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Commander's Corner



Greetings Legion Family!

We had an awesome Veterans Day celebration. Many thanks to you Patty Rudd and to Ben and Christy Miller for pulling it all together. We owe great thanks to HEB and their employees for all that they did for us.

This time of year I know that everyone is busy with their holiday preparations and activities. However, please try to find time to attend the December General Membership Meeting. I would like to see more than just the Executive Committee there. Starting in February, we will have a short video on different subjects within the American Legion. In December and January (before we receive the videos) we will do a short Legion 101 information chat—what is “hallowed ground”; when not to wear a Legion hat; etc.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.
For God and Country,

John Orff
Post Commander

Auxiliary News



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I am sure you are all busy shopping for all those holiday gifts and getting ready to cook those turkeys! But don't forget to pay your dues – they are due by the end of the year! We want to make 100% this year, so put it in the mail or drop it off at the Post.

Don't forget to sign your children or grandchildren up for the Kid's Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 2 pm. Each child that attends must have been signed up so Santa knows they will be there and he will be sure to have a present for them.

The Senior's Christmas Dinner is being held on Sunday, December 15th at 1 pm. If you have any questions, please get with Hanna Taylor. We are also collecting slightly used or new items for the silent auction at the CASI Chili Cook Off – the auction will be held on Saturday, January 18th. This is one of the largest fundraisers that we do! If you have anything that you would like to donate please see myself or Hanna.

One last thing – Steak Night and Breakfast will

SAL CORNER

Merry Christmas from your SAL.

We would like to thank everyone for the turkey donations to fill out our holiday baskets. It's been another successful year. We have accomplished our goals and look forward to doing even more next year.

We remind you that our December meeting will be suspended until January.

Also remember that as of January 1st you must have your 2014 dues renewal in. Please try to get your dues paid to avoid an interruption in years served.

Joe Falco
2nd Vice Commander/Finance Officer

ADJUTANT NEWS – Membership dues

We want to encourage EVERYBODY to renew before 1 Dec 2013. If we are 100% on that date we get \$1.00 per member back from Department. That would be \$698.00 or more. We need everybody to renew and recruit.

Remember, too, on 1 January 2014 your 2013 card is not current. You must renew by 31 December 2013 to maintain your continuous years. If you have any questions concerning your membership status, contact me - Karen Paris, Adjutant at kparis@stic.net. I will be happy to assist you.

We have, again, had cash go missing for membership (SAL, ALA, and ALR). If at all possible, submit your dues in a check or money order.

The second item is the Post Consolidated Report (CPR). The information is compiled by the State and sent to National. This is then used to inform members and political figures just how much the American Legion does for Community, State and Nation. Submit any hours, money or items you donate to assist veterans. The Commander and Adjutant will compile the Post numbers and submit them to State.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

With Christmas fast approaching we are still collecting food item donations for our food basket program. Items may be placed in the box now available in the canteen. If you would rather donate cash, please give it to the bartender. We always have to buy some items. Deadline for donations is December 20th. Let's give some needy families a nice Christmas dinner.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

start back up in January and the Auxiliary is in charge! So come out and help in the kitchen or just come out and eat a great meal!

See you in 2014!

Michelle Muth, President

Retiree COLA Set for 2014

Based on the 2013 Consumer Price Index, military retirees and annuitants will get a 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment in their January 2014 retiree checks.

Scannable VA cards easily reveal Social Security numbers, put veterans at risk of identity theft

Anyone with a smartphone and a bar code app can scan any VA identification card issued since 2004 and the cardholder's Social Security number immediately pops up on the screen.

Veterans Affairs published warnings about the veterans information, or VIC, cards on their website in 2011 and in July of this year.

The alert states, "Some barcode readers, including those available as applications on cell phones, can scan the bar code on the front of the card, and reveal the veteran's social security number."

A VA spokesperson responded, saying they've begun work on the next-generation ID card, which will not contain a Social Security number. However, it's not being rolled out until next year.

Meanwhile, veterans should treat their current ID cards as they do their Social Security card and leave home without it, unless it is needed for a day-of appointment.

(Contributed by www.txlegion.org)

LET'S RECYCLE

Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, and brass. Contact John Orff for more information.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List continues to grow and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to post593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th AT 2:00 PM

THERE WILL BE CRAFTS AND WE WILL BE SERVING HOT DOGS, CHIPS, DESSERT, AND A JUICE BOX.

SANTA WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL TRIP TO SEE ALL THE KIDS!

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN AND/OR GRANDCHILDREN ARE SIGNED UP SO THAT SANTA KNOWS THAT THEY WILL BE THERE. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE POST.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th AT 1:00 PM

WE WILL BE SERVING TURKEY, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, CORN, ROLL, AND DESSERTS.

Ms GINA RAMIREZ WILL BE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PLEASURE AGAIN THIS YEAR.

Mrs. CLAUSE HAS INFORMED US THAT SANTA WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE TO SEE EVERYONE AND YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH HIM.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

IT'S A PARTY JACK!

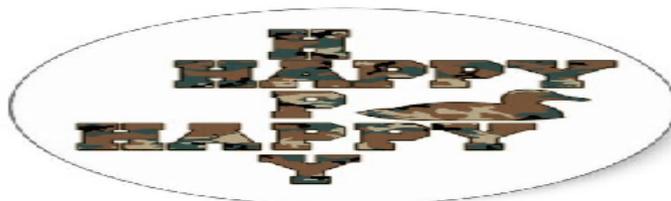
**JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593 FOR THEIR
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
DUCK DYNASTY STYLE!!**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 7:00 PM
MUSIC AND PARTY FAVORS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPETIZER TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS!!

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 7:30 PM

COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR FAVORITE DUCK DYNASTY CHARACTER!



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December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	3 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	4 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	5 Grill 6 - 8 pm Pool League	6 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	7 20 th District Christmas Party at Post 2 - 7 pm
8	9 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	10 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM. Mtg. 7:30pm	11	12 Grill 6 - 8 pm	13 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	14 Kid's Christmas Party 2 pm
15 Senior's Christmas Dinner - 1 pm Ferret Club Mtg. 2 pm	16 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	17 NO GRILL	18 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	19 Grill 6-8 pm Pool League	20 Post Christmas Party!! Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	21 Dart Tourney \$5 - draw for partners at 7:15 pm
22	23	24 NO GRILL No Zumba!	25 POST CLOSED CHRISTMAS!!	26 Grill 6 - 8 pm	27 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party - 7pm				



ZUMBA
 Every Tuesday
 At 6:15 pm - \$3



ALR Bike Night
EVERY Tuesday!
 Beer, Food & Friends!

**** NO breakfast, steak night or CFS in December - resumes in January! ***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY GMM MEETING WILL BE January 8th!
 Chili Cook Off - January 17-18-19

We are going to be starting a shuffleboard tourney the 3rd Saturday every month! First one is January 18th - watch for flyer!

We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!

****No SAL meeting in December****