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DECEMBER 2017



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RAY CALORE
 EDITOR



**THINK
 MEMBERSHIP!**



COMMANDER'S COLUMN..... "Principles Above Personalities" ...MIKE BRUNNING, Commander

Comrades... Let me start by with a moment of silence for those who have given their lives at Pearl Harbor on the 7th. Many have given their lives in HONOR of our Country. Their loss is for OUR FREEDOM... Let us NEVER forget.

I also want to take a moment to recognize another among us, Al St. Pierre, for the work he has done and the help he has given to the Post. The most recent was to help a person in need. Thank you Al, God Bless you for your kindness. That's the Christmas Spirit!

Special thanks for the Boy Scout Troop136 for setting up, food, serving, and cleaning up for the Veterans Appreciation Day. Thank You Troop 136.

I want to wish everyone (political correctness aside) a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. I wish you all many blessings and, if you don't have or can't make it back to your family, then join us at the Post on the December 23rd at 7pm for a Christmas party featuring a white elephant gift exchange.

Let us not forget the Prime Rib dinner on the 8th at 6pm, and the Children's Christmas Party on December 9th from 10am till 2pm.

Last but not least, we have many new members and transfers joining our beloved Post. Let us make them feel welcomed.

...Mike Brunning, Commander

" Before you complain, have you volunteered yet?"

VFW AUXILIARY...

...TANYA BRUNNING, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members... The Mouse Races and the Buddy Poppy drive were both great successes. Thank you to all who helped.

The Post and Auxiliary adopted 11 families for this holiday season with the help of Eastern Star Adda Chapter 467 and Heather Benoit. We will be gathering food for the Christmas meal; consider dropping off a ham or canned vegetables.

December 8th is the Prime Rib dinner prepared by our own Larry Fries, be sure to get signed up soon. We are hosting a children's Christmas party on December 9th from 10 – 2. Santa will be stopping by, so make sure to bring your Wish List. The VA Christmas Party is December 10th, come provide some holiday cheer to the veterans.

The Post Christmas Party is December 23rd where we will be auctioning the ornaments the children make on the 9th. Hope to see you there!

The Holidays are always busy with family, friends. Please be safe and remember the reason for the season.

...Tanya Brunning, President

– The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves. — Helen Keller

PRIME RIB DINNER

by CHEF LARRY FRIES !

Friday, Dec. 8

6 pm

Only \$15.

(advance tickets preferred. Stop by or call in.)



Includes: baked potato, glazed carrots, salad.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY —

Saturday, December 9th

10am - 2pm

**Good Family Fun
(toy donations appreciated!)**

SANTA will be there, too !



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 CHIEFS at Jets / Noon	4 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	5 7pm House cmtee LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs	6 OPEN MIC 7pm	7 1941 PEARL HARBOR 7 pm MOVIE	8 PRIME RIB DINNER 6pm TEXAS HOLD'EM	KIDS' PARTY 10 - 2 ARMY—NAVY GAME 2pm KARAOKE
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31 PARTY TIME 8 p.m. CHIEFS at Broncos/ 3:25	2018 BLACK-EYED PEAS ALL DAY *** NEW YEAR		<p><i>"I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed." — Michael Jordan</i></p>			

KARAOKE every SATURDAY...

Please join us and your friends for some good-time Karaoke starting at 8pm. It's always fun to sing along, or just sit back with a cool drink and enjoy the "talent." With K-J Missy Hyde.

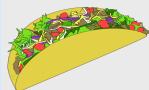


OPEN MIC WEDNESDAYS...

Starts at 7pm, we will have a regular rotation of original singers/songwriters featured and anyone with a guitar and a song can join us at the mic. Free to join in, and everyone is welcome.

ONE-DOLLAR \$1 TACO TUESDAY

Every Tuesday starting at 6:30.
Take a break and come on down!



LIFE WITH P.T.S.D. discussion with Norm Holle every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Post. Remember, it's not about what's Wrong with you, it's about what Happened to you. Norm and his wife Carolyn have 16 years experience in this field of helping Veterans. Norm's phone is (913) 856-4310.

The Post will be closed on Christmas Day. We hope you will enjoy the time with Family and Friends, and we'll see you after Christmas. Have a good one !



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Christmas Party —

Saturday, Dec. 23, 8pm

- * White Elephant gift exchange
- * Ugly Sweater contest.

New Year's Eve Party —

Sunday, Dec. 31, 8pm

- * in the Canteen
- * Champagne toast @ midnight
- * Will stay open 'til 1 a.m.
- * Happy New Year!



