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The Newsletter For April 2015

**Post monthly meeting** Will be on Tuesday April 14th at 7pm social hour starting at 6pm  
**E- Board Meeting – Thursday April 2nd at 10am.**

**E- Board members: Bud Waite, Bud Shropshire, Manuel Goes, Larry McCarter, Don Lennon.**

### **Commander's Thoughts**

It is hard to believe that it's actually spring, and the winter of all winters is finally behind us. The snow will be gone soon and it will be time to clean up the yard and wash the car or truck. We will pick a date sometime soon to clean and spruce up the Legion grounds so any help from our members will be appreciated. As you all know, the rear porch roof collapsed under the weight of the snow, luckily no one was underneath when it came down. We are also fortunate that the Millis Lions Club has volunteered to remove the debris and work on building a new porch for us. The debris has already been removed and hopefully the new porch will be constructed soon. I also want to mention and thank the many Millis citizens and groups that have volunteered time, effort and expense helping us at Post 208. It shows how much we are appreciated and what a terrific community we have here in Millis.

Don't forget that every Thursday morning we meet for coffee and conversation and our next Post meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 dessert, meeting at 7:00.

**Mark Slayton, JV Commander Post 208**

**130 - Club**

The team leaders had a meeting and decided the following as being the best interest of all members:

1. Forgo the January dinner due to the weather.
2. Set a tentative date for the June dinner-6/20/15 starting at 5pm. Weather permitting, this may be a cookout. Otherwise we will purchase the food at Roche Bros.
3. At the June dinner-we will double up on the cash drawings – i.e.: 2 @ \$500, 2 @ \$100, 4 @ \$50, and 8 @ \$25. In addition, there will be two Afghan drawings. All balls will remain drawn so as to offer more members a chance and we will start with the \$500 so every member has an equal chance. All members are reminded that your number must be paid up to the current date in order to be eligible for the drawings.
4. At future dinners we will draw 1 @ \$500, 1 @ \$100, 4 @ \$50, and 8 @ \$25. All other aspects of the drawing will be the same as #3 above.

**Alan Burch**

### **Chaplains Thoughts**

My mind has been on the recent plane crashes. I pray that God will be merciful to those whose lives were taken so abruptly and so violently. There are accidents and violence many places and everyday, and innocent people lose their lives. There is constant news that leads us to believe the world is drawing further away from God and if it is true then we can anticipate worsening troubles. Among the things we should do is pray for our friends, neighbors, families, and our Military men and women. God be merciful to us all.

**Alan Burch - Chaplain**

### **Civil War**

150 years ago on April 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee surrendered his 28,000 troops to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Thus ended the American Civil War, also known as the war of rebellion or the war of Northern aggression. In just 4 years over 630,000 American soldiers died, more than all other wars in American History combined. The South lay in ruins, thus began reconstruction. Less than a week after the surrender, on April 14<sup>th</sup> John Wilkes Booth assassinates Abraham Lincoln at Fords Theater. Booth an actor and Southern sympathizer believed his deed would make him a Southern hero. 12 days later on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Booth is hunted down by Union Calvary and shot dead while hiding out in a barn.

**Submitted by Mark Slayton Post 208**

## **Happy Spring**





