

Harding-Blaine Post 321

“Flagship of the Fourth District”

Member of TEXALPA and NALPA

A Tribute to Frank Sinatra Presented by Paul Salos, Post 321

In support of our Post Building Fund



On October 9th, which is the Post 321 Honor Guard Steak Night, we will have a special event in the Dining Hall.

Paul Salos, a member of our Post, makes a living singing Frank Sinatra songs at many events around the world. Paul has performed numerous times in Las Vegas, New York City, Reno, and Atlantic Beach. Recently, he was contracted to perform for a wedding in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Last year, on the TV Show **AMERICA'S GOT TALENT**, Paul placed 6th in the TOP 10 performers on the show, singing his Sinatra songs. When Paul is singing Sinatra, all you have to do is lean back, close your eyes, and listen.... and you'll be enjoying the crooning of Frank Sinatra, O' Blue Eyes!!

Tickets for this event are only \$ 10 per person, and if you wish to come early and enjoy one of the Honor Guard's perfectly cooked Rib eye steaks, along with a baked potato, salad and desert, you can purchase **BOTH for only \$ 20.00 per person**, which is a discount on the steak dinner.

Tickets can be purchased at the bar, or at the door. For this event **only**, the Honor Guard will be moving their serving time up a half hour; we'll take orders commencing at 5:45PM and start serving steaks at 6:00PM. Last orders will be taken at 7:30PM so that we may clean up and get ready to welcome Paul at 8:00PM for his show. Proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the Post Building Fund to help cover the costs of making the necessary repairs to our building.

PLEASE COME EARLY TO SUPPORT OUR POST, AND ENJOY BOTH A GREAT STEAK DINNER AND THE SINGING OF FRANK SINATRA, AS PERFORMED BY PAUL SALOS, A POST 321 MEMBER.

*For God & Country,
Fletcher Sharp, Honor Guard Commander*

Non- Smoking Event



Service Officer

I have been a member of American Legion Post 321 for a little more than 2 years. Of that I have been privileged to serve about half of that time as your Service Officer. I have always been wondering why we can not get more members to support both post functions and attend the various post meetings. The post and all its Officers are here to support its members. I just wish that those with ideas would help us get better by either attending their monthly meetings or use the suggestion box which is located next to the canteen entrance. We can only get better if we can somehow get all members become part of the solution. We all know that the current economy has hurt the post in many ways. This is not the time to give up but to roll up our sleeves and figure out how we can make money for the post and continue to support our various activities. This not only includes our support for the "Meals On Wheels" but the main reason we are here is to support our veterans. During the month of October we are celebrating the 90 years the American Legion has been in existence. I believe that by establishing a database of our members email addresses I can keep our members current on any changes to the news letter and any problems our members might have. In turn this will allow me to become a point of contact for your ideas improving the post. There is no such thing as a stupid suggestion. I am sure we all want the same thing

and that is to prove that Post 321 is the "Flag Ship" of the 4th District. Please send your email address to mrjimlabelle@yahoo.com.

Jim Labelle

Chaplain's Thoughts

Our Chaplain Miguel Romeu, has taken on some personal responsibilities, which will take up more of his time. As a result, I will be standing in for him as the Chaplain. We should all be thankful for Miguel's faithful service here at Post 321.

As I am writing this, I am reminded of the Four Chaplain's Sunday, which we recognize early next year. We as people on this earth go through life coming from all walks, all faiths and many varied backgrounds. As we endeavor to make our Post a more successful organization, we should learn and apply what went on that night the Dorchester was torpedoed. She was full of men being sent to Europe to fight for the freedom we enjoy now. As she was torpedoed and was sinking, the Four Chaplains freely gave their life jackets to four others. As the ship was sinking, the survivors stood with arms locked and sang praises TOGETHER, which is something we should all take to heart and follow... let's lock arms and use our varied backgrounds to work together and make our Post what she should be...a fully functioning organization with the help and faith of all men, women and children here at Post 321.

