

American Legion Post 112

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Happy New Year

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We had a wonderful Christmas party on December 3. The delicious meal was prepared by **Bob Turner, Dewey Moss, Jim Stafford** and Bob's friend, **Tony Gonzalez**. Our Legion building was beautifully decorated by **Martha Ball, Linda Hair, and Peggy & Floyd Mashburn**. Our Christmas tree was gorgeous (see photos). The entertainment was supplied by the Mountain Cove Blue Grass Band from Chattanooga. There were several attendees that said that it was the best Christmas party we have had.

At the Christmas party, American Legion Post 112 made donations to the following local organizations: Cherokee Estate, Family Support Council, Salvation Army, Whitfield/Dalton Day Care Center, Family Crisis Center, Friendship House, Dalton High ROTC, City of Refugee and Greater Works as well as DOC-UP. It is rewarding and a great feeling to be part of an organization that truly cares about helping those that are less fortunate.

We sincerely hope you had a very Merry Christmas. There is not any better time of the year than Christmas; people seem to care about one another more so during the holidays - beginning with Thanksgiving. Family get-togethers, exchanging gifts, and the pageantry of Christmas are all wonderful, but the real reason for the season is Jesus Christ was born. He took on human flesh and walked among us. Thanks be to God for sending his Son.

We hope you have a safe and *Happy Two Thousand Seventeen*. We don't know what **2017** will bring, but there

is one thing for certain, American Legion Post 112 will continue to serve our veterans. One way we serve is when we travel to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro to prepare lunch for the patients. We will cook hamburgers and hotdogs on **April 22**. Mark your calendar and plan to go with us. It is truly a wholesome and rewarding experience. The time of departure on **4/22** and other details will follow.

We need your help! If you would like to assist in transporting a veteran to the VA hospital in Chattanooga during a weekday, please contact Jerry Manning at 706-483-4692. You will be compensated for gas and mileage. Some of these veterans don't have any local family members or anyone else they can depend on to drive them, so we try to be their "wheels." It is a warm feeling to do something for someone that truly needs your help.

Superior Court Judge Jim Wilbanks will be our guest speaker for our meeting on January 26. Mark your calendar and bring a friend.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 12, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- January 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- January 26, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary

BINGO - 7:00 pm every Monday, Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends)
SPECIAL BINGO - First Friday night of each month.



We had a great Christmas Party! Thanks to those who brought food for our food pantry - food bags were delivered during the holidays. A special THANK YOU to Wanda Tibbs, Lewis Headrick, Leo Whaley, Lenard Whaley, Gary Benson, Starling Hammontree,

Naomi and Don Rich for taking gift bags to Veterans at local nursing homes. It was a day spent in sharing time and love plus saying thanks to those who have served their country.

Another thank you goes to Wanda Tibbs for taking biscuits twice a month to the VA Clinic in Chattanooga. Harold & Lynn Loghry helped by taking biscuits on the Third Tuesday in December. We still need volunteers to help out each month. You will be blessed for your efforts. If you can help, call Wanda at 706-694-8018. Leo Whaley takes biscuits to the Chattanooga VA each month for the Legion.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year!

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
Auxiliary President



Anyone interested in meeting? Please call me at 706-260-6611 cell or 706-259-0072 home. We scheduled our next meeting for the third Thursday of January - that will be the 19th. The VA has me scheduled for a biopsy at 8:00 am in the morning of the 19th, at Vanderbilt VA in Nashville - I hope I can make the meeting!



We renewed our Bingo license in the nick of time. We will need to re-new in June of 2017. PLEASE remind me at our election of new officers in MAY....

I pray our new officers will do a better job of recruiting. Our current Commander and other officers may soon feel burned out.

In His service and at your service

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112

VA Survivors Benefits

One of the more difficult tasks a survivor faces after the death of a veteran is completing the numerous claims forms for VA survivors' benefits. The anxiety and fear of the unknown - who to call, what to do, or where to go for help - can be an unpleasant experience. To help ease the burden and to ensure survivors will have the necessary details for filing a claim, here are some basic quick tips.

Documents needed

- The veteran's discharge certificate or DD 214
- The veteran's VA claim number or Social Security number
- The veteran's death certificate
- Government life insurance policy
- A copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees (if any)
- A copy of each child's birth certificate (or adoption order)
- The veteran's birth certificate to determine parents' benefits