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MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER - OCTOBER 11th and 25th, 1957 8:30 P.M. SHARP

THE COMMANDER SOUNDS OFF

ALL THE CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ARE OVER FOR THE 1957 SEASON, BUT MOST OF US WHO PARTICIPATED IN THEM WON'T FORGET THEM FOR A LONG TIME. IF YOU BEAR WITH ME FOR JUST A MINUTE I'LL SAY SOMETHING ON THE SUBJECT - I PROMISE I WON'T MAKE IT TOO LONG.

For the benefit of those of you who did not attend the National Convention at Atlantic City, I would like to say that you certainly missed something. Legionnaires and their families came from all parts of the World. Some came as Delegates and to attend the meetings, some came for the BIG PARADE that was held on the boardwalk, some also came to spend a vacation at the sea shore. I know who ever had the opportunity to attend certainly had a grand time.

The serious side of the Legion affairs is naturally emphasized more and more as membership increases. The American Legion was founded in 1919. At the end of 1956 it had a membership of almost 3,000,000 in 17,337 Posts. The Veterans of WWI are now in their fifties and over, and a great number of them are still as active as ever. Some of the oldtimers are starting to fade away, why don't you younger veterans come on down to the post and get acquainted with some of them?

Those who follow the activities of the Legion only at a distance would be amazed at the scope of its activities, from the local community upwards. The Legionnaire conceives it his duty, as a citizen and a patriot, to take leadership in all that will keep his Nation strong, and build the character of youth. That being so, his interests range far and wide. This fact, and the vitality of the membership is reflected in the number of resolutions sent in by the various posts, through the Departments, to be acted upon at the National Conventions.

I could go on and on, but I said, I would only take a minute of your time. You, as a member of the Legion, get The American Legion Magazine every month, well turn to page 28 of the October issue - there you will see and read The American Legion Story in comic book form. Very good reading, don't pass it by.

1/ ELKS-GRENNIE POST 316 is a part of the great American Legion. We could be a strong Post -- we have the members. Why not come out to the meetings? A BIGGER attendance would create a GREATER INTEREST in the many activities your Post and the American Legion have to offer.

I would like to mention that if any of our members have not received the Legion lapel button, you can get one by seeing me at the next meeting, that will be the second Friday in October. THE DATE is the 11th.

Legionally yours,

Louis J. Somma

LOUIS J. SOMMA
COMMANDER

1958 DUES

At the meeting of September 27th, 1957, it was duly moved and seconded that the annual dues for the year commencing with 1958 be increased to \$6.00. The motion was carried without dissent.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to our ranks, the following new members: Frank Alfred DePilli, 1066 Targee Street, S.I. 4; Anthony Joseph Caccese, 52 Belfast Avenue, S.I. 6; Joseph J. Barone, 9 Eltinge Street, S.I. 4; Arnold Graham Munroe, 114 North Burgher Avenue, S.I. 10; and, as a re-instated member, Bernard Anthony Veneziano, 11 Wenlock Street, S.I. 3.

IN MEMORIAM

During the past month another member, Jacob J. Zimmerman, passed on to his reward. A delegation from the Post paid its last respects and conducted Memorial Services at Meislohn Funeral Home. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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1958 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN OPENS

With this issue of the K-G NEWS, our campaign for the new year starts. It is extremely important that the dues for the current members be paid before January 1, 1958. This will save the Post considerable money, since delaying membership only requires postage for subsequent notices, not to mention the fact that it takes

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up the time of the Membership Committee, which could be better spent in obtaining new members. Enclosed is a return envelope addressed to the Membership Chairman, Joe Miller. Kindly forward your check or money order to him, in the sum of \$6.00, made payable to EKLLS-GRENNIE POST A.L. #316.

D O I T N O W ! ! ! ! !

The second phase of the National Membership Campaign is known as the WALLET CAMPAIGN. You will find enclosed a membership application blank, which, incidentally, shows on the reverse side, the dates of eligibility of members. All American Legionnaires are being asked to carry an application form in their wallet and to be on the lookout for potential members. Our Post's Membership Campaign this year is going to stress new members. We need them desperately to carry on the activities of the Post and to give it "a shot in the arm". Look around your immediate circle of friends, and we are sure you will find a veteran who has never been asked to join the American Legion. Show him the Preamble of the American Legion Constitution on the back of your 1958 Membership Card, and explain to him the many activities and benefits of the Legion. We are sure you will not have to sell him on the idea. Forward the completed application, together with the current dues, to your Membership Chairman and we will take care of the rest. Every member, without exception, is expected to do his part to swell our membership and thereby restore its vigor and spirit.

\$ 1.00

SPECIAL

NOTICE

\$ 1.00

Y'ALL COME !!!!!

TO THE FALL PLAY PARTY at
KELLS-GRENNIE POST
SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 9th, 1957 at 8:30 P.M.
BEER SNACKS GAMES DANCING

WEAR YOUR OLDEST, COMFIEST CLOTHES

AND HAVE SOME F U N !!!!!!!

4. YOUR SERVICE OFFICER SPEAKS by Leo D'A Balbach

CHANCES IN FAMILY STATUS: If you are receiving a VA benefit there is a good chance that changes in your family status may change the size of your monthly VA check. That is true for veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 50% or more, for disabled veterans taking rehabilitation training, and for veterans going to school under the GI Bill. As an example, say you are a Korean vet with no dependents at time of starting school, you will receive a VA allowance of \$110 a month. If you marry, you change your status by adding a dependent which means the VA monthly allowance will be increased to \$135.00. When your first child is born you acquire another dependent and your VA check will be increased to \$160.00 a month..BUT..before you receive any of these increases, you must inform the VA of these dependents by presenting to them certificates of marriage or birth or both as the case may be. If you will contact me I will be able to get the necessary documents for you and present same to the VA for you.

MEDICAL: Immediately upon separation from military service a veteran may find it advisable to undergo a complete medical examination by a doctor of his own choice. This examination is suggested even though each veteran receives a physical examination immediately prior to discharge. Records of a private physician may prove very valuable in basing a claim for VA benefits either now or at a future date. Approval for medical treatment at government expense should be obtained from the VA before the treatment is actually rendered. In case of emergency, VA may be contacted by telephone to obtain prior approval. In the event it is not possible to obtain prior approval and unauthorized medical treat -

ment is rendered, a claim for reimbursement may be submitted to the VA. The following four conditions must exist in order for the VA to pay for unauthorized medical treatment in civilian hospitals or other medical facilities or by civilian physicians: (1) The claim must be for the treatment of a disease or

MEDICAL - continued injury shown to be service-connected by the VA or for the adjunct relief of an associated non-service-connected condition determined by the chief medical officer of the VA as aggravating a service-connected disability; (2) The Treatment must have been rendered in a medical emergency; (3) Government facilities must have been not feasibly available; (4) Delay in treatment must have been considered to have been hazardous.

VETERAN ADMINISTRATION CHECKS: Checks for VA compensation, pension, insurance, and other benefits now may be forwarded to a person's new address if he or she has filed a regular change of address notice with the Post Office department. Formerly, VA checks could not be forwarded by the Post Office Department, they had to be returned and were remailed when the person receiving the benefit filed a change of address with VA.