

Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 20 May 2013 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 216 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to bring a guest/potential new member.

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Please be aware that the MAY meeting will be on the 3^d Monday of May and not the 4th Monday. The reason for the change is that the 4th Monday is Memorial Day.

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POPPY DAY. The Post will be offering Veterans' Poppy's to the public on Saturday 11 May 2013 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Schnucks in Swansea. If you are interested in helping out, contact the Chairman Jim Page @ 235-3963 or just show up

MEMBERSHIP. As this writing the Post membership stands at 111. That is an all time high membership number for our Post. At the end of the 2012 membership year we had 88 members. There are still five members who have not yet paid their 2012 dues. Three of these are Charter Members. These same five plus an additional six including one additional Charter member have yet to pay their 2013 dues. We hate to lose any member, especially Charter Members. Few people ever get a chance to be a Charter Member of any organization. So please, Charter Member or not, check your membership card (top center between the Legion Emblem and the American Flag). Not 2013? It should be.

POST OFFICERS. At our 23 April 2013 meeting the current officers of the Post were re-elected. They are: **Commander**, *Bill Meister*; **Senior Vice-Commander**, *Carl Bales*; and **Junior Vice-Commander**, *James Page*.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION will be held in Springfield July 10 thru 13. Commander Meister and Vice-Commander Bales were elected delegates. Apparently Post 2007 is going to receive two awards at the convention. One is a first place award for Community Service, and the other is a second place award for our Consolidated Post Report. Congratulations to those who reported their accomplishments and to those who prepared and submitted the necessary documentation.

SCHOOL AWARDS. High Mount and Wolf Branch schools have been contacted and provided information about the School Awards. High Mount has replied and told us that they will participate. We have no reply from Wolf Branch as yet. But, since they have taken part every year that the Post has been in existence, we expect they will take part again this year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. Since Memorial Day is in our Chaplain Robin Ladtrick will conduct a Memorial Service at this month's meeting.

UNIVERSAL VETERANS LICENSE PLATES. Information Attached.

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