

American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



December 2023

Website: leaguecitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I hope you have all recovered from the Thanksgiving food coma. December has a few notable dates to remember.

Friday, December 1 - National Bartender Day - Don't forget your bartenders. They are working hard for you.

Thursday, December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - A day to pause and remember the catastrophic event that brought America into WWII.

Saturday, December 9 - Christmas Card Day - Don't forget to have your Christmas cards to the Post Office, so they will be delivered by Christmas.

Wednesday, December 13 - National Guard Birthday - Stop by the Post and raise a toast to the 386th birthday of America's oldest military organization.

Saturday, December 16 - National Wreaths Across America Day - (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>) Locally, wreaths will be distributed to the 129 military personnel interred at Fairview Cemetery.

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - ** Note - There will be no breakfast served in observance of Christmas Eve.

Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas - The Post will be on modified operating hours 2:00-10:00 pm

Sunday, December 31 - **Note - There will be no breakfast served in observance of New Year's Eve.

Additionally, see the Rider newsletter for details on the Christmas Party.

I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope to see you all at the Post!!

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

Merry Christmas from your local VSO. As you get into the spirit of the holidays remember to check in on those Veterans who need a little extra help getting around. If you can, give back to your local Veterans organization either by volunteering or sponsoring a family for the holidays. Don't forget the Post Christmas party is Dec. 9th for Veterans and family members. It is never too late to get those benefits looked at either. Have a service connected disability and not sure how to file, give me a call and i will help.

I care about you, we are family. God bless.

For God and Country

Ron Kinney Service Officer 9th District/3rd Division

Chris's Corner

The S. Mike Lacy Post 554 and Friends Christmas Party is on December 9th starting at 7:00PM. This will celebrate our Veteran Friends in Galveston who are newly homed, they will be at the Post around 5:30PM. I would like to see as many Riders in

attendance as possible. This event will be a dance with live music, a meal and camaraderie. There is a pre-pay list for sign up behind the Canteen Bar. Please contact your Bartender on duty, get on the list and pre-pay as soon as possible. Event is open to all members of the Post, Post Member Families and Friends. Children welcome, however, will not be allowed in Canteen after 9:00PM.

Next Riders meeting will be held Sunday, December 10th in the Hall at Post 554 at 11:45AM. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget, the Riders will be cooking breakfast for the Post this Sunday, December 3rd. If you are not volunteering to come out and cook, please bring the family and come have a fine breakfast!

For God and Country
Chris Smith, Director ALR

Son's

Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on December 28, 2023 **at 7:00PM**. We are missing contact information for a lot of S.A.L members. We need updated contact information for your email and phone number. Please update your information.

We will be having a Burger dinner on Thursday December 7th 2023 Before the Legionnaire meeting starting at 4:30PM ending at 6:40 PM. There will no longer be a burger night on the 4th Thursday.

The S.A.L. will be doing a work party November 11th 2023 at 10:00 am to pre-stage and prepare the flags for retirement that evening starting at dusk. All are invited to attend and help if available.

Starting August 2022 for the 2023 membership cycle dues membership cost are as follows. Eligible new member dues are \$25.00. If you are eligible and are wanting to be a dual member, dues are \$20.00. Dues for eligible members age 18 yr to 1 yr are \$20.00. If an eligible new member joins before his first birthday his first-year dues will be waived.

As you see the little pink piggies on the bar or on the tables at the post in the canteen. These little piggies are hungry for your change. All the change that you feed to these cute little piggies will be donated to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Thelit.com is legionnaire care life insurance for legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion members, and American Legion Auxiliary Members. It is free to sign up. For more details see the website.

For God and Country
Thomas Coldwell II, S.A.L. Squadron 554 Commader

Padre's Corner

First I'll start out with a true story from WWII. It was Christmas Eve 1944, Elizabeth Vincken and her 12 year old son Fritz were hiding out in an isolated cottage deep in the woods of Germany. The Battle of the Bulge raged in the distance, when a knock came to her door. Three lost American soldiers and was one wounded, stood at her door looking for food. Against the penalty of death she gave comfort to the enemy in the form of shelter and food. No sooner than the Americans were situated inside and four German soldiers arrived at her door. She declared to the Germans that they will leave thier weapons outside and "It is the Holy Night and there will be no shooting here." Needless to say tensions were very high, but Elizabeth prevailed and soon all parties were eating Christmas dinner in the form of soup together. One of the Germans was a medic and tended to the wounds of the American. Christmas morning came, the solders left towards their respective lines.

As we celebrate this Christmas, let us remember why we honor Jesus on His Day!

Please keep Laurie Youngblood, Tom and Karen Blasky in your prayers. Please say a prayer for Dylan Hasley, he's deployed with the U.S. Navy towards the Israeli Hamas war.

God Bless everyone and a Very Merry Christmas to all.

For God and Country
Laszlo Nyerges, Chaplain

NOTE TO MEMBERS: If you have access to a computer and have an email address you can receive the newsletter via email. Be sure you have MS Word or Adobe Acrobat. If you would rather receive the newsletter via email, please let Jeanne Brown, Lois Hayman or any officer know and we will remove your name from the mailing list and put it on our email list. In doing this, we will save money on postage, and you'll receive the newsletter as soon as it is complete. We have a lot of members that are choosing this method of delivery so keep 'em coming! You can email Jeanne Brown at jeannebrown123@comcast.net Oh, the joy of the internet! Also – another note: We are a growing family, and we are giving a big shout out to all our members that have birthdays in December, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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