



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 364, WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

*Providing 50 Years of Golden Service to America's Veterans*



# All For One, Because One Was For All



History was made, once again, at "The Friendly Post" on Saturday, January 29th, when 20 new Sons of the American Legion, were initiated into Squadron 364, by Department Detachment Commander Chip Beyer. "This is the largest number of new Sons, I have ever had the privilege of initiating," said Commander Beyer, "this is very impressive."

Detachment Vice Commander A.D. Carter and Detachment Adjutant Scott Williams assisted in the initiation, and presented each new member with a SAL pin and an American flag. The Detachment Officers

stated they wouldn't have missed this Initiation for anything in the world.

The Detachment Officers were invited to perform the initiation by Squadron 364 Commander Jack Rike as a tribute to our very own Past Detachment Commander Matt Peters, who passed away suddenly on January 15th. "This was Matt's dream," stated Commander Rike, "we wanted to make this happen, just for Matt."

Squadron 364 was chartered in 1963. Over the years, the roster retained a healthy membership of 100 Sons. Commander Peters, along with Past

Department Commander Jerry Howard (a dual member of the Sons and Legion) were determined to keep the Squadron's charter alive. Alternately taking on the role of Membership Chair, they solicited new members, ensured each member renewed their dues and received their membership cards. As the membership numbers began to grow, so did the Sons interest in becoming an active Squadron.

And then it happened. In July of 2009, Squadron 364 invited the Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit members to their Installation of Officers. Jack Rike, Doug Caskey, Jason Caskey, Mark Clark, Wayne Hamilton and Sy Horowitz, stood side by side with Matt, to take the Oath of Office. The dream had become the reality, and thus, a new era of Squadron 364's service to the community, state and nation began.

"All for One", because Matt, was one for all.

*Squadron 364 has established a memorial scholarship fund in the name of Matthew L. Peters. Contributions can be made to "SAL Squadron 364 Matthew L. Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund", and sent to American Legion Post 364, attn: SAL Scholarship Fund.*

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

### Dan Condon, Commander



I want to catch everyone up on the beginning of another year, but first I'd like to give a special thanks to Wayne and Karen Hamilton for their

work on the annual Toys-for-Tots dinner. We had over 120 people in attendance and it takes a lot of work to put something like that together. Wayne and Karen worked really hard and did an outstanding job. This year we ended up putting 718 toys in the truck, the night of the dinner, to take to the distribution center. We also raised an additional \$1600 for Toys-for-Tots. Wayne and Karen had some help making the night a big success. As usual the food was wonderful thanks to the hard work of Sara and the entire kitchen staff. The Auxiliary ladies decorated the hall beautifully. I also want to thank the Sons of the American for their effort in raising a bunch of money for the event this year, especially Mark Clark. Mark's tireless effort made this year's Toys-for-Tots the best ever.

The rest of the month was filled with more giving. Between the Post, the US Vets Motorcycle Club and some individuals, many families at Ft. Belvoir and Bolling AFB did not go without on Christmas Day. Their generous gifts made sure that the families had a great meal on Christmas and the children had presents under the tree. I sure the families were grateful but I know the people that provided the gifts were rewarded even more.

We ended the year with big New Year's Eve party and help raise money for the Blue Star Mothers. This year we had an "American Legion Idol" karaoke contest. The 11 contestants competed for prizes and the title of Post 364 Idol. Randy Bower provided the music and the three judge panel evaluated the contestants. The judges were John "Randy" Oden, Lee "Paula" Harris, and Jim "Simon" Hawkins. They each played their roles perfectly which made the whole contest a lot of fun. Although we were having fun with the contest we were also raising money for the Blue Star Mothers. Kathy Bennett, President of the Fredericksburg chapter, joined us for the fun along with her husband Al. She also brought along her son Michael and new daughter-in-law Megan. In a joint effort between the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion we were able to give \$600 to Kathy and the Blue Star Mothers. Kathy really appreciated the donation and said that it would make a difference.

