

The American Legion Post 800

POST NEWS December 1-31, 2014

News :

All 2014 memberships will expire on January 1st. There'll be a 30 day grace period, during which all 2014 memberships will be delinquent, and if not renewed, will be suspended as of January 31st. Our 2015 Legionnaire dues are \$45 (the Post retains only \$16.50 of the dues.) Auxiliary and Sons are \$30 each. Dave Fraser is the Adjutant for the Post and Squadron. Denise Jones is the membership person for the Auxiliary. Contact them if you have any questions.

As a result of a recent private donation, the Post's Appliance Replacement fund has enough money to replace our totally worn out and ready-to-fail bar beer cooler. Any left over funds will apply to purchasing another appliance.

The new American Legion National Commander, Mike Helm, will be visiting District 21 on December 17th for lunch at Perris Post 595 and for dinner at Riverside Post 79. Contact the respective posts for details.

Sadly, we report the passing of former Post members Phred Csentery, US Army - Vietnam on November 7th and former Post member and WWII veteran, Robert C. Day. The Post sends condolences to the families. Our country has lost two fine veterans.

Meetings:

American Legion – The next meeting will be Saturday, December 6th at 10 am.

Auxiliary - Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm.

SALs - No meeting

Board of Directors - No meeting

Dinners:

Prime Rib Dinner- Friday, December 5th from 5 to 7 pm. \$15 for prime rib or salmon and \$10 for fried chicken. We need volunteers to prepare for this event. Waitresses can work for tips that night. There will be no Prime Rib Dinner in January.

Senior Holiday Luncheon- Saturday, December 13th. From noon until 2 pm. This is a free meal, open to all seniors in our community. This is an Auxiliary function, but we also need volunteers to serve and help with clean-up, don't be shy, come and participate.

Auxiliary Taco Night- Saturday, December 13th, 5 to 7 pm. Barbara Wallace will be making her famous, ***carnitas***, street tacos, spanish rice and frijoles refritos.

Parties:

Kid's Christmas Party- Sunday, December 14th. From 1 to 3 pm. This is an Auxiliary function, but we also need volunteers to serve and help with clean-up, don't be shy, come and participate.

New Years Eve Party- Monday, December 31st from 7pm to ? Music provided by the Post.

Monday Night Football- games start at 5:30 pm, 12-1, Dolphins at Jets, 12-8, Falcons at Packers, 12-15, Saints at Bears, 12-22, Broncos at Bengals. A variety of different meals will be available on game nights up until halftime. All proceeds from Monday Night Football will go for a Super Bowl Party on February 1st.

Army/Navy Game- Saturday, December 13th. Game starts at noon.

New Years Day Bowl Games- Thursday, January 1st (11 am to ?) Food served from 11 to 2. Call the Post for opening time.

The Clubroom Hours are as follows:

Monday thru Wednesday - 4 until *9 pm

Saturday -11 until *?

Thursday and Friday - Noon until *9 pm

Sunday - 10 until *9 pm

*Closing hour is dependent upon number of patrons in clubroom; we can't afford to pay overtime to our bartenders.

For the Good of the Legion:

Thank You's:

To Tracy Philippi, Danny Richardson, Terry Richardson, Steve Ward, Gloria Carlson, Barbara Wallace, Barbara Burgess, John Milne, Laurie Fraser, Dave Fraser, Mike McGhee, Patti Blackman and many others who provided side dishes and desserts - because of your efforts,our free Thanksgiving Day meal was a huge success.

To those who helped with the Post clean-up Nov. 6 in preparation for our Veteran's Day ceremony.

To Marge Muir and the IFPD for the use of the cauldron in retiring over 500 American flags.

To the SALs for organizing a wood raffle and donating the proceeds to the Post's appliance fund.

Service Officer's Report –

The American Legion has developed a smartphone app to help veterans apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs for disability compensation. The "Claims Coach" app is available on the Legion's website at www.legion.org/mobileapps . The app provides an applicant access to a certified Legion service officer, a resource guide, tips on working through each stage of the application, and a handy way to keep track of submitted documents.

The "Claims Coach" app helps to negotiate your application for military benefits. A full explanation of benefits can be accessed at www.military.com/benefits . It's both a tool and a resource guide and is indispensable in helping veterans file their claims, putting them in touch with people who are absolutely and totally advocating on their behalf and walk them through what needs to be done.

Remember, PTSD is treatable. Should any Post 800 member or family need assistance in negotiating applications for veteran's assistance and/or benefits or travel assistance to the Veterans Administration offices, Health Resource Center, clinics, etc., please call Post Service Officer Dave Fraser at 659-3165 or just leave a message at the Post and Dave will get back to you.

Your American Legion Post is here to help.

Please join us in helping others.