

The AMERICAN LEGION

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MARCH 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Home of the 2011-2012
Veteran of the Year
John DAWSON**

February was another busy month with holding our local Oratorical Contest as part of the 75th Annual National Oratorical Contest. Our contest was held on Feb 11th, the District on Feb 18th with the Division on Feb 25th. A group of Legionnaires traveled to Samford University in Birmingham to listen to the 4 Districts' Winner and to support the Division's Winner for their contest in Montgomery on March 10th.

We are actively soliciting sponsors for Boys State to be held June 10-16 at the University Of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. We have 8 sponsors and are looking for enough sponsors to send 25-30 boys. We will be providing a bus for transportation from Phenix City to Tuscaloosa and a return trip to pick them up. Registration fee per student is \$200 but any amount of donation will be appreciated. We need the donations by May 1st so we can determine how many boys we can send. It would be nice if the members of the Post would send several boys.

Things are gearing up for another busy month. On Friday, March 9 at our dinner we will recognize the Judges for our local Oratorical contest along with the winner of the local contest and the 24th District Contest, Aaron Cappuccino, a senior at RCHS. He was a contestant last year and also attended Boys State last June.

On Saturday, March 10th we will be hosting the Veterans from Tuskegee for lunch and Bingo. This will replace our Sunday trip to Tuskegee. This gives the veterans an opportunity to get away from campus for a few hours and enjoy the company of other veterans outside Tuskegee. The Post will provide the main course (a meat entrée) and we are asking the members to bring side dishes and desserts. We are expecting 50-60 people plus the support personnel.

Saturday March 17th we will be holding a "Spring Cleanup" at the Post. We will need all the volunteers that can come down and help give the Post a good cleaning and touch-up.

On Saturday April 7th we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Outing at Uchee Creek Recreation area. Plan on joining us and bring the kids and grandkids.

We have a Karaoke machine so limber up your vocal cords, come down to our family dinner and show us what you're got.

For all of our new members come visit with us and lets see if we can match your interest with some of the programs that we support and participate in.

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

--author unknown

For God and Country

Veterans Still Serving

Message from Adjutant

As of Friday, February 24 we are at 102% in membership. Let's not stop there. We still have some 2011 members who need to renew and there are new 1983 members we need to contact and get to transfer to our Post. Come by and pick up the new card. Dues are still \$30. This will be a good time to sign your free Insurance renewal card for 2011-2016. Look at the address label for the last year you paid dues, L11 means that you still need to pay your 2012 dues. YOU can pay your dues online if that would be easier for you.

REMEMBER ITS NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP

IT'S THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE!!

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ATTENTION

For March we will be recognizing the Oratorical Winner for 2012 and the Judges for the contest. We will have Karaoke singing after the program. March 17th we will hold a "Spring Cleaning" at the Post. Come down and help spruce up your Post.

March 2012

BINGO Tuesday & Thursdays
Executive Committee Mtg 1st Monday (5th)
Dinner 2nd Friday 9th
Tuskegee Vets Visit Sat 10th
Breakfast Sat 24th
Members Mtg 3rd Monday
CVVC Committee 4th Wed
12 Noon 21st
District Meeting 4th Sunday 25th at Pepperill Post 152

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March Activities

For March, at our dinner we will be recognizing the Oratorical Winner and the Judges who judged the contest.

Due to the abuse by a few members on taking "carry-out" dinners at our monthly dinners we have to apply a new rule. Starting with our March dinner, all "carry-out" dinners will be charged the same amount as the charge for the dinner or in the event there is no charge there will be a minimum charge of \$5 for a "carry-out" dinner. Special permission from the Commander or his representative is required for a "no-charge" carry out.

As usual, abuse by a few also causes restrictions to be placed on everyone.

'Atta Boys' go out to Rudy, Vince, Frank, Wayne and Earl for calling on our 2011 members to get them to renew their membership and also worked on getting members of Post 1983 to transfer to our post. We have achieved over 100% and are still working on the 2011 members for their renewals..

Prayer Request

We haven't received any requests for prayer for any of our members but if you know of any of our members that are ill or failing health please pray for their quick recovery.

Our prayer list can only be effective if we are aware of members in need. The Chaplain is the main contact but you can contact the office or any of our officers and we will relay the message to the Chaplain.