

The Solon Legion Family Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

Greetings!

Our Memorial Day services at Oakland cemetery were well attended again this year. It was nice to see all the 60-plus year members who were present for the ceremonies. A special thanks to Wayne Croy for helping set up the program and serving as our guest speaker. I would also like to thank Skip Huber, Dennis Miller, and Carl Olson for helping with traffic control and parking cars. We had a good crowd after the services at the Legion Club for some refreshments and fellowship. We really appreciate being able to use busses provided by the Solon Schools for our transportation to and from the cemetery.

The storage room in the basement has been completed. This will free up much needed space in the office. The two main projects for the summer will be putting new shingles on the roof over the kitchen and running new water lines in the basement. We have lost most of the water pressure in the club and need to replace all the old water lines.

The Veterans Memorial committee has picked a design and location for the Solon Area Veterans Memorial monument. The design incorporates a 12-foot arch to connect the walls. It is an impressive looking design; hopefully we will be able to get some pictures up on our website shortly. Solon Veterans Memorial t-shirts are on sale for \$15 and are displayed in the Legion Club.

This summer we have the opportunity to raise money for the new water line project and the Veterans Memorial. The money from this year's Legion Beef Days raffle will go towards the new water lines. We need to raise \$5,000. RAGBRAI will go through Solon on Friday, July 25. We will be serving breakfast that morning with all proceeds going to the Veterans Memorial. We need every member's help this year in selling Beef Days raffle tickets, working at the Legion during Beef Days and helping at the RAGBRAI breakfast. Sign up sheets are the Legion Club for volunteering at the beer tanks, Auxiliary food tent, raffle stand, and the cover charge table at the door. Please stop in and help fill the slots. Over the past two years I've noticed that fewer volunteers are doing more of the work to help make improvements at the Legion and supporting the many community service activities we provide. I would like to see that trend reversed this year. Please seriously consider volunteering some time this summer to help your Legion out. We are not just a Veterans organization; we are Veterans serving our community.



Dan Bartlett
Commander

Chaplain's Message

When God Uses His Eraser

Years ago, one man made a rather large fortune by inventing erasers for pencils. Someone else made an even bigger fortune when he invented the delete key for computers. God, however, makes no mistakes, and consequently He needs no eraser. Yet, in sense, He erases not His, but people's - our - mistakes.

The Bible does not use the word "erase" to describe God's forgiveness, but expressions like these are used: God removes our sins, puts them behind Him, buries them in the deep sea, cleanses and washes them away with the blood of Jesus, blots them out, cancels them, nails them to Christ's cross, covers them with Christ's mantle of righteousness. We could also say that God uses a delete key, and when He does, the screens on which our sins were recorded are thoroughly blank.

Of course, God is holy righteous, and as such He is not indifferent to sins, nor does He just ignore them or gloss them over. Whatever is sinful and unholy cannot abide in His presence. God is not like a doting grandfather who condones whatever his grandchildren do.

Why can God erase or delete our debts from the record? Because Jesus took all our sins upon Himself and atoned them by His death; He paid all our debts. With faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, His righteousness becomes our righteousness. For His sake, God declares us just and holy.

Thank God because He, by grace, for Jesus' sake, through faith, has removed all our sins.

Peace be with you.

John McFarland
Chaplain

2008 Solon Legion Beef Days Raffle

We have some great prizes again this year for the Beef Days raffle. 1st prize is a pair of season tickets to this year's Iowa Hawkeye home football games. 2nd prize is a \$500 savings bond. 3rd prize is a Benelli Nova 12 gauge shotgun. 4th prize is a Minn Kota 12 volt trolling motor. 5th prize is a \$150 fishing gear package. 6th prize will be three separate drawings for \$50 gift certificates. 7th prize will be six separate drawings for \$20 gift certificates. Tickets will be sold for \$1 a piece and come in a packet of 12 tickets for \$10. We are asking that all Legion members, Auxiliary members, SAL members, and Legion Rider members to buy or sell at least one packet of tickets. All proceeds from this year's raffle will go towards replacing the water lines at the Legion Club. We need everyone's help to raise \$5,000. If you sell or buy your one packet, please take another packet and help us reach our goal. The Beef Days Raffle committee would like to thank you in advance for your help. Please have all your money and ticket stubs turned back in by July 16th. Remember: your odds of winning are zero if you don't buy a ticket!

