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December 2021

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2021 is almost gone. The weather has changed along with the beautiful leaves. Mother Nature certainly has a way of showing off her beauty in breath-taking color!

The general meetings for November and December have been canceled. We will, however, have a special Christmas Dinner on December 11, 2021. Our meal will be a traditional Christmas dinner consisting of turkey, ham, dressing, beans, and corn. There will also be entertainment with live music. I hope everyone can come and enjoy this event with us. Please call and make reservations so that we will be sure to have plenty of food for all. The meal will start about 6:00 pm.

Our Veterans Day Parade was held on Saturday, November 13. We appreciate all who came out to celebrate our veterans. On Sunday, November, 14, we enjoyed a special dinner and ceremony at the Elks Lodge. Lee Oliver was named Veteran of the Year. We would like to congratulate Lee - we appreciate him and commend him for his service. This event was a complete success and a good time was had by all who attended.

Our Coffee Café is becoming more popular with new veterans coming in each day. We are meeting every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 8:00 am. We decided to drop Saturday because of poor attendance on the weekend. The Coffee Café is for ALL veterans and not just members. So, be sure to ask your friends to come. Great coffee, wonderful pastries, and excellent fellowship make for a very good time. In addition, we even have several games that are available for those who would like to play. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country,

*John Wilson*  
Commander

VRRAP - The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) offers education and training for high-demand jobs - including health care, education and engineering - to veterans who are unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Veterans participating in VRRAP will receive up to 12 months of tuition and fees and a monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates.

To be eligible, veterans must meet the following criteria: Be at least 22 years old, but less than 67 years old; Unemployed because of the pandemic; and, not eligible for GI Bill or VR&E benefits.

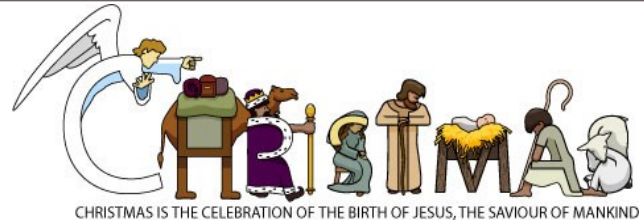
There are 792 educational institutions that have been approved to participate in the program. VRRAP was developed as part of the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus economic relief package signed into law in March 2021. About \$17 billion was allocated to support the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in its response to the pandemic. Of this, \$386 million went to VRRAP. VA Secretary Denis McDonough applauded the American Rescue Plan's provisions for caring for the nation's veterans when it was signed into law.

“Countless veterans have lost jobs, closed businesses, home-schooled children and faced uncertain prospects while our nation grapples with this health crisis,” McDonough said. “The American Rescue Plan is a significant piece of legislation that helps VA deliver on the president's promise of caring for the men and women who served our great nation, especially during this unanticipated and challenging time.” In addition to VRRAP, Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) is a five-year pilot program designed to help eligible veterans secure meaningful employment in the high-demand technology sector.

VET TEC pairs eligible veterans with training providers offering high-tech training and skills development. This includes information science, data processing and computer software programs. VET TEC also utilizes an employer consortium to help veterans find employment following the completion of their program. <https://www.legion.org/education/253847/new-education-benefits-help-veterans-who-lost-jobs-during-pandemic>

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 11, Christmas Party, 6:00 pm
- December 16, SAL meeting, 6:00 pm
- December 25, Christmas
- December 31, New Years Eve



Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm  
Bingo - Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:30 pm; Coffee Shop - Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am



Fair parking was a big success again this year. Thank you to everyone who helped. Fair Parking is always a special fundraiser for our Auxiliary.

The Quilting Ministry of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Cohutta has, once again, donated some beautiful lap quilts. We are so appreciative of these ladies who give of their time and talents to make these lap quilts to benefit others.

Reminders - Let us know of any worthy Veteran projects. Also, if you have not paid your dues, get in touch with Wanda Tibbs at meetings or call her at 706-222-0009. Have a blessed Christmas!

Our best days are before us,

*Wanda Parker*  
Auxiliary President



Howdy Ya'll, "Live each day like it's your last, because one day it will be" – J. Wayne Robertson. My Daddy Wayne drew his last breath Nov. 13, 2021. He was the true definition of *Minister of Music*. He lived and loved to teach, direct, record, promote and perform his Church choirs. From 1952-1954 during the Korean War, CPL

Robertson proudly served as an Army Chaplain and choral director. Because of his service to our great country, I have the privilege to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion. SAL would be grateful for you to join us at our meeting on Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm. Our brand new American Legion Riders meets at 5:00 pm the same day. If your membership card says 2022, you're up-to-date. Fred is still collecting dues. (hint) This Thanksgiving time, tell your family and friends that you're happy to have them in your life.

Sing-cereely,

*Anthony J. Robertson*  
SAL Commander

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