

By The Post Lake

April/May 2012



Commander

Fellow Legionnaires & Members of Post 91,

Well I think spring came early this year. Already riding the Harley and wearing sandals.

The Post continues to offer great events. These are a few that took place in the past two months. The ALR has been serving breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, Friday fish fries which are going well, (please stop down if you get a chance), the Auxiliary's Spaghetti dinner, C.W. Smith's comfort dinner prepared by Marianna, Francis & Cathy, Ron's bus trip to other American Legion Posts, the 10th annual Super Bowl Chili cook off, the Valentine's dinner and St. Patrick's dinner prepared by Ron and the crew, who did a fabulous job. Check the calendars for upcoming events for next two months.

If you have time to help, sign up for the Saturday work party. This is the start of the busy season, (Spring Clean up) and you can enjoy a great breakfast cooked by your Commander. It happens every 2nd Saturday of the month.

I toured the new VA health care outpatient clinic on Brookpark Rd. in Parma. It was extra special because my daughter, who works there, gave me the tour. It is a beautiful facility and they offer several services to our deserving Veterans.

We will be having our elections for officers at May's Blue Cap meeting. I would like to thank everyone for putting up with me for the past year. It was a great experience for me and I want to thank you for letting me serve you the members, at the greatest Post in the American Legion.

Thanks to the members who took the time to talk to me about my comments from my article in the last newsletter. A special thanks to Pete, who wrote me his positive thoughts on my article. If any member has a concern or comment on issue(s) at the Post, please take the time to talk to me or any officer.

Please remember if given the chance, thank a Veteran. I continue to see and hear more and more of this happening. It makes a difference.

*For God and Country,
Tony Mazzeo*

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Memorial Day 2012

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday of May (May 28 in 2012). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.) By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. As a marker it typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

By the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.



Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountains. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors as well as those who were deceased more recently are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather on the designated day and put flowers on graves and renew contacts with kinfolk and others. There often is a religious service and a “dinner on the ground,” the traditional term for a pot-luck meal in which people used to spread the dishes out on sheets or tablecloths on the grass. It is believed that this practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the “memorial day” idea.

The first known observance of a Memorial Day-type observance was in Charleston, South Carolina on May 1, 1865; freedmen (freed slaves) commemorated and celebrated at the Washington Race Course, today the location of Hampton Park. 257 Union soldiers had been buried there, and the freedmen labeled the gravesite “Martyrs of the Race Course”.

Our Post serves as sponsor of the Berea’s Memorial Day activities. We, along with the citizens of Berea, join together on this day to remember loved ones who has passed on, as well as remembering our service men and women. Parades and dedications of memorials are part of the day’s activities. Our Color Guard leads the parade accompanied by the Berea City Council, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Berea High School marching band, members of the armed forces, Berea Fire & Police Departments, and numerous clubs and orders. Following the parade is a remembrance ceremony attended by the Mayor, representatives of Post 91, Color Guard, Berea High School marching band, and honored speaker.

Berea’s annual Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10:30 a.m. from the municipal parking lot at Coe Lake. The parade route will proceed past the Post Office, down Bagley Road to Front Street and the Triangle. A ceremony will follow at McKelvey Park in the Berea Commons.

The American Legion

Mel Baher, 1st Vice Commander- Well here we are in the final stretch of the 2012 membership drive (it ends June 30th) and we have turned into Department 592 cards. Quota and All Time High for the fifteenth (15th) consecutive year. All I can say is Thank You to the members who continue to renew their membership in one of the GREATEST American Legion Posts in the state of Ohio.

As I sit down to write this article, I am just finishing up the paperwork for our newest member. The Blue Cap membership now consists of 49 Life members, 39 NEW members, 29 transfers INTO Post 91, and 473 annual renewals. I am still holding onto 57 cards for members that PAID in previous years, but have not done so for 2012. If you happen to be one of those reading this article, how about sending in your dues to the Post today.

Also a reminder that the LIFE (PUFL) program is easier then ever to participate in, because time payments over 36 months are available to those who elect to utilize that program. LIFE membership protects you from future dues increases and simply means you have one less bill to pay each year. And don't forget Post 91 offers a reduced rate for LIFE membership applications.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing our members attend your Post meeting, especially in May, when election of your officers for the ensuing year will take place. As always, meetings are the second Thursday of the month and starts at 7:00PM. I hope you also plan to attend and enjoy some of the activities planned for the next couple of months. Check out the calendar of events, located elsewhere in this award winning newsletter.