I would first like to remind everyone that hasn't renewed their membership to do so as soon as possible. With the inevitable fight over the budget next year it is more important than ever that Congress hears the needs of the veterans loud and clear. We can help in a small way by renewing your membership so that when the American Legion speaks, it's with 2.6 million plus voices. I would also like to remind everyone that we have two fundraisers coming up in February. First is the Dinner Dance for Landstuhl hospital. That event will be on Saturday, February 12. Please keep a

look out for more information on this event. The following Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, is our annual Broger/Chakurda Bowling Tournament. This is always a lot of fun and is a big fundraiser for the Post. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Also, I want to remind everyone that is will be the last edition of the POG that will be automatically sent out to everyone. We tried to cut out costs by reducing our mailing list with an Opt-Out list but did not get enough people to sign up. So in order to cut publication costs we are not going to automatically mail the POG to everyone. If you would like to keep getting the POG by mail please visit our website: [www.vapost364.org](http://www.vapost364.org) Click on Newsletter Opt-in and fill out the form, send an email to [vapost364@yahoo.com](mailto:vapost364@yahoo.com) or call the post at 703-494-4304.

The month of January ended on a sombre note with the loss of Legionnaire Jim McNelis, Sons Past Dept Detachment Commander Matt Peters, and Auxiliary member Gayle Buresch. All three of our Charters are draped in honour of these fine Post members. It is a sight I never dreamed I would see, and hope to never again. Also, PDC Jerry Howard, is recuperating at home; feel better soon, Jerry.

I want to commend the entire Post family for their strength of community in the care and concern given to our members' loved ones.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sherry Karlson, Unit President

The Post Family and friends rang in the New Year with an American Legion Idol Karaoke. Thank you to everyone who attend and help raise \$600.00 for the Blue Star Family of Fredericksburg.

January ended with a very sad note. We lost some dear friends to our Post in heaven.

Thank you for all who attended the Sons of American Legion initiation and the wonderful food that everyone contributed. Our Auxiliary members made an incredible donation to the Matt Peter's scholarship. If anyone would like to make a donation please see Jack Rike.

If you are able to receive the newsletter before the upcoming events this is what we have planned. February 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Americanism dinner and the Juniors will host a bake sale. So come out and enjoy a wonderful dinner and some

yummy dessert. As usual there will be Super bowl Sunday which is Pot luck on February 6<sup>th</sup>. On February 12<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a fundraiser for Landstuhl Hospital Care Project. The wonderful Van Galen band will be performing. The Landstuhl Hospital Care Project (LHCP) is a non-profit organization that provides comfort and relief items for military members who become sick, injured, or wounded from service in Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. Donated items are distributed to patients at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) in Germany, the largest American military hospital outside the U.S.; to field hospitals in Afghanistan and Iraq; and to VA facilities throughout the United States. Tickets are on sale at the bar- in advance \$25.00 a couple, or \$30.00 at the door. Single tickets are \$15.00, or at the door \$20.00.

In our February general member-

ship meeting we will nominate a Nomination Committee to bring forward our 2011-12 Slate of Officers.

So if anyone would like to add their name please see me.

We are collecting items to help our homeless veterans when they are given a new home. This project is called the Buddy Basket. *Please see the flyer on page 7.*

The January volunteer of the month was Dianne Cabot, for her wonderful job as Editor-in-Chief of the Post O Gram. The volunteer for the month of February is: Terry Brown. Terry is our wonderful Chaplain. She's had a very busy month. Even when she was sick, she was there helping our families with the loss of our beloved members. God gave us an angel in Terry. .



## Jammin with the Juniors!



On December 4<sup>th</sup> we had Toys for Tots. Santa came for it and his elf came too. And I rode a bike to the truck. The Jr's donated toys to the Marines, that cost

\$153. We had a great dinner and a band. There were five Jr's.

December 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our Children's Christmas party. We had a lot of children and parents there. My favorite thing was Santa and Mojo the Monkey. We had a lot of cards to give to the Senior Citizen's home. Santa gave the children stockings.

I had an awesome time at the Auxiliary and the Legion Christmas party. I left with a Santa hat that made music.

My goal is to get a lot of girls to come to my meetings. We will have a fun time and an awesome time too!

The Auxiliary will be having an Americanism dinner on February 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be please if my Jr's came to it.

Thank you,  
Amanda Oden,  
Auxiliary Juniors President

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—SQUADRON 364, DETACHMENTS' DISPATCH**

**Jack Rike, Commander**



**Attention SAL members** please review your membership card to ensure it is a valid 2011 card. If not the dues are listed below for 2010 members and can be mailed to:

Sons of the American Legion; PO Box 2121:  
Woodbridge VA 22195.

**Make checks payable to SAL 364.**

**2010/2011 Dues**

21 & older	\$25
13 thru 20	\$20
12 & under	\$15
Dual	\$10

If your membership card is 2009 or older please contact an SAL officer at (703) 494-4304.



