



# Ron Asby Post 304 News

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*“There is always one more thing we can do to make a difference!”*

## COMMANDER'S NOTES

COMMANDER BOB KOZORA



Serving our  
Armed Forces Members



Well, here we are in to the month of November. Just where has this year gone? Before I forget, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving! The Post will be closed on Thanksgiving day to allow all of our volunteers to spend their day with their family and friends. October was certainly a good month for us, with Italian Night and Oktoberfest, as well as the Poker Run. Thanks to all who made each of these a success, Especially our head chef Jack Kimmich.

In case you didn't get to it yet, you will notice that on page 12, our Post Queen of Hearts jackpot is now over \$10,000. This is the last week of tickets selling for \$4.00 each, and if no winner this week, the price per ticket will go up to \$5.00. Good luck and you can't win if you don't enter.

Roger "Hurricane" Wilson is back to entertain tomorrow evening, the 2nd, from 6 to 9 PM. If you have not yet heard this Hall of Fame winner, with his remarkable acoustic guitar playing and singing, this is your chance.

Friday, November 9th from noon till 2 PM, the City of Kennesaw will be holding its annual Veterans Day Luncheon. Our Post supports this completely and will be doing the POW/MIA table recognition ceremony at the event. Always a great place to say hi to a number of veterans and enjoy the meal and honor our veterans.

Toodles (our smoker) is being readied for the 15th, the day that our BBQ team will be doing their job preparing some great smoked pork. The dinners will be served on Saturday the 17th. Tickets are \$12.50 per plate and available at the bar now. Choices will be BBQ Pulled Pork or a 1/4 Chicken Plate. Hope to see you there!

Lastly but certainly as important in that there is a pile of goods starting to grow in the Post dining room. All donations, mainly toiletries for those in southern Georgia, affected by Hurricane Michael, should be brought in soon so they can be delivered and used.

Thanks and God Bless!





# VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH  
12 NOON - 2 PM**

**BEN ROBERTSTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
2753 Watts Dr, Kennesaw, GA 30144**

**North Cobb American Legion Post 304, along with  
Kennesaw City officials and staff, will honor  
America's service men and women with  
a complimentary lunch. All veterans and  
active military service members are invited to  
attend. No identification will be required.**



**Questions? Call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation 770-422-9714**





**Ron Asby North Cobb Post 304 Legion Family**  
4220 S. Main St., Acworth, GA 30101

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bar-B-Que

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

**11 am – 6:00 pm    Public is Invited**

**\$12.50 Donation**

**Choice of Pulled Pork or 1/4 Chicken Plate**

**Bread, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw & Peach Cobbler**

**Water or Coffee**

**Tickets available at North Cobb Post 304**  
**Walk-ins are Welcomed**



## **BITS AND PIECES**

Auxiliary President Lynda Asby



I, along with my girls and their families, recently made a trip “home” to Kansas City, MO, for another family wedding. The kids and grandkids flew up for the weekend while I chose to drive so I could spend the week and to see my side of the family. You can do a lot of thinking on a road trip by yourself! Ron had a lot of music on his phone—playlists like oldies/country, Christmas, military, etc., so I played his music while I traveled. Of course, there were several songs that made me cry. Ones like Sonny & Cher’s “I Got You Babe,” and Wham’s “Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go.” But, there were three songs on the oldies/country playlist that got me to thinking about our veterans and their service. All those men and women who have put their lives on the line for us and our country.

Big & Rich’s “8<sup>th</sup> of November,” a song about a battle in 1965. Alan Jackson’s “Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)” a song about 9/11. Our thanks for what our veterans have done for us cannot be expressed enough. They served our country, in turn, we need to step up to honor/serve them. We can do that in a variety of Post/American Legion Family activities.

Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>, and there are many functions leading up to and following that day. Check out the Post web site to read about the various activities. Some are: North Cobb High School has a breakfast and program on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. Grab your favorite veteran and take him/her, you will not be disappointed. The Post and City of Kennesaw sponsor a lunch and program on November 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon—we need Auxiliary members (starting at 11 a.m.) to welcome the veterans and pass out name tags. November 17<sup>th</sup> is the Post BBQ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. We need all Auxiliary members to help serve one or two hours (or more!) during that time—the more, the merrier!

Oh, I mentioned there were three songs that got me to thinking about our veterans. The last one is Toby Keith’s “I Love This Bar.” Our veterans love the Post and the bar. It’s a wonderful place for everyone to socialize, have a meal with family/friends, talk with other veterans, etc.. The Post has a place just for you. Step up now, whether it’s a few hours a week, one day a week, even one day a month. Let us honor all our veterans by volunteering in the bar they love.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Remember, Auxiliary members have a connection. You are a mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandmother, granddaughter, great-granddaughter of a veteran, or you are a veteran. Whatever your connection is, we need you in our efforts to continue supporting our veterans. Come to our next meeting so we can hear what your connection is as a member of the Auxiliary.

