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CHRISTMAS

AL MEMBERS MEETING.....2ND TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL EXECUTIVE MEETING..1ST TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL HOUSE COMMITTEE.....1ST TUESDAY - 6:00 PM
AL AUXILIARY MEETING...2ND SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
SAL MEMBERS MEETING...2ND THURSDAY-6:30 PM
AL RIDERS MEETING.....3RD SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
AL AUX JRS MEETING.....3RD SATURDAY - 2:00 PM



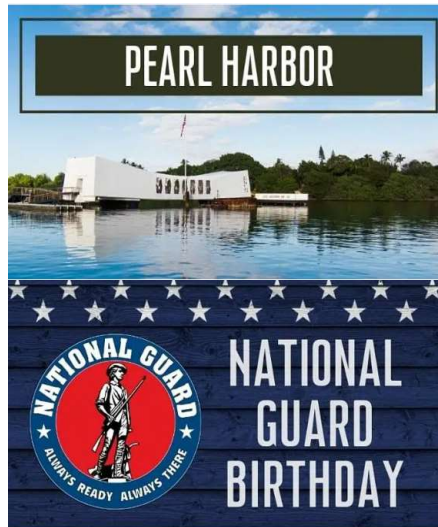
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PEARL HARBOR



NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

#GIVING TUESDAY



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



HAPPY NEW YEAR



RED SHIRT FRIDAY



AMERICAN LEGION

BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2025 cards are being processed. At the present time we have 273 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 72.80%. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$45.00** per member, per year. Any dues received short will be held until full payment has been received. The renewal notices have signified the change in the Post dues. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today, and be part of the American Legion Family that cares!**

POST OPERATIONS – If you call the post anytime and one of our employees answers the phone and you do not say anything (because you were expecting a different person to answer); our management has been informed to block all calls coming into the post that are potential scams or other. Please have the courtesy to speak to the person answering the phone regardless who answers.

Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act - The American Legion urges the passage of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act through the Senate this year! This is a comprehensive veteran's package that includes several important provisions, including: Enhanced Community Care Access; Support for Home and Community-Based Services; Authority to Award Grants for Mental Health Support to Family Caregivers; Recognition and Assistance Programs; Veteran Directed Care; Gerald's Law; and VET-TEC funding for Veterans Education. *Please contact your Senator today and urge that they become a co-sponsor of this important bill and pass this legislation for our veterans!*

Major Richard Star Act - Currently, combat-injured veterans face a reduction in their retirement pay for every dollar of disability compensation they receive. The Major Richard Star Act aims to rectify this by allowing combat-injured veterans to receive both their earned retirement pay and disability compensation without offset. Your action in advancing this crucial legislation is essential and greatly appreciated. Contact your Senators today!

BEER & LIQUOR PRICES INCREASED – Due to the increase in cost of vendors products, Lounge Prices increase has been moved and will be implemented on December 1st, 2024.

POST LOUNGE RENOVATION – Members and Guest need to be patient with the Post Management while the post is seeking Renovation of the Bathrooms and Lounge area. Everyone knows that the storm was very devastating as well through out Richmond County. The roof has been repaired and contractors have been brought in to provide estimates for the Lounge and Bathroom repair. We are hoping that these repairs will be done by the 1st of the year or shortly thereafter. The Post apologizes for any inconveniences.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST - If you are interested in volunteering, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724. I am so grateful to all my officers, our management, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders for all the time and energy they have dedicated into helping the post, the veterans and the community. If possible, all officers need to attend both the executive board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month and along with the members, the membership meeting on the Second Tuesday of each month. **We need a volunteer for Service Officer. Please step up to the plate and support us. Thank You! GBW!**

"WE THE PEOPLE"



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Here comes Santa Claus, happy December everyone. The VA gift will be being set up on November 28 to December 1st, with the Gift Shop opening on Dec 2nd, contact Miriam Stein if you would like to help. Our meeting will be on the 8th at 4 PM in the Auxiliary building. This month's steak night is on the 13th. We can always use volunteers. Miriam Stein's annual Gingerbread House competition is on the 21st. This is for the both children and adults. Please have your entries turned into Miriam Stein by 1 PM. We are having a drive thru Children's Christmas party this year due to repairs being done at the Post. It will be held on the deck on the side of the building from 2 PM to 4 PM. Santa will be there to take pictures with the children. Remember that kind words and a warm smile might be the boost someone needs this holiday season. Stay safe and be blessed.

*..God and Country,
Teriann (TC) Leblanc, Unit 178 President*



Our monthly meeting will be on the 12th. We will not be cooking in December because of Christmas. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous New Year! Come to post and have a Holiday toast! A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered or helped in anyway during the year to make the post a better place!!

*Take Care, and May God Bless
Brian "Yank" Kunston, SAL Commander*



The Department VA hospital tours will be Dec 6-7. ALR 178 will be responsible for the escorts on Sat, Dec 7 tentatively meeting at Courtyard by Marriott at 8am. Post 178 will be hosting the lunch the same day at Post 63. On Saturday, Dec 14 we will be hosting the Wreath's Across America ceremony taking place at Hillcrest at 12pm. Thank you to everyone that purchased a wreath. The general membership meeting will be Dec 15 at 2pm. Our Friday steak night is Dec 20 from 6-8pm. We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for Fort Eisenhower Battle Buddy program. Please drop off your donations in the box located in the hall (flyer attached to box for more information). Reminder to pay 2025 membership dues before Dec 31. Your other organizational dues must be paid first.

*For God and Country,
Donald "Fix It" Huffman, Director*



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year – Bartenders Xmas Party is 20th Dec, Stockings will be hung up for patrons to contribute to. Please be patient while we are working on getting the lounge renovated from the storm. Check the post calendar for the Chinese Gift Exchange, the New Year's Party, the Gingerbread Contest, and Xmas Dinner for times and dates. Thanks to everyone who supported the Lounge & Post this year.

*"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better."
Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman*

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POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS
DECEMBER 2024

3	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM; & E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
6	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
7	Saturday	HOSPITAL VISIT POST 178 LUNCH @ POST 63 11 – 2PM
8	Sunday	<i>11TH DISTRICT MTG @ POST 63 9AM – 4PM</i> <i>AUXILIARY GEN MBR Mtg - 4PM</i>
9	Monday	GIRLS SCOUTS MTG TROOP #20329 6pm
10	Tuesday	<i>AMERICAN LEGION POST 178 GEN MBR MTG 7 PM</i>
11	Wednesday	AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 178 EXEC MTG 6:30 PM
12	Thursday	<i>SAL SQUADRON 178 GEN MBRSHIP MTG 6:30 PM</i> <i>ALA UNIT 178 CHARTER ANNIVERSARY</i>
13	Friday	AUXILARY STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
14	Saturday	<i>WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA @ HILLCREST 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</i>
15	Sunday	RIDER'S GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
20	Friday	AL RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM BARTENDERS XMAS PARTY 7 PM; SPACE FORCE BIRTHDAY
21	Saturday	GINGERBREAD HSE CONTEST 2PM: CHINESE XMAS EXCHANGE 6PM:
22	Sunday	CHILDREN'S DRIVE THROUGH XMAS PARTY 2-4 PM
25	Wednesday	VETERANS' XMAS DAY DINNER 1 - 3PM
27	Friday	NO SAL STEAK NIGHT
31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve Celebration Lounge & Hall - Food & Entertainment 8 PM - ?