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All meetings are held at our Post Home, 607 Westridge Drive. Membership Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month. Social time is at 6:00 pm with Membership Meetings at 7 pm. Dinner meetings (pot-luck) are March and July at 6 pm. The Awards Dinner is in November.

Membership Meetings 7 pm

July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, Dec no meetings

Awards Dinner November 16th at 5: pm

Honor Guard Meetings 7 pm

Held the 2nd Monday of the month

Executive Meetings 6:30 pm

Held the Wednesday before the Membership Meets

Auxiliary Meetings 1pm

First Monday of the month except for Pot-Lucks we meet with the men

Membership Cards

We save a good amount of money by sending membership cards out with the news letters. Need your card sooner? Call Oliver at 636-248-4882

9th District Meetings

September 11, Post 297 Union, MO
Dec 11, 347 St. Clair, MO

Registration at 9 am meeting at 9:30.

**The Awards Dinner is to held at
Cornerstone Methodist
Church on Tom Ginnever Avenue. The
doors open at 5:00 pm and
dinner is at 5:30 pm, \$12 for
Members and spouses.**

The Commander's Message

As my year comes to a close, I wish to thank all that have helped me and the Post to make this a successful year. We as a Post have continued with our Honor/Color Guard supporting the Post, I hope that we can develop additional methods to provide income so the Post can support additional endeavors to aid our communities and veterans and their families.

Our Quartermaster has worked tireless to keep our property in top condition, including getting aid from our members. Changes to the inside by relocating restroom door, (Jim G., Ted Richards, Ralph Pieper. and Mike Norris) during the relocation of door they washed all the windows, outside of the building and cleaned the carpet, A big thank you for taking pride in our Post and stepping forward .

And to all members that stepped forward and committed their time for our annual Poppy Days. We exceed collection from last year giving us more money for aiding in assisting our veterans and their families. This would not have been possible without Jeannie spearhead-ing coordinating schedules, Jim G for getting approval with Shop& Save and Wal-Mart. The members and Ladies Auxiliary. provided the smiling face that accepted the donations from our giving community.

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Just a little something to think about

There was an immigration overpopulation conference in Washington, D.C., filled to capacity with many of America's finest minds and leaders. A brilliant college professor by the name of Victor Davis Hanson talked about his latest book, "Mexifornia", explaining how immigration - both legal and illegal was destroying the entire state of California. He said it would march across the country until it destroyed all vestiges of The American Dream.

Moments later, former Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm stood up and gave a stunning speech on how to destroy America.

The audience sat spellbound as he described eight methods for the destruction of the United States. He said, "If you believe that America is too smug, too self-satisfied, too rich, then let's destroy America. It is not that hard to do. No nation in history has survived the ravages of time. Arnold Toynbee observed that all great civilizations rise and fall and that 'An autopsy of history would show that all great nations commit suicide. Here is how they do It'".

"First, to destroy America, turn America into a bilingual or multi-lingual and bicultural country. History shows that no nation can survive the tension, conflict, and antagonism of two or more competing languages and cultures. It is a blessing for an individual to be bilingual; however, it is a curse for a society to be bilingual. The historical scholar, Seymour Lipset, put it this way: 'The histories of bilingual and bicultural societies that do not assimilate are histories of turmoil, tension, and tragedy.' Canada, Belgium, Malaysia, and Lebanon all face crises of national existence in which minorities press for autonomy, if not independence. Pakistan and Cyprus have divided. Nigeria suppressed an ethnic rebellion. France faces difficulties with Basques, Bretons, Corsicans and Muslims."

"Second, to destroy America, invent 'multiculturalism' and encourage immigrants to maintain their culture. Make it an article of belief that all cultures are equal; that there are no cultural differences. Make it an article of faith that the Black and Hispanic dropout rates are due solely to prejudice and discrimination by the majority. Every other explanation is out of bounds."

"Third, we could make the United States an 'Hispanic Quebec' without much effort. The key is to celebrate diversity rather than unity. As Benjamin Schwarz said in the Atlantic Monthly recently: 'The apparent success of our own multi-ethnic and multicultural experiment might have been achieved not by tolerance, but by hegemony. Without the dominance that once dictated ethnocentricity and what it meant to be an American, we are left with only tolerance and pluralism to hold us together.' Lamm said, "I would encourage all immigrants to keep their own language and culture. I would replace the melting pot metaphor with the salad bowl metaphor. It is important to ensure that we have various cultural subgroups living in America enforcing their differences rather than as Americans, emphasizing their similarities."

