

# Commander's Message



## Happy birthday to US!

March 15 marks the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of The American Legion in 1919 by the American Expeditionary Forces as part of the very first American Legion caucus in Paris, France.

Franklin D'Olier, member of Post 136 in Pennsylvania, was elected the first national commander of the American Legion in November 1919.

March 20 marks the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Alley-White Post 52!

Barton Baker was the first elected commander of the Post. The first Legion hut was erected in 1935 at 230 West 6th Street, where the offices of Electronic Systems Technologies (EST) can be found today.



## AL Accomplishments

It began in 1944 with the passage of the original GI Bill and continues today with proposed legislation currently before Congress, calling for increased coverage for: suicide prevention; community care; compensation & pension exams; quality of life issues; border security; State Department & foreign operations; and Veteran homelessness.

## Notice to ALL Post & Unit 52 Members

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Unless someone can step up and take over our inkjet cartridge / cell-phone recycling program (which has been in place for almost 20 years), we will no longer be able to accept these items for recycling.

Between all my other responsibilities and my declining vision, I just can't keep up anymore. If you would like to carry on the Legion & Auxiliary's tradition of RECYCLE / REDUCE / REUSE, please get in touch.

Suzan Kaye  
870-321-0520  
fkaye53@yahoo.com

# BE THE ONE



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Night Dinners

March 10,  
4:00 - 6:00 PM

April 14,  
4:00 - 6:00 PM



MARCH: CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE  
APRIL: LASAGNA

BOTH DINNERS INCLUDE VEGETABLES, BREAD & DESSERT, PLUS ICED TEA OR LEMONADE

\$10 DONATION FOR ADULTS / \$5 FOR AGES 5-12  
FREE FOR KIDS 4 & UNDER

4th

Saturday

## Pancake Breakfasts

March  
22  
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7:30 -  
11:00



April  
26  
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7:30 -  
11:00

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES  
with SYRUP or FRUIT TOPPINGS  
SAUSAGE, BISCUITS & GRAVY  
OJ, COFFEE, MILK

\$10 DONATION FOR ADULTS / \$5 FOR AGES 5-12 /  
FREE FOR 4 & UNDER

- ★ WWII & KOREAN WAR ERA VETS — FREE
- ★ LAW ENFORCEMENT (in uniform) — FREE
- ★ EMT's & FIREFIGHTERS (in uniform) — FREE

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families*

This winter has sure been tough. First, we had to cancel the Coffee Social and close the Pantry one Saturday, then deciding to err on safety for all concerned, cancelled our February 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Night "Chili & Chocolate" Dinner.

Many of our members are very disappointed when plans have to be changed or cancelled. Imagine how the Auxiliary would be without members willing to volunteer and keep this Unit going? At our last general meeting, I challenged everyone attending to either bring a member that hadn't attended our meetings in a while or a new member to our next general meeting. Are you up for the challenge? We can help you attend our

meetings. All you have to do is ask. You are important to me, even if we have never met, because you joined the American Legion Auxiliary. Newer and greater strides have been made to change Unit 52 from "just work in the kitchen" mindset to a more community-minded organization. Our hands are into everything. Your hands are needed.

Take care, stay healthy and I hope to see you on March 3<sup>rd</sup> — if not for potluck at 5:00 PM, then at the general meeting at 6:30 PM.

Karen Mikulewicz, President, ALA Unit #52  
daycaremom\_1@hotmail.com / 970-290-1130

## Kitchen Report

*Wow, I can't believe that it's already March! This year is speeding by so fast I can't catch my breath. So much has been going on so far, and we have so much more planned for the rest of the year.*

*Our Monday Night Dinner for March features the traditional Saint Patrick's Day feast of Corned Beef and Cabbage with Potatoes and Carrots. April's dinner will feature Karen's "World Famous Lasagna" and garlic bread. Both dinners will include drinks, and dessert.*

*Hope to see you all there.*

Debbye Barreda / 2nd Vice President / 704-495-1449 / debbye\_barreda@yahoo.com



### REMINDER FROM MARYANN

Our Community Service chairman, MaryAnn Sladek, encourages everyone to keep saving Best Choice barcodes, all year long! They are redeemed every December and this past year, we were only able to send in 3000. Our goal is 5000 or more, so please focus on buying Best Choice products and help us earn a little extra cash for our unit! Each 1000 barcodes earns us \$30! Granted, it's not a LOT, but it adds up over time.

### Looking Ahead ...

The 2025 "In Remembrance" memorial service has been scheduled for Sunday, November 9, following the same general format as the 2024 ceremony, which was very well-received.