*For God, Country & Veterans,
Charles Scholander, Chaplain*

Elected Officers 2009-2010

American Legion

Commander	Terry Cloninger
1st Vice	Larry Lawson
2nd Vice	William Bray
Adjutant	Jim Williamson
Asst. Adjutant	Bob Allison
Finance Officer	Jeff Armstrong
Chaplain	Miguel Romeu
Judge Advocate	Fletcher Sharp
Historian	Carey Augustine
Service Officer	Jim LaBelle
Sgt-at-Arms	Mike Carlock
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Exec. Committeeman	Dennis Ott
Past Commander	Steve Cockerham

American Legion Auxiliary

President	Charlie Dew
1st Vice	Linda Wilmeth
2nd Vice	Lynn Marie Johnson
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Treasurer	Lavada Newell
Chaplain	Bernadine Smith
Correspond. Sec	Phyllis Price
Historian	Cheryl Styers
Sgt-at-Arms	Cindy Bray
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Melissa Davis
Executive Comm.	Cindy Oldroyd
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Commander	Abel Silva Jr.
1st Vice	Eddie Olivera Jr.
2nd Vice	Jimmy Gray
Finance Officer	Jay Terwort
Adjutant	Ray Hartline
Judge Advocate	David Dew
Chaplain	Jeff Saul
Historian	Larry Cobden
Sgt-at-Arms	Jimmy Jackson
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Franklin Nagy
Liaison	Fletcher Sharp
Past Commander	Bryan Vinson

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Director	Larry Lawson
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Secretary	Liz Pitts
Treasurer	Kimberly Potter
Chaplain	Michael Horak
Historian	Jorja Morgan
Sgt-At-Arms	Randy Rouse
Membership	Wendy Rouse
Communication Chair	Wendy Rouse
	Liz Pitts
Run Coord.	Allen Pitts

Membership

Org.	Goal	Paid	%
AL 10	1020	559	54.80
ALA 10	194	65	33.51
SAL 09	213	149	69.95



UNIT 321

The Fall 4th District Membership Tour was held on Sat. Sept. 15th. I must inform you all the 4th District Auxiliary was the winner in collecting membership that day. I heard it straight from the District Commander's mouth! So way to go members of the ALA for having the most membership turned in! I would also like to remind you of the dues increase that will begin on Dec. 31st. Please renew and sign up new members prior to that date to get the cheaper membership dues.

As most of you are aware, I had the opportunity once again to attend the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention which was held in Louisville, KY. The convention was very informative and enjoyable. I wanted to let everyone know that my husband, David Dew was given the nod, and is now currently the leading candidate for National Commander, Sons of The American Legion and will serve in that position 2010-2011. We would like to thank all of you that have supported his quest for this high office.

The Bonham VAMC Holiday Carnival will be held at the medical center on Thurs. Oct 8th starting at 5PM. If you would like to attend this fun event, and help those veterans that are confined to the hospital, please contact Lavada Newell. I am

sure that there will be several cars traveling to Bonham, so you can hitch a ride. It is always very rewarding to attend this fun event.

The 4th District Fall Convention will be hosted by MIA Post 231 in Pottsboro/Lake Texoma from Oct 16-18th. I hope to see a large group from our American Legion family attend this convention. Plans for the year per Unit will be presented. It is a wonderful place to get and share ideas on ways to work the programs of the American Legion. It is also a great place to meet people from other American Legion Families around the District. If you have not attended a District Convention you do not know what you are missing.

ALA Unit 321 will host their annual Children's Halloween Party on Sat. Oct 24th starting at 2PM., Everyone is welcome. Fun is always had by everyone. Again, please remember to renew your membership.

*For God, Country & Veterans,
Charlie Dew*

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 24, 2009 the Children & Youth committee will host our annual children's Halloween party at our Post home, 1236 Ave. J.

Children of all ages will be dressed up in their favorite costume and enjoy games, hot dogs and treats provided by Harding-Blaine American Legion Family. We will be selling hot dogs to the adults for \$2.00.

All children are welcome please come out and enjoy the fun starting at 2:00pm.

We would love to accept your donations of candy for the "Trick or Treat" bags and cakes for the cake walk, please have at our post home by October 24th. If you have any questions please call Melissa Davis, Liz Pitts, or Lavada Newell.

*Thank you,
Melissa Davis
Children and Youth Chairman*



Oktoberfest

10/10/09

Garage Sale starts at 8 a.m.

Leroy Warner Pool Tournament

12 p.m. till ???

Starting at 3 p.m. we will have bratwurst & sauerkraut

Jello Shots

Wheel Spin for drink chips

50/50 Drawing

Entertainment by "The Vault"

One last hoorah for the chili cook off committee benefiting Collin County Meals on Wheels

Come on out and contribute to this great cause, we've had a great run at this so let's finish off with a bang!!!