Thanks for belonging to POST 91, and your continued support.

C. W. "Bill" Smith, 2nd Vice Commander- Well we are rounding third headed home for this membership year, I hope you have enjoyed this years programs. I want to thank all who have supported the functions and look forward to the next membership year. Please be sure and check out the Calendar for the other events.

UPCOMING:

SUNDAY APRIL 15th, 2012 - POOR MANS BREAKFAST. After paying the Tax man we thought you might enjoy a GOOD—REASONABLY PRICED BREAKFAST. SERVING TIME: 10:00 AM - Noon. Cost \$3.00 /person. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Bacon or Sausage, Toast and Coffee.

SATURDAY May 26th, 2012. Decorating of graves at Woodvale Cemetery for Memorial Day.

MONDAY MAY 28th, 2012. Memorial Day services 8:00 AM at Adams street cemetery and then Memorial services at Woodvale Cemetery. The parade steps off at 10:30 AM. Following the parade hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at the Post.

Don "Flash" Vaji, Gifts For Yanks Chairman-An update for the year the final figure that will be submitted to the Department of Ohio will be \$12,503.91. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

The winner of the St Paddy's Day wagon of cheer was Tom Norton, Tom generously donated it back to the Post to be raffled off at the S.A.L.'s reverse raffle.

A big thank you to Marianna Peris and the students of Berea high school for preparing the flags for retirement thanks a lot guys.

There will be a meeting for the Seneca Allegheny Casino bus trip on April 11th. At 6: pm. At the Post tries to attend. Get your luggage tags and itinerary.

By the time you get the news letter the tribe will be playing ball. Check the Post information board for game day food, giveaways and raffles, have a good time at the Post April 15th and May 20th.

To all you Moms HAPPY MOTHER DAY.

PS the secret is out: The election of new officers will be at the May membership meeting. Thursday may 10th attend vote

American Legion Auxiliary

Sheri Krepelka, President- I hope all of you are enjoying this weather. We will have a lot going in the next couple of months. Please read Vickie and Nancy's articles to learn more.

Our own Nancy Douth is this years Grindstone Award Winner. I cannot say enough about Nancy and her good works that she takes on. We in the Auxiliary Unit 91 are very proud of her.

I want to thank all of my officers for the good work that they do. Every year we manage to help more and more people that need our help especially those men and women who are at Wade Park and those military men and women who we send packages to.

We could not do all of this without your participation in our various projects. No one can say Post 91 does not care. They are the most generous Post I know.

I thank God everyday for allowing me to be part of Post 91.

God Bless Post 91, God Bless the soldiers who protect our great nation and God Bless the USA.

The Juniors have been very busy with making blankets to send to Rainbows Baby and Children's hospital in fact we have made so many that we were able to send some to Linus to send to Chardon High School.

In order to pay for the materials for these blankets the girls made 4 blankets of the armed services and are selling chances on them at the fish fries. We already have had the drawing for the Navy and Army blankets and will soon raffle off the Air Force blanket and the Marine Blanket. At this time I would like to thank you for your support. Not only have the girls made enough money to cover the cost of the blankets but we also will have money left over to help others. They have mentioned wanting to help animals.

Love you all

Vicki Chainey, 1st Vice President-

Up & Coming Events:

April

- 7th- Kids Easter Luncheon from 12-3 pm in Post hall
- 21st- Lasagna Dinner in Canteen from 5-8 pm \$8.00
- 29th Starts the drop off for Item for the Garage Sale, thru Wed. May 2nd

May

- 3rd & 5th- Garage Sale Days, in Post hall Thur. from 9am-5pm and Sat. 9am-3pm
- 10-13th- Flower Sale by garage area 10 am - 6 pm
- 28th- Memorial Day Breakfast 6:30am-8am

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Sons of the American Legion

Chuck O'Malley, Commander- The Bear Hof Annual Scholarship Deadline is April 15th, with the 1st scholarship to be awarded in the early summer. We thank you for all your support of the annual reverse Raffle. A great time was had by all and we hope to see you next year. We will be electing new officers at our April 11th meeting. Please join us.

To receive updates of these and all SAL events; Join our Facebook Page: Sons of the American Legion-Squadron 91-Berea, Ohio.

We also hope that you have a very safe and dry spring season.

