

THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAVANNAH POST 135 912.233.9277

1108 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

May 2010 Newsletter

CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS

Most of the members we have had on sick call are mending well. Please keep the Post informed of any membership sickness or hospital visits. If you would like a visit from the chaplain please give me a call at the Office 233-9277 or on my cell 687-4099 God Bless all.

- Ervin D. Smith Chaplain

HISTORIANS CORNER

There was so much curiosity stirred up by last months article concerning the ownership of Forsyth Park and surrounding properties that we have decided to not give you our slant on these highly puzzling phenomena. We will let you look for your self. Break out your handy computer and go to the site:

<http://sagis.org>

Your next step will be to attend our May meeting (5/6/10) for a lively discussion on all this. Where would YOU put an elevator, anyway?

- Historian Jeb Newton

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary Ladies. Thank goodness, spring has finally arrived in Savannah. Every where I look I see beauty, the azaleas are blooming all over the city and the trees are turning green. This is my favorite time of the year.

The Auxiliary poppy sale, which was on April 3, 2010, was successful. We had eight people show up to help at the Wal-Mart located in Pooler, to include the Commander Bob Letcher. My appreciation and thanks goes out to all who came out to help.

Shirley Caines, our Auxiliary treasurer, had shoulder repair surgery on Thursday April 8, 2010. Please remember her in your prayers. Charlotte Fordham has back problems; please say a prayer for her speedy recovery.

A little reminder to my ladies at Post 135, as long as I am President of their Auxiliary, I will not tolerate anyone saying hurtful

comments about each other in the meetings. This has happened several times and I would like for it to stop. We need to get along and work together to support our Legion, service personnel, veterans and their families. Our unit is not a social club.

Ladies, please put on your thinking caps and help the Auxiliary decide on a project to raise money for our unit and present it at our next meeting.

The district meeting will be May 2nd, 2010 in Tybee Island, GA at Post 154. We need everyone to attend this meeting, if possible.

- President, Connie Smart

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WOULD LIKE EVERYONES ATTENTION

Do you know someone who is eligible for SAL membership? Sign them up!

All male descendants, adopted sons and step sons of members of the American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during:

- WW I (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
- WW II (12/7/1941-12/31/1946)
- Korean War (6/25/1950-1/31/1955)
- Vietnam War (2/28/1961-5/7/1975)
- Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/1982-7/31/1984)
- Op. Just Cause - Panama (12/20/1989-1/31/1990)
- Op. Desert Shield/Storm (*8/2/1990 - A date to be determined by the U.S. Government)
- **US Merchant Marines eligible only from 12/7/1941 to 8/16/1945**

*Because eligibility dates remain open, all members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join the American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

Proof of eligibility (a copy of the sponsor Veterans DD-214, and/or American Legion Membership Card) will be requested at time of application. If you cannot get a copy of the

Veterans DD-214, we will be able to help you retrieve it.

Why Join?

Different people have different reasons for belonging to organizations. For many, membership in the Sons has allowed them to become involved in American Legion programs alongside their fathers or friends. Others belong out of respect for their Parents' and grandparents' service to our country in the military. Many younger members get involved and learn valuable leadership skills involving organization, public speaking, negotiating, budgeting and fundraising skills. Membership in the SAL also provides individuals with opportunities to forge lifelong friendships with people who share a common bond.

Membership forms are available at your Post. If you have any questions concerning membership, please contact SAL Membership Chair, Jerry Eastridge, at 912-412-3628. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION – POST 135

PRESENTS

**RICHARD S. BARID, ATTORNEY AT LAW – SPEAKING ON
BENEFITS FOR VETERANS**

AND

WIDOWS OF VETERANS

The American Legion – Post 135

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You are invited to a

Special Community Service Presentation

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7pm OR Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7pm

(Tea and Coffee will be provided)

Reservations Required - Call (912) 233-9277 to reserve a seat.

Seating is limited for each event. Please call today to reserve.

Are you, your parents or other family members a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran?

- With 90 days of consecutive, active military service, 1 day served during wartime?
- With a discharge of any kind other than dishonorable?
- Do you need help paying for Assisted Living, Nursing Home Care or In Home Care?

If you can answer yes to these questions, then you should attend this presentation!

Our team will review your financial situation and assets to assist in your qualification

Learn how you can...

- Qualify for little known, little used VETERAN'S BENEFITS...

Of up to \$23,388 a year TAX-FREE!

- According to a VA estimate, only one in seven of the widows of Vets who could qualify for the pension actually receive the monthly checks.
- A VA study says that the veterans generally "are completely unaware that this program exists."
- The VA knows that many veterans and widows are missing out on this benefit.
- Only **1%** percent of veterans and widows receive this pension.

Richard S. Barid, of Smith Barid, LLC – Attorneys at Law, has alerted Seniors, Veterans & their Widows to apply for benefits that can **INCREASE YOUR INCOME, Tax Free**. Mr. Barid will discuss these topics and more at this workshop. Richard is a much sought after speaker and has helped many people become aware of benefits they can receive through the Department of Veterans Affairs..

Join Us. Maximize Your Benefits!