



Barrett-Davis-Watson
Post 233



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Commander's Corner

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If you were not at the Post on Memorial Day, you missed a great day! We will have pictures in the newsletter next month but I have to say a huge THANK YOU to our American Legion Riders and all the American Legion Family members who helped make this such a great success. It would not have been the same without all your months of planning and preparation, sweating in the intense heat on Friday, Saturday and Sunday getting all the pieces in place all so our members and guests would have a great experience on their First or Twenty-First Ride For America. I had the honor of riding in the lead truck and getting to witness first hand what an amazing sight 800 Bikes and 1,250 or so riders look like coming down the road. They were greeted by hundreds of people along the route waving American Flags, holding babies, children, and dogs. It was a very humbling sight, that reminds us, our friends and neighbors really do appreciate what we do to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free.

I also had the opportunity to speak to about two dozen residents at Southern Plantation on the Saturday before Memorial Day. I wondered what in the world could I tell a group of Veterans about Memorial Day that they don't already know. I had a talk all prepared, but when I got there they just wanted to talk about what the Legion was all about, what we've done for the Veterans and the City of Loganville, and were we going to have all of the bikers go by in front of Southern Plantation on Memorial Day. I was stopped by a lady who informed me that she was 90 years old and had lived in Loganville all her life. She said everything I talked about the Legion being a part of helping the City of Loganville was correct because she lived it.

Below is an open letter from Mr. Harold Patterson, one of our Executive Committee Members on what we may be able to do to increase our membership. Please give this some thought, your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

“Valued Fellow Legion Member: As it is that time of year when we elect a new slate of officers for our Post, we want to request some help from you.

First and Foremost, we want to encourage you to renew your membership.

Second, we need to strive to increase our membership. Do you know a Veteran that is not currently a member of the Post? If so, could you invite them as your guest to come to one of the Post meetings or activities? We need to encourage younger veterans to become a part of the Legion community.

Third, if you are not currently involved in Post activities, what changes could we make that would get you more involved?

Do we need to change the way we have the Monthly meeting with the Legionnaires bringing a covered dish and the Post furnishing the meat? If so, how would you change it?

The Friday evening activities are available to be modified or enhanced. What new activity would you like to see that you would take part in?

Is there any other activity that even if you wouldn't personally get involved in you think it would benefit the Post?

If you have answers or suggestions to these questions that could help our Post, please respond. We want to hear from you.”

mark your **Calendar**

June 2019

Friday June 7th 6-10pm Bike Night Come enjoy B-B-Q from the Joint Chiefs of Smoke, Delicious

Saturday June 8th 8-11am Country Breakfast Come out for the best breakfast deal in town, yum, yum!

Friday-Sunday June 28th-30th Department of Georgia Centennial Convention in Valdosta, GA

July 2019

Tuesday July 2nd 7-9pm Installation of Officers for the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR

Thursday July 4th 12-3pm Picnic for Everyone to celebrate both Independence Day and American Legion's 100th Birthday

Friday July 5th 6-10pm Bike Night—BBQ, Beer, and great company!

Saturday July 13th 8-11am Country Breakfast

August 2019

Friday August 2nd 6-10pm Bike Night—BBQ, Beer, and Fun!

Tuesday August 6th 7-9pm Monthly Meeting

Saturday August 10th 8-11am Country Breakfast