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Happy New Year

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We sincerely hope you and your family had a wonderful and Merry Christmas. We also hope you have a safe and Happy New Year. We are excited and looking forward to a great year at American Legion Post 112.

Boy Howdy! Was that a great Christmas party at our Legion Post 112 on Saturday, December 5th or what? We had a wonderful meal catered by Lisa's Café and delicious desserts, some of which were made by Legion members. Numerous door prizes were awarded. We enjoyed the Legion singers, as they serenaded us with various traditional Christmas songs. There was fellowship galore! If you missed it, you missed one GREAT time.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the Legionnaire of the Year presented to Rudy Desmond. A very deserving individual, to say the least. Rudy is a fine gentleman, who goes out of his way on numerous occasions to assist veterans in need. Congratulations Rudy!

We want to recognize Martha Ball as well as Peggy Mashburn and Floyd Bartfett, who went above and beyond to decorate the Hall so beautifully. After entering the Hall and seeing the decorations, it was easy to get in the Christmas spirit. The Hall was gorgeous and several attendees mentioned it as well. And thanks goes out to the people who helped set up the tables on Saturday morning for the party. We also want to thank the men and women who were dedicated enough to stay after the Christmas party to put the Legion

Hall back as it is supposed to be. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

We finally have our building extension completed: a new countertop and sink have been installed. The original purpose of the new extension was to have a home style setting for veterans to congregate and enjoy fellowship with other veterans. We can now begin to have the building extension open for coffee and doughnuts/pastries on select days. Come by and see us between 7:30 and 10:00 am each Saturday beginning January 9th. We hope you will take the time to join us for a few minutes or as long as you want to stay.

Our next Executive Board meeting is January 14 at the usual time of 5:30 pm. Hope to see everyone there. We need your participation as well as your input. Our next regular Legion Post meeting is January 28th. The newly elected Dalton Whitfield Chamber of Commerce President, Rob Bradman, will be our guest speaker. It would be exciting if we could welcome Mr. Bradman to American Legion Post 112, with a room full of veterans. Please make plans to attend this important meeting and you might make a note to yourself to ask Mr. Bradman a question or two. This would be a great time to invite a potential Legion member or two. Only you can expand the benefits of being a member of this great organization.

As we enter into a new year, *we sincerely hope 2016 is the best year you have ever had.* May God bless you and your family immensely.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 14, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- January 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- January 28, 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 - 2nd Friday nights



The Holidays are over and we hope you had a great Christmas. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

A big thank you goes to the Post for a wonderful Christmas Party this year. The food was great, decorations and singers were also wonderful and the door prizes plentiful. However, the fun and fellowship will be what is remembered the most.

We are expecting a busy and great year. Mark your calendars - the first Saturday in December will be the Christmas Party for 2016.

The Auxiliary was busy in December with annual visits to the local veterans living in nursing homes and those confined to their homes. The small gift of diabetic socks was appreciated but the part that was most rewarding was the opportunity to talk to each veteran individually. The Auxiliary Elves received a lot of smiles and hugs. We also gave several large baskets of donated food from our pantry to local families in need.

January starts a new year and a new beginning with new projects:

“Quilts of Valor”

Who: Quilters and “want to be” quilters
Where: Post, Auxiliary room
When: Please call me for details

Ladies Handgun Safety

Who: Interested ladies
Where: Post
When: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 20
Cost: \$20 for series

Reservation is needed for the hand gun safety series, call me for details. The class size will be limited to allow more individual attention.

All are welcome to come to the executive meeting on January, 14 at 6:00 pm.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
President

We now have an SAL office in the Post home - Rudy's old office. We need to do some cleaning and organizing - do any of you have suggestions on a good time for several of us to meet?

Our regular meeting is the third Thursday of the next ten months, January through October. Our regular meeting time is 6:00 pm.

Please bring a friend and your good suggestions of how to spend the profits from Bingo.

In His service and at Your Service,

George Lo Greco Sr.

Commander Squadron 112



On January 11, Fred's Pharmacy will be giving flu shots at Legion Post 112, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm. Flu shots are FREE to all veterans. If you haven't already got your flu shot for the year, this is the time to take advantage of this opportunity.

Operation Comfort Warriors



Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

HAPPY NEW YEAR