



# *The American Legion*

WILLIAM E. BULLOCK - BON AIR, POST 354  
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## *The Bullock Bullet June 2011*

### Commander's Message

This is my last commander's message; as your new executive committee will be installed at June's meeting. You have chosen your new leadership well and I am certain they will exceed all expectations. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve Post 354 these three years and I look forward to watching this Post continue its success. Your hard work and support made my job easy, our post successful and I thank you for it. Keep up the good work.

I'll see you in June.

**Mike Darlington**

### Parliamentary Comment

Does a member have to make a motion to adjourn a meeting?

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Revised), page 233, line 11, when there is no further business in a meeting that goes through an order of business, the chair, instead of waiting or calling for a motion to adjourn, can ask, "Is there any further business?". If there is no response, the chair says, "Since there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned."

### From the Chaplin

I just learned that Legionnaire Bob Timmins' wife, Eleanor, passed away on 27 April 2011. Please Keep Bob and his family in your prayers.

### Commander- Elect's Message

I'd like to start by saying it is a great privilege to be elected to the Post Commander position. Following Bill Phillips and Mike Darlington, I know that I have big shoes to fill but with your help I think we can have a great year. At this time, I am reminded of a statement that a WWII German Officer made during a post war debriefing, "The reason the American Army does so well in wartime, is that war is chaos, and the American Army practices it on a daily basis." The end of May has been extremely chaotic with placing flags on the graves; collecting old and faded flags; handing out poppies and co-hosting the Memorial Day ceremony at the Amelia Cemetery, all of which were a great success. Thank you to those who participated in these events. Upcoming we have two big events during the month of June. First, on June 11<sup>th</sup> we have the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Next we need to really make a big effort to sell Crab Feast tickets. In closing, I will be asking some people for help so we can make this a great year. Thank you again for this opportunity.

**Jim Welch**

### Election of Officers

At the June meeting we will be installing our state of officers for the 2011-2012 year. Your Officers for the next year will be:

Commander:	<b>Jim Welch</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	<b>Boyd Allison</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	<b>Mitch Roberts</b>
Adjutant	<b>Ron Billings</b>
Finance Officer	<b>Joe Kimec</b>
Service Officer	<b>Terry Haskins</b>
Chaplain	<b>George Corbett</b>
Sgt. at Arms	<b>Al Pleasants</b>
Historian	<b>Bubber Charles</b>
Trustees:	<b>Jack Smith</b>
	<b>Bubber Charles</b>
	<b>Buck Buchannan</b>

### From 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Officer Jim Welch

Thank you for every one's help bringing up our membership numbers. I think as we move forward with some of our programs we can really make our membership soar. As we sell Crab Feast tickets it is a great opportunity to talk to veterans about joining our post. I will bring the cards for everyone to hand out to the veterans with the directions to the Post. Our next event is June 11th which is the Flag ceremony. We will have the free picnic afterwards I'd like to see everyone there with their families it will be a great day.

### Membership

117 members have paid their dues for 2011.



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### **From 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Officer Bill Phillips**

Legionnaires, Our Memorial Day weekend was a huge success. For starters, on Friday, May 27th, we placed flags on the graves of the deceased at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia. Thanks go out to: Rich Kinelski, Al Greiser, Charlie Wilson, Tom Perrins, Jim Welch, Al Pleasants, Nancy Harrison, David Preston, Paul Klingensmith, Leigh Watkins, Rebecca Darlington, Commander Darlington, Bill Phillips, Wayne Johnson, Joe Kimec, Vince Arnold and anyone else I may have overlooked.

On Saturday, May 28th, we started off the morning by finding out that Post 186 had moved into our spot at Kroger. Rather than issue a FRAG order, we moved to the Bon Air Pharmacy where we had a huge success. All total, we brought in \$1,674.00 from both locations. Thanks go out to Rich Kinelski, Tom Cooper, Ray Hill, Harry Broaddus, Leigh Watkins, Rebecca Darlington, Tristin Phillips, Bill Gorski, Dick Bolon, Terry Haskins, Nancy Harrison, Vince Arnold, Larry Ray, Wayne Johnson, Mitch Roberts, Ron Dunston, Charlie Wilson, Jim Welch, Al Pleasants.

On Sunday, we rested. Then on Monday, May 31, we held our first Memorial Day Remembrance at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia. It was also a huge success with over 400 in

attendance. I want to personally thank Paul Klingensmith, Jake Jacobs, Bryan Aud, Commander Darlington, Jim Welch, and David Preston for their hard work that day. There were many other present that day and your efforts were appreciated as well.

### **THERE IS MORE TO DO...**

Saturday, June 11th, we will retire the flags of our country that have become worn and faded. The event begins at 1200 noon with the retirement of flags scheduled for 1300. We will have many other groups on hand so please bring the family and come help us pay tribute to the flag of our country.

Lastly...CrabFeast 2011 is upon us. Please see Bill Phillips to sign up for a work detail for this annual fundraiser. Many hands make light work and if you noticed, the same guy's names were listed on almost every event from Memorial Day. Please consider lending a hand. Check out our new web site where tickets can be purchased online using PAYPAL.

The event is Wednesday July 27 at 4:00 PM and tickets are 25.00 in advance.

[www.legioncrabfeast.com](http://www.legioncrabfeast.com)

Bill Phillips

During the next couple months we will be calling all our members in an effort to update our roster.

We were honored to have as visitors to our May Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Henry Washington and Historian Royne Boyd. Commander Washington presented the Post a Certificate recognizing Post 354 participation in Boy Scout Jamboree Patch Program.

### **Future Dates**

Card Night is up and running every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00.

Flag Retirement Ceremony June 11<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting – June 16, 2011.

Crab Feast July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter Update**

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I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

**Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said "Here I am, send me!"**

**Isaiah 6:8**