



O'Brien POST #177

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Post meetings held the 1st Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
All members are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 5	Post Meeting, Community Center 7:00 p.m.
APR 6	Good Friday
APR 8	Easter Sunday
APR 28	Post 177 Baseball Mouse Races 7:00 p.m.
	Eureka Elks Lodge
MAY 3	Post Meeting Community Center
	Nomination of Officers 7:00 p.m.
MAY 13	Mother's Day
MAY 28	Memorial Day
	Distribution of Poppies (Schnuck's)
	Time to be Announced



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

If you have not renewed your 2012 membership dues please pay them as soon as possible. Officially, you are delinquent and will be dropped from the rolls of our Post. We would like to keep you as a member. **REMEMBER: The American Legion year begins July 1st, not January 1st.**

Nominations for all officers will occur at our meeting on May 3rd and again on election night, June 7th. We are always in search of members to fill the offices. If you are interested, please contact our Adjutant, Gregg Kitson. I will not be running for Commander again and we need someone to step up for this position!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

None

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, March 10th we had our annual Birthday Party. The Party was well attended and enjoyed. Thanks go to Joe Olson, Gregg Kitson, and James Birch for preparing the meal and activities. **JOB WELL DONE!**

It has been approved by the membership for our Color Guard to act as the Honors Rifle Squad one day per week at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The

Post will receive \$100 per burial for this service. Obviously this would be a great help financially to the Post. If any member would like to join this team, the Post will provide a complete uniform, training, etc. Please contact the Captain of the Guard, Ken Allison, or the Adjutant, Gregg Kitson, of your desires to join this vital team. It is an honor to provide this service to our deceased comrades. **We need your** help to make this program a success!!!

We currently have in storage 1 electric wheelchair (Fair Condition), 1 Standard Wheelchair (Good Condition), 1 walker with front wheels, and 1 set of aluminum walking canes for the use of any veteran that is in need. Please contact Joe Olson should you require one of these. There is no charge for this service! If you have or know of other equipment that can be donated for our cause, give Joe a call.

Our members will be handing out poppies at the Schnuck's store on **Memorial Day** from about 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call Gregg Kitson to sign up to work a 2 hour shift. This is one of our biggest fundraisers! We need help!

Congratulations to Ken Allison who has been selected as Co-Director of the Inter Veterans Memorial Day Service held Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks. Ken would like to have someone, preferably in Legion uniform, to

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Ken Allison, Editor.
Requests must be received by the 15th to be in the current bulletin.

carry the Post Colors in the 12th District group. If you can help out, please contact him.

FROM THE EDITOR

To help keep costs to a minimum publishing our newsletter, we are asking **ALL MEMBERS** to provide the editor with a current email address where the letter may be forwarded. Also the newsletter is now on our website which address is www.eurekapost177.org. For those of you that do not have email, please let me know and we will make certain that you receive your newsletter via mail. I have received very little response as to your desire.

POST WEBSITE

If you have any content to add to the website, i.e. pictures, articles, etc., please forward to Don at Don.bette@yahoo.com.

EUREKA BASEBALL PROGRAM

As of April 1st, the rosters of all 3 teams have been set and we are getting excited for another great season of Post #177 baseball. We should have extremely good teams at all three levels again for the 2012 season. We have updated our website with a new design and it contains a lot more information, www.eurekalegionbaseball.com. Our schedules for the summer can already be found on our website along with some updated photos. Also, in April we will begin selling Eureka Legion Baseball apparel on our website. It will include T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, shorts, and even a hat. We are very excited to see others wearing our gear and promoting the Eureka American Legion. Our Mouse Race fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 28th at the Eureka/Pacific Elks Lodge. For more information please contact us or visit our website. We are looking for any participants so feel free to come and have a great time. Also, we are accepting any door prizes, auction items, and volunteers. Thank you and here is to another great season of Post #177 Baseball!

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HISTORY

50 Years Ago – Clyde Winegardner, Neeley Wren, and Floyd Faulstich joined the Post. Color Guard dance held. Donations made – Boys’ Town Picnic, 10th District Guard of Honor

20 Years Ago – John Broadhead, John Devine, Roy Wade, and Ronald Diekmann joined the Post. Art Diekmann and Bill Harrington was reinstated. Post achieved 100% in membership goal for the year. Donations made – 1 scholarship awarded, 1 Boys State member elected, Senior Celebration, 10th District Guard of Honor, Shriner’s Circus, Auxiliary Poppy Fund, erected the flag pole in front of the Community Center.

10 Years Ago – Lt. Matthew Vogt, USN - Active Duty, joined the Post. Donations made – Eureka H.S. Senior Celebration, McDonnell USO, Will Boyle – Cerebral Palsy, Boys Scouts, 2 scholarships awarded, 2 Boys States members selected

50/60 YEAR MEMBERS

William T. Brown (63)
Harold “Bud” Lowe (60)
Emil Wallach, Jr. (61)
Stanley Wallach (63)
George Weber (64)
Charles Gudermuth (55)
John Pemberton (54)
Wayne Pemberton (54)
Kenneth Rhodes (55)
Alfred Wallach (59)
Raymond Wallach (54)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Stanley E. Wallach
David W. Jeffries
Wesley A. Becker
Kenneth O. Allison
Harold E. Lowe
Gregg P. Kitson
Joseph L. Olson

PAID UP FOR LIFE MEMBERS (PUFL)

Ken Allison
Emil Baumer
Wes Becker
Earl Couey
Dennis Diem
George Fritts
Frank Greer
Charles Gudermuth
Edward Huddleston
Edward Krshul
Jay Kurtz
William Moder
Thomas Nowicki
Gerald Thomas
Samuel “Chris” Weber

The **Paid Up For Life** membership program is an excellent way not to forget to pay your dues and save money in the long run. You pay one lump payment which is for life. If you may be interested in this program please contact the Adjutant for the forms and amount.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Qualifications for Honorary Life Membership
Our own Color Guard

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4/4 Frank Greer
- 4/6 Robert Cline
- 4/7 Rudolph Baker
- 4/14 James Donovan
- 4/15 Erik Goebel
- 4/17 Rick Fakes
- 4/21 Donald Szydowski
- 5/8 Don Ford
- 5/17 Jay Kurtz
- Thomas Nowicki
- 5/21 Ronnie Brown
- 5/27 Emil Wallach, Jr.
- 5/30 William Schulte



RECOGNIZE THESE FOLKS?



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