

JANUARY 2012



Dear Legion Family,

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years holiday. December was a very busy month for our Post. We hosted 2 Christmas parties for the local Army units, the Jimmy Binckley Christmas Party for nursing home residents, American Legion 16th District Christmas Party, the snack party, and a Tom and Jerry party for our members. These are in addition to the private parties that were held in the hall. I would like to thank Carl Scott and his crew for their hard work in getting everything cleaned and set-up for all of these events.

On December 16th we put together, handed out, and delivered Christmas Baskets. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with this worthwhile project. This is one example of our Post helping our members and the community.

I would also like to thank our members who went to Galesburg on December 17th for the sendoff of the Army Reserve unit that was being deployed. They helped make picture pillowcases for the deploying troops and their families.

Our membership is at 93%, so we have a little way to go to make our goal of 100%. If you have not paid your renewal membership yet this will be your last newsletter, so please get your dues paid.

The Executive Board meeting will be held on Tues, January 3rd @ 6:30 pm.



**For God and Country;
Commander,**

Bob Welborn

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: JANICE GRUBER

Bake sale workers still needed for the Wednesday night raffle. It only takes a few hours, and we have PLENTY of members. Call Janice to schedule your night: 697-2373. Please help support your Auxiliary ladies! Bake sale items needed also. Thank you to those who DO help by working and bringing in baked goods. We are very grateful.

Galesburg deployment went well. They had 115 soldiers leaving for Afghanistan. They also printed several pillowcases for the troops and their families.



We have our Platoon to support.
We have a box with a wish list from them in the bar.
Please stop and check it out.
If you would like a list to help fill the box,
please let me know @ 697-2373.
We will be sending out a box every month.
Please help support our troops !!!

We are still having our canned food drive. PLEASE drop off in the hall during the Wednesday night drawing.

Remember our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall.

January Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese ~ Janice

*The Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !*

*Please say a prayer for our troops,
especially those who can't be with family for the holidays.*

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries. They went to the veterans at Bel Wood Nursing Home, Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic and General Downing Homeless Shelter.

You put smiles on faces that do not always receive "thanks" this time of the year.

God Bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Vice-President ~ Kay Ingram



Get Well Wishes to: GARY GLADSON

Sympathy Wishes to:

To the families of: EUGENE STRINGER
HAROLD CLARK JOSEPH DANTONE
JIM SCOTT (Wife passed away)
TOM GREEN (Father passed away)

CACHE WINNERS NOVEMBER

\$100 DICK NELSON \$75 JAMES RATHBUN
\$50 VIVIAN SIMERSON \$25 ARDINE MATHEWSON

American Legion Riders Post 979

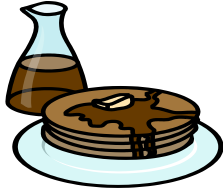
Fellow Riders,

The dead of winter is upon us and our bikes are idle, but that doesn't mean we should be. Right now we are beginning to put together our events calendar for the 2012 season. We have high hopes on future events and hope to multiply our contribution to the Legacy Fund from 2011. I am hoping we will be able to host a couple of events specifically for the Legacy Fund this upcoming season, which will bring a nice contribution. The one thing I want to do in particular this winter is to host Rider Safety discussions for the entire group. We will begin this in our January meeting which will be on Thursday the 12th at 7:00 pm. on the hall side of the Post. If you have a riding buddy that is not a member of the Post or our group, invite them to come and see what we are about, and this invitation goes out to any interested Post member as well.

Keep warm and have thoughts of warmer riding weather,

Jeff Yates
979 ALR Director





ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM

Sunday - JANUARY 8th \$5.00 per person

Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled/fried eggs, biscuits & gravy, rolls, toast, coffee, milk, juice.

Did you know ?

The **50/50 Drawing** held every Wednesday at the Post helps support many American Legion and Community Projects like these and more.

AMERICAN LEGION

Legion Baseball
Quincy VA Home
Danville VA Home
Manteno VA Home

Gifts to the Yanks
Special Olympics
Legion Special Projects
Boys State

COMMUNITY

Limestone Sports
Special Programs
Limestone Band
JFL Football
Food Pantries

Grade School Sports
Community Requests
Little League Baseball
Relay for Life
Christmas Baskets

POST 979 50/50 JACKPOT RAFFLE

This event will be held each Wednesday
With food served from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The DRAWING will be held at 7:00 pm each Wednesday night.

Tickets can be purchased daily at the bar
2 tickets for \$1 or 20 tickets for \$10

Proceeds go to Legion & Community Programs

POST 979 50/50 JACKPOT WINNERS

TONYA SMITH - \$200 GRAHAM WORLEY - \$200
RON BROWN - \$200 CJ SMITH - \$200
MISSY HESS - \$200 KEN WEBB - \$200
BECKY CANNON - \$200

If present when your name is drawn
guaranteed to win minimum of \$200

As of 12/28

2 - JACKPOTS @

\$50,000

3rd JACKPOT

\$11,480

JANUARY LUNCHESES

Lunch starts at 11:30

Cost of lunch is \$4.00

TUESDAY

- 01/03/12 SAL** HAM, BEANS & CORNBREAD
01/10/12 SAL PIZZA
01/17/12 SAL SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD
01/24/12 SAL CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE
01/31/12 SAL HAMBURGERS, CHIPS
& BAKED BEANS

SATURDAY

- 01/07/12 ACT** FISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS
01/14/12 ACT PORK WILD WINGS & FRIES
01/21/12 AUX CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP &
GRILLED CHEESE
01/28/12 ACT TENDERLOINS & FRIES