



Ron Asby Post 304 News

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"There is always one more thing we can do to make a difference!"



NEW COMMANDER'S NOTES

COMMANDER JOHN DOWDY

**Serving our
Armed Forces Members**



I want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

In a few more weeks, I will be taking the oath of office for our Post. Hard to believe the time is already here. I'm looking forward to working with our Executive Board and the Leaders of ALR, SAL and the Ladies Auxiliary.

I'm pleased to announce that Dave Sibley will get the BBQ Team back to work. Looking at doing a Rib dinner in August. If you want to join the team, just contact Dave.

There will be changes coming from the Kitchen!

Try our new Chicken Tenders. Also we are offering Sweet Potato Fries. Beginning in July Dwight will be offering a Tuesday and Thursday combo of a Hamburger and Fries for \$6.00.

Don will be working on Saturday night and offering a Hot Dog or Polish Sausage and fries as his special combo.

We'll be working on special drink prices from the bar. The Post needs your support. It cost \$210.00 per day to keep the doors open. That's why we need you to be there.

Your support of Steak night is awesome. Keep up the good work.

I'll close for now God Bless and see you at the Post.

John

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Your Legion Post Officers for this coming year:

Commander—John Dowdy

Sr. Vice Commander—Open

Jr. Vice Commander Social Quarters—Don Akers

Jr. Vice Commander Assembly Hall—Todd Wilson

Jr. Vice Commander External Property—Alan Finch

Jr. Vice Commander Programs—Jack Kimmich

Past Commander—Bob Kozora

Adjutant—Open

Service Officer—Greg Vassilious

Finance Officer—Ed Jackson

Judge Advocate—Doug Middleton

Chaplain—Michael Smith

Sergeant at Arms—Alan Finch

Sergeant at Arms—George Tymchyshyn

Historian—Open

Wishing each of you a blessed and productive year!

PAST COMMANDER'S NOTES

PAST COMMANDER BOB KOZORA



Well here it is July and time for me to step in to the Past Commanders role and support our new Commander, John Dowdy. After being at the helm for a few years, it is a happy yet sad occurrence, but I know that John will do well with his team.

Over the past few years, I attempted to continue the dream that Ron had and I believe I did the job fairly well. I know that everyone didn't agree with all of my decisions, but that's life. I gave it my all and hope and pray that it was enough. It was the best I could do and certainly have to thank a wonderful team that supported our post along the way.

Had the pleasure of watching the resurrection of the SAL under the direction of Danny Townsend, and have nothing but congratulations for what he has done. Likewise, I was able to see growth in both the Auxiliary and ALR during this time, with everyone becoming a complete family, working together toward the same end goal.

The sorrow over the past few years has been great, with the loss of a number of our best friends and brothers. God willing we will all continue with the dream and vision that has brought us this far.

I know some things will change and I only wish the new family of officers nothing but the best. We have laid what I believe to be a solid foundation over the past few years, let's hope and pray that all of the family working together can build a solid platform on the foundation and expand the love and fellowship that we so richly need.

Thank you for all of your support!

God Bless!

Bob



BITS AND PIECES

Auxiliary President Lynda Asby



It is now July; the summer is slowly slipping away (mainly because school starts August 1st!) and the 4th of July is almost here. How do you plan to celebrate? The people of America have been celebrating freedom from the British monarch for the past 233 years with parades, fireworks, picnics, reunions—patriotism at its best. The Asby family started celebrating the 4th in 1952 at their small home with a gathering of family, neighbors, and close friends. That lasted for 61 years! Even when people moved from the neighborhood, or the “young kids” got married and had kids of their own, they would always know where to go to celebrate the 4th—it was always a standing invitation. Sometimes there would be 100+ people at the celebration! Everyone would bring food to share, and there was always volleyball, frisbee, games & sprinklers for the kids, the never-ending horse-shoe tournament with a traveling trophy and finally fireworks to end the day. But, the most important part was starting the festivities with recognition of all those who had served our country: those in attendance, those serving away from home, and those who had passed on. Each name was called with their branch of service, rank and where they served, it was a very humbling experience. Over the years, The National Anthem was played from a recording, by instrument (sax & trumpet), danced to, or sung by our niece. The children in attendance would march in waving small flags ahead of a veteran bringing in a large flag to be placed high on the garage, a prayer would be said, and all would say the Pledge of Allegiance. We love celebrating our freedom and it could not be done if not for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our great country. Thank you to all who have served and those who continue to serve.

The Auxiliary has some exciting news to share with all. First, Mary Zellely works with all the local high schools to encourage girls to attend Girls State. We sponsored two local high school girls this year, Jessica Mclendon and Audrey McNeal. Jessica proposed a bill to Congress at Girls State and it passed. Audrey was elected Senator and then she was chosen to go to Girls Nation. We are excited for both girls and their accomplishments and we look forward to seeing them do great things in the future!

Also, one of the projects the Auxiliary collects money for is to assist with the training of service dogs for veterans. We recently presented a check to Star of Life K-9 Support Training, which is a local, non-profit organization that matches a veteran suffering from PTSD with a service dog.

Working together we will continue in service, not self,
Lynda

Happy Birthday to our Auxiliary members in the month of July:

2nd - Christine Kozora
3rd - Lynda Asby
4th - Catherine Kooyman
12th - Lisa Dickerson
16th - Shelley Elder
19th - Mary Zellely
31st - Jennifer Day

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](#)



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

ROGER HURRICANE WILSON

APPEARING LIVE!

