



CDR'S December Newsletter

Merry "almost" Christmas Legionnaires! The beginning of November left this old guy in the grips of Covid-19. Still not at 100%, but much better, and thankfully nobody in my family got sick. First off, I would like to thank Stefanie, 3rd Vice, for taking over the executive board and General meetings on short notice, I received several comments on how well she did. Secondly, she was not the only one that stepped up, knowing that I was not up to the task. Thank you ALL for your support.

November was a good month. Starting with Veterans Day. We had tremendous support and over 100 students from Hurricane Deck Elementary came to celebrate with us and were able to meet and talk to our Veterans and gave us pictures and poppies they made. Some students came with some very heartwarming, and tear-jerking stories, some just wanted a hug from a hero. We were also able to provide their Christmas Store with \$2100's in donations, with more to come. Please donate Toys and/or cash, we still have most of December to donate! I would also like to thank Lt Col. Naab for a patriotic and inspiring speech! Thank you for your service and time with our post!

We also had a wonderful turnout for our Thanksgiving dinner, the dinner was awesome as always, thanks to the Auxiliary for providing and cooking it! I know my family and I had a wonderful Thanksgiving; we hope each and every one of you did as well!

In December we have some new entertainment with Starla and Scotty, let's get out and show them a big legion welcome! Also, some great music with Common Ground coming back! Then we have Christmas dinner... and into Christmas and New Year's! Almost 2023, where did the time go?

We need to be watchful of our fellow Veterans during the holidays and even more so after the holidays. Our Post is in the process of making buddy check calls. Please contact me or John Seward to get some numbers to call our members. These Calls are important to check on our members, ensure they are being taken care of, and verify our rolls are correct. Please help to make just a few phone calls.

There are also some new suicide awareness resources; www.betheone.org please check it out, and a national suicide and crisis line at "988" (Ext 1 for vets.) This number should be used so we don't end up calling 911 when it's too late.

God Bless, stay safe, and hope to see you soon!

Austin Teel

Commander Post 624



Hope this December newsletter finds all auxiliary members in the Christmas spirit and remembering the reason for the season.

The Veterans Day breakfast, bake sale and program on November 11th, was well attended, as always. Thank you to all that volunteered your time and efforts for honoring all of our veterans.

The vendors did well with selling their wares at the "Fall Craft/Car Show" and everybody enjoyed admiring the cars and motorcycles. Thank you, Susann Huff, for heading up this event.

Please remember our upcoming American Legion Christmas dinner on December 14th. This dinner is all done by donations and volunteers. Thank you for your support.

The American legion kitchen will be closed in January and February. Kitchen will open in March. The legionnaires will be updating areas at the legion hall for a refreshing new look. The auxiliary kitchen workers are looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

Thought of the month:

The older I get, the more I realize that happiness is not about fancy cars or how big your house is. It's about finding peace, joy and contentment with the people you love. Friends and family are what matters.

QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY.

Respectfully
Betty Hovey
President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!





Legion Riders Gun Raffle has come to a close for 2022. Many tickets many hopeful winners but “lady luck” showed her sparkle on Veterans Day 2022.

The Kimber Custom II Two Tone 45 ACP was won by Brent Wilson. Mr. Wilson is from the Chicagoland area and is always on the front line to lend a helping hand to his brothers and sisters both near and far. A yearly rider for our BikeFest and a strong supporter of a variety of causes! Congrats to Brent Wilson.

The Henry Brass Lever Action 45-70 Octagon Barrel was won by Gladys Case. Gladys and her father, E. Augustine, enjoyed a dinner at the Branding Iron on the 4th of July where tickets were being sold. Of course, Mr. Augustine could never resist having the opportunity of owning another weapon. As he was a Lifetime member of the NRA and Kansas State Rifle Assoc, an Instructor for Hunter Education for 50yrs and a founding member of the Geary County Fish and Game and a 62yr member of the Elks.

Mrs. Case had always taunted her father on the need of her father gifting a long gun to her but to no avail, he gifted her 2 tickets out of the 24 tickets he bought that day.

Unfortunately, Mr. Augustine passed unexpectedly 9 Nov 2022 but his final gift will always live on with his daughter and extended family! Congratulations Mrs. Case!