Mike Aicher
Beef Days Raffle Chairman

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Legion Riders mtg 7:30 pm	2 Board mtg 7:00 pm	3	4 4 th of July CLOSED	5
6	7 Auxiliary mtg 7:30 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Legion mtg 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Beef Days set up	18 Beef Days	19 Beef Days
20 Beef Days tear down	21	22	23	24	25 RAGBRAI stops in Solon	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Auxiliary mtg 7:30 pm Newsletter deadline	5 Legion Riders mtg 7:30 pm	6 Board mtg 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Legion mtg 7:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16 Wedding Reception
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Auxiliary News

Hello Everyone!

Our May meeting was very exciting! We honored our Gold Star Members with a very moving presentation by Evelyn Lipcamon. Our Gold Star Member is Sharon Studt and we also honored a past Member, Doris Looney. We welcomed three special guests -- Jean Litts (who we are hoping will join our Unit), Paul Michael and Norma Hawkins, our Department President.

Paul Michael gave us an update on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. It will be made of all USA products and feature all six branches of service. An all black POW logo will be in front. They are in the process of designing a clock, featuring not only the service emblems but also the Legion emblems for a fund raiser.

Norma Hawkins gave a short talk and thanked everyone for working to bring in more members. Iowa is 4th in the nation in membership.

May was also poppy month and our Jr. Members went door to door this year to distribute them. Thanks young ladies for a job well done! This year's Memorial Service at Oakland Cemetery was on May 26th and was well attended. Wayne Croy gave the main address and it was excellent. Our Solon High School band gave their usual outstanding performance. Coffee and rolls were served afterwards at the Legion.

A heads up on the Beef Days schedules -- remember it takes a united effort each year to make this a success and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Also, last but not least, congratulations to Larry and Delores Swann on their 50th anniversary!

Co-President, Jeanne Erhart

Beef Days Work Schedule 2008

Beef Days Planning Committee:

Jean Stinocher - 624-2356
 Judy Shulista - 624-2541
 Jeanne Erhart - 624-3686

Elaine Reynolds - 624-3443
 Delores Swann - 624-3795

Rosemary Erenberger - 624-3867
 Doris Divoky - 624-3606

Thursday, July 17 at 4 pm (or whenever you can make it for food preparation): Jean Stinocher, Elaine Reynolds, Rosemary Erenberger, Judy Shulista, Doris Divoky, Delores Swann, Jeanne Erhart, and anyone else wanting to help.

Friday, July 18 at 10 am to set up food stand: Jean Stinocher, Bob Stinocher, Wayne Croy, and anyone else wanting to help.

If you are not happy with your assignment, please trade with someone. If you can't work the time scheduled, get a replacement or call a committee member.

Each name marked with an asterisk (*) is the cash register attendant.

Friday, July 18, 2008	
Co-Chairman 2:00-6:00 pm	Judy Shulista Doris Divoky
Co-Chairman 6:00 pm - midnight	Rosemary Erenberger Jean Stinocher Doris Divoky
5:00-7:30 pm	John* & Kay McFarland Ray & Betty Buchmayer Wayne & Shirley Anderson Liz Kroul Sarah Drea
7:00-9:30 pm	Bev Noska* Wayne* & Betty Croy Steve & Kathy Hirl
9:00-11:30 pm	Marilyn* & Dennis Hansen Jim & Bonnie Washburn Lee Connell
11:00 pm - 12:00 midnight	Eileen* & Jim Leland Steve & Kathy Connell Al Gute

Saturday, July 19, 2008			
Co-Chairman 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Jean Stinocher Jeanne Erhart	3:00-5:30 pm	Elaine Reynolds* John & Cindy Scott Jean Scott
Co-Chairman 2:00-6:00 pm	Rita Brannaman Rosemary Erenberger	5:00-7:30 pm	Dodie* & Dick Swails Agnes Gogel Chris & Michelle Croy Don Griffith Mike & Kathy Erenberger Bill & Sheila Meyer
Chairman 6:00 pm - 12:00 midnight	Jean Stinocher	7:00-9:30 pm	Lora Dolphin Leahy* Bob & Carol Solberg Jeanne & Wilbur Earhart John & Melanie Gibson
11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Larry* & Delores Swann Mike & Jenny Swann Jerry & Betty Swann and Cheryl Steve Swann Steve & Kathy Cunning	9:00-11:30 pm	Steve* & Marilyn Grover Kris Studt Erin Studt, Jon Studt Wendy Wharton Karen Boddicker
1:00-3:30 pm	Janie* & Virgil Holub Donna & Bill Matthes Jean Divoky and Jon Joyce & Dennis Kowalski	11:00 pm - 12:00 Midnight	Gene Erenberger Dick Erenberger Jean Stinocher Rosemary Erenberger Jewell & Curt Phillips