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**American Legion Post 53  
Auxiliary Unit 53  
S.A.L. Squadron 53**

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## Greetings

Hopefully all of you good folks have been successfully coping with the desert like climate we have been experiencing lately in the Shenandoah Valley. We all could definitely use a break from this continuous furnace like heat.

There is some outstanding news regarding our exceptional Post and it represents a true "Source of Pride" for the entire membership.

For those of you who haven't heard this great news by now, it involve a very prestigious and well deserved honor for one of our most dedicated & knowledgeable officers. Our very own Adjutant Mr. Buster Ramos is beginning his preliminary steps towards attainment of the American Legion VA. State Commanders Office!

This will be only the second time that a State Commander has emerged from District 15. Past Commander Bob Pope from Post #53 obtained this distinction in early 1969. I honestly cannot think of a more deserving and qualified Legionnaire for advancement to this vastly important office.

Let us do all we can to support Doug during his tenure in this vastly important position.

Your Post Officers: I am pleased to report to you that your House Committee and Executive

Committee Officers are continuing to work together as a most cooperative team to effectively manage the overall operations of our Post. Our meetings have been most productive and every effort is focused entirely upon the continued success of this honorable organization!

I most cordially invite each of you to attend the monthly Membership Meeting's and offer your essential input on any issues of concern.

May God continue to most graciously bless the actions and progress of this exemplary Post and its outstanding membership!

God's Peace,

L. Funk / Commander

## Buster Adds

Another Legion year is here and I must say that we are off to one of the best starts we have had in years. As of this writing we have 320 renewals/new embers/PUFL and this is 63% of our assign goal. WOW what a start. We have not yet started looking into the programs, but, it will be as soon as the school opens. The first ones that we will do is the Middle School Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest and as we speak the Veterans Day Services are in the planning. Last year we were unable to have the Veterans Day Services because of the weather, this will not happen again, we are in the process of having a rain program here at the Post if necessary; anyway there will be a program this year.

I want to once again talk about mailing from the National Organization about membership. When you pay your dues here at the Post 1st Vice Cdr Hartsell processes them within 48 hours and mails your card to your address of record and once a week we mail the dues that we have collected from that week and mail them to the Department Organization. The Department will process them as soon as they get them and forward them to the National Organization. I believe that during the year there are 6 mailings to remind those who have not renewed to please do so. Now depending on the time that you mail them to the Post and the time that it takes to get to National is about 10 to 14 days, so sometimes the mail crosses path and you might get a reminder, even if you have paid. Anyway with all said if you have a membership card that says 2011 at the top of the card please don't worry about the reminder. Just another reminder about dues: If you are 75 years of age prior to July 1, 2011 the post is paying for your membership for this year. So if you meet the criteria that has been set please let me know and provide me a copy of your drivers license and we will take care of the rest. I will close for now and at the next writing we can speak more about the programs. Buy the way remember Sept 5, 2011 at the VFW the Post picnic and I know that this one will be like the others and it will be a great time.

For God and Country

Buster  
Adjutant

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### A Note from Dennis:

I want to thank the members for their continued support of the clubroom, and appreciate everyone's understanding of the recent price increases. Although it is a difficult decision, especially during times of economic struggles, it is one of those decisions that was necessary for the clubroom to be successful. The house committee is working very diligently to bring about positive changes for the members. We are looking to bring back Sunday breakfast and Friday night steak dinners. We have added a new video bowling machine and are looking to add additional games for those whom would like to enjoy a friendly bit of competition and fun.

Don't forget the picnic is September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to provide your suggestions for improvements so we can work together to continue to have success. 2

Thanks,

Dennis Henline

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

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### SAL NEWS

SAL meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

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American Legion Auxiliary  
News...

Hello Ladies of the Auxiliary!

It's nice to be able to say that, and I look forward to talking with all of you this year through our post newsletter. We have already started our activities this year, with much enthusiasm, so if you haven't been a part of it yet, come on out to our next meeting. It's always the fourth Monday of the month, so our next date is Sept. 27 at 7pm. You'll see people you know, and maybe some you don't, but it's always interesting. While we always try to answer our veterans' needs countrywide, we feel a special, personal urge to help in our own community. We responded to the Shenandoah Agency on Aging this month with a donation. And we have already sent a care package to a soldier from Luray who is now stationed in Afghanistan. We will continue to do this, so if you'd like to help, please check the Ladies' bulletin board at the clubroom for the sorts of things we're looking for.

And speaking of our bulletin board.... I hope to change the announcements here after each of our meetings to keep everyone up on what we're doing. I may be slow sometimes, so please bear with me.

We plan to continue our yummy breakfasts in October. Come upstairs and eat on the second Sunday of the month from 8-11am. People from the community are also welcome -- you don't have to be a member. More on this later, so keep your eyes open.

Dues are due!!!! You can pick up your membership card for 2010-2011 at the clubroom for \$20, or send through the mail to the post, care of the Auxiliary. Make out your check to the American Legion Auxiliary Post 53. And any of you who have not yet paid for 2009-2010, there is still time, and we welcome your membership.

So now everybody will know my well-kept secret: I love to talk!