Thank you again to all volunteered what seemed like endless hours at a variety of events and Thankyou to all those who bought and sold tickets throughout the year! YOU all made this a HUGE success!

THINKING WARMLY OF EACH OF YOU AND WISHING YOUR FAMILY AN EXTRA MEASURE OF COMFORT, JOY AND HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS. MAY YOUR TRAVELS BE MEMORABLE AND SAFE. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



DECEMBER 2022



SAL News:

SAL will have no scheduled meetings or activities until March 2023. This does not mean we are standing still. Coming will be a web page and a new social media presence for SAL. Details will be announced soon. Make certain that SAL Post 624 has your email address. Send updated info to jjmellody@charter.net.

Membership cards for 2023 are now available. So far there has been 38, 2023 membership cards mailed. If you have submitted fees for 2023 card and have not received card let Jim Mellody know.

Due to difficulties in the past with communication, a new system will be in effect for obtaining 2023 cards. Here are the procedures: The fee for membership is still \$25, the same as the last several years. The fee should be submitted in a sealed envelope with your name and SAL printed on the outside. Also include most recent address, phone number and email. This information will be used by State HQ and this Post to establish current contact list. The envelope can be mailed directly to the Post or placed in the blue SAL folder in the kitchen area. Please do not give to the bartenders, or another member unless they understand envelope must go to SAL folder. The folder will be emptied the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please no loose bills or checks, place in envelope, in the past these are misplaced or forgotten. How you want your card mailed include that info in the envelope. Hopefully with all info in writing cards can be issued timely. Thank you for your cooperation. Jim Mellody, SAL. Contact info: jjmellody@charter.net, text: 913-269-3375.

See all of you soon. Jim Mellody

Happy Holiday Season to All, from members of SAL Post 624.....

The American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624

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DECEMBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Spagetti with Meatballs & Salad or Fried Fish ,Fries & Slaw \$9 5pm-630pm Music by Starla & Scotty	Turkey Shoot 11am Kitchen open 11am-2pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Chiefs Game 3:25pm Kickoff Bring a Covered Dish to share	Shuffle Board 3pm	E-Board Meeting 615PM General Meeting 7PM Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	Wing Night \$10 5pm-630pm Youngsters Meeting 6pm		Open faced Roast Beef,mashed potatoes ,Veggie & Salad or Fried Fish , Fries & Slaw \$9 5pm-630pm Music by Common Ground	Turkey Shoot 11am Kitchen open 11am-2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Chiefs Game 7:20pm Kickoff Bring Fingerfood	Shuffle Board 3pm	Calendar Meeting 3 pm	XMAS DINNER Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy dressing, corn rolls & Cake 5pm-630		Baked Chicken,mashed potatoes, Gravy & Veggie or Fried Fish , Fries & Slaw \$9 Music by Starla & Scotty	Turkey Shoot 11pm Kitchen open 11am-2pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Chiefs Game 12Ppm Kickoff Bring a covered Dish	Shuffle Board 3pm				Kitchen Closed for the Holidays	Chiefs Game 12pm Kickoff Bring a covered Dish Bar open until 6pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Legion Closed for Christmas	Shuffle Board 3pm		Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries or Onion Rings \$9 5pm - 630pm		Kitchen Closed for the Holidays	New Years Party Bring a Appetizer to share Music by Mitch&Melanie 8pm - 12am
1	2	Notes				
Happy New Year Chief's Game 12pm Kickoff Bring covered Dish Black Eyed Peas & Ham ~3pm	Shuffle Board 3pm					



IN MEMORIAM

John E. Jones

April 15, 1945 – May 11, 2022

US Navy

Vietnam War

Robert Uhlinger

May 25, 1937 – April 18, 2022

US Army

Korean War



IN MEMORIAM

Arnold D. Paden

December 25, 1942 - July 21, 2022

US Navy

Vietnam War

Olen R. Harper

December 2, 1931 - October 26, 2022

US Army

Korean War

Our Deepest Sympathies

American Legion

8th Annual Christmas Dinner

Wednesday Dec. 14

5-6:30pm

Free

but Donations are Appreciated



Early Closing on

Christmas Eve

Closed on

Christmas Day

Merry Christmas



NEW YEARS EVE!

**BRING SNACKS
TO SHARE
AND ENJOY THE
MUSIC BY
Mitch & Melanie
8PM-12AM**

NEW YEARS DAY

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