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I hope everyone is doing well! Things seem to be looking up because everything is much better here. We had a very successful time at our American Legion Post for our July 4th Veteran's Appreciation Day. There was a great turnout as we celebrated with good food, a special band, and lots of fireworks. It was an enjoyable time for all who attended.

We did receive some very sad news this week. A long-time member and very good friend of mine, Robert Hackney, passed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 29, 2021, starting at 6:00 pm. We will have our installation of new officers during this meeting. A good meal is planned, so come out and join us for a good time.

We will also have a very important vote that will come up at this next meeting. The new chapter of the Legion Riders has requested to reopen the bar. This request will come up for a vote from our members - so be sure to be here and let your vote count.

For God and Country,

John Wilson
Commander

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

VA Program Brings Cancer Care to over 50,000 Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Precision Oncology Program was launched in 2016 to bring targeted, personalized cancer care to veterans. Additionally, the program standardizes precision oncology in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Precision oncology assesses genetic and molecular information to diagnose and treat cancers. This information is then used to personalize treatment and medicine tailored to a patient's individual cancer. Precision oncology improves patient outcomes while reducing side effects from cancer-treating medications and overall improves the quality of life for cancer patients.

As the largest integrated provider of oncology services in the United States, VHA diagnoses more than 200 new cases of cancer each day and provides cancer-related care to more than 50,000 veterans annually.

Another effort by VA to help close the care gap for veterans is the expansion of VA's National Oncology Program teleoncology access. In 2020, VA announced it is working with the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation to build new programs that enable VA oncology specialists to provide veterans access to precision cancer care regardless of where they live. Bristol Myers Squibb committed to providing VA \$4.5 million in grant funds over three years to develop a national teleoncology center that would enable VHA to better reach veterans living in rural communities, providing all veterans access to precision oncology care.

“By developing, implementing and standardizing workflow processes, this project will expedite the expansion of a model for delivering specialized oncology care in a virtual setting — and help cancer care teams provide the utmost patient experience in a virtual care environment,” Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation President John L. Damonti said in a release.

Veterans with questions about the oncology services offered by VHA should consult with their VA health-care team.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 29, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- August 12, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- August 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm
BINGO - Every Friday and Saturday, beginning at 6:30 pm



We appreciate all of the Ladies who brought cakes, brownies and cookies for the cake walk that was held during the July 4th Veteran's Appreciation day. It was a huge success, Thanks to all who participated.

We also sold chances on a very large gift basket at the celebration. Congratulations to the winner - Mrs. Gary Benson.

The Auxiliary would like to encourage all members to come to meetings and bring a potential member with you. We need all of you!

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker

Auxiliary President



“Howdy Ya’ll”! “Gettin’ old ain’t for sissies”- Mama Ruth. Following are excerpts from a survivorship article by Emily Ward, RN, which I could relate to: “I try not to dwell on the past. I see this too often with friends & family who become sick and adopt a ‘why me?’ mentality. For me, it was more important to focus on the future and my treatment”. “He was the surgeon

who gave me years I wasn’t promised...“My best advice for cancer patients is to be their own advocate. All oncologists are not the same.”

It takes 20-50 years for mesothelioma to form after someone is exposed to asbestos. Many of our cherished Veterans suffer from various ailments possibly caused during the enlistment period. So you’d better do what you can when you can, like attending our next SAL meeting on the 3rd Thursday @ 1800h. We really need your ‘in person’ support and not just annual \$12 dues... which, BTW, you can send in for your NEW 2021-2022 membership cards. Have a happy, healthy summer!

Sing-cerely,

Anthony J. Robertson, SAL Commander

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