

American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



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Website: leaguecitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope 2024 brings you all you have been striving for.

Starting off, I am bringing an important topic to your attention. I have been asking for a Chairperson for spring BBQ cook-off. Time is running short and if we are going to have a cook-off this year, I need someone to take the reins pretty quickly. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2024, now is the time to do it, in order to avoid a lapse in your years of continuous service. Please contact the Adjutant or see one of the bartenders to take care of your dues.

Sunday breakfast will resume, now that we have the holidays behind us. Come on out and join us 8:30-11:00.

I hope to see you all out at the Post.

For God and Country
Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

Happy new year everyone. As we transition into the new year and you are working on your resolutions, don't forget those that are struggling to get through the holidays. Keep a look out for your neighbors and pets. The new year also brings an increase in disability benefits. If you currently do not receive benefits and feel you should, please get in touch with me and I will help you however I can. Be sure to have your dd214.

For God and Country
Ron Kinney Service Officer 9th District/3rd Division

Chris's Corner

Happy New Year!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 at S. Mike Lacy Post 554 at 11:45AM in the Hall. Please come prepared with your Constitutional Subject Question for the new Scholarship Year We will need to settle on a subject and question at the meeting.

We are looking for brisket donations for our potato bake in February. Please contact me directly, 832-754-5646, chrissmith133@comcast.net if you decide to donate and when you are ready to deliver at the Post. I will meet you to gather your donations or provide direction on storage. All briskets should be at least 15lb. briskets. It is very appreciated.

Thank you all who participated in the Christmas Party. It was a great success. The second half of 2023 came with a large group of successes. It is all owed to you, the members. I am looking forward to the next six months.

Start thinking now, about our next big fundraiser.

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 January 25, 2024 **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 January 4th, 2024 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.

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

Happy and prosperous 2024 to each and everyone of you. I pray for good health, peace, and happiness for all the members, friends, and family of the 554 for the New Year.

I would like to share an excerpt from the American Legion Chaplain's Prayer Book with you.

"As the old year comes to an end, let us ponder what is held for us. Let us be thankful.....As we stand on the threshold of a new year, let us be thankful for the opportunity to stand and peer intently, eagerly, beyond the door to so many challenges that lie ahead. May we have the courage, truth, and faith to meet them without flinching and thought of self."

Please keep those who are in need whether it be mental or physical afflictions, also those in financial crisis in our prayers for 2024.

Praying for Peace for 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 January, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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Historian	Mike Lee
Judge Advocate	Open Position
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Sample
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Jim Heldt
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