Remember, we want to see YOU on September 27.

Your Auxiliary President,  
Kate Nuernberg

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### CLUB ROOM CHAT

Hot dogs served every Sunday for racing fans.

Hot dogs, cole slaw & baked beans served every Wednesday. Come one, come all! Now who can pass up free food???

Don't forget the Post Picnic on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast as usual and of course "lunch". It will be "GREAT" as always so mark your calendar and we will see you there. Games for kids and adults so plan to spend the day!!!

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### Bloodmobile

BLOODMOBILE again will be hosted by the Riverton Methodist Church on September 28, 2010 beginning at 2:00P.M. and ending at 7:00P.M.

We are in the time frame when families are taken the last of the vacations, since school begins after Labor Day, to the beaches or theme parks that we have nearby and unfortunately there is going to be accidents, and not all blood requirements are because of auto accidents. Folks working around their home and have an accident while mowing or someone has to have by-pass heart surgery and a transfusion is needed, these things and among many others incidents require blood. So I think it is safe to say that blood is a valuable commodity I do not mean valuable in the sense of a monetary gain, but meaning a life sustaining commodity and the only charge to give blood is just a few minutes of your time. So please mark your calendar for **September 28, 2010** to go the Riverton Methodist Church and donate a gift of life, 1 pint of blood.

Ralph Smith

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### On the Funny Side

#### "Gentle Thoughts for Today"

Birds of a feather flock together . . . .and then poop on your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble..

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth . . .

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**A guy is 72 years old and loves to fish.**

**He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say,**

**'Pick me up.'**

**He looked around and couldn't see anyone. 4**

**He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again,**

**'Pick me up.'**

**He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.**

**The man said, 'Are you talking to me?'**

**The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you.'**

**Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen.**

**I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'**

**The man looked at the frog for a short time, Reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket.**

**The frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'**

**He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'**

*With age comes wisdom.*

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Attention Everyone  
For those of you, who have the internet and would like to receive your newsletter via the internet, please leave your e-mail address with Buster or send it to me

at [tuiti5@comcast.net](mailto:tuiti5@comcast.net). If you send it to me please put "newsletter" in the subject because any unfamiliar addresses are automatically deleted. Thanks!

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Please accept my apology for not having this letter out before the Picnic. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, it was not possible. Also, please pay particular attention to Chaplain Kirkland's request for volunteers. It is imperative that we get them. When we have asked before for various things NO-ONE has ever come through, this time it is a necessity, PLEASE HELP!!!

### Chaplain's Corner

Remember to let me (or someone at the Post) know when our fellow Comrades, family, etc. are homebound, ill or just need something. This passed on information is the only way our Post can extend our help with visiting or even sending a card to help cheer their day. So if you, your friend or family members need cheering up ... LEAVE A NOTE AT THE CLUB FOR ME or you are welcome to call me at 635-1474. Thanks.

IMMEDIATE REQUEST: I need your help with the Chaplain duties. We need to have volunteers to be able to fill in for me if I am not available. I am not in a position at this time to attend EVERY funeral or family night; however, our Fellow Comrades deserve this Last Ritual. The ritual simply consists of someone reading the resolution and presenting the Bible to the family member. You can do this at the funeral, the gravesite or family night (whichever is more convenient to you). It is not difficult and I personally feel that EVERY SINGLE VETERAN deserves this. Trust me ... if this were your family member ... you would want it. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

- Get well card sent to the wife of Fellow Comrade Ronnie Chadwell
- Get well card sent to Fellow Comrade Hollis 5 Manuel.
- Get well card sent to Fellow Comrade Clarence J. (Buddy) Hartsell

- Sympathy card sent to Fellow Comrade Phil Smith on the passing of his mother-in-law.
- Sympathy card sent to Fellow Comrade Buster Shifflett on the passing of his brother.
- Sympathy card sent to the family of Fellow Comrade Robert Franklin (Poppa) Tharpe.
- Sympathy card sent to the family of Fellow Comrade Ralph Leroy Poston, Jr.
- Sympathy card sent to Fellow Comrade Robert Reil on the passing of his wife, Lakie.
- Sympathy card sent to the family of Fellow Comrade Frank H. Pinkerton.
- Sympathy card sent to Fellow Comrade Pete Ricci on the passing of his Brother, Billy.

● Rest in Peace to our Fellow Comrade Robert Franklin (Poppa) Tharpe who passed away June 26, 2010.

● Rest in Peace to our Fellow Comrade Ralph Leroy Poston who passed away July 1, 2010.. I present the Resolution and Memorial Bible to his family at the memorial service.

● Rest in Peace to our Fellow Comrade Frank H. Pinkerton who passed away July 28, 2010.

### Food for Thought

- ◆ "The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge ... Don't do it"
- ◆ One thing you can give and still keep ... is you word
- ◆ .

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard E. Kirkland, Sr.*  
Post Chaplain

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And to all of you

Judge not, and you shall not be judged.  
Condemn not, and you shall not be  
condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

luke 6:37 - jesus

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*Pray for our Troops!*  
*They need it more than ever now!*