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*“Together we can make a difference”*

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I hope everyone is safe and doing well. We have not had a meeting in three months and it has been hard on all of us. Several of our members did get the virus and most have recovered and are doing well. Sadly, we lost a few members during this time. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

We do plan to have a meeting this month and have scheduled it for Thursday, February 25, 2021, starting at 6:00 pm. I hope to see you there. We will serve Bar-B-Que, baked beans, slaw, and rolls. Please plan to attend.

We will be partnering with the Dalton Elks Lodge on Valentine's day, February 14, 2021, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to have a luncheon for Veterans and their spouses. This will be a drive-through only and you will have the choice of either Spaghetti or Lasagna with salad, roll, and dessert. This will take place at the Dalton Elk's Lodge.

We have been asked by the VA for help at the VA clinic. The parking lot at the new clinic is much larger than the older one. Because it is larger, disabled Veterans will have a hard time walking across it. Fortunately, we have a six-passenger golf cart to present to the VA to enable the Veterans to be picked up at their cars and taken to the front of the clinic.

May God bless each of you and keep you safe.

For God and Country,

*John Wilson*  
Commander

## American Legion DSOs help secure nearly \$3.7B in benefits for veterans

American Legion Department Service Officers (DSOs) secured nearly \$3.7 billion in benefits for the nation's veterans during fiscal year 2020. The claim payments amassed for veterans by The American Legion come in the form of dependency and indemnity compensation, death compensation and veteran pensions.

Nearly 7,400 new awards were issued during 2020, bringing the total number of claims being paid monthly to more than 880,000. Payments from these claims average nearly \$1,400 monthly for these veterans and surviving family members.

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically changed the way DSOs approach working with veterans on their claims. With safety measures in place, the service officers are continuing to push forward in providing assistance to those in need.

“A lot of what we do is planning with veterans and how to approach their claims,” said Lucas Bruner, the assistant DSO for Washington state in an October interview. “The difficult part,” he added, “comes from the fact that our jobs are very hands-on and COVID has taken that approach to real-life situations and made it more complicated.”

DSOs are trained by The American Legion to provide professional accredited American Legion representatives at the regional office, county and state levels with specialized training on issues affecting veterans and their families nationwide. These service officers are specially trained to provide expert VA claims and benefits assistance, free of charge, to any veterans and their families.

To find an accredited American Legion service officer in your area, please visit [www.legion.org/serviceofficers](http://www.legion.org/serviceofficers).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 1, National Freedom Day; February 2, Groundhog day
- February 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- February 14, Valentine's Day; February 15, Presidents' Day; February 17, Lent
- February 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- February 25, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary



Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm

**BINGO** - Every Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm (Social distancing and other safety measures are in place.)



The Auxiliary will have an executive meeting (as noted above) February 11 at 6:00 pm and also our regular meeting on February 25 at 6:00 pm.

There will not be a District Meeting this month! The District President called and said the meeting previously scheduled for February had been cancelled.

Everyone, please continue doing what is necessary to protect yourselves - wear masks, keep your hands sanitized and stay away from people who might be sick. Stay safe and I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

### Happy Valentine's Day!

Our best days are before us,

*Wanda Parker*  
Auxiliary President



### Howdy Ya'll and "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!"

Congratulations! We have beat the odds and survived to 2021. Remember, "plan, prepare, practice" ... "adapt to your environment" ... "there is also luck" - have gotten us this far.

Also, "Prayer Promotes Perpetual Progress" for our spiritual sustenance. Taking a few minutes to peruse our American Legion Newsletter shows that your cognitive abilities are functioning well. You also exhibit good taste in reading material AND receive extra credit for continuing through the 2nd paragraph of this SAL article.

SAL will meet Feb. 18 (3rd Thurs) @ 1800h, with hopefully a quorum to conduct official business. Unfortunately, the planned '4 Chaplains Ceremony' had to be postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Most importantly: Post 112 SAL Squadron heartily wishes our Veterans and American Legion Family a "Happy, Harmonious 2021!" Sing-cerely,

*Anthony J. Robertson*  
SAL Commander



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