Squadron 321

Hello Legion Family! Well, did you survive the Chili Cook-off? It was a Great Success. Our thanks go out to the Chili committee for the hard work and commitment. It was a job well done. October is here so we have football coming out our ears, we have hunters gone on weekends, and we have lots to do. October 8th is the Carnival for the Bonham VA Vets in Bonham. Those who would like to come out and help, please do. The veterans sure do have a great time. The American Legion Auxiliary and the S.A.L. are doing the Brunch on the 18th of this month at 10:00 am. If you have never been to a brunch here at the post, you owe it to yourself to come and try it. It is Delicious! I mentioned football, specifically Monday Night Football. The S.A.L. has TAIL-GATING SPECIALS every Mon-

day night beginning at 6:30 pm. We have had tacos and nachos, beef stew and corn bread, etc. Price: \$4.00. Can't beat that! Come join us. If you would like to volunteer to do a Tail-Gating Special for Monday Night Football, contact Larry Cobden for myself and let us know your menu and what night you want. We will help you if need help. Come out and have some fun and watch some football. Proceeds go to S.A.L. programs during the year. The S.A.L. and the American Legion Auxiliary, in a joint effort, will be working together to get our juniors from both entities more involved and have more activities for them. Just a reminder, the ALA Juniors have a dinner every 5th Friday of the month. That is Friday, Oct 30th. I would like to remind all S.A.L. members that this year's cards are in and we would very much like to have you pay your dues promptly. Please see Ray Hartline or myself for your renewals. Don't forget our Friday Night dinners on the third Friday of each month. We appreciate your support and we promise you a good meal.

*As always,
For God, Country and Veterans,
Abel Silva, Jr. Commander*

U.S. Senate Passes Resolution making September 16, The American Legion Day

Nothing describes the role of The American Legion more beautifully than its preamble to its constitution, which is recited by its members at the beginning of every official meeting.

For God and Country, we associated ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the Master of Might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to Posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

“Are you ready for some football?”

Monday Night Football



Come on up to the Post and watch the game. We will have some good food provided by the SAL. When the SAL is cooking no matter how the game goes the food will ALWAYS be good!!!

Nominal Charge

Post Poetry

Honor, Duty, Country

My Bible states, God is spirit and we must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The truth of the spirit is; that God is life; thus, we are to worship life more than death.

As a Christian I believe the spirit is of more value to God than the flesh. Spirit and life are identical twins that come from the womb of God. They are joined at the hip and cannot be separated. To honor life is to honor God. To honor death is anti-God.

Since to honor life is of greater value than there is in honoring death then, how does a Christian soldier honor the life god has given to him?

There are two kinds of culture in this world. There is the culture of death and the culture of life. Their God says I want your death: our God speaks; I want your life. These words have an immense spiritual difference. Their God says suicidal death is an honor to me; our god says, to take your life by suicide is dishonor to me. They honor death, we honor life. The greatest honor they give to their God is their death; the greatest honor we give to our God is our life.

Both of these concepts have a vast spiritual difference.

During the Second World War the Japanese soldier lived by the code of Bushido. This code was death before dishonor. To lose in battle was a dishonor; to surrender was a terrible dishonor. Better to die than live with such shame. Their honor became their deity. In this terrible war we had one out of a hundred prisoners of war die in German camps; in the Japanese camps thirty-three out of one hundred died. The spirit of honor to the Japanese is the spirit of death to any who surrender. They revere

and worship this spirit of honor. Honor was then and in many ways still is today their deity.

Now we face a new enemy who also worships upon the altar of death. It is radical Islam. They say we love death more than life. We cherish dying and the giving of death more than life itself. Their death God is different than our life god. There is no such thing as innocents; all are subject to their death god. Men are suicide bombers, women are suicide bombers and children are suicide bombers. All, all are subject to their death God. This culture of death demands total capitulation; submit or die.

But, I claim our God of life has a greater spirit than their God of death. We honor life so much that no greater love can a man show than to lay down his life for another. The American soldier honors life so much that he will give up his own so that you may keep yours. No greater love for life can be given. When his brother dies on the field of battle; when that life has left that body: that body has become a temple that is so sacred to them that they will give up their own lives to bring that temple safely home. That is how sacred that life was and is to them. It is life, the spirit of life, and not of death, that makes them the finest fighting force in the world. Our soldier's God is a God of love and life. His enemy's god is a god of hate and death.

Our God is greater than their God. Our soldiers are greater than their soldiers.

