



# *The American Legion*

**WILLIAM E. BULLOCK - BON AIR, POST 354**

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## *The Bullock Bullet February 2009*

### **From Our Last Meeting**

39 members and Guests

Russell Wyatt from **Marine Corps League** gave nice talk. They meet at the Holiday Inn Express on Gaskins road, anyone can join, and they support Families of Wounded.

### **Balloting on Applications**

We have several applications on file.

Rusty McGowan  
John Kwapisz  
Richard Hale  
Steve McClenny

Please be present at the next meeting to be voted in to full membership status.

### **Commander's Message**

Greetings Legionnaires,

It was a pleasure to have Russell Wyatt at our January Meeting. He is the Commandant of the Slay Detachment of the Marine Corps League in our area. It's always interesting to find out how other veterans groups operate. Russell was so impressed with our Post that he's decided to transfer his membership here.

January brought us some good news as we received a donation for a scholarship fund from the May Foundation and in the interim we've received a donation from the Sam Walton Foundation.

We have some work to do in February. The budget will be presented to the post, we have to elect our trustees and prepare for a busy Spring to include our St. Patty's Day party in March and the potential for a White House Tour.

Bob Lewis is going to give us an update on our program to provide veterans at McGuire's with personal care items.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mike Darlington

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, Feb 19th, 2009**  
**7:00PM**

### **Sick and Distress**

Dick Corcoran's brother, Thomas, an Army Veteran

who was awarded the Bronze Star, passed in December.

Bubber Charles is on the mend.

### **In The News**

Congratulations...to newly promoted Lt. Col. Robert Arnold, USA.

The Executive Officers met to discuss and approve the budget for 2009. Copies are available through the Finance officer, Bryan Aud.

Two Legion programs are on the radar screen. The first is the 19<sup>th</sup> Junior Law Cadet Program for rising high school seniors, held June 14-19 at the Virginia Police Academy. The cost is 200.00 per cadet and 45 will attend this year's session.

The next is Boys and Girls State. Both of these are for rising high school seniors and will take place the during the same week as JLC. The cost is roughly the same and the post will seek sponsorship from local businesses and past attendees. Please consider helping to fund this exciting one in a life time opportunity for a rising senior.

Bill Phillips will be the point of contact for all of the aforementioned programs.

There was a great presentation by Jim Welch on fund raising. Jim spoke to the members about purchasing a rare collectible firearm and raffling said piece later this year (crabfeast). The executive committee made some recommendations to this idea and Jim will present his plan at the next meeting.

Ed Crossan is working with other Veterans organizations to boost our membership, declare the week of Flag day Veterans week, and increase participation at the Flag retirement ceremony.

The Post received a motorized scooter with tray for vehicle mounting. If you or another Veteran could use this item please let Bill Phillips know.

### **Support our Post**

#### **NEW PICNIC TABLES**

A drive to raise funds to purchase (4) new picnic tables is underway. For 50.00, the Post will purchase a picnic table in your honor. A small plaque will be affixed to the new tables citing the donors name.

Register your Food Lion MVP card on the Food Lion web site so that the Post will get \$\$ every quarter. Go to

[www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) to enter your MVP card #. Go to Good Neighbors/neighborhood news/community commitment/Lion Shop & Share to register. Call Bruce Edelman at 680-2000 if you need help with this!

### **Future Dates**

Next Poker night- 3/4/2009

Feb. Meeting – 2/19/2009

### **From The Service Officer**

At the November meeting Jim let the membership know that Congressman Eric Cantors Office responded to our request for a White House tour. They will let the post know 30 days before a tour can begin. It will be in February, March, or April.

*Remember to bring Comfort items to the next meeting! Bob Lewis will begin collecting these items and taking them to the local VA.*