



The Post Messenger

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Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family:

American Legion Post 318 would like to wish all members to have a safe and happy Holiday Season. As I stated in the last newsletter it's that time of the year where we as a Post can help so many others. I know sometimes I can get repetitive but I cannot emphasize the importance of what we as an organization can do for others. Is there a child that needs our help? Will that child have no Christmas? Is there a Veteran that has no family and needs just a friend to visit with? There are many ways to help. You could go to the Assisted Living Facility with us and visit the Veterans. You can visit an elderly home bound Veteran that needs your friendship; you could buy a toy for an underprivileged child, or just find a way to make someone happy. I hope you can find the time to make a difference for those individuals.

The New Post Building project is getting close to being started. In this newsletter you will see a new letter and Pledge form and ways you can help. We are so close but we need all the help we can to get going. We have to start the project prior to the end of February or we have to go through the county permitting process again; which would require more money. For those who have said that they wanted to wait till they see something happening it is now the time. We need that last push to get started.

This month I would like make Felix and Maria Ayala as our "Members of the Month". Felix and Maria help in so many ways around the Post assisting all organizations helping others. Thank you both for your hard work.

As we come to the end of 2012 and during this Holiday Season let us not forget those service men and women who are in harm's way fighting for our freedoms. Let us not forget those who fought before them. God Bless them all. Let's keep them in our prayers.

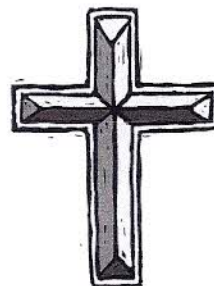
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Commander
Daryl Bowie



*and please
God
watch
over all our
Troops*

God Bless Our Troops



Legion Auxiliary

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and everyone is preparing for the upcoming Christmas season.



Between all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we tend to forget those less fortunate than ourselves. We would like to encourage each member to support our ongoing food drive. When you are out shopping for your family, please pick up some extra nonperishable food items for our local food bank. Even one canned food item from each person in the Legion could fill our shelves at the Mustard Seed for the season. Please consider a donation for those that have been plagued with a loss of job or just not making enough to keep up. The box for collection of these items is on the table in the dining room. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

I had the opportunity to participate in last year's kid's party at Christmastime that is sponsored by the Sons. I was overwhelmed by the look on each child's face as the Riders delivered Santa with all his toys. It reminded me of what Christmas joy is all about and I would like to encourage each and every one of you to participate in some way when it comes time for this event. The Ladies Auxiliary gets the names of children then provides all the shopping for this event. Please contact Brenda Saffioti if you can help with shopping or help with anything for this glorious day.

To all of you that support the Post and its activities, we say **THANK YOU!**

Our next meeting will be on December 17, at 6:45 pm. We always try and have some extra fun this time of year so please come and join us this holiday season.

Respectfully,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

S.A.L. News

Greetings;

The lasagna dinners are doing very well.

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to make them successful. The annual Children's Christmas party will take place on Saturday, December 15. Come see Santa deliver presents to needy children of our community. On Sunday morning, December 16, we will donate toys to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for their annual Toys for Tots program.



Happy Holidays

Joseph Boehm, Squadron Commander.

Editor's Note

In last month's newsletter on the front page where we honored John Hager, I made the horrible mistake of spelling John's name incorrectly. My deepest apologies, John.

Ed. Garin

Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Kenneth I. Munyan 2 Nov.

Fred Scheeley 13 Nov.

Henry A. Smith 12 Nov.

May their souls and the souls of all departed veterans rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following:

A Navy Veteran and George Vansciver.

A Prayer for our Troops by Vee

Oh Dear Lord.....

Please keep them safe...protect and shield them with Your love...

Guide them safely through these days...

Let them know they are loved in so many ways...

Ride on their wing and be their strength....

Please be their ray of light in the blackness of the night...

Lighten the load on their shoulders...Carry their burden...

Fill their minds with peace...their hearts with love...

Let them know they've been blessed by You above...

Oh, and one more thing Lord, if I may...

Would you assign them each their own special guardian angel...

to be at their side...

Angels marching with them to the beat of a different drum...

And bring them back home safely to all of us...

Amen

If you know any member that is sick, in the hospital/ rehab or in distress, please call Garin Salisbury, Chaplain @ 772-878-0655.

