# POST 34 NEWS



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#### Commander's Corner

Welcome to 2019. As we begin this year there are many challenges ahead. Our home Post facility was listed for sale a week before Christmas. There are already a few interested buyers, but no offers received as of this writing. According to the local commercial building market there are few if any facilities we could easily move into. So, we will begin to reform the renovation committee as a contingency as there is a real possibility there may be no place for us to move. We could sell and then build our own facility, but that will take a lot more funding than we will get out of the current building. Therefore, our Capital Campaign committee will need to step up with a plan to increase Post income. In the meantime, we will continue services with minor adjustments.

We are going back to publishing the newsletter once a month since it is on the website and sent out via email for those wanting an electronic notice. Again, for those folks who do not have access to an electronic copy, we will have some printed copies available at the Post. When you look at the calendar, bear in mind that some dates may change. There will be a link to look at adjusted dates for activities at the top of the calendar.

Those of you who are interested in our financial status, you can attend either our Executive Board meeting or the general meeting. Such information will not be

posted on our website because it is not for public consumption.

The American Legion 100th Anniversary is this year and we are planning activities to commemorate the largest veteran's organization in our country. We need more of you members to get interested in the management of the Post. So far there are few members training to succeed our current staff. When elections roll around this year, we would like to see several people nominated for each position. If you want to have a successful Post, some of you need to jump in and volunteer.

On another note, your input on what kind of activities you would like to see will be appreciated. Our Post is in dire need of your help. Again, out of 658 members, only 10% make things happen year around. Let's get back to "Some can do all, all can do some"! Those of you who volunteered for activities during the Veteran's Day events and helped with the holiday events, I salute your efforts. That's what the American Legion is all about. Let's have a wonderful, successful and fun year for 2019.

Quote for the day: "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today".

- Will Rogers.

Joe Winters
Post Commander

## **Auxiliary News**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Things have been very busy for the auxiliary this season.

We had a great bake sale in November. Thank you, Dianna Garrison, for doing such a great job organizing it. Thank you to all the helpers as well. It was very successful. Our December steak dinner brought lots and lots of people in to dinner. Thank you all for your support. Once again, we made dinner for the Sheriff's Posse. They were very grateful and gave us a donation.

Our Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. We had a full house! April Price did a super job planning the bazaar. We had Santa Claus there as well. Thank you so much Santa (Tom) for being there for the pictures. This was the best bazaar we have ever had. So many people coming in to shop! We are already anticipating next year's bazaar. A big thank you to all the ones who helped set up, take down and help during the day. Wow! We have such a great team and it is so awesome to see us all work together.

Thank you to Sandy Payne and Cathy Rossi for organizing and making sure the Christmas

baskets were put together and distributed to our veterans in need and their families. Thank you to all who took an angel from the Angel Tree and provided gifts for the children of our veterans. You all made Christmas a little more special for a child.

The kids Christmas party was so fun. Jessica Wurdeman planned everything, and the kids had such a good time. Once again Santa (Tom) was there for pictures. Thank you for your willingness to help us out. We had a room full of the little ones having fun.

We WILL be having a steak dinner in January, on the 4th starting at 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

To anyone who hasn't already done so, please remember that it is time to pay your 2019 dues of \$40.00.

The Auxiliary wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Vickie Evans **Auxiliary President** 



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Jack and Shirley Frare