



Barrett-Davis-Watson
Post 233



March 1, 2019

Commander's Corner

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Welcome to March. Please plan to attend the 10th District Meeting on Sunday March 10th at 2:30pm at Post 163 in Statham. If you need a ride, please let one of the officer's know so a ride can be provided. Our brothers and sisters from Statham support us in many ways, participating in Flag Lines, providing motorcycle escorts, and attending our events at the Post. Please come out and support them at their Post as they host this important meeting.

We have another great event planned for this month, the Veteran's Information Workshop, which will be held on Saturday March 23, 2019 from 10am – 3pm here at the Post. Stan Mauldin and his Event Committee are going all out to make sure we have representatives from many areas of the VA along with other Veteran related organizations interested in telling you about your VA benefits. This is a must see event for any Veteran, so please, plan to come out and support this event. Tell a friend about this event so they can get answers to their questions directly from the people who know.

The Department of GA is hosting their Spring Conference at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth, March 23rd and 24th. There will also be a Legion College on Saturday, March 23rd. If you have never attended a Legion College, this is your opportunity to learn more about the different programs of The American Legion such as the Baseball Program, Blood Donor Program, Oratorical Program, and Boy's State Program to name a few. Each of the sessions are conducted by individuals knowledgeable in the various programs with an emphasis on assisting the Posts improve their programs. Our very own Post Color Guard will be presenting the Colors at this conference.

Speaking of our Color Guard, Captain Jack Wade has mentioned at each meeting how much he needs volunteers to join the Color Guard. Our Color Guard represents the Post in a wide variety of ways from Posting Colors at official American Legion meetings and functions, Posting Colors or folding flags at funerals for our Veterans, and Posting Colors at Annual Veteran's Events. They stand in the heat and the cold to honor our veterans sacrifices. Do you have what it takes? If so, please consider joining Jack and the rest of the Color Guard members.

I have asked Jim Carmona to Chair the Election Committee for this year's Officer Elections. In accordance with our Post Constitution and By-Laws any Post member who is paid up for 2019 can run for any elected office. Each year we elect a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Three Executive Committee members. Each of these positions comes with some specific responsibilities to assist the Executive Committee with performing their duty of managing the operational needs of the Post and ensuring the funds of the Post are spent on and in support of the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Each of these officers are expected to assume the Duty Officer position once a week. The Duty Officer is the Commander's representative and is responsible for ensuring the security and safety of the Post during normal working hours. Do you have a desire to get involved? If so, becoming an Officer or Executive Committee Member is a great way to help the Post and learn more about how your Post operates.

In February we lost Billy Langley, our last surviving Charter Member, and Fred Roy, a great friend to everyone he met, as they transferred to Post Everlasting. Our condolences go out to their families and loved ones. We will have a special remembrance in our upcoming Quarterly Newsletter.

For God and Country,

Bill Dolan

mark your **Calendar**

March 2019

Sunday March 10th—10th District Meeting
Post 163 in Statham.
Point of Contact is Bill Dolan

Friday March 15th—JROTC Military Spring Ball
Point of Contact is SMSGT Clay Slayton

Saturday March 23rd—Veterans Informational Workshop
Point of Contact is Stan Mauldin

Saturday and Sunday March 23rd and 24th—Department Spring Conference
Sonesta Hotel, Duluth

April 2019

Friday April 12th—First Responders Appreciation Dinner
Point of Contact is Bill Dolan

Saturday April 13th— Flea Market and Country Breakfast
Point of Contact is Mary Dolan

May 2019

Sunday May 5th—10th District Meeting
Location to be determined

Monday May 27th—Ride for America
Point of Contact is Thom Williams