



SERVICE CALL

S M LACY AL AUXILIARY UNIT 554-DEC 2023

Merry Christmas

Can you even believe we're already at the **end of 2023!** I hope you enjoyed last month's Thanksgiving festivities and all of the calories that came with it. **Thanks to all who helped** the Auxiliary feed 10 families a great turkey meal with all of the trimmings. We also offered a wonderful dinner of King Ranch Chicken last month. Come to our next meeting and see the results of the meal and cake raffle...that was some **delicious Strawberry triple layer cake, LoBob!** **Thanks Karen** for the meal.

Think November was busy? Hold onto your Santa hats, people. We kick off the month with a float in the **Holiday in the Park Christmas Parade** featuring our 2023 American Legion Baseball World Series Champs. That's on **Dec 2nd!** We'll need help for that. We need people to walk & to hand out candy.

Right behind the Parade is our **Auxiliary Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 14th** beginning at 6 pm. Bring a snack and an ornament for the ornament exchange. Our Junior Members are included and will need to bring an ornament also. The party will follow a very brief meeting. If you've not attended a meeting before, this is a great time to come and meet the gang.

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 15th-16th we are having our **annual Bake Sale** for the holidays. Great time to stock up on your sweets. Don't forget to pick something special up for Good Saint Nick. Of course, we're calling on all of you to bring your best homemade goodies to the Post. One or two bakers can't possibly make all that we sell over the two days. Drag out your favorite cake/cookie/pie recipes and show us what you've got! Please have all items here by Friday, the 14th.

On the heels of that, **Saturday, the 16th,** we have an opportunity to help **Wreaths Across America** put the balsam wreaths on Veteran graves at the old Fairview Cemetery. This is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. **The ceremony begins at 11 a.m.** The Fairview Cemetery is located at the very North end of Kansas St off of Main St. in League City.

We will be helping 10 families at Christmas by providing a **Christmas basket** filled with ham and all the trimmings. You can **sign up in the Canteen** for an item(s) to bring. They're due at the Post by **Dec 17th.** The Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets have been an ongoing program for the Auxiliary since before I joined in the mid-70's. I figure that's over 400 families!!

I and the Auxiliary Officers of Unit 554 appreciate all of our members who work so hard on our projects and programs. As we wind down 2023, we thank you for what you've done and encourage you keep on track for our Veterans in the coming New Year. **May the joy of the Christmas & Hannukah Seasons be yours now and into 2024. God bless you all.**

Sara Lacy, President



Chaplain's Corner ~ Jean Reaves

Hello All, it's me - Jean Reaves,
Chaplain of our Auxiliary.



December is a great time to reflect on the past year and pray for a great and healthy new year. It is also the time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and thank Him for all our Blessings. We still need to lift our hearts in prayer for many of our family and friends. Please continue to pray for Lori Youngblood, Summer Pavini, Tom Blasky, Mary Pinkerton, Tryvor Dry, Dorothy Spishock, Jacob Wiggins, Allen Eckerman, Alice Myers, JoAnn Helwig, Phillip Reaves, William Helm, Heather Canady, the Hudson family (Donna & Randy Brooks family), the Trautman family, Little Mary Lacy LaVerne Wal-lach, and Joyce Lee (Mike Lee's mother). We will always pray for all of our troops. If you know of someone that could benefit from the Power of Prayer, please do not hesitate to contact any member and we will gladly add them to our prayer list. Thank you all and God Bless. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS ~ LOIS HAYMAN

Merry Christmas to all of our Auxiliary Members. .
Our current percentage of paid memberships for the 2023-2024 year is at 57.67%, we are moving up towards 100%. If you are looking for a gift for an Auxiliary member why don't you ask if you can pay their dues for them if they have not paid. We are aiming for 100% paid memberships again this year so please help us out and get your dues in. Our year is from August 1st through July 31st like a fiscal year.



If we haven't seen you in a while please come to our next meeting, we are doing an ornament exchange and snacks so please come on December 14th at 6:00 pm, looking forward to seeing everyone.

Welcome our Unit's first member from another gender, Angel Garcia. He is eligible through his wife, Lora Cole who is a Legionnaire with our Post. We're happy to have them both as new members. Come to the Post and meet these great new people to our organization!!



PICTURES FROM THE ALA CANCER LUNCHEON, TERESA, ME & TIFFANI ~ FIRST ROW IS MADE UP OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.



TEXAS is the only state in the USA that has a program for Cancer Research. The projects and results these students are working on are nothing short of amazing. Great people doing great things for cancer victims.

