

## **JULY – AUGUST NEWS LETTER**

### **POST & UNIT REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Post and Unit regular meetings are Tuesday, July 6 and August 3. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Invite friends and family who are eligible to become members of the Legion family. Dinner is served at 7:15 PM and we meet at 8:00 PM. The cost for dinner is only \$5.00 per person. Offer a member who doesn't drive at night a ride to the meeting.

### **PULL TABS**

**THANK YOU!!!!** if you are one who saves pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Please remember that only aluminum tabs are acceptable. If you question whether or not it is aluminum either check with a magnet or do not include. Post 40 carried 163 pounds of tabs to the Department Convention in June. From across the state 6,800+ pounds were collected.

### **AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

Please check the Calendar of Events for the balance of the 2010 schedule. It is really a shame that more members do not come out to just show support for the young men who are representing us. Thanks to two of our Auxiliary members (Sherri & Brenda) who have worked the concession trailer. Thanks to John for spotting foul balls and Dale for working the gate. There are others who helped, Ronnie and Tom announcing, Mark doing whatever needed, Nancy operating the scoreboard to name a few. The kids just need more than their parents in the stands rooting for them.

### **ANTIQUA TRACTOR & EQUINE SHOW**

Post 40 with the CCRF Board of Directors taking the lead, will sponsor the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Antiqua Tractor and Equine Expo on Saturday, August 7, 2010. The profits from the event will go to the fund to construct a museum building to house early 1900's farm equipment that was used by our forefathers here in northeastern NC. The work in progress plans call for antique tractors on display, in a parade and a drill team demonstration. The Currituck 4-H has taken the lead to put on an Equestrian Gymkhana, fun and games on horseback. There will be a plowing and planting demonstration with draft horses, an antique hay baling demo and much more. Admission to the day's events will be free but donations are appreciated. There will be Pork BBQ plate sales and hamburgers and hot dogs available. Help is needed to sell BBQ plate tickets and to work concessions. Don't be afraid to volunteer.

### **SHRIMP FEAST**

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Shrimp Feast, sponsored by our SAL Squadron 40 will be Saturday, September 11, 2010. Tickets will go on sell in mid July. Profits from the Shrimp Feast are used to help fund American Legion Baseball sponsored by Post 40. There will be plenty of food, fun and music. Get your tickets early.

### **CHOWAN COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR**

The CCRF dates are September 28 thru October 2. Now is the time to be getting your exhibits ready. This year's theme is "Growing Better Communities". One of the programs associated with this will be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". In co-operation with Farmer's Foods and Food Lion we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. There will be a "Food Pantry Drop Off Booth" by the gate entrance. Encourage your friends and family to support this effort to help our neighbors who are suffering through difficult times. Let your family and friends know they can save \$3.00 per ticket by buying their admission tickets in advance. Gate admission this year is \$18.00 (\$15.00 in advance). For all information about the fair and other Post happenings go to [www.chowanfair.com](http://www.chowanfair.com).

### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDER'S FALL RALLY**

The American Legion Riders Chapter 40 will be hosting a Legion Rider's Fall Rally on October 8 – 10, 2010. All you bike riders can start spreading the word. A preliminary flyer is being distributed to get the word around.

Activities are in the planning stage but will include a Beach Ride on Saturday, October 9, a Pig-Pickin', camping, Cornhole, music Friday and Saturday nights and a breakfast on Sunday morning. If you own a bike and want to join the Legion Riders you can get an application at the Post. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more details go to [www.chowanfair.com](http://www.chowanfair.com).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The 2011 Legion year starts July 1. If you have not received your dues notice as yet you will soon. Don't lay it aside with the thought that you will get to it next month. **BE AN EARLY BIRD**, go ahead and write that check for \$30.00 and drop it in the mail or by the Post. There is a lot of energy expended on membership renewal that can be better spent on promoting the programs of The American Legion that Post 40 sponsors and supports. Numbers make a difference when our State and National leaders appear before our elected representatives. Please mail your renewal now so that more time can be spent on the other programs.

## **FREE ACCIDENTAL LIFE INSURANCE**

When your 2011 membership card is mailed, included will be a form to be filled out and sent to LIT to activate your free accidental life insurance. It is your responsibility to complete and mail this form to get the free insurance coverage. The coverage will remain in force thru 2016 as long as your annual dues are paid by August 31. Should your membership lapse you will then have to complete another form to reactivate.

