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Commanders' Corner

Commander Kim Lambouris:

We are now in the middle of summer with fall just around the corner. I hope you all have been able to enjoy this beautiful Michigan summer season. We had a good turnout for the July 4th parade and the picnic. Our new Highway Clean-up Chair is the 1st Vice Commander Steve Willett and the Co-Chair is Auxiliary Membership Officer Judy McCutcheon. I want to thank them for stepping up and taking on that community service project. Unfortunately, the Highway Clean-up in July was cancelled due to rain. The next one will be on September 22 at 9:30 am. A sign-up sheet will go up in the clubroom in the first week of September. We will not have Karaoke for the rest of the summer. It will start back up September 1st and 15th in the clubroom at 7 pm. The Next American Red Cross Blood drive on 9/20/18 from 1 pm to 7 pm. Our annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony and dinner starts at 6 pm outside on 9/21/18. Our 2nd Vice Commander Bill Lambouris is looking into having an end of Summer party with a band. If we are able to get that scheduled, we will send out an email with all the information.

On August 6th at 9:00 am there is Life Line Screening. The screenings offer a 5 test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic conditions. The combination of these test help detect problems – before you have symptoms and while your doctor can still take action so you can keep doing the things you love. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment and get a special discount please call, 1-844-591-7170 or you can register online at: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle Pre-registration is required.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at the Post!

- Kim Lambouris, Commander
klambo2@comcast.net

SAL Commander Jim Battishill:

Greetings,

As summer is now in full swing I hope all is going well for everyone. I am looking forward to taking over as the Sal Commander of Post 63 from Brian York and want to thank him for his years of service as Commander. We will pick up our meetings the second Monday in September, 9/10/2018. Hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to step up and help your club when you can ever little bit helps.

- Jim Battishill, SAL Commander
jimbattishill@gmail.com

Greetings Legion, Auxiliary and SAL family! Here are some updates on our Auxiliary.

Despite agreeing to keep our meetings lighter for the summer, we do still have some great things going on. We are having a great time reviewing our bylaws. Join us at meetings to help shape how we do things - we plan to submit them for approval in January. We've been discussing taking summers off for meetings; June, July and August. Let us know what you think.

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS:
Thursday 8/2 9am-5pm
Friday 8/3 9am-5pm
Saturday 8/4 9am-Noon

At our August 14th meeting, we will be voting on one scholarship, and approving an amount of $300-$500. Please contact me if you would like an application, or you can find one on our Post Facebook page.

We are also excited to support the upcoming annual building fundraiser and our August & September meetings will include brainstorm sessions for planning fundraiser events for the year to support Girls State, more scholarships and our general fund. We are ALWAYS seeking addresses for our troop support projects and I urge you to keep collecting items to donate for our troops. Please let me know of any great ideas you'd like added to the list. I am a very busy lady in August and September due to working weekends at the Renaissance Festival, but I will be checking in on emails during the week to keep up.

There have been some issues as of late that have come up in the club room and those things, while I don't consider them my business, have spilled over into my official Auxiliary business and the time has come to address this one final time. I would like everyone to remember why they are involved here, and please keep drama out of my meetings.

In the past month I have heard: I'm the worst president ever; the best president ever; that I should resign in protest; hang my head in shame; and choose sides. I say **NO** to all those things.

This place is not just a place to come drink, watch sports and play shuffle board. This place is my history, my family, my passion and the reason I am still involved after all these years has nothing to do with drinking or shuffleboard. My parents were here when the entire post was smaller than the size of our club room now. I grew up selling poppies, helping mop the floor in the back and washing dishes in that darn deep sink. My job was to collect returnables and salt and pepper from the tables at every dinner and event we held here. All those old guys that no one seems to remember worked hard to do what they could to build this post. My mom and Dad both taught me about giving my time to community, state and nation. As long as my service and time are needed at this American Legion Post, I'm not going anywhere, I will continue to walk in their footsteps. I have absolutely made mistakes in my Presidency and I've stood up in our membership meetings and admitted those same mistakes. Like any other President, I continue to learn new rules and traditions along the way and better ways to do this, and I choose not to think of best or worst, simply a President working hard to try to make things happen. As a group, we don't all have to be the best of friends, we have a wide variety of folks with a lot of different opinions and it's unrealistic to think that no disagreements would ever come up. I choose to think that all those same folks with differing opinions have a common ground - the need to support our Veterans and our troops. I urge you to join me and the rest of those folks to continue working together toward that very important goal.