Names of deceased Veterans you wish to honor may be sent in at any time during the year, along with a donation of \$10 per Veteran. Use the form below or write all the information requested on a piece of paper, and send to In Remembrance, 717 Market Street, Mountain Home AR 72653. Checks may be made payable to ALA Unit 52, with "In Remembrance 2025" in the memo line.

### IN REMEMBRANCE 2025

Deceased Veteran's Name

Branch of Service

Donor's Name & Address

Donation



**CARE PACKAGE BOX-UP  
1ST SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH, 9 AM**



**Please save your Town & Country grocery receipts for us thru March 15**



## Children & Youth

Our latest dollar value for Town & Country receipts is \$3,922.79. That is far below what we collected the past 2 years. I checked with Mountain Home Christian Academy and the last date they can accept the receipts is March 31<sup>st</sup>. They need time to count them, so I would like to make March 15<sup>th</sup> the last day to turn your receipts in. Let's get the amount up past the \$10,000 mark. The school turns these dollar amounts into points that can be used to "purchase" items for their school through a special program — everything from playground equipment and library books to classroom supplies and computers!

The Children & Youth committee has also been working with our Military Service Sisters chapter in their effort to help high school girls in the area needing everyday personal items that they cannot afford. With assistance from various Auxiliary members, 120 bags with soap, pocket tissue holders and tissues, and washcloths (all handmade) have been put together. We hope to deliver them to our Service Sisters by the time the Bugle is sent out.

Don't forget, April is the month of the Military Child. Please wear PURPLE on April 15<sup>th</sup> in recognition of our military children, wherever they may be!

Karen Mikulewicz, Chairman



## Message from the Unit Chaplain



Dear Unit 52 members,

*I've lived here for 27 years now, but am in the process of selling my home and moving back to Washington state to be closer to two of my sons. It looks like ti's going to happen pretty soon.*

*I am so glad I got involved with the Auxiliary so many years ago. I've served in a number of different roles over the years. But becoming the unit Chaplain a couple of years ago changed my life. People are so thankful to receive birthday cards, thinking of you and get-well cards and sympathy cards. I have received many thank you's. It's a good feeling to know that something as small as a simple greeting card can brighten someone's day so much!*

*Now it needs to be someone else's turn. Please contact our president, Karen Mikulewicz, if you would like to be our next unit chaplain.*

— Kay Owens

## MEMO FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER

It is that time of year to select post leadership for the 2025/2026 membership year, which begins on July 1. Anyone interested in becoming a post officer, please contact Dave Fenwick, Robert Renforth or Kevin Johnson before the April meeting. Phone numbers are on the back page of this newsletter.

We need members to step up and participate in the post leadership and committees, along with volunteering at post functions. Involvement will help strengthen the post for a strong future. We need to get more members participating in post activities.

Without your help our post will stagnate — so let's work together for Post 52's future! Thank you!

David Fenwick, Post 52 2nd Vice Commander  
717-961-1230



The Post 52 Trustees are cleaning the post on Tuesday mornings at 9:00, along with completing other projects to maintain the building and grounds. We can always use help and usually go out for lunch afterwards. We are always looking for more helpers!



We also have some capital projects that need done for which we have no funding — such as a storage container, HVAC upgrades and new flooring.

If anyone would like to donate to help cover things like these, please let me know. Many features of our current post are legacies that were donated by Legion or Auxiliary members in the past.

David Darrow, Trustee / 630-514-2263



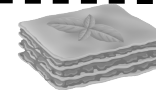
# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1ST SATURDAYS CARE PACKAGE BOX-UP 9:00 AM</b>	<b>2ND MONDAYS PUBLIC DINNERS 4:00-6:00 PM</b>	<b>4TH SATURDAYS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFASTS 7:30-11:00 AM</b>	<b>HALL RENTALS (870)424-6277 LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER</b>			<b>1 <u>Public</u></b> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
<b>2</b>	<b>3 <u>Leg / Aux</u></b> Potluck 5:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm	<b>4 <u>Public</u></b> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 <u>Public</u></b> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
<b>9</b>	<b>10 <u>Public</u></b> Corned Beef 4-6 pm	<b>11 <u>Public</u></b> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 <u>Public</u></b> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18 <u>Public</u></b> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20 <u>Legion</u></b> Board meeting 9:00 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22 <u>Public</u></b> Breakfast 7:30-11 Vets Pantry 9-11
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 <u>Public</u></b> Craft Time 10a-3p Aux Board Mtg 1p	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 <u>Public</u></b> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry Closed
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner w/ Potatoes & Carrots Monday, March 10 from 4:00-6:00 PM / Takeout available				

# April 2025

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(Apr 14) Lasagna with salad, garlic bread & dessert — takeout available  
 \$10 donation for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, 4 & under free



## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

In early January, I received a phone call from an old Air Force buddy asking me if I'd like to accompany him to Washington DC for the Historical 2nd Inauguration of President Trump. This would be one of those "once in a lifetime events," that you don't think twice about, so of course I said YES!

