

February 28, 2011 Post Meeting

Post member Ed McNair & Gina McNair and Chuck & Marilyn Smith will be providing the main entrée selection of baked ham and gravy and mashed potatoes, respectively. Meeting date is February 28, 2011. The meeting location for this month will again be the **basement of the Wells Fargo bank** – meal start time will be 6:00 p.m. Other Post members attending are again asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts to complement the meal. No reservation count is required for this meal.

Post Auction March 19, 2011

The big news this month is the Post Fundraising Auction to be held in the Varied Building on the Dallas County Fairgrounds near Adel. The starting time for the auction is 11 a.m. As you can guess, the start time of the Auction is not the start time of the event for Post volunteers – as that has been an on-going planning since back in November when Ed McNair proposed the Post do this as a fundraiser. Ed has been working with Kelley Daughtery's Auction Services – Kelley is donating his services to help the Post and Ed and various Post members have been gathering donation items for the sale – see list attached to this mailing. Community member Candy Brown has been instrumental in keeping the Post on track and advertising. This can and should be a big fundraiser for the Post building drive – it will need as many Post members, spouses, dependents, and community members as can be mustered.

- (1) Do your spring cleaning – do you have new, antique, or collectible that you have been meaning to get rid of but haven't – consider donating to the auction and take a tax deduction.
- (2) Get these items to Ed and notify Candy at 996-2235 of the item, approximate value, and location if help is needed to pickup.
- (3) Make business contacts to ask for donations – again feed any donations on to Candy at 996-2235 – if you frequent a business – perfect time for you to ask for their reciprocation of your loyalty to their business. Use the attached Auction List sheet, brochure to convince them of the benefit to them and to let them know they will be advertised with updates to the Auction Sheet and at Post website – www.legionpost403.org.
- (3) Volunteer for auction support – setup Friday night; setup Saturday morning; auctioneer help; concession help; rifle raffle collection table; auction registration help; accept pie and baked goods help; beer sales help, clean-up help afterwards; information help for questions ,etc, etc.

Call Ed McNair – 321-7171 Vic Olson – 991-7539 Don Harris – 250-3738 Terry Vande Kamp – 996-9144 to offer support for any of the above services.

Post 403 Website

Visit the new Post website at www.legionpost403.org. The Post welcomes any positive or negative feedback to improve the website – so please have “at it”. Auction items will be updated on the website as new items are added – keep watching and if you can -- be involved in getting new items added through Candy Brown at 996-2235.

Post 403 2011 Membership

The official 2011 membership drive has completed – National will continue to mail out invoices for those still unpaid. If you are still unpaid and want to retain continuous years membership category – best to mail in dues of \$60 for two years at this point. If you are only wanting to pay one year and not concerned with your record of having continuous years membership – \$30 dues can be applied for 2012 membership year instead and just skip 2011. Send dues to PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261.

Post Building Fundraising ONE

Mike Koch is filling in for Gary Wemer while Gary is on vacation in Australia / New Zealand. Please contact Mike at 996-2970 or 249-2091 to turn in or get more tickets for the raffle of the collectible Henry Golden Boy Military Service Tribute Addition rifle. Tickets are \$5 each – the raffle drawing will be at the conclusion of the Post Auction to be held March 19 – see article in first column. To order tickets send \$5 payment increments to Legion Post 403, PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261. Rifle can be viewed at Post website of www.legionpost403.org

Post Building Fundraising TWO

Last month this is where the Auction was detailed – but as you can see it was moved up in order to second article. But, hey, the Auction is an **IMPORTANT** project for the Post -- so two articles are not out-of-line. Concession food items are Parkin's Family Pulled Port Sandwich, Tom's Manly Man Beans, Cheesy Potato Casserole and Choice of lemonade or water. Looks like price will be \$7 at this point. Beer concessions will also be available through the Fairgrounds liquor permit. Carl Lyons will be heading up this sales project.

Post Building Fundraising THREE

Candy has received a challenge from Redfield mayor to Van Meter mayor on who will have pie raising most \$\$\$\$\$. Candy has graciously extended this challenge to also have an OPEN challenge to all community member (Adel, Booneville, De Soto, Earlham, Van Meter, Waukee, Winterset) chefs on who can receive the highest pie bid – and Candy has a prize. The Post is looking for all baked goods – pies, brownies, cakes, cookies, and “cooking extravaganzas” for this category. Goods can be delivered the day of the event (keep'em fresh) contact Candy at 996-2235 for details and pick-up requests – she will see that Legion staff or someone gets the item collected for the auction and it gets into the contest. Can we say ---- Mmmmmmm good?

Boys State / Girls State

Want news of something else -- the Post is needing Boys State and Girls State candidates. Rick Roberts has contacted teachers of students at Van Meter who have juniors – but as in prior year's selection – the candidate can come from any junior of relationship to Post member. Candidates must be finishing their Junior year in May 2011 to qualify as candidates for Post sponsorship for Legion Boys State (June 12-17, 2011) or Auxiliary Girls State (June 19-24, 2011).