Dave "Bear" Hof, Membership/Finance- Our membership is almost at QUOTA, we are at 336 as of March 16th. That's 99.40% of our goal for this year. Membership year is over at the Convention which is May 18th-20th in Perryburg. So if you know a member who has not paid his dues get him to pay up.

Hope all had a good time on the BUS TRIP to the 5TH District on March 12th. I always have a good time.

The S.A.L. ESREVER ELFFAR was on March 24th hope all who came also had a good time, and we would like to THANK EVERYONE who has supported us over the years.

American Legion Riders

Ed "Big Ed" Leopold, Director- Well get them ready, weather is changing, yeah! Although winter was not that bad. I just got my bike home and got the polish ready to go. We have a lot planned for this year and we will need your help. Our main objective this year is Wags 4 Warriors, we have a few big events planned to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Just a reminder if you don't attend the riders meeting and show your support and lend ideas, it's no body's fault if you don't like what is being done. Come share with us some new ideas and you might like what you hear. April Breakfasts will be our last month till fall. Because of Easter, we will be doing Breakfast the first Sunday & the 4th, hope you can make one or the other to finish our breakfast season. Don't forget our first ride will be Rally for The Troops on April 29th, we will meet at our Post at 8:30a.m. and leave at 8:45a.m. sharp. May 12th & 13th there is a ride to Dayton. On the 20th will be our meeting @ Noon. And on May 28th at 8a.m. will be the Memorial Day Parade. This year would be nice to have as many bikes as we can to show the support for vets. On March 10th the Post had their 18th annual Post bus trip and it was a great time by all. At this time I would like to thank Ron Fazekas for putting this trip together every year. The different Posts are always very nice to visit, so if you ever get the chance to sign up for one you need to try one out, you will not be sorry. Once again Ron nice job, and thank you from the riders.

Bob Poveroni, ALR Road Captain- The orientation meeting went very well for our fund raiser, "Wags 4 Warriors". We have a game plan now, thanks to the members that attended and a special thanks to Mel Baher and Chuck O'Malley for their support and knowledge.

The 2012 ride schedule is available online. April, its name probably derives from Latin ("to open"). Our opening ride is Sunday April 29th for "Rally for The Troops." Time is 8:30AM for a ceremony at the Post.

American Legion Auxiliary (cont. from page 4)

Nancy Douth, Membership Chairman- Our 2012 membership year is drawing to a close and we're finishing like gangbusters! We are currently at 103.3% of goal, which is 11 over goal. Beginning August 1, 2012, we start all over again with the 2013 membership drive. Thank you!

Nancy Douth, Community Service Chairman- It's time again to submit our annual reports. When you get your newsletter, please call me immediately and let me know what you've done throughout the year so we can complete our reports in April. Did you volunteer in your children or grandchildren's classroom, visit nursing homes, shop for a veteran who's not related, run errands for a neighbor, vote and write your congressman or senator about a legislative issue, sing in the shower or car or Church? Did you collect Campbell soup labels, box tops for education or ring pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House? Last year we turned in over 50 lbs. to RMH! Call me and tell me at (440) 816-1669.

Auxiliary Scholarship- Scholarship application deadline is April 15. The Auxiliary scholarship applications are available at Post 91 and Berea High School. The Auxiliary gives a minimum \$500 scholarship, and gives additional scholarships to qualified applicants if additional funds are raised through the annual garage sale. It is available to any member or relative of a Post 91 member living in Cuyahoga County. Funds may be applied to trade school, community college, junior college, business college, college, university, nurses training, or other chosen field beyond high school.

Americanism & Government Test Winners- Congratulations to the following students from Berea and Strongsville High Schools who finished with the highest test scores and best essays from grades 10, 11 and 12.

Berea High School

Grade 12: Marc Powers and Lanessa Fadrowski

Grade 11: John Cary and Nikita Martin

Strongsville High School

Grade 12: Luis Herrera and Taarika Hegde

Grade 11: Bradley Hajdin and Victoria Wojton

Grade 10: Kevin Dorocak and Elizabeth Clifford

St. Patrick's Day 2012

Ron Fazekas, Post 91's Leprechaun- I would like to thank everyone who attended our annual St. Patrick's Day party. It looked like everyone was having a good time. The bartenders, Gina, Gayle, Sandy and Sue (she multitasked that day) did a great job keeping up with the drink orders. The servers Sue and Sandy did a great job in making sure that everyone had their food timely. I would like to personally thank the kitchen help Flash, Tim Milter, Tim Monahan, and George. Also major kudos to Jamie for spending all week cooking 570 lbs of corned beef, she's the best. Also again the 2 Tim's spent the week slicing the corned beef, thanks guys.

