

# BERRYHILL POST 165 DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



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Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion will be voting on proposed amendments to the Post "Constitution & By-Laws".

(see "Legionnaire Constitution & By-Laws to be updated" on page 2)

## New Legionnaires

Berryhill Legionnaire membership goal for the 2008-2009 membership year is 718 members.

As of Monday, November 17, we have 545 paid Legion members, which is 76% of our goal. Applications of several veterans will be presented at the December 3 meeting.

Have you met new members Victor C. Phillips of Midland. Vic is a WWII Air Force veteran transfer from Post 225 in Lansing. Also James A. Miller of Saginaw has presented proper DD-214 to join Berryhill. Jim is an Air Force veteran from the Vietnam era.

Please join in welcoming Vic and Jim to Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion

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## Active Duty Members

Are you an active duty member of Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion? If so, the post membership pays your yearly dues. If you or a member of your family is currently on active duty please notify Pat Hanley, your current Adjutant, so that dues for 2009 can be paid.

P.S. Regular membership dues for 2009 are due by December 31, 2008.

## CALENDAR

Bingo (every Monday evening 5:00 to 9:00)  
Burger night (every Thursday 5:00 to 7:30)  
Open Euchre (in bar) (every Wednesday 1:00 pm)  
Euchre (in large banquet room) (every Thursday 6:30 pm)  
Trivia Night (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in Patio Room at 7:30)

### ---- November Events ----

November 26 Burger Night 5-7:30 pm  
November 27 "Thanksgiving" Clubrooms open 6-10 pm

### ---- December Events ----

December 3 Legion meeting 7:30  
Auxiliary meeting 7:30  
SAL meeting (after Legion meeting)  
December 13 Children's Christmas party 1-3 pm &  
Karaoke Night w/ "Brian Klouse" 8 pm to 12 pm  
December 24 Clubrooms closed at 6 pm Christmas Eve  
December 25 Clubrooms closed Christmas Day  
December 31 Bring in the New Year w/ "Brian Klouse" 8 - ?  
Complimentary champagne at midnight, bring a dish to pass

### ---- January Events ----

January 1 Clubrooms open New Years Day 4-10 pm  
January 24 Karaoke Night with "Dean Titus" 8 pm to 12 pm

### ---- 2009 Events ----

January ? 2009 Legionnaire staffed dinner  
April ? 2009 Legionnaire staffed dinner  
June ? 2009 Legionnaire staffed dinner

Thanks to Deb Cashin for collecting and communicating the above information to the table tops, website & newsletter.

## Bingo at the American Legion.

As of the end of December 2008 we will be needing a NEW 4<sup>TH</sup> bingo team!

We are looking for a chairperson, 2 callers & 2 floor workers to commit to working one Monday night per month for one year. Pat Hanley will be making calls to Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama & "Gulf War to cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. government" Legionnaires in the next month requesting volunteers.

Call Steve Tracy at (989) 835-3733 or Pat Hanley at (989) 488-2025 to volunteer to work bingo at Berryhill Post 165.

## **Legionnaire Constitution & By-Laws to be updated**

On Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the regular monthly Legion meeting the first reading of proposed amendments to Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion's "Constitution & By-Laws" will take place. This reading will be accompanied by written copies to the members present at the meeting. This reading will not be a time for discussion or comment, rather it will be as laid out in the current "Constitution" Article VIII – Amendments and "By-Laws" "Article XVII – Amendments" revised as of October 17, 1977.

Constitution & By-Laws committee members Ross Ahlich, John Evans, Pat Hanley, Chuck Kaminski & Steve Tracy have logged over 150 total hours in preparing these amendments. In addition Pat Lafferty, Legion Department Adjutant, Skipper Townes, Department Sons of the American Legion Judge Advocate and Berryhill Finance Officer Tom Nemeth have had input to the work of the committee.

As you may know from the aforementioned articles, this process will continue with another reading at the January regular meeting and a mailing notifying Legion members of discussion and voting at the February meeting. This mailing will make written notice to all Legion members fourteen days prior to the February meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) will be voted upon.

If you have questions please call Pat Hanley, Adjutant at (989)488-2025, or speak to any of the aforementioned Legionnaires.

## **Thanks to all**

We would like to thank all members who donated or baked for the bake sale on November 1, 2008. In addition, 3 non-member friends of Rei Li's, Debbie Baker, Trina Slabic and Margie Bush also baked for the sale. Thanks to Lois Young who donated the coffee for the Bazaar. Thanks to Judy Schultz who donated a quilt, Cheryl Skym who donated an afghan and the businesses who donated: Big Boy, Li'l Chef, China Palace, NCG Movie Theater and Good Times Pizza. Thanks to Kay Bishop who ran the bake sale, Anne Roberson who helped in the kitchen and Margie Kelly. JoAnne Barnard and Marilyn Fillmore who sold the raffle tickets and to Bob Walker who did all the cooking. The callers, Caroline May, Anne Roberson, Pat Palmer and Rosie Howden who called asking for the baked goods or donations deserve special thanks for their patient efforts. A Very Big Thank You goes to SAL member Larry Moody and Legionnaire Bill Sofoulis for helping after the bazaar in setting the tables and chairs back up, it meant a great deal to us. And last to Mitch Art, Inc., for donating the water resistant signs for us to use each year.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL!

Rei Li Tracy, Chairwoman (Very special thanks to you Rosie, I could not have done it without you)  
Rosie Howden, Co-Chairwoman

## **SAL NEWS**

The SAL would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Raffle this year. We would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets, especially Ed Holder who sold over 600 tickets himself besides helping sell tickets during burger nights and the night of the drawing. This was our best year so far.

The Raffle Winners were as follows:

1st Place - \$500 Cash – Chuck Pegley,  
2nd Place - \$250 Cash – Randy Rezmer,  
3rd Place - \$150 Cash – Angela Vaydik ,  
4th Place - \$75 Cash – Wayne McNett

To All SAL Members: The end of the year is fast approaching and your membership is running out. Please renew your memberships ASAP.

Mike Brandt, SAL Commander  
Brian Cashin, Financial Officer

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AT

SANFORD AMERICAN LEGION  
2080 NORTH MERIDIAN ROAD

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00 PM TO ?

FOOD, MUSIC, 50/50'S, AUCTION AND RAFFLES

This newsletter currently takes no paid advertisement. We currently have 256 email addresses that receive this local newsletter during the last week of each month with news about Berryhill Post 165.

If any members would like to advertise contact Pat Hanley at [theamericanlegion-post165@charter.net](mailto:theamericanlegion-post165@charter.net) . For those of you who have contacted me, a proposal will be presented at the February 4, 2009 regular Post meeting concerning both advertising & expanded hard copy newsletter format. Hard copy format will have a cost incurred in both dollars as well as volunteer help.

As 2009 membership cards are mailed to Legion members, Adjutant Hanley is enclosing a member data sheet, requesting members to return their email address, as well as updating/correcting items such as "branch of service" and "war era".

The cost to Berryhill Post 165 for this email newsletter is zero. If you are aware of a SAL or Auxiliary member not receiving have them send their email address to [theamericanlegion-post165@charter.net](mailto:theamericanlegion-post165@charter.net).

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