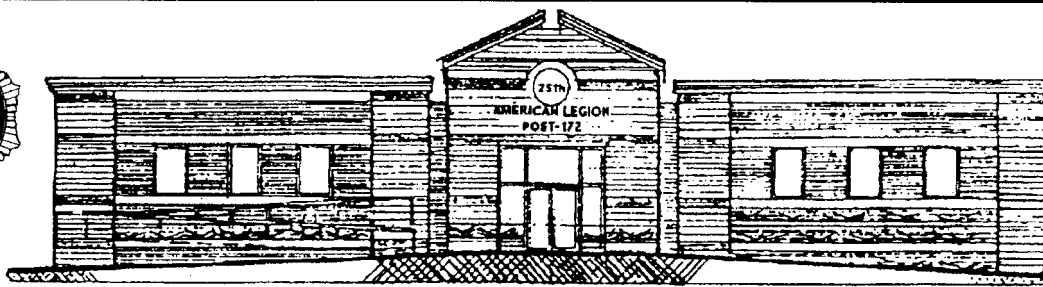


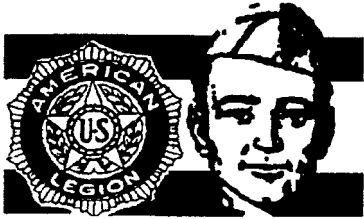


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Greetings from the Commander:

I would like to wish our entire American Legion Family a Happy New Year. The economy does not look good for the coming year, but with the American Legion Family working together we will make it a good year.

In January the Legion will start holding steak fires the last Friday of each month. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please contact me at the post.

Come into the Post and watch our five new televisions, of which one will be used to advertise upcoming events at the Post. I would like to thank Bruce Harms, Roger Biermier, and Dave Hammelgard for putting the televisions up.

We are updating our website and it should online in January. This will help us rent our hall more frequently, and allow us to do more of our own catering for rental hall events.

On Veterans Day we had a veterans program at Berkshire Nursing Home. We had twenty residents and eleven veterans form Berkshire attending the program. I would like to thank Dennis Collins, Elmer Modrow, and Terry Hieserich for participating in the program.

Please don't forget our veterans both past and present.

I wish to invite all Legion members to our general meetings. The meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM.

For God and Country
Earl Buchan, Commander

Ladies of the Auxiliary,

The busy holiday season is behind us and I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas. Now is the time for us to buckle down and get the membership program up to date and our unpaid dues in. If you or anyone you know has not paid their dues yet, please do so soon, so we can get on with our programs for our veterans and their families.

Please do remember our veterans and our active duty service people. Many of them are serving many miles from their families and friends and were not able to spend the holidays at home. Valentines Day is coming up, it would be nice to send a card or package to a service person. Also remember our veterans who are living in nursing homes. A valentine card and a cute tray favor would brighten their day.

We don't have much going on in January, but February will be bringing us our famous Senior Dinner. It is scheduled for February 22, 2009. Marlys will again be taking reservations after February 1, 2009. Her telephone number is 763-424-6578. We will also be hosting our annual Chile and Grilled Cheese sandwich supper on February 20, 2009. Hope to see you all there to support our Auxiliary Programs.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members and friends who have had surgery or are ill, and our deepest sympathy to those who have lost a loved one. May God watch over you and protect you.

From our family to yours—
WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

Until next time,
Erma Redden – Unit President

Greetings Legion Family

New years greetings to all members of the legion family from the Legion riders. We hope you all had a great holiday season. The New Year brings on new leadership for our country and many factions of our American system.

With the backing of all the people of this great country of ours we should be able to work through the difficult times we have before us. We all need to be aware that without the sacrifices that our military has made that we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms that we all take for granted.

The riders continue to raise funds for our veterans organizations with our omelet breakfasts. They are the 3rd Sunday of every month. Our last one showed us temperatures of 10 degrees below zero but we still had a good turnout. Two members of the Delano Legion riders were the first to come to the breakfast and for them to show up for our breakfast was deeply appreciated by all members of our group. As always our group can not do what we do without the support of our Legion riders and of course the people who support our functions.

We have placed our order with a local cabinetmaker to have a display cabinet built for the Legion. We will be displaying service memorabilia loaned to us by members of this great legion of ours. We anticipate the display will be available before the next newsletter is published. All members of our post are invited to loan any items that may be of interest to our other members. All members are invited to participate in this endeavor. We will display items with a short note to signify what the display is and what it means to the member who has loaned it to us. As of right now we are open to all loaned artifacts relating to the service of our military during our conflicts that we participated in around the world.