Knowing the main reason for going, we knew that we would have some free time in the week we would be in town, so we planned a few places that we wanted to see while there. Having never been there, Chris wanted to take in as much as he could, so we would be doing a lot of walking.

One of the places we both wanted to visit, though for different reasons, was Arlington National Cemetery. Chris wanted to view the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Having been there before, I knew that the viewing area would be packed with spectators, and so it was. Chris was able to get a few pictures and some video, and then we walked on.

Now, I step back to the reason for this story.

Last year on Memorial Day while placing flags on veterans graves at Mountain Home Cemetery, I located the grave of Private Clarence G. White, and a marker for Corporal Hosea P. Alley. The marker stated that he was interred at Arlington. I remember thinking to myself that if I ever returned to Arlington, I would visit his grave and pay my respects.

Back at Arlington, we now went in search of Corporal Alley. Luckily, Arlington has official guides located on the grounds, who help visitors find who they are looking for. We stopped and asked for directions and were told that he was interred in Section 18. Chris had an App on his phone that directed us right to Section 18 using the paved roadways. The walk took about 45 minutes when we came upon his grave.

I took several photos and had Chris take one of me standing next to his tombstone. As you can see the tombstone has weathered some through the years. Behind and to the left of Corporal Alley's grave, stands an immense Oak tree that must be 100 years old. The tree has fully encapsulated two other tombstones, one on each side of it. Grounds keepers have placed markers at the foot of those graves so that you can tell who is buried there.

This year marks the 107th anniversary of the end of

WWI. Entering the war in late 1917, the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) lost 116,516 troops. Of those 63,114 died of disease, mostly caused by the influenza epidemic of 1918, leaving 53,402 killed in combat. The AEF seen roughly 200 days of combat, from April 1918 until the Armistice was signed in November. Three-fourths of those, were killed after German High Command acknowledged on August 9th that they would lose the war. Corporal Alley was one of those casualties.

Source: <https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net>.

Alley-White American Legion Post #52 - Making history one meeting at a time!

Bob Renforth / Post Historian / Trustee





## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The calendar pages are flipping over fast! As of February 18 our post has achieved 85% of this year's membership goal of 262. The online membership roster shows the following delinquent members for 2025:

**B. Barnard, G. Bean, R. Blankenship, W. Bradford, L. Clarke, D. Cones, A. Cooper, G. Credeur, W. Dail, R. Farmer, J. Hodges, M. Jensen, B. Johnson, K. Jones, W. Jones, D. King, O. Larson, R. McClelland, Jr, S. McMaster, Jr, R. Miller, G. Muench, D. Newman, L. Rottmayer, W. Schutte, H. Standefer, R. Tucker, S. Weaver, Sr, J. Wilcoxon, T. Wilson, and J. Winston, Sr.**

Their "Continuous Years" with the American Legion will reset to "1" on their 2026 membership card being printed in a couple of months. Paying 2025 dues ASAP will prevent this loss. I receive the 2026 Cards in June 2025 at the annual Department Convention!

The following 11 members have lost their continuous years for non-payment of 2024 & 25 dues — BUT they can be restored for 2026 by paying those years.

**V. Beck, D. Boyd, J. Brown, R. Hatfield, P. Messick, R. Morse, T. Rasmussen, E. Richardson, D. Rottmayer, R. Sallee, and R. Sarto.**

To be a member in GOOD STANDING, your 2025 dues must be paid! Please ignore If payment was made between 2/18 and when "The Bugle" arrives in your mailbox.

Each member, no matter their level of participation, helps Veterans and their families (*locally and beyond*).

### PAYING MEMBERSHIP @ THE POST OPTIONS:

- Mail payment to 717 Market Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
- Place Payment in white drop box by front entrance
- Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Crafting Tuesday)
- Saturday Morning Coffee Social 9-10:30 a.m
- Monthly Potluck/Post Meetings 5-7:30 p.m.
- Monthly fundraisers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Night Dinners / 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfasts

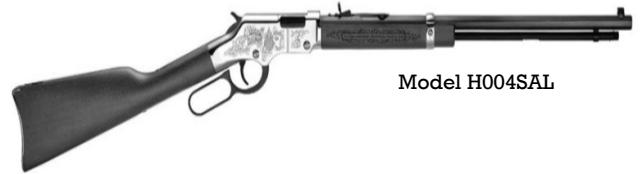
OR Pay ONLINE at National's website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) Make sure before payment is confirmed it shows POST 52 and not POST 1000. The 3-year payment option is available (*great option if Delinquent*).