## **MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP**

Commander Green has set Sunday, August 15, 2010 beginning at 3 PM as Membership Roundup. Activities are being planned and will be announced at the July and August regular meetings and by email for those who have provided their email address. There will be pork BBQ on the grill plus trimmings for dinner. Members of the Post 40 Legion family eat for free if their 2011 dues are paid.

## **FLAG RETIREMENT**

There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, July 15, 2010 just prior to sunset (approximately 7 PM). If you have flags that need proper retirement please drop them by the Post or bring them with you as you come to observe the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

## **CLUBROOM**

Your clubroom is one of the finest private clubrooms in the area. If you haven't visited lately you should drop by. You can order soft drinks if you prefer. It is the friendship and relaxation that is important.

## **BINGO**

Bingo provides vital income so that Post 40 can sponsor and support many worthwhile community concerns. Volunteer help is critical in providing customer service to the players. If you can give 4 hours one Monday night a month it will be greatly appreciated. Just show up about 6 PM and training is free.

## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Sons of The American Legion are the sons and grandsons of Legion members or of deceased veterans who were members or eligible to be members of The American Legion. If you know someone that meets this criterion please encourage them to join SAL Squadron 40. Annual dues are \$15.00 for 21 and over and \$7.50 for those 20 and under. Squadron 40 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Post 40. The 2011 membership starts July 1. Mail your renewal to SAL, P.O. Box 390, Edenton, NC 27932.

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

The American Legion Auxiliary is comprised of the female relatives of American Legion members and of deceased veterans who were eligible to be members of The American Legion. Female relatives included wives, daughters, granddaughters, sisters and mothers. For those ladies of your family that are not members it is hoped

that you will sign them up in Unit 40. Annual senior dues (18 and over) are \$15.00 and junior dues are \$5.25. Unit 40 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. The Unit and Post eat dinner together and then hold separate meetings

## **LEGION COLLEGE**

It is late but not too late to register and attend the NC Legion College that will be held July 9 and 10, 2010 in Clemmons, NC. Registration is \$15.00, motel room rate is \$69.00 and the Friday night banquet is \$25.00. If you have a desire to learn more about The American Legion then this is an excellent opportunity. You can get an application at the Post or go on line to [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org).

## **HONOR WALL**

These are ongoing programs. The Honor Wall is for pictures of any service person, living or deceased, with any Chowan County connection. If you moved to the area then you and your family members have a connection. Haurice and Shirley Toppin are the lead for this project. They will return your original picture once it has been scanned into the computer. Be sure to included information on how they can get the picture back to you.

## **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

Dale Wright is the lead for acquiring Memorial Bricks and placing them at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial. You can get an application at the Post. The cost of the bricks is \$50.00 each. Bricks can be placed for any veteran, living or deceased.

## **E-MAIL ALERTS**

If you want to be kept aware timely of Post 40 happenings, of members who have passed or are in the hospital and other important going ons, then you need to provide your email address to Bud Stinson at [buds27t@hotmail.com](mailto:buds27t@hotmail.com). Bud sends out a weekly calendar and other alerts to keep members in the know.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**American Legion Baseball** – Check email alerts for play-off status of both the Junior and Senior Teams.

Sun, July 4 ----- Independence Day – Ceremony @ 2 PM – Old Chowan County Court House

Mon, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 ----- Bingo

Tues, July 6 ----- Post 40 & Unit 40 Reg. Mtgs.

July 9 & 10 ----- NC Legion College

Tues, July 13 ----- SAL Reg. Mtg.

Thur, July 15 ----- Flag Retirement Ceremony

Tues, July 20 ----- Post 40 Exe. Comm. Mtg.

Wed, July 21 ----- CCRF Board Mtg.

Tues, July 27 ----- 40&8 Reg. Mtg.

Mon, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 ----- Bingo

Tues, Aug. 3 ----- Post 40 & Unit 40 Reg. Mtg.

Sat, Aug. 7 ----- Antique Tractor & Equine Expo – Pork BBQ Plate Sales

Tues, Aug. 10 ----- SAL Reg. Mtg.

Sun, Aug. 15 ----- Membership Roundup

Tues, Aug. 17 ----- Post 40 Exe. Comm. Mtg.

Wed, Aug. 18 ----- CCRF Board Mtg.

Tues, Aug. 24 ----- 40&8 Reg. Mtg.