be announced.

Most of you know our scheduled monthly meeting for February 24th was postponed at 9:00am the same day. My wife Pauline who at the time was doing her volunteer job at the hospital and it was she who alerted me. We then did our best to call or email everyone (thanks to John Arant and Nick Youdell). But that wasn't the end of it, the hospital then informed Pauline that our meeting for April 28th is also cancelled.

Those of you at the Christmas party in early December may recall I announced I had been talking with the new GA Army National Guard unit about using their facility to hold our monthly meeting. Your executive board with AUX Pres. Nona Hamilton, toured their building February 17th, all agreed this is the place we need to be.

I received formal Army approval for this March 2nd and the EXB voted in favor of moving ASAP. Post 307 general membership was advised March 3rd. **Our scheduled March 31st meeting is now cancelled.** We will start fresh at the Guard building the **2nd Monday of each month** beginning **April 13th**. Same time – 6:30pm.

This building is the former CVS drug store on Canton Hwy across from Ingles. It is a two level building with rest rooms and food service areas on both floors. The Army occupants are the 348th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) and the 420th Signal Company. Our contact-host is the 348th BSB, Major Alice Smith, Commander. The lead NCO is MSG Jesus Cummings. All sixteen full timers have been authorized by our Dept. Adjutant, to join the Legion. SSG Greg Ferrell a Cumming resident, already belongs to Post 307.

Let us hope and pray this will be the last of too many moves we have made since 1995. I am optimistic for our success. We are truly with the right people .

Vindico Laedo Cmdr. Mac



OFFICERS FOR '08-'09 YEAR

Seated, L-R, Charles Wolski, Legionnaire of the '07-'08 Year, Andy Anderson, Michael Pilling, George Leibowitz. Standing, L-R, Past Post Commander, John Arant, Rev. Charles Weaver, John Brady, Nick Youdell, '08-'09 Post Commander, Dennis McKinny, Don Crocker, and Geoff Toman

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 John Arant
 Guy Sillay

2 MONTH LEGION CALENDAR**MARCH**

March 2nd Monday Chick Fil-A appreciation dinner. 5:30 – 7:00pm
 March 2nd Monday Executive board meeting 7:00pm
 March 3rd Tuesday Post general meeting, 1400 building - 6:30pm
 March 14th Saturday Dept. Spring Conference at Lake Lanier Islands

APRIL

April 6th Monday Chick Fil-A appreciation dinner. 5:30 – 7:00pm
 April 6th Monday Executive board meeting 7:00pm
 April 13th Monday Post general meeting, 429 Canton Hwy - 6:30pm
 (Legion Birthday Party)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Post members have fallen behind in paying their 2009 dues and our membership numbers are lagging.

Of our 365 regular member total..... we currently have approximately

165 members who have not paid their 2009 dues .

As you know.... part of our Post Budget is supported by dues money and our Finance Officer has monthly bills to pay.

PLEASE... if you have not paid to renew your membership ... PLEASE do so at your earliest convenience.

Nick Youdell



Mr. Black, Olde Atlanta Recycling and Tom Wallace


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Finance Officer Toman's Report for the Month ending Dec 31, 2008

Current cash in Wachovia checking account \$ 2,696.60

Post #307 Building Fund

Long Term Investments

Vanguard (2 funds)	\$ 5,802.33
Fidelity	\$ 1,438.92
Appalachian Community Bank	\$ <u>5,150.00</u>

Total Building Fund \$12,391.25

Balance as of February 28, 2009, Total Cash & Securities \$15,087.85

For God and Country,

Geoffrey J. Toman
Finance Officer

NEWS/PHOTOS



Post 307 Honors Automationdirect for their Patriotism and support of 307 Americanism



Mr. Black, Olde Atl. Recycling and Tom Wallace



National Commander Rehbeins visits with Unit President Hamilton and Geoff Toman on Georgia tour

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS (CONT'D)

The Auxiliary continued to support our veterans both here and abroad. Poppy Proclamation Day on October 21st with the Mayor was followed by distribution of Poppies at Wal-Mart & Chick-Fil-A and at the Veteran's Day Celebration. The Veterans Day celebration on November 11th was conducted by the American Legion and many of the speakers and participants were with the legion and auxiliary. The good news from the poppy distribution was we collected \$2275 for our Veterans. We visited and took 200 gift bags to the Veterans in the VA hospital on November 6th. We also donated Christmas Gifts for the hospitalized and out-patient veterans for the VA Hospital Christmas Shop in Duluth on December 10th. Auxiliary members also volunteered to be personal shoppers and gift wrappers for our veterans that day. Monthly, we attended the Chick-Fil-A Veteran's Appreciation Dinner. We continued weekly to pack boxes for our troops in Iraq with special emphasis on Thanksgiving, Christmas & Valentine boxes. To show their appreciation, the Legion was presented with a flag that had flown over a base in Iraq.

In support of our Children and Youth Programs, thanks to Andy Anderson who hosted our Christmas Party, we were able to collect a box of Toys for Tots. On January 27th we held our Oratorical Contest. Mary Matia, from Pinecrest Academy won the Contest and will advance to the District Oratorical contest on February 28th in Alpharetta. As Chairman, I contacted 6 schools for oratorical participants. Jessica Sedenger, one of our junior members, wrote an essay for the Americanism Program and was selected as one of three to represent Georgia at the Americanism Youth Conference March 5th -8th in Valley Forge, Pa.

For our Community Service many of our members are volunteers at the hospital and our churches. We also conducted an American Legion Blood Drive with the Red Cross on December 5th.

We attended the 9th District meeting in Snellville on December 7th, the National Commander's visit to Georgia meeting in Douglasville on January 31st, and the Alpharetta District meeting on February 8th. We received the Sue McConnell Attendance Plaque at the February meeting. Jean Iseli, our membership chairman received Goal Unit Status for obtaining 100% membership goal. At this time, the 9th District is in first place for membership. In January, our yearbook was submitted to the Department and District for judging.

Thanks to each of you who made these accomplishments possible.

For God and Country and Our Veterans,
Nona Hamilton, President

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