**Matthew L. Peters**  
Past Department of Virginia  
Detachment Commander  
Member of Squadron 364

**THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Scott Burgess, Post Chaplin, *Yours in Faith***



*"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2 NLT)*

This month has been a month of personnel loss for so many. Yet after we have had time to mourn, after we begin to pick up the pieces of our lives, we shall rejoice. We shall rejoice in the Lord for that is our true purpose here on earth - to give all glory to God, to please God. Yet while we are here, we have the opportunity to share in each other's lives. We were so blessed to have had time

to share with Matt, with Jim, with Gayle, and with Betty. Through these times of sorrow it was amazing to see our Legion family was one! How we came together and shared in each other's pain, so many gave so freely; their love, their time, their hugs and words of encouragement. We are all so different, yet we are taught in 1Corinthians:12 that we are not unlike the parts of the body. To make

one whole body we need the ear, we need the hand and the foot. We have so many different personalities, backgrounds, ideas and thoughts yet we come together as one body in God and for God; sharing not only in each other's pain and sorrows but in each other's Happiness, in each other's Successes, in each other's Lives. By so doing, we are living and obeying the laws of Christ.



**The Family Circle** - special thoughts and prayers for our family members

**Convalescing**

Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald  
Sy Horowitz  
Jerry Howard

**Prayer Requests**

***Our troops through the world.***

The Family of Tipi Murray for  
Betty Jean Mileto

**Post Everlasting**

***On the wings of angels***

James McNelis  
Matthew L. Peters  
Gaylia April Buresch



# The Broger -Chakurda Bowling Tournament

## **Dinner**

**Post 364, Woodbridge**

**4:30pm to 7:00pm**

Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, rolls

## **Prizes Awarded**

### **& Karaoke**

7:00pm till....

**February 19, 2011**

**Bowling begins at 12noon**

*5 member teams (men, women or mixed)*

*sign up early!*

\$30 to bowl + \$5 dinner

## **Bowl America**

Occoquan Road, Woodbridge

**Addie Horowitz** e: [hooverangel@aol.com](mailto:hooverangel@aol.com) H: 703-670-8325 C: 703-963-7474

**Billy Broger** e: [BillyBro13@yahoo.com](mailto:BillyBro13@yahoo.com) H: 540-361- 4748 C: 571-437-0246



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# Buddy Baskets

Gift Baskets to  
Welcome Homeless Veterans  
To Their New Homes

## Recipe for a Warm Welcome:

Take 1 Laundry Basket  
or Waste Basket

Add:

- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 2 Rolls of Bathroom Tissue
- 1 Bottle of Window Cleaner
- 1 Canister of Scrubbing Cleanser
- 1 Packet of Sponges or wipes
- 1 Pair of Rubber Gloves
- 1 Small Dust pan w/ hand broom
- 1 Package of light bulbs
- 1 set Plate, bowl and cup
- 1 Shower Curtain (plastic w/rings)

And a Key tag

“Frost” with one big bow  
and *taa dah* a

Warm Welcome to a Veteran  
in their new home!



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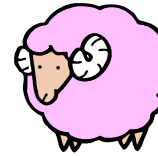
# February 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAL Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	2 Boy Scouts 7 PM	3 Junior Shooters 7 PM	4 Americanism Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	5
6 Bingo (Team 5) 2 PM – 5 PM Super Bowl Party And Potluck 5:30PM	7 Bingo (Team 6) 7:15 PM -10 PM	8 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Boy Scouts 7 PM	10 Junior Shooters 7 PM	11 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	12 Landstuhl Hospital Fundraiser 6PM 
13 Bingo (Team 7) 2 PM – 5 PM  USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	14 Bingo (Team 8) 7:15 PM -10 PM	15 SAL Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Boy Scouts 7 PM	17 Junior Shooters 7 PM	18 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  Karaoke 8PM-12AM	19 Broger/ Chakurda Bowling Tournament - 12PM 
20 Bingo (Team 1) 2 PM – 5 PM	21 Presidents Day  Bingo (Team 2) 7:15 PM -10 PM	22 Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	23 Boy Scouts 7 PM	24 Junior Shooters 7 PM	25 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	26 Girl State Interviews - 9AM SAL Polar Plunge – 12PM 
27 Bingo (Team 3) 2 PM – 5 PM State  USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	28 Bingo (Team 4) 7:15 PM -10 PM					



