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The Legionnaire

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

FROM THE DESK OF THE POST COMMANDER

I am proud to be your Commander, a role that I have had great respect for ever since I became a member of the Post and I still do today. I am blessed to have a Post Adjutant that is a past Department Commander to advise me. He is also very well respected in the higher levels of the American Legion to include the National Commanders and their staff. I must also mention our Post Judge Advocate also serving as our District Judge Advocate. He is also very well distinguished in the American Legion community as well. I am also privileged to have a highly competent team of dedicated Legionnaires on my entire staff. It is a great privilege to lead such a motivated team as this. Their dedicated work has brought our Post good successes during my term as your Commander. Let us continue to work hard to have another successful year.

I was honored to meet our new National Commander in New Orleans during the 105th National Convention. His name is James A. LaCoursiere Jr. and he has pledged to maintain the mission of the organization's **Be the One** veteran suicide prevention program and raise funds for the Veterans & Children Foundation. He stated "You don't fix something that's not broken," referencing the work that had been done before him by Past National Commander James Troiola and Daniel Seehafer. He also stated "we're going to maintain the course and follow the consistency that has been set. And then he introduced what he called his personal and secondary theme: L.U.V. or Loyalty, Unity, and Valor. The L is the loyalty, the true compassion from the heart. But the unity is when we all pull together, we all work as one, for the mission. The valor, we carry that with us in our hearts.

We are now coming into the holiday seasons and our families will be placed first on our list. We will first start our celebrations with the scary holiday of Halloween. Be sure to stop by the Post to have a scary adult beverage. Then we move into November. Do not forget we will be having a past war display by Gordon Kennedy on the weekend starting on November 8th. If you have not seen it, I strongly recommend you stop by to see this display. It is very impressive; Gordon has purchased all items and it is his personal collection. We will also be entering a float for the veteran's day parade, dig out your marching boots and help us to represent the post. We will have chairs on the float for those that will not be able to walk the entire parade route. I would like to have representation from the regular membership, the sons, the Auxiliary, the Riders, and the Junior members as well. We are the American Legion Family, lets let our community know who we are. Next is thanksgiving, please stop in the post for details of what we are doing. Then in December we will be having the children's Christmas party. Please see the scrolling banner in the canteen for weekend events, we will be having bands coming back for your entertainment during the winter months.

With warmest regards,

David E. McLaughlin




Post Commander

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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7PM	2	3	4 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	5 Country Line Dancing Class 7-8pm Dancing 8-11pm
6 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY 12:00PM STEELERS 8:20PM	7 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	8  SAL MEETING 7PM BINGO 7PM	9  REGULAR MEETING 7PM	10	11 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	12
13 STEELERS 4:05PM	14 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	15 BINGO 7PM	16  RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM	17	18 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	19 OCTOBERFEST ACORDIANIST PAT SEPTAK 6-10PM
20 STEELERS 8:20PM	21 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	22 BINGO 7PM	23 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	24	25 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	26 HALLOWEEN PARTY PULSE BAND 8-12PM
27	28 DJ TRIVIA 7PM STEELERS 8:15PM	29 BINGO 7PM	30	31		



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	2
3	4 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	5 BINGO 7PM	6  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30PM	7	8 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	9
10 STEELERS 1:00PM	11 VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE	12  SAL MEETING 7PM BINGO 7PM	13  LEGION MEETING 7PM	14	15 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	16 FLAG PICK UP CALVARY CEMETERY 10AM JENTZ BAND 8-11:30PM
17 STEELERS 1:00PM	18 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	19 BINGO 7PM	20  RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	21 STEELERS 8:15PM	22 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	23 FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER 2-7PM NAPKIN REQUEST DJ
24	25 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	26 BINGO 7PM	27 THANKSGIVING EVE PARTY THE PULSE 8-12	28 THANKSGIVING POST CLOSED	29 BINGO 7PM	30



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 STEELERS 1:00PM	2 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	3 BINGO 7PM	4 ★ AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30PM	5	6 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	7 HAY DAY 8-12
8 STEELERS 1:00PM	9 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	10 ★ SAL MEETING 7PM NO BINGO!	11 ★ LEGION MEETING 7PM	12	13 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	14 KIDS 0-13 CHRISTMAS PARTY 12:30-2PM ARMY VS NAVY 3PM
15 STEELERS 4:25PM	16 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	17 BINGO 7PM	18 ★ RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	19	20 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	21 POST CHRISTMAS PARTY 6PM FREE DINNER 3-7PM STEELERS 4:30PM
22	23 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	24 POST CLOSING AT 6PM	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED STEELERS 1:00PM	26	27 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	28
29	30 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6PM	January 1, 2025 Post Closed			

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

HAYDAY

DECEMBER 7, 2024

8PM – 12AM

MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF MEMBERS

American Legion Post 117

NYE PARTY



December 31 | Doors At 6 PM

Live Band: The Pulse 9pm-1am
\$20 per person
\$35 per Couple
Food at midnight
Hat and party favors

Designated Driver will be available

FROM THE DESK OF THE POST ADJUTANT

As we start into the fall and holiday season of the year, I want to thank everyone that has already renewed their membership for 2025. We still have 310 more members that need to renew their membership for 2025! So please look at your card and if you have a 2024 card in your wallet I would like to ask you to please renew NOW! If you renew before November 11th you will get an early bird stamp on your card, this will get you a **FREE DINNER** on February 1, 2025 at the Post. Your membership is important to The American Legion, you are renewing your commitment to helping your brothers and sisters that need your voice. We have a loud voice on Capital Hill because of members like you and your membership in our great organization. I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season with your family and friends and hope that you will be joining us at the Post for some of our holiday events that we have planned this year. Please check out the calendar and flyers. Without you our members we could not do and continue to do for our Veterans, our children and our community. So thank you for your service to our great country, and to our family members thank you for your support.