*William Wick
AL Post 321 Member*

American Legion
P_{aid}U_pF_{or}L_{ife}
1/2 price drinks every
Saturday 10am till 9pm

Members Birthday's October 2009

1. Robert Castillo, Gary Kirkwood, Scott Lacagnin
2. Thomas Bunten, Rudy Crane, George Hoge, Gregory Lombardi, Bobbi Roberts, Janet Sjoln
4. Jimmie Feagins
5. Teddy Mumaw
6. Tommy Brossard, Chris Gallucci, Kenneth Garrey, Nina Oldroyd
8. George Lindenberg, Ralph Smith, Brendan Kennedy, Michael Witgen
9. Mark Cunningham, Thomas Mckitrick, Melvin Wall
10. Thomas Baker Jr, Darlene Doherty, Albert Hixon, Mark Holguin
12. Samantha Howard, Carlos Lerma, Melody Odle, Robert Willich
13. Richard Bazan, Lewis Houts, Alta Markus
14. Franklin Adams, Ernest Brantley, Edward Brashear
15. David Easson Jr, Brittney Fears, Olden Kash, Steven Padgett
17. Charles Scholander
18. Allen Brown, Pamela Hutson
19. Harry Allred, Terry Field, Gladney Kemp, Eric Russell
20. Patti Littrell, Lance Pennington
21. Kerry Evans, Elaine Russell, Kenneth Weseman
22. John Childers
23. Steven Brown, Jennifer Clayton
24. Paul Goppert, Mary Lavallee, Hal Parker, Rafael Rodriguez, Dorothy Smith, Richard Stein
25. Charlane Dew
26. John Blue, William Brownson, John Webb
27. Steven Brzezinski, Bruce Collins, Lindsey Foley, Robert Huggett, Monica Spinn
28. Kenneth Applegate, Thomas Patton, William Robinson
29. Matt Davis, Rachael Davis, Jo Kathryn Dixon, Andrew Hale, Kathy Tackett
30. Wayne Hansbrough

If you see any error on this list, contact : Adjutant at 972-423-5423

DAVID DEW FOR SAL NATIONAL COMMANDER 2010—2011

Numbered
Belt Buckle
\$25.00 Donation



Pins
\$3.00 Donation

VA Warns of Phone Prescription Scam

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is warning Veterans not to give credit card numbers ever to callers claiming to update VA prescription information. It appears our Veterans have become targets in an inexcusable scam that dishonors their service and misrepresents the VA. No one from the VA ever calls Veterans to discuss financial information over the phone. The VA has not changed its procedures for dispensing prescriptions nor ask for the Veteran's credit card number. Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free, 1-877-222-8387

Trivia

Q. Who won First Place in this year's Chili Cook-off?

(See Bartender for answer)

The 2009 Edition of VA's Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors is now available on-line. The booklet outlines many programs and services provided by VA and other federal agencies. It also includes Internet addresses, toll-free phone numbers and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The booklet can be found at: www.va.gov/opa/current_benefits.asp. The space between current and benefits is an underscore. The underscore is the key next to the 0 key using the shift key. It is the same key as the dash symbol only using the shift key to get the underscore symbol. Since you will now only receive this news letter I would like to send out an email of any changes to the calendar. This will also include the status of our members. To do this I will need your email address. If interested in receiving this info please email me at mrijimlabelle@yahoo.com. Don't forget that Halloween falls on a Friday this year and the kids will be out so watch your speed while driving

Recipe of the Month

Juicy Lucy Burgers

Minneapolis taverns are famous for serving a sandwich they call the Juicy Lucy, a moist beef burger stuffed with American cheese.

Serves 4

- 2 slices hearty white sandwich bread, torn into rough pieces
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 ½ pounds 85% lean ground beef

Straight from the grill, the cheesy center of the juicy Lucy will be molten hot. Be sure to let the burgers rest for at least 5 minutes before serving.

-To keep the cheesy center in place, create a double-sealed pocket by wrapping a chunk of cheese inside a small beef patty and then mold a second patty around the first.

-Grilling the burgers over medium heat fully cooks the burgers and melts the cheese inside. Adding a "panade" (a mixture of bread and milk mashed into a paste to the ground beef keeps the burgers moist and juicy).

-To avoid a burger "blowout", completely seal in the cheese. Don't worry about overworking the meat, adding milk and bread to the ground beef ensures tender, juicy burgers every time!!!