# March 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAL Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	2 Boy Scouts 7 PM	3 Junior Shooters 7 PM	4 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	5 Girls State Interview Snow Date
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13 Bingo (Team 7) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM 2011 Spring Conf	14 Bingo (Team 8) 7:15 PM -10 PM	15 SAL Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Boy Scouts 7 PM	17 Junior Shooters 7 PM 	18 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  Karaoke 8PM-12AM	19 Boys State Interviews - 9AM
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**Warren DiPerna - Bingo Manager - 571-239-7556**

Teams 1, 2 Bingo Manager, Daniel Eubank 240-993-6916

Teams 3, 4 Bingo Manager, Randy Bower 703-309-3800

Teams 5, 6 Bingo Manager, Doug Caskey 703-899-5332

Teams 7, 8 Bingo Manager, Scott Burgess 703-901-1321

*Sunday Sales start 1:00p - Monday Sales start 6:15p*

**Team 1 Sundays**

**Bob Fitzgerald (TC)**  
540-379-4664

**Chris McDonald (C)**  
256-408-1207

**Patricia Barr**  
703-910-6241

**William Dorsey**  
703-541-3122

**Diane Clark**  
703-497-3254

**Team 2 Mondays**

**Jim Hawkins (TC)**  
703-819-8465

**Raye Ferrington (C)**  
703-924-1150

**Brian Condon**  
317-696-3906

**Chris Thomaidis**  
703-232-0956

**Barbara Stevenson**  
703-670-8750

**Team 3 Sundays**

**Robin Oden (TC)**  
703-772-1653

**Chris McDonald (C)**  
703-595-9507

**Merle Bevenour**  
843-540-0498

**VACANT**  
**Anne Bower**  
703-494-1910

**Myrna Sanborn**

**Team 4 Mondays**

**Gary Lepore (TC)**  
703-303-0759

**Mel McGee**  
703-472-9157

**Gary Eads**  
703-216-2387

**Jack Chmielewski**  
571-594-0839

**Ted Zeunges**  
703-583-4966

**Jo Peters**  
703-680-0473

**Team 5 Sundays**

**Thom Karlson**  
703-730-2172

**Sy Horowitz**  
703-670-8325

**Addie Horowitz**  
703-670-8325

**Team 6 Mondays**

**Jack Rike (TC)**  
703-878-0331

**Pete Turner (C)**  
703-680-3068

**Mark Clark**  
703-314-4594

**Barbara Barnes**  
703-670-0753

**Team 7 Sundays**

**Cal Albers (TC)**  
703-670-9815

**Scott Burgess (C)**  
703-901-1321

**Chris Thomaidis**  
703-232-0956

**Patty Groves**  
703-730-1471

**VACANT**

**Mary DiPerna**  
571-239-7555

**Team 8 Mondays**

**VACANT (TC)**  
**VACANT (C)**

**USMVMC**  
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**USMVMC**

**Maureen Wessel**  
703-680-6003

**Bing  ..it's what we do.**



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<b>Club Hours</b>	
<b>Post Lounge— 703-494-4304</b>	
<b>Friendly Hours—Monday Thru Friday 3:pm - 7:00pm</b>	
Monday	3pm to 11pm
Tuesday thru Thursday	3pm to 10pm
Friday	3pm to 1am
Saturday	2pm to 1am
Sunday	12noon to 10pm

<b>Post 364 Dinner Menu</b>	
<b>Home Cookin'</b>	
Regular Menu consists of the following:	
Beer Battered Cod \$8.00 Butterfly shrimp 8.00 Scallops 8.00 Spaghetti 6.50 Steak 14.00	Hamburger w/FF 4.00 Cheeseburger w/FF 5.00 Choice of Baked Potato or French fries Choice of veggie Salad Bar
Child's menu:	Spaghetti \$3.00 Wing Dings w/FF \$ 3.50 Chicken Tenders w/FF \$ 3.50
<u>This month's Specials:</u>	
<b>All specials are \$8.00, except for <b>Steak - \$14.00</b></b>	



**Driving Directions to Post Home**

Take I-95 to Exit 158, Prince William Parkway. Prince William Parkway toward Manassas. Past Commuter Lot, bear right onto Caton Hill Rd. Turn Right onto Caton Hill to Minnieville (2nd Stop light). Turn Right onto Minnieville to Fowke Lane (about 200 yards). Turn Left on Fowke (used car dealer on corner) to Jenny Lane (Stop sign). Turn Left on Jenny Lane to Friendly Post Lane (about 100yds, 1st street on right) Turn Right on Friendly Post Lane. *Welcome home.*

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