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JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY    MONDAY    TUESDAY    WEDNESDAY    THURSDAY    FRIDAY    SATURDAY

REMINDER OF THE MONTH						1	2
 WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS 5PM TO 7 PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS TO BE DETERMINE FEBRUARY 7TH SUPER BOWL LV 						TABLE TOP 1PM TO BE DETERMINE	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
FOOTBALL BRING COVERED DISH	BAR OPEN 2:00 PM	E BOARD MEETING 6:15 GEN MEETING 7PM AUXILLARY MEETING 7PM	LEGION  FRIED CHIX WING DINNER \$8.00 MINI PLATE \$5.00		BUNKO 1PM  TO BE DETERMINE		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
FOOTBALL BRING COVERED DISH	BAR OPEN 2:00 PM		SAL  NO DINNER  KITCEHN MTG 2PM CALENDAR MTG 3PM		TO BE DETERMINE		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
FOOTBALL BRING COVERED DISH	BAR OPEN 2:00 PM	WARRENSBURG VA	DEB HAMBURGER CHEESEBURGER ONION RINGS OR FRIES  COLUMBIA VA		TO BE DETERMINE		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
FOOTBALL BRING COVERED DISH	FOLDING NEWSLETTER 9AM NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME AND PLEASE HELP		SUSANN  MEXICAN NIGHT		TO BE DETERMINE		
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FOOTBALL BRING COVERED DISH							



# **The American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624**

JANUARY 2021



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

January 2021, a brand new never before used year! Most of us are pretty happy to see the end of 2020, one of the worst in memory and I was "in the war"! With all the restrictions, closures, conjecture, and no reliable information on which to plan, we can feel a little besieged and helpless. We have little choice but to keep on keepin' on and weather this storm and hope the vaccine is soon and widely distributed and a cure is found soon. We will return to normal but no one can say when.

On a lighter note, the business of the Post goes on. We have met our obligations to the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots campaign as well as a substantial donation to the Salvation Army as our December budget items. Also if you haven't heard Retta Morton was made aware of a serious need for relief for the junior enlisted men at Whiteman AFB on Friday, 11/27. The Post put up \$500.00 and we passed the hat among the members. On Monday, 11/30, we presented \$3040.00 to the 1st Sergeant for their fund. I have never been prouder to be a member of such a generous group. Thank you all for showing the true Spirit of Christmas.

God Bless you  
God Bless America  
Mark



With great sadness we have to recognize members that have past from this horrible epidemic. Wanda Imams who was over 90 years old could not fight it. Wanda's second husband was commander at our post. Wanda was very active in the auxiliary attending functions and helping with projects.

Darleen Jost was a past president and worked in the kitchen. Darlene would giggle a lot when Barbara would get upset because the chicken we were to serve did not get done. Barbara Gatewood would scurry around trying to fix the chicken that was not cooked by taking the baked chicken out of the oven and start frying it. It was the best chicken I have ever tasted. Myra Brazie was active in a lot of areas; she started Bunco at the Legion for the ladies and worked in the kitchen a lot. brings up another lady Norma Lovell. Norma loved to play bunko and always could make the entire ladies laugh. Her laugh was contagious. Midge Hilker had been a past president and numerous ladies felt that Midge was one of the best presidents we had.

This brings up another lady that was known for her love of cooking, her kindness and her love and compassion for our veterans. Barbara Gatewood seems to be a part of the legion that touched most of us. **Barbara never met a stranger and had a motherly way about her that touched all of us. Barbara and I were very close along with numerous other ladies. Her cooking in the kitchen was known by everyone. When Barbara cooked you knew there would be a nice crowd at the legion. She loved to baby her customers on the nights that she cooked. She might give someone a little more gravy or a generous amount of dressing. She loved to cook and the people she fed could feel her love. When I first became a member of our auxiliary we started working as teams in the kitchen... Barbara, and a wonderful lady named Willie Mock and I worked together in the kitchen. Willie has been gone for a long time. I can see her with Barbara discussing what banquet in heaven that they would be in charge of. We laughed so much while we worked. All of our ladies will be missed as an auxiliary member and friend. If I have left any one of our ladies out, it would never be from the heart but it could be my brain has been over tasked lately.**

**Hopefully we will be able to have a January meeting. We did not have the usual Christmas party dinner nor did we meet for our December meeting. It is better to be safe than sorry...**

It seems like everything has been turned upside down with this virus. As soon as we can get back to normalcy we can start have dinners and dances etc. A decision will be made at the end of December as to what we need to do concerning our Post, have a January meeting etc.

God bless all of you.  
Loretta Morton

The Auxiliary is planning on having a January January 5th on Tuesday Board meeting and Membership meeting and the Wednesday meals are all subject to change. I sure hope Santa was good to everyone. I hope nobody got coal or switches!

**SAL**



SAL hopes all have a better year this year and I personally wish each of you a BELATED SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SAL will not be COOKING OR MEETING UNTIL MARCH 3rd 2021. WE WILL MEET THEN @ our normal time of 6PM.

We are anxious to see everyone and begin working on projects to HONOR and SERVE Veterans and their Families.  
STAY SAFE and know we miss being there.

Bob Worthley  
816-850-4935

**RIDERS**



We hope everyone survived the holidays and has safely escaped 2020 in good health. There isn't a lot happening for us this time of year.

Everyone be safe out there and make sure your bikes are ready to go when spring gets here.  
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Ted York  
Director  
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As you are reading this message hopefully the Pandemic Virus will be a virus of the past. Upon hearing Whitman Air force Base needed monetary help for several military families; Our Legion Family pooled funding together from our Legion, our Auxiliary, our Riders and our Sons. The commissary and exchanges have to be competitive with the other grocery stores in the area, making the prices sometimes unreachable for some. Whitman has a 501 C called "Project Warm Hearts". Together with our Legion Family checks were given from each family group amounting to over \$3,000.00. (Several members gave money out of their own pocket) to First Sergeant Justin Majewski (660 687 7131). This money will be helping families for Thanksgiving, Christmas meals and help Santa with toys for the children. Veterans are known for their big hearts but Our Legion Family should be known as The Post Family that works together what a site to see so many with Hearts of Gold.

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