

The Legionnaire AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

Legion Family. We have had some very trying times, and those times have made us a stronger family because of it. Yes, we have lost some members for various reasons, and most of those reasons are because they do not want to follow the rules. The American Legion is a Veterans organization with military traditions and should be run such. We have Department By-Laws that are being followed that were not adhered to in the past. We also have the House Rules and the House Committee that is truly a functional committee.

I hope that by now all members are aware that the American Legion was founded upon four pillars of service in 1919. These pillars are as follows: Our Veterans, Our Youth, A strong National Defense, And Americanism. Our Post is blessed to have a canteen and kitchen and this is not a right. It is a privilege. We are doing great things to support the four pillars. We have had the Veterans, Sons, And the Auxiliary working close together around the holiday season. I heard first hand from several members that this past Christmas party for the children was excellent. They enjoyed the food that was conducive to the adults as well as the children. They raved over the gifts, games, elves, Santa, ETC. We also had a Christmas Party for our employees and their guest. This has not happened for a while. It was well received by the employees and furthermore, our employees deserved it. They work hard for our post the entire year, and this was one small way we were able to thank them.

Keep in mind your Post is leading the District in new members. That is not an easy task to complete. Your Post has also been not only meeting but exceeding our monthly membership renewal goals. I feel that the changes we are making is the direct cause for this increase in membership as well as meeting our monthly goals. This is also augmented by the officers that are driving this membership program every day of the week. I feel that you have the best Officer corps in place to continue the improvements to date and more.

I will be calling a Post meeting during February for all of the Legion Family to attend. I would like to have this coming years events spelled out on how our Legion family should move forward and support the Four Pillars together as a family. Example, Christmas comes every year. Are we going to have another children's Christmas party? Provide gifts again for the VA patients? Support Toys for tots, ETC? How will each entity of the Legion Family support these activities or run them. Keep in mind the only thing that is constant is change. Just because we have been doing things this way for years does not mean it is the correct way to do it.

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January 2024									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30PM	4	5 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	6				
8 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	9 SAL MEETING 7PM	10 LEGION MEETING 7PM	11	13 EARLY BIRD DINNER 3-6PM					
15 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	16	17 RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM	18	19 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	2(HAY DAY BAND 8PM-12AM				
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February 2024									
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Super Bowl Party 4PM	DJ TRIVIA 7PM	SAL MEETING 7PM	LEGION MEETING 7PM		BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	VALANTINE'S DANCE WATERVIEW BAND 8-11PM			
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FROM THE DESK OF THE POST ADJUTANT

Happy New Year to all of our members as we enter into the first quarter of the new year we have a lot of events planned for you at your Post. We hope that you will come and join us.

Our membership for 2024 is on a roll, thank you all for renewing your membership early! We still have 78 members that need to renew for 2024, so if you have not renewed for 2024 please do it now! Your are delinquent and can not participate in the activiteis at the Post without a 2024 membership card.

This next membership year of 2025, National and Department have had a dues increase. The total increase is \$7.00 per member for the Regular Veterans. What does that mean for us? Over the next 3 months at our monthly meetings we will be discussing what our Post will be doing with the increase and we need your input, this is your Post! In March 2024 we will then vote on what your Post will do for membership dues for 2025.

The House Committee has been busy making some updates in the Kitchen area with a new dishwasher and stove that will be installed this month. We have some new employees in the kitchen as well and they are working to get onboard. We have done some reorgainzations with our Managemnet Team, Roleen Bookhamer has done a fantastic job as our Supervisor for last year and half, she will continue in her roll as our Officer manager doing the Post adminastrative work of payroll, accounting and licensing and other items. The Office will be open Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm if you need any assistance. Thank You Roleen for your years of dedication to American Legion Post 117. Amy Doty is our Food and Beverage Manager and will assume all responsibility of employees, scheduling, ordering and the operations of the kitchen and canteen, if you have any issues please see Amy or myself.

In closing, if you need anything from me I am in the Post on Tuesdays from 11am - 1pm or you may email me at <u>post117adjutant@gmail.com</u> Please do not hesitate to reach out, your officers are here to assist and serve you our members and make Post 117 the best that it can be.



Dean Noechel

Post Adjutant / Chairman, House Committee



(Rock & Blues)

American Legion Post 117

Join us for a

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 16 8:00PM Live Band: The PULSE

Members and guest of members

St. Patrick's Day themed Costume Contest



Saturday March 23, 2024

12:30-2pm

American Legion Post 117 Games, Crafts, Food and prizes

Members and Guest of Members, Must sign up!

Ages 0-12

