



The Reveille – June 2018

Schedule of Events:

Jun 8 - Sons of the Legion Steak Night

Jun 16 - Sunset Flag Retirement Ceremony

Jul 4 - There is no Post meeting [See Jul.21st]

Jul 4 - Beach Concession Stand for fireworks

Jul 13-15 - Department of Mississippi Convention, Natchez, MS

Jul 21 - Installation of Officers.

Aug 25 - Elvis will be “in the Post” ???

Post 77 Updates:

.... **The Elected Officers for FY 2019:** The following Officers were elected at the June Post meeting and officially take office at the Installation on July 21st:

Commander = James LaFleur

Vice Commander = David Walker

Adjutant/Finance Officer = Gary Geoffrey

Chaplain = Tony Rivolo

Judge Advocate = Russell Voorhies

Historian = Mark Moore

Sgt-at-Arms = Greg Poindexter

[4] Executive Committee = James Alphonso, Johnny Kersanac, Alvin Pittman, Sr., & Mike Wester.

.... **Sunset Flag Retirement Ceremony:** - A sunset Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, June 16th. All members are encouraged to attend and the public is invited. The Knights of Columbus from St. Clare Catholic Church Council will act as the Honor Guard.

.... **Chaplain Report:** - Chaplain Johnny Kersanac [228]-263-5136.

.... **2nd Friday of the Month “Steak Night”** The Sons of the Legion “Steak Night” continues to be a successful venture as they continue to adjust the date for maximum return. The next steak night will be on Friday, June 8th from 1700-1900hrs.

.... **Post Honors Local School Teacher** – Holy Trinity sixth grade teacher, Ms. Maria Crosby was honored by our Legionnaires as the “Post 77 Educator of the Year” for her dedication in teaching her students about current active, retired, and veteran military personnel and their dedication to upholding the American Legion motto, “GOD & COUNTRY”. She received a plaque and a check for \$250.

Ms. Crosby competed in and won the Department of Mississippi Educator of the Year. She will attend and receive her awards at the Annual Convention in Natchez, MS., to include a plaque and \$1,500. She will then move on to be competitive in the National Competition.

.... **Veteran Memorial Bricks** – Did you know that the Veterans Memorial on the beach has a large number of bricks that were designed into the original concept to be engraved as memorial bricks? We are in the process of securing those bricks and soon they will become available for purchase. It appears the price for a ‘Memorial Brick’ will be in the \$50 category. Plans for special sections for KIA, MIA, POW, etc. are yet to be determined. Monitor your Facebook page for more details as they become available.

.... **Beach Concession Stand for 4th of July Celebration** – The Post is planning on operating a stand on the beach for Waveland’s 4th of July Fireworks Ceremony. We will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, sodas, water and desserts. Commander LaFleur will be in the booth, and could use some help. Let him know if you can help out, even if it’s for an hour or so.

.... **Van for Veterans** – While it has been a long time in the planning and development stage, the “Van-4-Veterans” is planning on a “roll-out & get acquainted” tour starting July 1st. The purpose of the “Van” is to assist veterans who need transportation to medical appointments. More details will be available as the newly painted van makes its introductory tour among the supporting veteran organizations in Hancock County.

.... **ELVIS in the Post** – A play on the words, “Elvis is in the House”. We are planning on an excellent Elvis impersonator to put on a show in the Post on August 25th. He is scheduled to be on stage from 8-10pm. [Maybe longer]. The tickets will become available following their printing at \$10. [WHAT A DEAL!] You may bring your own beverages and food, and the Unit will have set-ups and ice. So come out and enjoy a wonderful evening with ***ELVIS***.

.... **Editors Note** – If you are reading this copy of the “Reveille”, it means you are on Facebook: **American Legion MS Post 77**. Spread the word to others and share telling them how to get our Facebook page, so that they may be better informed. You are always welcome to make comments on

the Facebook page. You may also contact the Editor by email: MSPost77PastCommander@yahoo.com.

Please let everyone know that the Facebook page has become the primary means for the Post to be able to get out information about the Post and Post activities.

With the addition of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron and more active Executive Committees in both the Post & the Unit, we are becoming involved in more and more activities. One thing that will further improve our combined affect is more membership participation. Let's not burden a "few good men & women" to do all the work for us.