This year the weather was outstanding and may have made more people just stay home and have a barbeque instead of a corned beef dinner, so we had quite a bit left over. The atmosphere was outstanding and everyone was singing and dancing to the sounds of our DJ "Johnny R" but now the word is out that we have the best corned beef in Berea, so we will see you at next year's party.

From the Kitchen, Head Chef Jamie Neely

Our Fish Fry so far has been successful, and I wouldn't expect anything less from our Volunteer cooks. The last fish fry will be Good Friday April 6th, which will leave the remaining Fridays in April open. Look for something special and different from the kitchen for those Fridays.

Beginning in May and continuing into September we will begin Friday night burgers and we are looking for volunteers to cook burgers. We will be serving from 6-9PM so please see Jamie to sign up.

Indians Salute Women of the Military

On Sunday, July 8, the Cleveland Indians will honor all women of the military—past, present and future. Game time is 1:05 p.m. against Tampa Bay, but at noon, all women of the military will meet for a pre-game parade on the warning track. Lady Vets, and other Post members, if you'd like to attend, please contact Nancy Douth at (440) 552-4713 as soon as possible so we can try to get a block of tickets for the event. Thank you.

Veterans Injured by Chemicals Need Help

I am the daughter of a Navy Veteran of WW II and founder and president of the Ohio Network for the Chemically Injured (ONFCI), an Ohio 501c3 organization that advocates on behalf of victims of discrimination arising from the disability Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and related disorders. I recently became a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and hope to bring attention to the subject of chemical injury. Many veterans have experienced the debilitating effects of exposures to toxic chemicals which include ongoing illness and diseases. You are probably familiar with the term "Gulf War Syndrome" and know about the ill effects caused by Agent Orange during the VietNam War. But unless you have experienced these effects, or know someone who has, you may not be aware of how chemical sensitization can permanently damage your health or realize how serious it can be.

Veterans are not alone. Those in civilian life have also become ill and disabled from chronic exposures to chemicals used daily. Valdez Oil Spill Clean Up Crews, 9/11 Rescue Workers, Hurricane Katrina FEMA Trailer victims, nurses working with glutaraldehyde and latex, housewives using toxic cleaning products and cosmetics, children and teachers exposed to mold and pesticide contamination in schools, and numerous others, have become sensitized from exposures to chemicals and are affected in ways that include their ability to breathe, sleep, work, walk, and concentrate. Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is the umbrella term that encompasses all of these illnesses. Once sensitized, re-exposure to triggers produces multiple reactions and the only way to prevent illness is to avoid the triggers.

Exposures can occur anywhere. Awareness in the workplace, schools, medical community and other public settings is critical. Some triggers include: pesticides (in foods, cleaning and lawn care products, in antimicrobials and disinfectants, etc.); any scented products (including those in perfumes, hair spray, shampoo, and lotions, fabric softeners, candles, air fresheners, etc.); petroleum-based products; mold; and heavy metals, all of which may affect functioning and health.

Educating yourself, reading labels, substituting least toxic products, and refraining from scented products, would help prevent further disability, provide accommodations to those already disabled, and create a healthier environment for all of us. The use of safer products would also reduce cancer rates and help those with asthma and other breathing disorders.

The cost of disability to society as a whole is enormous. The cost to accommodate those with MCS is minimal or doesn't cost anything at all.

I would like to offer ONFCI's assistance and my personal expertise to the American Legion so that members of the American Legion family will be better able to assist those veterans whose lives have been impacted by chemical exposures. They need support and advocacy, empathy, safe medical care, accommodations in the workplace and at public meetings, and someone to educate others about their needs.

There is strength in numbers. The support of the American Legion would assist affected Veterans who have been experiencing great difficulty obtaining disability accommodations as individuals. I hope you will contact me with any suggestions you may have to create more awareness at the American Legion in Berea and nationwide.

Join those already assisting us in our educational efforts. A landmark resolution proclaiming the month of May of each year as MCS Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County, sponsored by Cuyahoga County Council Members Dale Miller, Sunny M. Simon, Yvonne Conwell, Julian Rogers, and Council President C. Ellen Connally, passed unanimously on February 28th. Other ongoing supporters include Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland Public Library, and many local mayors including the Mayor of Cleveland, Berea, Brook Park, Parma, Parma Heights, and Strongsville.