NEW YEARS DAY — Football plus * Black-Eyed Peas & corn bread — * All day until it's gone.



TEXAS HOLD'EM NOW ON FRIDAYS and MONDAYS, TOO...

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

...**Chaplain LANE SMITH**



We are sad to report the passing of Life Member Orville "Corky" Spiva on November 26th. Corky was instrumental in the formation of our POW/MIA program. Our condolences go out to his wife Carol and family.

Also, we remember Bill Hodges, past commander of American Legion 370. We worked with Bill on many joint projects and we will miss him. Bill was laid to rest at Leavenworth National Cemetery on November 30th.

Please let me know of anyone in distress. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

...**Chaplain LANE**

POW/MIA REPORT... **Ray Calore, Chairman**



Most Americans are unaware that Cuba was deeply involved in the Vietnam War. In fact they had an engineering battalion called the "Girón Brigade," that was maintaining Route Nine, a major enemy supply line into South Vietnam. Their facilities included a POW camp and field hospital very near the DMZ, just inside North Vietnam. Cuban interrogators worked in Hanoi at a prison known as the Zoo.

One of the most brutal was Cuban Major Fernando Vecino Alegret, known to the POWs as "Fidel." Testimony tells of "Fidel's" torture of U.S. Capt. Earl Cobeil, whose features became so grotesque that he was not returned at Operation Homecoming, but was listed as "died in captivity." His remains were returned in 1974. Such treatment was commonplace.

*References: "Torture of American Prisoners by Cuban Agents," Juan O. Tamayo, Miami Herald, August 22, 1999. // "Cuban War Crimes Against American POWs During the Vietnam War," Mike Benge, National Alliance of Families. // and others.

FOOTBALL!



Saturday,

Dec. 9

2pm

Following the Children's Christmas Party.



TAILGATE PARTY before every CHIEFS game. \$5 hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. Please bring a side dish to share.

GO CHIEFS!

SUN. DEC. 3 at JETS — Noon
SUN. DEC. 10 vs. RAIDERS — Noon
SAT. DEC. 16 vs. CHARGERS—7:25
SUN. DEC. 24 vs. DOLPHINS — Noon
SUN. DEC. 31 at BRONCOS— 3:25

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HELPING FAMILIES at CHRISTMAS...



Once again, Post 846 will give a helping hand to some less fortunate families in the area. We will need Your Help in doing this.

* Please donate a ham, turkey, canned goods or toys for this purpose.

You can bring them to the Post any time.

* TWO PARTS NEXT:

— **Packing** the gift boxes: To help, please be at the Post by 4pm, Friday, Dec. 22nd.

— **Delivering** the gift boxes: To help, please be at the Post by NOON on Saturday, Dec. 23rd.

It feels good to help someone during the Holidays. And it counts for Community Service at the Post.

Remember to bring in some canned goods, etc., when you stop by the Post. It helps to re-stock our food pantry to help the families.



Our Canteen Manager Heather has arranged to show a different Christmas movie every Thursday in December. Showtime is at 7pm. Stop by and enjoy some good Holiday entertainment, bring the family! Free popcorn!

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The Marine Corps mascot is an English bulldog named "Chesty", to honor the legendary Lt.Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, Jr.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

In 1995, the Bosnian peace accords were signed in which Ohio city?



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V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



On Thursday, Nov. 30, Sheryl Gulley, Jim Robinson, Chris Anderson, Mary Secrest, Jean Hanley and Dana Pflumm ventured to Leavenworth VA Hospital for the monthly visit. Since Thanksgiving fell on the 4th Thursday of November, Chris arranged for us to go on the 5th Thursday of the month instead. Mary Secrest did an excellent job calling the numbers to the 26 Veterans in attendance. She made bags filled with small chocolate bars, Hershey kisses and candy canes. Chris and her daughter Mary Buell made brownies shaped into Christmas trees, with green icing and small M&M's on top, looking like tree ornaments. To top all that off, the Vets were served a cup of cold milk! We could tell by how many Vets came back for seconds that they were delighted.

The Leavenworth VA Christmas Party will be held at the Domiciliary on Dec. 10 at 1:00. We will be leaving the Post at 11:30 a.m. so we can help with the preparations beforehand. Be sure to wear your Santa stocking caps, reindeer antlers, your favorite Christmas sweater, t-shirt or blouse. You will love it! And so will our Veterans at the V.A.

...Merry Christmas to all, Chris and Dana



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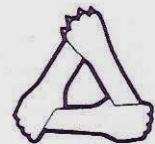


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