Peace and love, wishing you a wonderful rest of the summer!

Amy Laboissonniere
- President Unit 63 Auxiliary
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Greetings Ladies!

Attached is the current scholarship application that was discussed and approved at our last membership meeting. We have agreed to continue offering a scholarship each year and our goal is to specify a fundraiser for scholarships each year to continue funding the account. Details are described in the document, current applications are due to me by the next membership meeting on August 7th. We will vote during that meeting! Please let me know if there are any issues receiving the documents - I can send them out via regular mail! Please note we will keep the due date listed of August 7th, however I had mixed up my dates and our regular membership meeting is on August 14th. We will vote on scholarships at the August 14th meeting! My apologies for the confusion!

Thanks!

Amy Laboissonniere
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Campbell-Richmond Auxiliary Unit #63 Scholarship Guidelines

Each summer, Auxiliary Unit #63 will offer a scholarship. That scholarship amount will vary depending on funds available in the account and will be announced at the time of the application.

Applicant must:

- **Be a current paid member of Campbell-Richmond #63,**
  - **Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, IVMHA**
- **or the child/grandchild of said member:**
- **Have graduated from High School in 2018**
- **Be accepted to a college of your choice for Fall 2018**
- **Be a first-time recipient of an Auxiliary Unit #63 Scholarship**

Per our Standing Rules, all checks will be written directly to the school, no checks will be written to an individual. The funds can be used toward tuition or books, but still must be paid directly to the school.

Applications will be reviewed during open membership meetings and approved by majority vote via ballot.

If for any reason the applicant does not complete their fall semester/quarter by dropping out, we expect that the scholarship be returned in good faith.

Events will be held during the year to help fund the scholarship account, including Coin Show Lunches and other events. Please help us support those activities!

Campbell-Richmond Unit #63
2018 Scholarship Application
One $300-$500 Scholarship Available

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Please contact Amy Laboissonniere if you have questions of would prefer to have this application sent to you electronically. adtdsb@gmail.com 248-892-1203

Application due to Amy Laboissonniere by 7:00Pm, Tuesday August 7, 2018. Please advise if you are planning to send it electronically. Please attach additional pages as necessary. All checks will be written directly to the school.

Name: _____

Are you a current member of Campbell-Richmond #63 – which branch? _____

If not, what is your relation to the qualifying member? _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list or describe:

School you have been accepted to: _____

Academic Activities: _____

Awards (academic, professional, or civic): _____

Works and/or volunteer experience: _____

Academic or career goals: _____

Reason you would be a good candidate for this scholarship: _____

Any other information you would like to provide:

2018 American Legion Officer Swearing in Ceremony

L-R: Wayne Fisher, Jerry Grzywinski, Tom Rumzek, Don Davis, Dale Elkins, Bill Lambouris, Steve Willett, Kim Lambouris and Jack Pierce.

L-R: Wayne Fisher, Jerry Grzywinski, Tom Rumzek, Don Davis, Dale Elkins, Bill Lambouris, Steve Willett and Kim Lambouris.

Trump gains release of deceased North Korean war veterans

A casket is placed into an Air Force transport plane at Osan Air Base, South Korea, for the trip to Hawaii on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump thanked North Korea's leader for returning the remains of war dead and hinted at another summit amid concern that the momentum for a nuclear deal has stalled.

The 55 caskets were flown Wednesday from South Korea to Hawaii, where a team of military anthropologists and other scientists will begin a painstaking identification process that could take years.

The administration welcomed the repatriation as an important goodwill gesture as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo heads to Singapore for a regional security meeting that is likely to have North Korea high on the agenda.

U.S. officials said Pompeo and North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho may meet on the sidelines of the forum on Saturday since they'll both be there, although nothing was confirmed.

Kim Jong Un agreed to return remains of U.S. servicemembers killed in the 1950-53 Korean War, the only concrete commitment made during his June 12 summit with Trump.

"Thank you to Chairman Kim Jong Un for keeping your word & starting the process of sending home the remains of our great and beloved missing fallen!" Trump wrote in a tweet late Wednesday after repatriation ceremonies held in South Korea and Hawaii.

"I am not all surprised that you took this kind action," Trump added. He also referred to a nice letter sent by Kim and said, "I look forward to seeing you soon!"

He didn't provide more details. The U.S.-North Korean summit in Singapore was the first to be held between the long-time adversaries who remain technically at war after the 1950-53 conflict ended with an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Previous U.S. presidents have refused to meet with their North Korean counterparts without progress on the nuclear front.