I am available to answer any questions you may have and hope you will work with me on this urgent medical issue for veterans. Veterans who have been affected, and their families, are encouraged to contact me and share their thoughts and needs.

Toni Temple, President
Ohio Network for the Chemically Injured
(440) 845-1888



Berea, Ohio

Canteen Hours
Mon - Sat 10AM - 1AM
Sun 10AM - MID

APRIL 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 W 8:30pm	3 S H R I M P	4 S T R I P	5 W I N G	6 Good Friday FISH FRY 6-8PM 	7
8 Easter Sunday Canteen Closed	9 7:30PM Meeting	10 D I N N E R 6 P M	11 7:30PM Meeting	12 7PM Meeting	13	14
15 Post 91 Legion Riders Meeting Noon	16 Y D	17 E V E R Y T U E S D A Y - 8 P M	18 E V E R Y W E D N E S D A Y - 8 P M	19 S P E C I A L W I N G N I T H 	20 R S D A Y 7PM Executive Board	21 Lasagna Dinner serving 5-8PM
22	23 7:30PM Executive Board Meeting	24 T U E S D A Y	25 W E D N E S D A Y	26 7PM Executive Board	27	28
29	30 I N G	 Lunches available Tue-Sat 11AM-2:45PM	 KITCHEN OPEN TUE & WED 6-8PM TUESDAY \$4 SHRIMP DINNER WEDNESDAY \$7 STRIP STEAK MONDAY & FRIDAY EVENING 6-9PM	HOT DOG BAR MONDAYS 11A-3P 		

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Indian's Home Opener Thursday April 5th 3:05 PM

Hot Dogs BEER



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Join us in the Canteen for the Game

LADIES AUXILIARY
LASAGNA DINNER
SATURDAY APR 21ST
5-8PM \$8.00



Post Election of Officers, Thursday May 10th



Berea, Ohio

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KITCHEN OPEN TUE & WED 6-8PM TUESDAY \$4 SHRIMP DINNER WEDNESDAY \$7 STRIP STEAK MONDAY & FRIDAY EVENING 6-9PM	1 SHRIMP DINNER 8:30pm	2 STRIP STEAK 7:30PM Meeting	3 Auxiliary Garage Sale	4 BURGER EVERY FRIDAY	5 Auxiliary Garage Sale	
6 WEEKLY 8:30pm	7 WEEKLY 8:30pm	8 WEEKLY 8:30pm	9 7:30PM Meeting	10 VOTE 7PM Meeting	11 SPECIAL WINGNITE	12
13 Mother's Day Breakfast 10AM - 1PM Mom eats free	14 7:30PM Meeting	15 6PM - 8PM	16 6PM - 8PM	17 SPECIAL WINGNITE	18 EVERY FRIDAY	19
20 Post 91 Legion Riders Meeting Noon	21 DRAW	22 EVERY TUESDAY	23 7PM Executive Board Meeting	24 THURSDAY	25 RIDAY	26 Decorate Woodvale Cem
27 Memorial Day	28 Memorial Day	29 TUESDAY	30 WEDNESDAY	31 THURSDAY	AUXILIARY FLOWER SALE 10AM-6PM MAY 10TH - 13TH IN GARAGE	

Memorial Day Parade steps off 10:30AM
Memorial Day Services
 8AM Adams St. Cemetery
 9AM Woodvale Cemetery

LADIES AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE
MAY 3RD 10AM-6PM
MAY 5TH 9AM-3PM

W O R K P A R T Y S A T U R D A Y 8 : 3 0 A M



From The Editor

Ron Fazekas, Editor- I was at our last Executive board meeting and listened to the 1st Vice's report. Out of 28 Posts in Cuyahoga County only 3 Posts have made membership quota for this membership year, Chagrin Falls Post 383 (39 members), Clifton Post 421 (308 members) and Post 91 (568 members). We also have made all time high in membership 15 years in a row which is unprecedented in the 13th District. This is quite an accomplishment.



How does this happen, it isn't magic, it isn't because of location, it isn't because of who the Officers are, so how does Post 91 achieve this kind of membership loyalty and recruitment? It is about the way our membership is treated, how we have activities for all ages, how we continue to improve our Post home facilities, how our employees treat our members and guests, etc...

