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New Berlin American Legion
Benfer-Miller Post 957

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New Berlin, PA 17855
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New Berlin American Legion: Annual Banquet Recognizes Giving and Continues Its Purpose of Giving

The Benfer-Miller Post, New Berlin American Legion hosted its Annual Members' Banquet on Saturday March 20, 2010. The post holds such banquet in honor of its members, to show appreciation for its volunteers, and to honor and recognize those in the community who support its efforts to serve Veterans and give back to the community.

Commander Martin Russell hosted guest speaker Brian Bassett, who is the Pennsylvania 18th District Commander. Commander Bassett spoke about the over 90 years of service the American Legion has provided and gave an explanation and reminder to the meaning of its emblem.

Presentations were made to various attendees that included Legionnaire of the Year, awarded to First Sergeant Robert Schuler and Volunteer of the Year, Steve Spangler. A Good Citizenship Citation for achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout was also presented to Colbey Russell of BSA Troop 508 of New Berlin. Troop 508 was also honored to present and retire The Colors for the evening's event.

The Post & Ladies Auxiliary recognized Dr. Steven Miller of Dental Health Associates, New Berlin, who was unable to attend the event. Dr. Miller's generous and continued commitment in support of the Posts' and Ladies' activities to serve our area Veterans has spanned a number of years and is greatly appreciated.

The evening's events concluded with the Legion and its Ladies Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders continuing their pledges to Americanism, giving back to the community and supporting the welfare of our children. As such, donations were presented to the New Berlin Little League Association in sponsorship of teams for the upcoming season. A total combined donation of $1000.00, consisting of $250.00 each from the Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Legion Riders was presented to board members of the Little League Association.

The New Berlin American Legion Benfer-Miller Post 957 and its various groups continue their decades of service to God and Country. Our doors and our arms are always open to those in need of assistance as well as those who wish to be a part of the great, rewarding experience of giving back and serving our Veterans, families and our community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Post at 966-2061.

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