Continuing the mission of serving veterans, the military and their families,  
Lynda

# The Adjutants Additions



We are now well into our 2018 – 2019 year, and although membership is steadily progressing toward our goal of 520 for the year, the pace has slowed down to a crawl. I reported our membership at 270 last month, and we currently stand at **289?**. That is a pretty small incremental change for a Post that has well over 500 members. If you have not already done so, we need you to complete your renewal as soon as possible.

## The American Legion Preamble (Part 1)

This month I am starting a 2 part series on the meaning of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. We recite it at the beginning of every general monthly meeting, but how many of us really understand the meaning behind the words in the clauses? Read on to find out.

**"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**

**To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."**

Each of the 10 clauses of the Preamble, though brief, has a world of meaning.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER...**This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors-and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

**TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...**The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms-went to wars-to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

**TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...**Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold

**TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM...**Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

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**TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS...**Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the un-erasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

**TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION...**Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward, are never finished.

**TO COMBAT THE AUTOOCRACY OF CLASSES AND MASSES...**This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass when this threatens. In a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, there are bound to both classes and masses. Indeed, the masses are composed of classes-but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations. There must be no hyphenated Americans-just Americans all.

**TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT...**All wars from the veterans of which The American Legion draws its membership were started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. If human freedom is not to perish from the earth, right must always be master of might. The rights of small nations must be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them-just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Our belief in enthroning right over might is the main essence of our ideological conflict with Communism today. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual. This concept is the basis of The American Legion's continued advocacy of a strong national preparedness so as to achieve the ideal situation that right will be backed by adequate might.

**(Stay tuned for Part 2 in the December newsletter.)**

## Thoughts from our Senior Vice Commander

October was a busy Month at the Post, Roger Wilson played 2 nights, we had Italian night, Octoberfest and an ALR Poker run. November 17<sup>th</sup> is the annual BBQ, one of the large money makers for the Post, so save the date and bring some friends. Better yet bring lots of friends and let's make it a sellout event.

We are continuing to sign up new members and getting renewals 2019. We want that 100% Ribbon. This month if you are on the list of unpaid members you will be getting a phone call reminder from me, so to save yourself from that agony get in and pay your dues, or pay them online. Unpaid members will be dropped from the rolls on Jan. 1 and will lose their continuous years.

With the help of my daughter we now have a table full of BDU style pants and shirts for sell in the dining room. The pants are dark blue and the shirts are black. They are great for work clothes. The pants make great cargo shorts when cut off. Best of all they are only \$5 per piece.

**Christmas presents!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We have several walkers and 2 wheel chairs gathering dust in the storage area, so if you know someone who would benefit from them please contact Greg our Service Officer.

We still need volunteers to work in the kitchen or take a day as cook, if you can help see the Commander or Henry so they can schedule a training day for you.

Keep checking <https://post304.org/> to see the monthly calendar as new events are added from time to time.

Your attendance at the General Meeting is always appreciated so stop in Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting starts at 7PM, last food order is 6:15.

Remember a Post is only as strong as its members.

Jim Smith  
Senior Vice Commander

## Notes from our Jr. Vice Commander of Programs



Hello to All, Lots going on around the Post. Wreaths Across America is up and running. Donation jars are at the Post so please try to remember to be generous towards this worthy cause.

Our annual Barbecue is only a couple of weeks away. We'll be serving delicious (Dave Sibley assures me it will be the best ever) barbecue on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at the Post.

It's time to start thinking about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino Night. The date is February 23<sup>rd</sup> and we're expecting another sell-out. Tickets will go on sale mid-November so be sure to get yours. Great fun, delicious food, a silent auction, and tons of raffle prizes are in store. This was a HUUUUgggge (hat tip to our Commander-in-Chief) success last year and we expect a repeat performance.

Chuck Polk is once again masterfully directing our oratorical contest and it is on budget, on target, and bound to be another great experience for the young folks who participate. Thank you, Chuck.

Dan Harr and I met with the folks at Acworth Parks and Recreation to discuss our participation in their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The plan is to partner with Culver's Ice Cream at the event with a share of the proceeds coming to the Post. I'll keep you posted as plans solidify.

The Post has been asked to host an Oktoberfest type beer and bratwurst tent at next year's Taste of Acworth. Plans are still in the early stages but this could turn out to be a significant fundraiser for the Post. We will be meeting with the folks at JRM Management in November to discuss further. Take note, we WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to both cook the brats and to serve the beer. I'll keep you posted as we go forward.

One more thing on a different note. Please be sure to exercise your right to vote next Tuesday. If you don't vote you can't complain and that takes all the fun out of politics.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kimmich  
Jr. Vice-Commander, Programs



This month I'd like to post a special notice

## ATTENTION

### ALL MEMBERS OF NORTH COBB POST 304



We recently reached out to District 2 of the American Legion. We have offered assistance to this hurricane-stricken area. We have offered personal care items such as nail clippers, razors, tooth brushes, etc. to be delivered to a local Post. If more or something else is needed, we will endeavor to find out and let you know.