The Legion Riders will have final say in all items being displayed. The case will be located in the bar section of the club where it will be under constant watch by our members. We unfortunately will not be able to guarantee the safety of the items being displayed but every means under our control will be pursued by the club to insure the items being loaned will be secured as best as we can. Please consider loaning us an item with a story behind it for others to share.

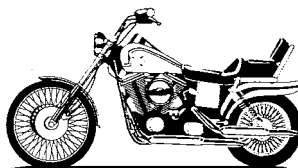
The Veterans on the Lake will be having a BBQ rib dinner on the 31st of January. Cost is \$9.00. This is an organization that the Legion Riders has always supported and we hope the members of our organization will help us in the support for this great cause.

As our non-riding season continues I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our Legion and the Legion Riders.

Myself and the Legion Riders wish all members of our Legion family a very pleasant and prosperous New Year.

Dan Jayson

Post 172 Riders Director / 10th District ALR Treasurer



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Mon. - Fri. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Sundays 11:00 a.m. - to 12:00 a.m.

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
11:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

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Veterans on the Lake

Rib Dinner

Saturday Jan 31st, 2008

5 – 8 PM

All proceeds will go to fund the Veterans on the Lake Resort, which is full handicap facility for our disabled veterans,

Cost is \$9 Per person

Bean Bag

Horseshoe Tournament

Sunday Feb 15, 2008

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Entry Fee is \$10 Per person

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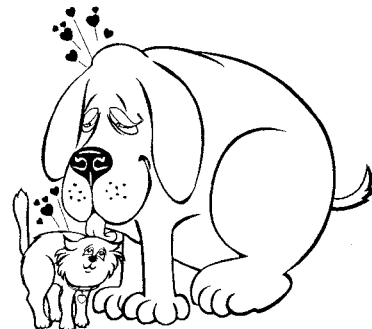
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*Happy
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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*





Greetings SAL Members

The SAL has been busy hosting several events in the past couple of months. We held the last Grilled Pork chop dinner for this year on Thursday December 18th. Thank you to all who attended and all who helped make it happen. We also hosted a Bourbon glazed ham dinner for the Christmas holiday on December 26th. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed these new events the squadron is doing.

The SAL also held our yearly post tradition of serving free Tom & Jerry drinks on Christmas Eve day. I always have a great time doing this and enjoyed serving them again this year. Thank you to the Post and the Legionnaires for allowing the SAL to do this every year.

I want to thank Brian Regan and Glennis Scanlon for doing a great job again this year as Santa and Mrs. Clause during our Breakfast with Santa event. Many thanks to all who helped, the list is long and I would be afraid I would miss someone if I list all the names. Thanks to all the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Rider members that helped. We served breakfast to 160 kids and parents and grand parents. We gave away approximately 80-100 toys to the kids attending. This is a great American Legion family event and I hope everyone who helped and/or attended enjoyed the event this year.

We also were able to donate \$500.00 to the Marines Toys for Tots program this year and the Legion matched our donation. Commander Earl did a great job representing our post as our spokesperson on KARE 11 during the newscast. Thank You Commander!

Lastly, I want to remind you of our upcoming schedule of events. The SAL will be taking a break in January, but we'll be cooking again in February as we have the Rib dinner once again on Valentines Day, Saturday February 14th from 5:00-8:30pm. Reservations are appreciated. You'll get baby back

Ribs, potato, Vegetable, Cole slaw and a dinner roll. We'll be serving Champagne with the dinner for \$1.00 glass. In March we will be starting an all-u-can eat fish buffet. These will happen on the third Thursday as well from 5:30-8:30 and we will be doing these from March-June. The details are not fully worked out yet so please keep watching in the post for all the details.

If you have not paid your dues for 2009, please do so as possible so we can reach our all time high once again this year.

Please remember our troops who are still serving and keeping this great country safe. That's all for now!

For God and Country

Terry J. Hieserich – Commander Squadron #172

Membership

Instead of talking about membership this month, I would like to talk about you and I, and how we feel about this great organization. I would like to talk to you about Legion Pride. I feel it is important for each us tell anyone who listens, how proud we are to be Legionnaires. We need to tell them about all the great good this organization does not only for veterans, but our community as well. We need to tell them about our efforts in helping our newest veterans receive all the benefits they deserve. We need to tell them how we help our young people through programs such as the Boy Scouts, Boys State, our philanthropic work in support of such as the Children's Miracle Network, or Operation Military Kids. If we show pride in our organization, it will be the first step towards getting veterans, who are non-members, to join the American Legion. So, show your pride.

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OCTOBER 2008:

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Youth programs \$ 800.00

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Dick Kolb – Gambling Manager