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“Together we can make a difference”

December 2022

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We had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving as well. We all have so much to be thankful for if we only take the time to count our blessings.

Here at the Post we were able to serve 545 meals to the homeless and needy on Thanksgiving Day. This was, of course, with the help of Harvest Outreach. I know this is only a part of their ministry as it is a part of ours.

We wish each of you a very happy Christmas! Always remember.....

Jesus is the reason for the season.

It was so good to see many of you at the Christmas Party on December 10th here at the Post. If you missed it - you missed a special time. The Band wasn't what we expected - but the food was very good and the fellowship was wonderful.

Be thinking about your New Years' Resolutions as we get ready to face a New Year. My hope is that it will be filled with health and happiness for each of you.

Merry Christmas!

May the New Year bring many blessings to you and your families!

For God and Country,

John Wilson

Commander



(A Christmas message from the
National Commander)

Making Spirits Bright

Dear American Legion Family members
and friends:

The Christmas and New Year holidays bring feelings of joy, hope and renewal across the nation. Families share in their blessings. Friends reunite. Children and adults alike have their wishes come true. But for some, the season's joy remains out of reach.

The holiday season can be a tough time for those dealing with mental illness. The added stress may compound feelings of despair. They may have lost a significant other and feel isolated. There may be other factors that could lead them to a downward spiral.

The American Legion's "Be the One initiative" calls on everyone - veteran, service member and civilian - to take the appropriate action to intervene when a veteran's life may be at risk. As part of those efforts, the Legion's Buddy Check program is vital throughout the year but takes on greater importance during this time. (For immediate help, dial 988 and press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line.)

I encourage all American Legion Family members to consider performing at least one "buddy check" during this holiday season. A simple phone call for a wellness check on a veteran who may be alone at this time of the year will brighten their day, re-install hope and lift them from despair.

You might even say Buddy Checks can go a long way in "making spirits bright."

National Commander
Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 25, Christmas
- January 12, 5:30 pm, Executive Meeting American Legion;
6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary



**Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 8:00am -1:00 pm and Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Bingo - Fridays, 6:30 pm and Sunday afternoon starting at 3:00 pm (lunch at 12:30 pm); Coffee Cafe -
Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am -11:00 am**



The Ladies Auxiliary decorated for the Christmas Party which had great food, a band, and drawings for gifts and gift cards. Poinsettias that were helping to decorate the tables were given to those who happened to sit in the chairs with stickers underneath. Overall, the food and fellowship were

great..

Gift bags are in the process of being prepared to take to veterans in nursing homes. We want them to know they are not forgotten.

Harrison and I and our grandson Cole Peeples went to the Chattanooga VA Outpatient Center – as Santa, Mrs. Clause and Elf – to take goodies and to spread cheer to the veterans.

Wishing all of you a special Merry Christmas!

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker

Auxiliary President



"Howdy Ya'll!"

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"
"Suffering is violence, JOY is gentleness, but JOY is the stronger." - Simone Well, philosopher/mystic.

JOY is the only real enemy of Satan ...
JOY to the world, the Lord has come...
My prayer is that you have a JOYful,
safe Holyday Season ...
(And take your JOY seriously)

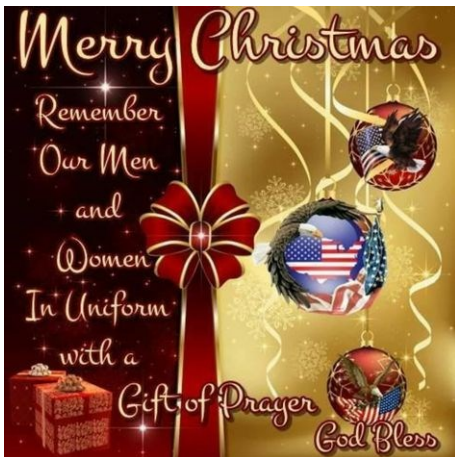
Hope to greet old and new members at our first 2023 SAL meeting on January 19, 6:00 pm.

Sing-cereely,

Anthony J. Robertson

SAL Commander

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