

AMERICAN LEGION
C. K. R. T. POST #7
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December Birthday Wishes to:

4th Brian Allaband
6th Buster Rust
9th Sue Barmer
16th Bill Cullemer

If your birthday is not showing up on the newsletter, it may be because that it was not listed on your membership application. Please stop by the post and put your name and birth date on a piece of paper and drop it off in the newsletter mailbox.

Sick Call:

None

Taps:

None

Please mark your calendar with these upcoming events in December:

1st Remembrance Tree Goes Up
1st General Membership Meeting
5th Pig Roast Meeting at 5:30 pm
6th SAL Meeting at 7:30 pm
11th Ladies AUX Christmas Party/Meeting
17th Department Christmas Party
22nd Executive Meeting
31st New Years Eve Party

New Years Eve Party

Saturday, Dec 31st from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am
Triple Shot will be playing from 7 pm to 12:30 am.
We will have food and are asking those of you who plan to attend to bring a dish for the food table. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar. There will be hats and noisemakers for everyone and we will also have some drink specials. See all of you at the party. ☺

Special Thanks

Thanks to all of those who donated turkeys and other food items for our Thanksgiving dinner.

Winners of the Best Costumes at the Halloween Party on October 29th.

1 st Place	Tammy Fink
2 nd Place	John and Jane Carver
3 rd Place	Floyd and Laura Wood
4 th Place	Kim and George Campbell
5 th Place	Christina Cordova
6 th Place	Tammy Tribbett
7 th Place	Frannie Parks

Thanks to our local merchants who donated the prizes for the costume contest. They are:

3D Auto Repair
Country Flowers
Smitty's Auto Repair
Betsy Ross Pizza
Elan Sanyshyn
Ace Hardware
Kirby & Holloway
Bridle Bit Liquors

SAL News:

Meeting: SAL Meeting, Dec 6, 2011 – Post Home, 7:30 pm. All SAL Members welcome to attend.

Wheelbarrow of Cheer: Chances for the Christmas Wheelbarrow of Cheer are available at the Post for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Dues: It's time to pay your 2012 dues. \$25.00 for 21 and over, \$8.00 for under 21 and \$8.00 for dual members.

SAL Breakfast: We need help for the SAL Breakfast. If you can give your time, please leave your name and number at the Post.

*For God and Country
Donald Jenkins,
SAL Commander*

Auxiliary News:

Our December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Stargate Diner in Harrington. This will be our Christmas luncheon. We will be exchanging a \$10 gift. The Department President, Beth McGinn and Vice President, Delores Taylor will be our guests. Please let me know by December 9th if you plan to attend.

Breakfast with Santa will be December 18th. If you can help in the kitchen, please call me at 398-3976. If I'm not home, leave a message and I will call you back.

We have received our shopping list for our Veterans in the nursing home and have started purchasing the things that are needed for their gift bags. We have 14 Veterans this year.

Don't forget to bring in your donations for our packages for our troop overseas, Toys for Tots, Home of the Brave and Adopt-a-Family.

The Auxiliary has a special project this year called Buddy Baskets. These are gift baskets to welcome homeless Veterans to their new homes. There is a list on the bulletin board at the Post of the items needed for the Buddy Baskets. You can bring in a donation of items or make up an entire basket and bring it in. The cost of an entire basket is less than \$20.

The Department Christmas Party will be held at Post #7 on December 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 per person and must be purchased by December 11th. The dress is casual.

Don't forget to bring your ornaments over to put on the Remembrance Christmas Tree.

Our National President will be in Delaware on March 2nd. More details will be announced later.

The National Commander and his wife will be in Delaware March 7th – 9th. More details will be announced later.

If you have a chairmanship, most of the mid-year reports are due by December 6th. Please send all reports to the Department Chairperson.

Our next Department Executive meeting will be held on January 14th at Unit 14 in Smyrna.

Our Unit will be doing the Easter tray favors for the Veterans Hospital again this year. If you have any craft ideas, let me know. The tray favors have to be small enough to fit between stacked food trays.

Dues for 2012 need to be paid before the end of the year in order to receive your new keycard in January.

Remember our Servicemen and women and their families in your prayers during this Holiday Season and always.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.

*For God and Country
Holly Perdue,
Unit President*

COMMANDERS CORNER

Thanks to all the Legion Family members that went to Lake Forest South to hand out Trick or Treat bags to the kids.

Thanks to Edna Seeney for running the sub sale in October. 164 subs were sold. Also thanks to Don & Cheryl Enright, Carl Burger, Gary Porter, & Tom Barnard for helping out.

Heritage Days went well. Thanks to Walt Perdue, Gary Porter, Jeff Ortiz, & Don Enright for making that happen.

The Department of Delaware will be holding their annual Christmas party at the post on Saturday December 17th. The cost is \$12 per person. If you are interested in coming please mail your checks to the Department before December 11th. See fliers at the post for details.

This year Triple Shot will be playing at the New Years Eve party. Again this year a courtesy van will be provided. If you'd like to help with the party or the planning, please see us and share your ideas.

The post will be closed on Christmas Day but we will be open for breakfast on New Years Day and all day New Years.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. Enjoy your time with your family and friends. Also remember our brave men and women serving in harms way, protecting the freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

Remember that the post is only as strong as its members.

The meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month.

*For God and Country
Tom Adams,
Post Commander*

Ceremonial Flag:

We want to buy a 10 X 19 foot American Flag to fly on the rear flagpole. This flag will only be flown during special events. There will be a donation jar on the bar to help with the cost. We are hoping to have the flag before the car show at the end of April. Any loose change you have will be appreciated.

Newsletter:

Anyone that would like to pick up his or her newsletter at the post, in order to help the post save some money, lets us know. We will start keeping them at the post and you can just pick one up when you stop by. Also the newsletters are available at the post web site and at MyLegion.com.

Legion College:

Congratulation to our District Commander and Post 2nd Vice Commander Jim Stewart who successfully completed the weeklong class in Indianapolis. Jim was among 52 Legionnaires who were among the American Legion class of 2011.

Flag Rewards Program:

We are now registered with American Legion Emblem Sales for the Flag Rewards Program. Anyone can go to the emblem sales web site or call them and order items. Tell your neighbors, friends, relatives, coworkers, and employers to buy their flags from emblem sales. They are 100% American made. Anyone who buys a flag from emblem sales needs to request their purchase benefit post #0007. It's that easy. From then on anytime you make a purchase the post will earn credits that we can spend to buy items for the post at emblem sales.

Breakfast:

Only \$6.50
This months breakfast will support the following:

- Dec. 4 Legion
- Dec. 11 Scholarship
- Dec. 18 AUX – Santa Claus
- Dec. 25 Christmas – Closed
- Jan. 1 Legion

Troops Overseas:

Once again this year we will be putting out a box to collect items to send to the troops serving overseas. The collection box will remain out till Christmas and the items will be sent. Last year we sent items to 3 of our local or post 7 Legion family members. If you know of any local serviceman or family members of Post members serving overseas please see me so we can send them a care package.

Tom Adams
Post Commander

Toys For Tots:

This year we will again be a drop off location for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. So while you are out doing your holiday shopping, please remember those in need. The Toys for Tots program accepts new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls. Thanks in advance to all of those who give supporting families in need in our area.

2012 Membership Dues:

2012 dues are do before the end of the year. With out your 2012 membership card you will not be able to get your new key card in January. Please don't wait till the last minute. Dues are \$25.00.