



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## HISTORIANS CORNER

Below is shown a proposed inscription for a historical marker, to grace the front of our post. There are members that think this marker should go up. Other members disagree: they say the facts presented just aren't true. What do you think? Send your thoughts on these facts and that marker's erection to Past Commander, Jeb Newton, Post Historian in care of the Post Adjutant. We need your thoughts for our next article.

### Proposed inscription for the historical marker:

## CHATHAM ARTILLERY ARMORY

Organized in 1778, the Chatham Artillery has served in numerous campaigns, included Iraq and Afghanistan. In 1912 the unit purchased this lot for its new Armory. Hyman Wallace Witcover executed the architectural plans. America's foremost architectural sculptor, Lee Oscar Lawrie, sculpted Witcover's eagle over the entrance, the building being completed in 1914. on 6 October 1918 372 soldiers of the Coast Artillery Corps from Fort Screven, Georgia, died when their troopship, the S.S. Otranto, sank en route to France. Most had trained in the dummy forts in Park Extension across the street from this Armory. In 1933 World War I veterans organized Otranto Post 135, American Legion, in commemoration of the tragedy. On 28 January 1942, while the Chathams were undergoing combat training, what became the Eighth Air Force organized its headquarters here. Upon their return from Europe in 1945, the Chathams were deactivated as the 230<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion and sold the Armory to Post 135, American Legion.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary Ladies, Here we are almost into September and it's really hard to believe; where has the summer gone? The auxiliary ladies are already making plans for our annual Christmas dance at Post 135. Mark your calendars for December 11th.

Ladies, the time to pay our dues for 2011 is already here. Our auxiliary dues are \$20.00 this year; they have gone up five dollars. Please pay your dues as soon as possible and try to recruit a new member for our auxiliary at Post 135. Our meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 7:15pm and dinner is at 6:15pm. Come join us and see for yourself how dedicated we are to our charities, service personnel, families, and our veterans.

Please remember Kathleen Linton in your prayers. She is still not well enough to attend our meetings. Kathleen is a very dedicated Post 135 auxiliary member. Get well soon Kathleen, we need your help.

- **President, Connie Smart**



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