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"Fourth, I would **make** our **fastest growing demographic group** the least educated. I would add a second underclass, unassimilated, undereducated, and antagonistic to our population. I would have this second underclass have a **50% dropout rate** from high school."

"My fifth point for destroying America would be to get big foundations and business to give these efforts lots of money. I would invest in ethnic identity, and I would establish the cult of 'Victimology.' I would get all minorities to think that their lack of success was the fault of the majority. I would start a grievance industry blaming all minority failure on the majority placation."

"My sixth plan for America's downfall would include dual citizenship, and promote divided loyalties. I would celebrate diversity over unity. I would stress differences rather than similarities. Diverse people worldwide are mostly engaged in hating each other - that is, when they are not killing each other. A diverse, peaceful, or stable society is against most historical precedent. People undervalue the unity it takes to keep a nation together. Look at the ancient Greeks. The Greeks believed that they belonged to the same race; they possessed a common language and literature; and they worshipped the same gods. All Greece took part in the Olympic Games. A common enemy, Persia, threatened their liberty. Yet all these bonds were not strong enough to overcome two factors: local patriotism and geographical conditions that nurtured political divisions. Greece fell. "E. Pluribus Unum" -- From many, one. In that historical reality, if we put the emphasis on the 'pluribus' instead of the 'Unum,' we will "Balkanize" America as surely as Kosovo.

"Next to last, I would place all subjects off limits. Make it taboo to talk about anything against the cult of 'diversity.' I would find a word similar to 'heretic' in the 16th century - that stopped discussion and paralyzed thinking. Words like 'racist' or 'xenophobe' halt discussion and debate. Having made America a bi-lingual/bi-cultural country, having established multiculturalism, having the large foundations fund the doctrine of 'Victimology,' I would next make it impossible to enforce our immigration laws. I would develop a mantra: That because immigration has been good for America, it must always be good. I would make every individual immigrant symmetric and ignore the cumulative impact of millions of them."

In the last minute of his speech, Governor Lamm wiped his brow. Profound silence followed. Finally he said, "Lastly, I would censor Victor Davis Hanson's book 'Mexifornia.' His book is dangerous. It exposes the plan to destroy America. If you feel America deserves to be destroyed, don't read that book."

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There was no applause. A chilling fear quietly rose like an ominous cloud above every attendee at the conference. Every American in that room knew that everything Lamm enumerated was proceeding methodically, quietly, darkly, yet pervasively across the United States today. Discussion is being suppressed. Over 100 languages are ripping the foundation of our educational system and national cohesiveness. Even barbaric cultures that practice female genital mutilation are growing as we celebrate 'diversity.' American jobs are vanishing into the Third World as corporations create a Third World in America. Take note of California and other states. To date, ten million illegal aliens are growing fast. It is reminiscent of George Orwell's book "1984." In that story, three slogans are engraved in the Ministry of Truth building: "War is peace," "Freedom is slavery," and "Ignorance is strength."

Governor Lamm walked back to his seat. It dawned on everyone at the conference that our nation, and the future of this great democracy, is deeply in trouble and worsening fast. If we don't get this immigration monster stopped within three years, it will rage like a California wildfire and destroy everything in its path, especially The American Dream

**"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under"
- Ronald Reagan**

Byron Utterback was hit by a care while riding his bike last month. He had to have surgery and will be off his feet for several weeks. He is being treated at the VA Hospital and is need of a ride two times a week. He needs volunteers to give him a ride both ways. If you can help please call Byron at 314-718-0863. You will be reimbursed for your mileage.

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The Commander's Message

Finally thank you to all the Officers for keeping me from coloring outside of the lines, including all the Past Commanders. Guidance was the key to getting through the year, and I thank all that helped with our Memorial Day Services.

John Brumley
Commander

Post 388 can be found on the Web at the following address: WWW.alpost388mo.org, check it out. It has a lot of valuable information on it. If you have a question about the Legion, you can probably, find the answer there.

Jim Griesenauer

If you have never visited the Post, you should come see it. You'll be surprised how nice it is. We've been working on it since we got it.

Don't forget that we play cards on Wednesday at 1 pm, mostly Hand and Foot. See you!