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## **POST 57 JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Well, this month has been a very good one. We had our post decorated by the volunteers, who did a great job. Thanks to all that helped. We decorated our floats and participated in the Christmas Parade. Once again, great job and thanks to all members that helped, it was a great time. We also participated in WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA with Michael Zigeler heading this function up. What a success and thanks to ALR group for helping with this great event.

We had our Christmas Dinner and had a great turn out with great food. Thanks to Sharon Huggins and crew for the great food. Our New Year's Eve party was also great with lots of family and friends. What a way to bring in the New Year.

Our lounge floor was completed and looks great. Baseboard still must be done. Thanks to Linda and Laura for speaking to the Budweiser Rep and redoing our advertisements in the lounge.

Now for January: We have a lot of things planned for the New Year. We must complete our floors in the meeting rooms, no date yet. We will be having random drinks specials in the lounge. Some to include: 2 for 1 Well Drinks for 1 1/2 hours; 2 for 1 draft; \$1 off Top Shelf Drinks; Martini Night, Rum and Coke Night, \$1 Bloody Mary's, Ladies Night—ladies drink free for first 1 1/2 hours.

Jan 8th: Take down Christmas decorations @10am

Jan 14th: Department Commander visit      Jan 15th: DCC Meeting @ Post 224 10am

Jan 19th: Post planning meeting, 6pm (2 reps from each entity)

Jan 29th: Americanism @ 5pm in the Hall

***For God and Country, Commander Rick***

## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

Here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022. As we enter the new year, here are some things to keep in mind:

Friday, Jan. 14th will be the first Rider's dinner of 2022. We have Victoria and her crew in the kitchen that night preparing for you her Lasagna with authentic Italian sides and dessert for a mere \$10 donation. Members may enjoy their meal in the lounge accompanied by their favorite libation.

Saturday, January 15th sees S.A.L. hosting their first Roadkill of 2022 in the lounge. Roadkill is always a great time with fun for all

January 22nd Rider's will be kicking off their Roadkill 2022 and as always, we look forward to a great time.

Planning for our spring Chili Cook Off begins this month so please be prepared to step up and help us make this annual event another huge success. I'll advise as soon as we have a firm date.

As the days begin to get longer, we look forward to getting back to what we do best and that's wind therapy.

As always, thank you to all who step out and stand up to lend a helping hand. For those who missed Wreaths Across America and the placing of the flags on our Veteran's graves, you have no idea what you missed.

Thanks to all for your continued support to keep us happy and healthy as a Rider family.

For the cause, not the applause,

***Bill Huggins***

## **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

Texas Hold'em held their monthly fundraiser on Friday December 10, 2021 and raised \$505 for the Legion. There were 16 players and the pot of \$1415 was won by 4 players: Jesus Rodriguez was 1st with \$410, Matt Edenfield, Joe Harrison and John Grubb each receiving \$330. Jesus Rodriguez got high hand and received \$80 plus he got a straight flush and received \$948. The next fundraiser will be Friday, January 14, 2022 at 7pm in the Main Hall. We now play Texas Hold'em every Monday and Friday in the Auxiliary Room (NO SMOKING) starting at 7pm. Sign in by 7pm to get your 2,000 chips bonus.

***Bob Tarlton***

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

***JAMES TAYLOR***

**Thanks for all you do!**

**HELP NEEDED: THE POST IS LOOKING TO FILL (2) PART TIME POSITIONS. 1) BOOKKEEPER: MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH A/P, A/R, PAYROLL, ETC. PAY DEPENDENT ON EXPERIENCE.**

**2) MAINTENANCE PERSON: LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED MAINTENANCE PERSON; ALSO PART-TIME. PAY DEPENDENT ON EXPERIENCE.**

**IF INTERESTED IN EITHER POSITION, COME BY THE POST AND PICK UP AN APPLICATION.**

## **HONOR GUARD**

November 30th Honor Guard served military honors and chaplain services for the Moore family. Frank Moore was a US Army/Korean War veteran who passed away in December of 2020. Due to COVID restrictions his family could not have a funeral at the time of his passing. The family was mostly from out of town and deeply appreciated our help in providing a wonderful graveside service. December was a busy month for Honor Guard. We had several events packed into one week. I'd like to thank each member of the team for doing their best to attend all the events and our monthly meeting as some of our team members live in other communities such as Branford and High Springs.

Our December events included: • December 11- military honors for US Army veteran Horace Jones, Jr. Mr. Jones was also a member of our post for 49 years • December 11- Christmas parade • December 14 – Community Hospice Remembrance Ceremony • December 18- Wreaths Across America for pictures and details see our Facebook page @ Honor Guard Post 57 Honor Guard's Record of Service for 2021 shows we were called for 25 total events or functions. One request was cancelled, and one request was declined. We served honors for 11 veteran funerals, 2 Post Everlasting Services; honored living veterans in 5 community events; participated in 4 Legion events; and folded and re-framed a flag for a widow of a community veteran. We have established positive community relations with each funeral home in our area as well as many health care facilities and most of all families. We never request donations but received gifts totaling \$300 this year. Donations are remitted to the Legion to help pay for our uniforms and other costs. We represent all family groups of the Post when we go out into the community and often answer questions or share information regarding our groups and their goals. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the bingo hall. Our next meeting is January 19, 2022, from 1500-1700 hrs. Thank you for your support. ----*Commander JD*

## **S.A.L. (SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION)**

Thank you to everyone who came out to make our annual Christmas party a huge success. What a party!! Roadkill Bingo will start back up on January 15th for S.A.L. Please come out and support our Veterans. The winner of the smoker grill was Mike Ciecel. Thanks to all who bought tickets. Dues can be paid at the lounge, or by mailing them to Post. Thanks everyone for making The Sons better this year. Let's keep up the good work and make it even better next year.

***S.A.L. COMMANDER, Mitch Cooper***

## **AUXILIARY**

Hello everyone! Thanks to all who were able to sacrifice their time and energy to our events from decorating to meeting with those we donated thru out this past year. Your efforts help make everything happen. In fact, without your participation in events we will fail to do our part. Not everyone can help and not everyone can help at every event. We understand and appreciate you choosing to be a part of our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 57, however you can.

We have a wonderful New Year ahead and hope to be of even better service to our Veterans and our community. With your help we will make it happen.

The Christmas party and 100th year Chartered Anniversary was a wonderful event. Thanks to all who came and celebrated, organized and helped to serve food. Thanks to our Auxiliary for being so dedicated to our Veterans. See you next year,

***President, Dianna Cooper***

*And finally, the rest of the story....*

December was a tough month for a lot of people. The holidays are not always a time of joy and cheer. This is a good time to look around your friends/family for those who may be in need. Maybe an older veteran that needs a ramp on their house, minor repairs or just some companionship. Please reach out to us and let us know they are in need. I've worked with many older veterans who have a really hard time asking for help. So, speak up for them.

Our next Veterans Benefit Class will be January 19th, 1-2:30pm. This class will be on the new Supplemental Reviews versus Reopen.

I am talking with a Yoga instructor about giving a class here at the Post 1 day per week. This is yoga geared towards seniors. If interested, please contact me. If we are able to get a few members interested, it would be a great way to start the New Year.

Any ideas for our newsletter? If you've got an idea, please contact me and we'll see about incorporating.

*Service Officer, **Rustyann Brown***