



**Barrett-Davis-Watson
Post 233**

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Commander's Corner

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Thank you to all of our members who attend our events, come out to play Bingo, stop by for a cold one on Friday night and cut loose on the dance floor on Saturday night. Your participation allows us to help our Veterans, their families, and our community, without you, we wouldn't have a Post!

This year alone we have helped over 35 individuals and families, with free meals, multiple nights at Whitts Inn, rent assistance, utility assistance, and even gas for their cars. These may seem like trivial things but can you imagine not having enough food to eat, living in your car or on the street, or needing to get to a loved one who is in the hospital and not having enough gas to get there. These people, many of them Veterans, come through our doors on a regular basis requesting our assistance and, thanks to the generous people who support our Post, we are able to help them. I had a gentleman who was homeless and without a job come in one Friday evening and he told me he was going to start a job on Monday at the Maxie Price RV dealership next door and he just needed a couple of nights to get himself cleaned up and ready to work. We put him up for the weekend at Whitts Inn. Two weeks later he stopped back by to say thank you and showed me his first paycheck. Every duty officer has several of these stories and again, it is because of you that we can get some of the happy endings. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Our 2020 Membership drive is off to a quick start with almost 200 renewals in July. Thanks to all of you who have sent in your dues, but more importantly, thank you for supporting your Post. I was signing cards that we are mailing out to some of our renewals and noticed a gentleman with over 70 years continuous membership! That got me to looking and I found 6 members who have over 60 years of continuous membership and many of those are right here at Post 233.

John Olexa—72 years
Harold Tribble—69 years
Robert (Bobby) E. Boss—68 years
Frank J. Seminara—68 years
James F. Goldsack—62 years
William W. Montgomery—61 years

Thank you gentlemen for your service, support, and dedication to The American Legion and our Post.

I have received many calls from members who say "I paid my dues, but I keep getting these letters to renew" These mailings are from the National office in Indianapolis, IN. They have a schedule that if you renewed after the deadline for a mailing they will send you a letter. If you have renewed your membership you can disregard the letter. Please feel free to stop by the Post any time we are open and see the Duty Officer who will help you with renewing your 2020 membership. We are starting our change over to MailChimp for sending emails to our members. When you get the email from MailChimp asking if you want to receive email from the Post, please accept this request. That is the only way we will be able to send you emails. We are missing almost 200 emails from our current members and we will be sending a request for your email so you can continue to receive information from the Post.

Have a great month of August and don't forget to come visit us, we would love to see you.

mark your **Calendar**

August 2019

Tuesday August 6th—Post Meeting—Pot-Luck Dinner at 7:00pm Meeting begins at 8:00pm sharp

Saturday August 10th—Country Breakfast 8am—11am—Super deal with great food. Bacon, Sausage, Plain Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, regular scrambled eggs, scrambled eggs with green pepper and onion, regular hashbrowns, hashbrowns with sausage, green pepper and onion, biscuits and sausage gravy! Come out and enjoy.

Thursday August 22nd—Blood Drive—10am—3pm. Every donation you give can help save up to 3 lives!

September 2019

Tuesday September 3rd—Post Meeting—Pot-Luck Dinner at 7:00pm Meeting begins at 8:00pm sharp

Saturday September 14th —Country Breakfast 8am—11am—Super deal with great food. Bacon, Sausage, Plain Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, regular scrambled eggs, scrambled eggs with green pepper and onion, regular hashbrowns, hashbrowns with sausage, green pepper and onion, biscuits and sausage gravy! Yum Yum.

October 2019

Tuesday October 1—Post Meeting—Pot-Luck Dinner at 7:00pm Meeting begins at 8:00pm sharp

Saturday October 5th—Fall Craft Fair—Vendors wanted, please contact Mary Dolan at mdolan2804@gmail.com for reservations and information. This is a fund raising project for the Post so please come out and support the vendors and the Post. The money we raise will allow us to help more of our Veterans in need.

Saturday October 12th —Country Breakfast 8am—11am—Super deal with great food. Bacon, Sausage, Plain Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, regular scrambled eggs, scrambled eggs with green pepper and onion, regular hashbrowns, hashbrowns with sausage, green pepper and onion, biscuits and sausage gravy! Delicious!