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Merry Christmas

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We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving day. Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time to congregate with our family and friends and maybe share a meal as well as memories. It is

also a time to remember all the wonderful things we are thankful for. If you are like me, we take so much of our blessings for granted and we shouldn't do that.

We want to remind everyone of our Legion Christmas party on December 5th beginning at 6:00 pm. We have planned a delicious meal and some great entertainment we think you will enjoy. We hardly have time to enjoy each other's company at our regular post meetings so, if possible, arrive a little early and socialize with your fellow veterans. Don't forget - we are living in the good ole times right now. Take advantage of friendships; you never know when it will be the last time you will talk to someone.

Also, a reminder to the Executive Board, we will NOT have a meeting in December. Our next Executive Board meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2016. Our next regular legion post meeting is January 29th.

The newly elected Dalton Whitfield Chamber of Commerce President, Rob Bradman, will be our guest speaker. It would be exciting if we could welcome Mr. Bradman to our American Legion Post 112 with a room full of veterans.

Please make plans to attend this important meeting and you might make a note to yourself to ask Mr. Bradman a question or two.

We sincerely wish you and your family a wonderful *Merry Christmas* and a safe and *Happy New Year*!

For God and Country,

Lee OliverCommander



In addition to efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary, the American Legion will be giving socks to veterans for Christmas! If you know of a veteran (member or non-member) that would appreciate a pair of socks, let a member of the Executive committee know or call 706-226-5120.

We especially would like to use this as a recruiting tool to reach veterans who might become a member of our Post.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 5, 6:00 pm, Christmas Dinner
- December 10, 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary (no meeting for American Legion)
- January 14, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- January 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- January 28, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary



BINGO - 7:00 pm every Monday, Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends) **SPECIAL BINGO** - 2nd Friday nights



It is the Christmas Season again and we are already getting busy gathering names of veterans living in nursing homes, assisted living or confined to home. Bags with an assortment of items will be delivered to each veteran, if possible. We need your help to accomplish this much appreciated

gesture. Please let me know if you can help in any way. If you know of a veteran that would benefit, please contact any member of the executive board. At the end of the day I can promise you will receive more than was given. Keep in mind that we have our food pantry available to veterans, their families and the community.

It's time for the Post's annual Family Christmas Party. Please come for good food, great entertainment and fellowship. This Holiday Season is a wonderful time to enjoy being with "old" friends and an opportunity to meet "new" friends.

What: Christmas Party Where: Post 112 When: December 5 Time: 6:00 pm

January brings a new year with new projects: Quilting all levels of experience welcome. An organizational meeting is planned for Monday November 30 at 6:00 pm in the Auxiliary Room. A class on Hand Gun Safety for women is being planned and taught by a member of our Post, Beth Wingfield. No details available at this time.

I hope to see you at the Executive Meeting on December 10 at 6:00 pm. As always, ALL members are welcome and this meeting is planned to work on the Christmas bags for the veterans.

There is still a need for volunteers to take biscuits to the VA Clinic.

For God and Country,

Charlotte MossPresident

LEGION NEWS.....

The United States Marine Corps has an unofficial ethos of work hard, play hard. When Maj. Bill Hendricks was unable to find a place where his wife could donate a Raggedy Ann doll at Christmas in 1947, he initiated work and play with the formation of a charitable effort in Los Angeles. During that first year, a group of local Marines placed bins outside Warner Bros. movie theaters and collected nearly 5,000 toys. Their efforts were so successful that, in 1948, Toys for Tots was launched as a national campaign with a primary goal to deliver a message of hope to youth that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Since that time, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program has grown to touch the lives of around seven million less fortunate children each year at Christmas. American Legion Riders chapters are active across the nation in supporting the annual toy drive.



The Blessings of Peace
The Beauty of Hope
The Spirit of Love
The Comfort of Faith

May these be your gifts this Christmas Season