

AMERICAN LEGION EDENTON POST 40

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

SMILE!

because there is an American Legion

IT IS HOPED THAT ALL HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY POST MEETING – SAT, JAN 14, 2017 – 8:30 AM

A New Year with a resolution for a renewed beginning for OUR American Legion Post 40 is the goal. Mark your calendar, call a friend or family member eligible to join and invite them to breakfast at 8 AM and the Post meeting at 8:30 AM. The cook committee prepares a great hardy breakfast, no charge but donations appreciated.

FEBRUARY POST MEETING – SAT, FEB 11, 2017 – 8:30 AM

Happy Valentine's Breakfast is a great way to start the day. Mark your calendar to remember to get that special one a card and order those roses or special chocolates. Again, breakfast is served at 8 AM with the meeting following at 8:30 AM.

MEMBERSHIP

All members not renewed for 2017 by January 1 will be delinquent. If you are one of the approximately 100 who have not renewed for 2017 please do so ASAP. If you have paid and receive a renewed notice, please keep in mind that under the best scenario it takes a month or more for your renewal to get processed all the way from

National. Dues notice mailing lists are printed on the 15th of the month before they are to be mailed. 1st Vice Commander Joe Patrick will be contacting all that have not renewed.

OPERATION NORTH STATE FISHING FESTIVAL FOR WOUNDED AND DISABLED VETERANS

The 2nd annual ONS Fishing Festival will be Saturday, April 1, 2017. George Lawrence and Fred Morrow are the Post 40 leaders for this most important program. However, this is a Post effort and all are encouraged to assist. Financial donations are always needed as at least \$5000 in cash is needed to cover cost of the day's events. If you are willing to help call 482-4057 or email info@post40edenton.com and your message will be passed on to Fred and George. If you wish to make a donation mail it to Post 40, PO Box 390, Edenton, NC 27932 and note for ONS Fishing Festival.

If you have a boat and would like to take a veteran fishing for the day you should contact ONS CEO Terry Snyder at 336-764-5967. There is a need for 50+ boaters.

AUXILIARY UNIT MEETINGS

Auxiliary Unit 40 regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Encourage your wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters and sisters to join The American Legion Auxiliary. Our ladies are great supporters of Legion programs and Post 40.

SAL SQUADRON MEETINGS

SAL Squadron 40 meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Encourage your sons and grandsons to join the SAL. The SAL steps up to the needs of Post 40. They provide much of the labor for the BBQ chicken fundraisers. They provide 2 annual scholarships for graduating seniors.

CLUBROOM

The Post 40 Clubroom is a private club for members and their guest. For those that wish to partake, to those wanting a relaxing atmosphere

to converse with friends, you are encouraged to visit your clubroom.

Every Thursday you can get lunch from 12 to 2 PM for only \$6, eat-in or take-out. Call 482-2097 to order or learn about any special events.

Mid-Winter Conference

The Mid-Winter Conference is Feb 17 & 18 at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, NC. Anyone planning to attend needs to make their room reservations by February 1. Friday the 17th is Department Committee meetings. Saturday the 18th is Department Commission meetings and Department Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon. An excellent opportunity to learn more about the interworking of The American Legion.

FUNDRAISERS

For a volunteer non-profit organization to be a viable operation volunteers and money are needed. The BBQ Chicken fundraiser on November 4 was not the success it should have been. Only about 20 members took tickets to sale. Chickens have to be ordered 2 weeks in advance of the event. If our membership supported the event by buying plates we would sell out. Our profit in November was approximately 50% of what it should have been.

Post 40 is existing off of borrowed money that at some point is going to have to be paid back. If you have a viable idea for a fundraiser please contact a member of the Executive Committee or email info@post40edenton.com. Possibilities that have been suggested are: Reverse Raffle, Valentine Party, 50/50 member's raffle, Turkey Shoot. What are your suggestions?

The Yard Sale on November 19th was fairly successful. For those few and the Rocky Hock Lions Club that donated items for the sale, THANK YOU! Now that Christmas is over and you have all that new stuff, how about donating that old stuff to Post 40 for the next Yard Sale. There should be someone at the Post most days so that you can drop off items (no clothes except for donations for VA Hospital). Please price your

items. If you have large items or more than you can haul please call 482-4057 or email info@post40edenton.com to set a time for pickup.

BINGO

Post 40 sponsors bingo every Monday night. There is always a need for volunteers and especially players. There is always the possibility, while having an evening out, you just might win some money if you are a player. Doors open at 6 PM with play starting at 7:30 PM.

LEGION PROGRAMS

Programs, in some cases, require money and always require volunteers. For the first time in many years Post 40 is not sponsoring the High School Oratorical Contest, not because of money, because no one stepped up to take the lead. Still no one has stepped up to be the Post 40 Representative to Boy Scout Troop 164. Commander Green needs help with this and other programs. It will soon be time to begin the selection process for attendees to the 2017 NC Boys State program and the NC Student Trooper programs. We have leaders for these programs but money is needed. Our youth of today are tomorrows hope. What we do as mentors will shape their lives for their future. Isn't that challenge worth a little of your time and or your money?

CHOWAN COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR

The CCRF for 2016 has been wrapped up and by all measures was a success. The planning process for 2017 was well under way. The CCRF Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 PM. At the January 18th meeting there are 4 director positions and at least one vice president position to be filled. If you have an interest in joining the CCRF Board then you should be in attendance. Dates for 2017 are September 26 – 30.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

With a facility as large as we have there is always something that needs attention. With the new tile floor and the recoating of the roof plus the painting and cleaning of the Post we have a Home we can be proud of. Your talents are needed to maintain our Post and grounds. With the New Year it will