The return of the remains was the latest in a series of moves by both sides as part of a diplomatic offensive that has tamped down tensions that raised fears of a nuclear war last year.

North Korea also has suspended nuclear and missile tests, blown up its nuclear testing site and begun razing facilities at a rocket launch complex. But experts say those moves are reversible, and recent reports suggest it is continuing to develop long-range missiles.

The U.S., meanwhile, halted joint war games with its ally South Korea that the North has long considered rehearsals for an invasion.

Otherwise, progress has been slow toward the main U.S. goal of persuading the communist state to abandon its nuclear weapons program, with no concrete measures or timelines nearly two months after the summit.

In Singapore, Kim and Trump also agreed to work toward the "complete denuclearization" and "a lasting and stable peace regime" for the Korean Peninsula, and to establish new relations.

'Our boys are coming home'

The remains were formally received in Hawaii by Vice President Mike Pence and the top commander of U.S. forces in Asia, Adm. Phil Davidson, during an honorable carry ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Some have called the Korean War the 'forgotten war.' But today, we prove these heroes were never forgotten," Pence said. "Today, our boys are coming home."

Pence also hailed the return as a positive diplomatic step.

"We see today as tangible progress in our efforts to achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula. But today is just the beginning," Pence said at the ceremony. "Our work will not be complete until all our fallen heroes are accounted for and home."

Officials with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said a preliminary forensic review determined that the remains "are likely to be American," but their identities may not be confirmed for months or years.

Scientists with the agency will study the bones and teeth and try to match DNA samples collected from families of the missing troops. North Korea also provided a single dog tag from an American soldier.

Reflecting the uncertainty, the remains were covered in blue U.N. flags to represent all 16 countries that sent troops to fight in the war, as they were loaded onto military transport planes at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

However, they were draped with American flags at the ceremony in Hawaii.

The DPAA says 7,699 U.S. service members remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, with about 5,300 believed to have died on North Korean soil.

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AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Hall Rental	30	31	Aug 1 7pm Legion Member	2 Rummage Sale	3	4
5	6 9 am Life Line Scr	7	8	9	10	11 Hall Rental
12 Pentecostal Church	13	14 7pm Aux. Meeting	15 7pm E-Board Meetin	16	17	18 Hall Rental
19	20 FOP	21	22	23	24	25
26 2pm Club Hall Renta	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 7pm Karaoke in Club

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 2pm Club Hall Renta	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 7pm Karaoke in Club
2	3	4	5 7pm Legion Member	6	7	8
9	10 7pm SAL Meeting	11 7pm Aux. Meeting	12	13	14	15 7 pm Karaoke in C
16	17	18	19 7pm E-Board Meetin	20 12pm Blood Drive	21 POW/MIA Recognit	22 9:30 am Highway
23 1pm Flaming Pistons	24	25	26	27	28	29 Coin Show
30	Oct 1	2	3 7pm Legion Member 8pm IVMHA Meeting	4	5	6 6pm Fall Raffle

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CALL: the pre-registration phone number from **ANY** printed flyer, poster, etc. that **I SEND YOU.**

OR **VISIT:** www.lifelinescreening.com/Communitycircle

OR **TEXT:** the word **'circle'** to **797979**

OR **CONTACT ME:** With the members contact information **OR** using the signup sheet I have attached for your convenience.

Be advised your members may receive/see announcements about your event by other means. Such as receiving a letter (direct mail), in the local newspaper, or T.V/ radio commercials.

The ONLY way for us to distinguish YOUR members, from the general public, is by utilizing one of the above methods. If your members register any other way, we cannot guarantee they will receive the VIP treatment they deserve, and their appointments will not count towards the signups required for us to donate $25.

To make things even easier for you, I am including an announcement, that you can use in your bulletin or newsletter to make your members aware. I'm hopeful that this special offer will benefit your members and encourage them to be proactive with their health.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or how I can help you get the required signups for your special donation.

Thank you for your continued support, and we are looking forward to a wonderful event with you!

Sample Bulletin/newsletter announcement:

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be here on ***Monday, August 6, 2018*** *offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To learn more about your risk of having a stroke or vascular disease, there is no time like the present to take advantage of this limited-time offer, being extended to our members only! In order to receive your special member pricing, and first choice of appointment times, you* **MUST** *pre-register by one of the methods below and attend their scheduled appointment time.*

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OR **VISIT:** www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

OR **TEXT:** the word **'circle'** to **797979**

OR **EMAIL ME:** The participant name, phone, and address

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