I have been a member of the American Legion for 39 years and have visited many Posts throughout our country and I can truly say we have the best Post. How many Posts have a lake in their backyard? This may sound prejudice, but we have had some great Officers in this Post over the 27 years I have been associated with Post 91. Officers who care about the American Legion and what it stands for. Officers who try and make sure we have activities that appeal to everyone and make sure we have an outstanding reputation within the community.

Post 91 has tremendous employees. They work together to get the job done in the canteen and kitchen. They cover for each other and make sure all members are treated equally, and above all they are honest.

I was talking to a member the other day about how some of these other larger Posts in the 13th District only care about gambling and how much money they can skim from drawings and have forgotten what the American Legion truly stands for. Yes we have gambling and that helps pay the bills but we still respect the Legion ways and continue to focus on Legion programs.

I know sometime I am pretty outspoken in my beliefs, as you know from my editorials, but this time I hope we can all agree that Post 91 is your home away from home, your little "Cheers" bar, and the best Post in the country. "The Post by the Lake".

These editorials are the opinion of the Editor and do not reflect the opinions of the members of Post 91.

WWI Veteran Louis Henry Fritz

One of the five copper beech trees that stood steadfastly together for decades at the southwest corner of Bagley Rd. and Front St. memorializing as living reminders of the five soldiers who fought and died in WWI was planted in honor of Louis Henry Fritz of Berea. Louis Henry Fritz was the great uncle of Richard A. Speer, husband of Auxiliary member Patricia Speer. On February 6, 2012, Dick and Pat met with members of the Berea Historical Society (BHS) to share Louis Henry Fritz's World War I memorabilia. The BHS copied and scanned some of the material for their files. More of the material will be copied and scanned later this year. Included in the family memorabilia was the last letter Louis wrote to his mother, which Louis carried at the time of his death. One of the Louis's friends found the letter on Louis's remains and mailed it back home to Louis's mother in Berea. Many other items of interest and family legacy include the Western Union Telegram sent to Louis's parents at the time of his death, many letters written on a regular basis by Louis from the battlefield, photos of Louis's gravesite and cemetery in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, military record papers and documents, numerous newspaper articles, Louis's personal WW I war journal, the various patches and pins Louis had on his uniform at the time of his death, Louis's mother's American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows information and voyage data regarding her trip to Europe after Louis was killed.

Louis Henry Fritz enlisted in the Marines at the age of 16 as a trumpeter and served five years, three of them on the Battleship Tennessee. He married Helen E. Burnham on February 6, 1918. He was a Berea resident when he re-enlisted in the Marines on February 22, 1918, at Cleveland. He was rated a sharpshooter and served in the 76th Company of the Sixth Marines. Wounded on November 1, 1918, in the Argonne Battle, he died on November 4, 1918, and is buried in Grave 31, Row 34, Block H Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

Bulletin Board

EVENTS

April

7 Kids Easter Luncheon
15 Poor Man's Breakfast
21 Lasagna Dinner

May

3-5 Garage Days
10-13 ... Flower Sale
26 Grave Decorating
28 Memorial Day Ceremonies

HALL RENTALS

Please contact Sue Milter: Monday
through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm @
440-234-0091 or 440-623-6494.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

The American Legion- Donald
Bader, Brian Burk, William Beardsley,
Dean Conforte, Gregory Hudnall,
Brian McGinty, Michael Flores, John
Lemassena, James Murtha, Christopher
Powell, Brian Rozek, George Santiago,
Joe Sperk, Jerry Swinderman, Robert
Van Ness, Christopher Willard, Frank
Winkler

American Legion Auxilary- Sherriyll
Burke, Tanya Cordell, Cathy Darnell,
Mary McGinty, Audriana Milter,
Jacqueline Murray, Deanne Pastva,
Sophia Schwarten, Bridget Sweeney,
Tara Vanek, Kathy Zacharyasz

Sons of the American Legion- Peter
Marchant, Thomas Wood, Michael
Goloja, Gary Hall, Daniel Gorey Jr., John
Kalas, Joseph Glazer

SICK CALL

Jim Manser, Terry Gable, Richard Staab,
Rick Seeley

TAPS

Jerry Stockman, John Jaworski, Gene
Grospitch, Walter Kowalski, John
Lawler

MEMBERSHIP & INFO

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