American Legion #304

Friday—July 12th & 26th—6 to 9 PM



**Bushmaster XM15ORC-OR
AR-15 Semi-Automatic Rifle with 30 Round Magazine
Retail Value of \$740
Tickets \$10 each**



**Taurus G2C931-10
9 mm Pistol with 2 x 10 Round Clips
Retail Value of \$280
Tickets \$5 each**

**Tickets available at the bar!
Drawing will be held when 100 tickets are sold for each weapon**

Winner responsible for proper licensing

Quotes for Good™

Acworth American Legion Post – Onboarding

Agent Contact Information:

Agent Name: David Grant-State farm
Office Phone Number: 770-428-2893
Office Address: 2571 Baker Rd., ACWORTH
Donation Month & Year: July 2019

Donation Guidelines:

- A \$10 donation will be made for all Auto, Fire, and Life quotes we receive from people as a result of your organization's referral.
- A \$10 donation will be made for all other **Choose an item.** quotes our office generates for your organization.
- Donations will be made on a per household basis.
- For the quote to qualify, **the individual cannot be a current State Farm customer, but please refer friends and family to help support this organization.**
- Be sure to instruct individuals to mention Quotes for Good and your organization's name when they stop by/call in to our office.
- For individuals calling our office for a quote, they must call during business hours which are 9-5, M-F.

Social Media Recommendations:

Agent Facebook Information

Agent Twitter Information

Agent LinkedIn Information

- Use social media to market the Quotes for Good initiative through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.
- Please tag our office in your social media posts. **Note:** We are not on Instagram.
- We encourage posting throughout the month and feel free to share what our office posts as well.
- We recommend using the hashtag #HereToHelp.
- Feel free to encourage friends and followers to "like" our page. This will help to further develop relationships and help your followers stay current on our giving.
- Examples:
 - "For the month of July, stop by or call @David Grant– State Farm Agent, to get a quote and mention [organization name], and in turn, they will donate \$10 to our organization! No purchase necessary. Be sure to share with your friends!"
 - "Only 30 days left to help support our cause by getting a quote from @David Grant– State Farm Agent! They will donate \$10 for every quote they provide when you mention our organization's name through the end of the month. Be sure to share with your friends!"
 - "Our goal is to raise \$ 1000 this month through this initiative! You can help us reach this goal by stopping by or calling @David Grant– State Farm Agent, to receive a quote today. They will donate \$10 for every quote they provide when you mention our organization's name. Be sure to share with your friends!"
- Things to **AVOID**:
 - Do not tag @StateFarm social media pages.
 - Do not use State Farm as a hashtag (e.g., #StateFarm).
 - Do not use the word "partnership" or any variation (e.g. partner, partnered with, etc.); recommended words and phrases are "relationship," "collaboration" or "teaming up with."

Spread the Word:

- Tell everyone associated with your organization about Quotes for Good. Have them reach out to friends and family to encourage them to stop by or call to get a quote and mention your organization.
 - Post and distribute flyers around your community.
 - Consider an email to your followers and/or members

Support We'll Provide:

- We'll tell prospective customers about our Quotes for Good collaboration.
- We'll post on our social media page(s).
- We'll post flyers in our office and around the community to help spread the word.

Neighborhood of Good®





Support Combating PTSD by playing
Find the
Queen of Hearts
Jackpot now at **\$877.00**

Drawings: Sunday's at 4:30pm

Ticket donations are \$2.00 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!

**Playing Queen of Hearts is available ONLY
to members of the Post 304 Family!**

July Birthday's

Make sure you wish them the best!

- 1—Joe Seagle, Carl Weinberg, Gilbert Dailey and Westley Gridley
- 2—Jere Akin
- 3—Arlo Pitstick Jr and Haven Johnson
- 4—Keith Lay
- 6—Jeremy Brey
- 8—Robert Davis Jr and Keith Kelchner
- 10—Larry Ayers, Neil Galloway and Lonnie Monroe
- 11—Grady Hester
- 12—Bob Kozora
- 13—Donald Dihel
- 14—William Fogarty, Robert Hughes and Robert Hodnett
- 15—Robert Bell
- 16—Laurel Chapman
- 18—Daniel McCarthy and Kenneth Stith
- 19—Edward Christie
- 20—Charles Barton
- 22—William Schuler
- 23—Albert Selvaggi
- 24—Carl Kruger, Michael Anthony and Michael Willis
- 27—Benjamin Asby
- 28—Joseph Fuller
- 29—Charles Holmes



June Happenings

Kiwanis Club meets at the post every Wednesday at 11 AM

ABA has their **Morning Jolt** every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Lions Club has their meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's

Every Monday evening is a Dinner Special starting at 5 PM

Monday Poker Night starts at 7 PM

Wednesday Steak Nights—5 to 8 PM

4th—POST CLOSED

11th—**ALR Meeting** at 7 PM

9th—**SAL Meeting** at 7 PM

12th & 26th—**Roger “Hurricane” Wilson**
entertains in the Assembly Hall

17th—**Auxiliary Meeting** at 7 PM

18th—**Legion Installation** 7 PM

Please take some time to join these events and support your Post!