PLEASE inform me of ADDRESS CHANGES to prevent return postage of "THE BUGLE", any PHONE #

## Gun Raffle

Enter To Win  
Tickets: \$10.00 ea. or 6 for \$50.00

## HENRY ARMS

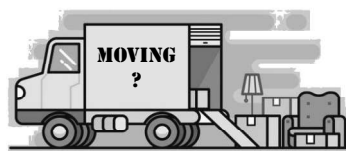


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**let us know!**

## Post 52 Member Launches New Business



Kathryn Johnson, a dual member of Post & Unit 52, recently opened the Sea Comforts Spa, located at 1041 Highland Circle (Georgetown Square) Suite 65, Mountain Home, AR. She and her business partners offer several wellness options, including Halotherapy (dry salt therapy), massage therapy, hypnosis and more. Call the number in the photo at left, or visit the spa's Facebook page for more info or to make an appointment.

CHANGES, and make sure your family knows how to contact us.

PLEASE call (870) 405-0047 anytime (leave a message if no answer), email [bair.vicky77@yahoo.com](mailto:bair.vicky77@yahoo.com) about your membership status or questions. Any non-membership questions I will do my best to answer or direct you to the right person!

## Honor Guard Report

The Honor Guard conducted seven honor ceremonies since last report. We now have 20 active volunteers on the roster, but due to work schedules, health issues or other restrictions it is difficult to muster even 3 rifles, a chaplain and a bugle player for each detail. We have plenty of uniforms available if you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. No previous experience necessary – we will train you! Please contact me if you are interested.

*Frank Kaye / 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com*

### VSO REPORT

I'd like to wish the following members a HAPPY BIRTHDAY in the month of March: **RICHARD AIGNER, EDWARD ANDREWS, PHILLIP DAVIS, ROGER HATFIELD, JAMES HODGES, ROLAND HORN, ROBERT JOHNS, PATRICK LYNCH, DAN MCARDLE, ROBERT PITCHFORD, JERRY WATTS, LAJEANE YOUNG, and BUD ZORMAN!** Also Auxiliary members **JULIA RATIGAN, DEE WHITE, MARY CARVILLE and FRAN LAUDERDALE.**

AND in the month of April: **GEORGE ALEXANDER, ALAN AMMAN, MICHAEL DOUGLAS, WALTER GOODE, TOM HANBY, BRIDGET JOHNSON, FRANK KAYE, RICHARD KELLER, ROBERT MACE, RICHARD MARTIN, DALE MOORE, VAN NOWLIN, PAUL OSWALD, ED PARKIN, CLIFFORD TRIMBLE, and GARY WEYGAND!** Plus these Auxiliary members: **CORAL PORATH, MIKAYLA ROBINSON (Junior Mbr), MAGDALINE BOMBACK, CHRIS HOLM and BARBARA AMMAN.**

### AMERICANISM REPORT

Our only participant for this year's High School Oratorical Speech Contest, Zane Darracq, will be competing in the Department competition on Saturday March 22nd in Little Rock at 10am.

If you are interested in attending the competition, please contact me for additional information.

Frank Kaye, Children & Youth / Americanism Chair  
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### Chaplain's Corner

*Please keep everyone  
you know in your  
daily thoughts &  
prayers!!*



### Post 52

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### UPCOMING MEALS

**MARCH 11 @ 6 PM,  
LIVE EDGE BAR/GRILL**

**MARCH 28 @ 12 PM,  
HOLY SMOKES BBQ**

**APRIL 25 @ 12 PM,  
SKIPPER'S RESTAURANT**





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**March is  
Community**



**Service  
Month**



**COMING UP IN MARCH / APRIL 2025**

**★ GENERAL MEETING ON MARCH 3 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00 PM**

**★ GENERAL MEETING ON APRIL 7 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00 PM**

**FRIED CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED — BRING SIDES OR DESSERTS & YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE**

**★ SATURDAYS: COFFEE SOCIALS FROM 9-10:30 AM / PANTRY AT THE POST 9-11 AM**

**★ TUESDAYS: CRAFT TIME FROM 10 AM - 3 PM (EVERYONE WELCOME!)**

## LEGION

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