There is 3-year membership incentive for now that you can take advantage of. Let me explain how this works – you pay your dues for \$35.00 a year total of \$105.00 in full. You will not get a renewal notice until 2028, and you will be paid for 2025, 2026, 2027! The Post will receive its \$1/per year for your membership each year and you will receive your card. It is quick and easy! You **MUST** do this online at www.legion.org/renew

House Committee News

The Roof was just completed and we have received our warranty certificate and final payment has been issued. We have approved to replace the evaporator and condenser for the cooler in the kitchen and also replaced the mat behind the bar for our staff. We are continuing to serve cold beverages and hot food from our kitchen and canteen, please check out our facebook page for our daily specials or your email for the weekly update which provides the weekly specials and events that are happening at the Post each week. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to receive them please send an email to post117adjutant@gmail.com and we will get you signed up to receive them. We have the entertainment scheduled for the fall and winter, please come and enjoy the Friday night Karaoke, Saturday night bands, Sunday Steeler Games, DJ Trivia, BINGO, Best Jumbo Wings in town on Thursday night and much more that we have going on. We will be finishing up the remodeling project in the canteen in January 2025. Over the next few months we will be working in the canteen to change out some lighting and doing some small repairs and updates. On January 11 & 12, 2025 The Post will be **CLOSED** for a MAJOR cleaning project and finishing the canteen painting and ceiling, we are asking for volunteers to please come and assist us starting at 8am each day. We will be looking to get all the floors waxed through out the Post after the renovations are all done in the canteen.

*House Committee meetings are ALWAYS open to ALL Legion Family Members to attend, **NEW MEETING DATE 4th WEDNESDAY AT 6PM!** Please check the calendar, and we *now meet in the banquet hall area so it's easier for members to attend.* Please join us, and bring all your thoughts and ideas with you. *We welcome and appreciate your input.**

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Congratulations to our Milestone Members for 2024

5 Years

Robert	Biedenbach
Roleen	Bookhamer
George	Clementson
Charles	Cook
Merrill	Degreen
Donald	Duff
Keith	Mahood
Thomas	Reinhardt
Stephen	Snyder
Emile	Vlassich

20 Years

Dane	Aveard
Lawrence	Baptiste
Howard	Christie
Charles	Day
Joseph	Downey
Richard	Fair
Butch	Kaylor
Richard	Kern
James	Miller
Rodger	Rech
Paul	Schmidt
Paul	Statzer
Edward	Tanski
Paul	Zechman

10 Years

Gary	Archer
Brandy	Bartlett
Daryl	Betz
Joe	Bixler
John	Black
Amedio	Dettore
Cathy	Dorgan
Charles	Edinger
Robert	Fornadley
Mark	George
Donald	Gilliland
Jeffrey	Goerlich
Thomas	Hageter
Nathan	Laidlaw
Samuel	Lentz
Dennis	Likens
Anthony	Maletta
Carmen	Morra
William	Nagowski
Frank	Piperato
Thomas	Sales
James	Thompson

25 Years

Robert	Barnes
Phillip	Bouse
Ted	Collins
William	Keefer
Gordon	Kennedy
Herbert	Orth
Dennis	Ray
Ronnie	Scott
Ted	Swartzlander
Donald	Wogan
Joseph	Yusko

15 Years

William	Barosh
Chris	Birckbichler
Larry	Chambers
Douglas	Cuny
Richard	Gilliland
Cecil	Gold
Clair	Gold
Raymond	Gould
John	Harbison
Douglas	Hilliard
Gary	Hillman
Dennis	Johnston
Kenneth	Kerr
Edmund	Macerelli
Ronald	McKissick
Harold	Miller
Troy	Moore
James	Murdock
Larry	Nevel
Nicholas	Parison
Glenn	Pizor
John	Pugh
John	Smith
Donald	Spinetti
William	Spohn
George	Steele
David	Titely
Ellis	Zang

30 Years

Thomas	Bump
Frederick	Flick
Richard	Gardner
Jeffrey	Gengler
Peter	Herman
Arthur	Iman
Buddy	Kline
Earl	Lantz
James	Mahood
Donald	Meier
Gerald	Patterson
Thomas	Snyder
Scott	Spiece

35 Years

Phillip	Abraham
Matthew	Brady
Norman	Grates
Robert	Klemm
Dino	Lavorini
Kenneth	Long
John	Mahler
George	Thomas
Richard	Titus
Thomas	Wright

51 Years

Robert	Hillberry
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67 Years

Joseph	Riggs
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41 Years

Richard	Newell
George	Wylie



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