We are calling on the American Legion Family here at North Cobb Post 304 to stop by the Post over the next two weeks to drop off donations of personal care items. They can use razors, shaving soap, shampoo, body lotions, etc. At this time of the year let us open our hearts and wallets to help our neighbors to the south. If you don't have anything to donate we can always use a dollar or two and volunteers will purchase additional supplies at the local Dollar Store.

To remind you of a few of the lines we repeat every month from the preamble of our constitution:

**“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and Nation ...**

**To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”**

The American Legion has been and continues to be an unparalleled force in these United States for social betterment. American Legion's original concepts and its ideal of devotion to mutual helpfulness started 100 years ago, and influenced the whole social climate of America. You can see that today in many of the benefits we as veteran's and citizens have today. The American Legion Preamble has been the beacon light of The American Legion for more than 100 years. Let us help to maintain that beacon of light.

We will be contacting District 2 to set up a delivery date shortly. Ask the bartender for the donation jar or the collection box. Please bring in your donations as soon as possible and drop them off at the Post. We will be asking for one or two volunteers to join me to take the drive to deliver our donations.

If you have any questions, contact Greg Vassilious at (609) 915-9646.

Your Service Officer



**Go to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website to be able to review all of the benefits available to you as a United States Veteran at <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>**

Additionally, for assistance your local **Georgia Department of Veteran's Affairs** would be glad to help you with this as well as other matters pertaining to your veteran's benefits.

Georgia Department of Veterans Services  
320 W. Cherokee Ave.  
Suite 105  
Cartersville, GA 30120  
(770) 387-3746

[www.veterans.georgia.gov](http://www.veterans.georgia.gov)

*Want current information on Veteran's Benefits and legislation come visit my page on Facebook - North Cobb 304 Veteran Services Officer - I update this site frequently with information from various sources to keep you updated as to the latest news, trends and assistance on the benefits you earned while serving*



"This guy  
plays some  
great Blues!"  
— Les Paul —

# ROGER HURRICANE WILSON

APPEARING LIVE!

*American Legion #304*

**Friday—November 2nd—6 to 9 PM**



*Our foodbank donations are back. At the end of each month we will be taking our donations to a local food bank. Please give what you can ... stop by and drop off your donations.... to each monthly meeting make it a priority to bring non-perishable items ... each time you come bring a can of food so that others may eat.*



*For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'*

[Deuteronomy 15:11](#)

Support Combating PTSD by playing  
Find the  
**Queen of Hearts**  
Jackpot now at **\$10,248.00**



**Drawings: Sunday's at 4:30pm**

Ticket donations are \$4.00 each

**Available now!**

Complete Rules of the Game available at  
the bar in LZ304

**25% of each weekly ticket donations goes to the  
Combating PTSD Fund.**

**Multiple chances to win besides the Jackpot!**



# **A Little Different Night**

## **Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM**

**Aberlour** *Oak & Sherry Cask* – Highland 12 years old at 43%

**Balvenie** *Founders Reserve* – Highland 10 years old at 43%

**Glenfarclas 105** – Highland 12 years old at 60%

**Glenturret** 104 of 244 – Highland 28 years old at 51.8%

**Oban** *Double Matured* – Highland 15 years old at 43%

**SMWS Port Dundas** 1 of 182 – Grain 18 years old at 55.2%

**Bowmore** – Islay 17 years old at 43%

**Bruichladdich Waves** – Islay 9 years old at 46%

**Bunnahabhain** – Islay 14 years old at 43%

**Bunnahabhain** – Islay 26 years old at 57%

**SMWS Laphroaig** 1 of 318 – Islay 8 years old at 58.2%

**SMWS Laphroaig** 1 of 140 – Islay 18 years old at 54%

***Tastings are all donated and a donation jar will be there.  
All proceeds go to the Post!***

## **November Birthday's**

Make sure you wish them the best!

2—Evelyn Bratcher  
3—William Culverhouse  
5—Dalton Arrington  
6—Steve Chighizola and Duane Reagan  
7—Daryl McGill, Luther Edwards and Keith Sharp  
8—Farris Titshaw  
10—Derek Easterling  
11—William Basnett and Anthony Butler  
12—John Ross  
15—Patrick Cowart  
16—Joseph Agosto  
17—Howard Kanour  
18—Robert Whitlatch  
19—Paul Goulet and Richard Ray  
22—Robert Buford and James Carr  
23—John Davis  
25—Robert Ludwig  
26—Jesse Windsor, Warren Heine and Claude Mock  
27—Lamar Owen  
28—Jaye McKinney-Rheal and Fain Scott Sr  
30—Veronica Dace

*If we missed your Birthday, please let us know so we can update our list.*



Kiwanis Club Meeting is every Wednesday at 11 AM

ABA Morning Jolt Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

# NOVEMBER 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				ALR Meeting	Roger "Hurricane" Wilson 6 PM	Taste of Kennesaw
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time		Lions Club Meeting			Veterans Day Luncheon Kennesaw	Malt Tasting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day		SAL Meeting	Auxiliary Meeting	E-Board Meeting		Post BBQ
				General Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Lions Club Meeting	Roger "Hurricane" Wilson 6 PM	Thanksgiving Day		
				POST CLOSED		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1