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CDR Note

Greetings from the Commander,

Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays. The help we received for the Thanksgiving Day meal was much appreciated. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Rhonda and Brandey for spearheading this event as well as Flo for her devotion to the Post in helping as well. It was a true success and I was excited to see everyone who came out and those who brought dishes and contributed. The true spirit of Thanksgiving was alive and well!

Christmas is right around the corner, let us try not to forget the real reason for the season. This time of year we see and hear about so many of our brothers and sisters who suffer through this season. Be there for one another, you never know when you may change a life. Also, our New Year's Eve party is close as well. Please speak with our House Committee chairman if you have any questions or would like to help. We will never say no! I will end with please keep yourselves safe while we still deal with this pandemic. If you don't feel well, please take precautions and self-isolate.

Until next month,
Benjamin



Aux President Note

I am sure a lot of you will agree with me, "Let 2020 come to an end." I would like to welcome our new members Steve Belson, Donna Kenia, & Tara McConnell. Our District meeting in Hinesville was good. Our next District meeting will be Feb 20th in Alma, GA. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to attend.

As a reminder – all Annual Member dues will expire December 31st. If there are any annual members that need assistance in paying your dues, please send me a text at (912) 464-7190. Your dues must be current January 1st, 2021 to vote or hold office.

Please remember you must sign up by 6 p.m. on Mondays to be assured of a meal on Tuesday night. If you have not signed up by dinner time, we will be happy to put you on the waiting list and we are generally able to serve everyone but sometimes we do sellout. The best way to ensure you get a meal is to sign up.

I have thoroughly enjoyed cooking dinners for all of you the past several years. We do have a couple of people that will be starting to do Tuesday night dinners very soon. Please watch Facebook and the TV announcement system for Post startup date.

We have a basket drawing on December 24th. Tickets will go on sale beginning Dec 6th. Also, we have our Breakfast with Santa on Dec 12th. All those that volunteered, please be at the Post by 8 a.m. The Boy Scouts will be helping with crafts and we really appreciate that. Breakfast cost is \$ 7 for Adults and \$3 for children under 10.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year

Flo Elmgren

Chaplains Corner



Christmas time to me is my favorite time of year. It is a time to gather with friends, eat good food, shop til you drop for your loved ones and of course spend time with family. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christmas let us rejoice and bring some of the spirit to others who are less fortunate by helping out in some of the local community events like volunteering at the food bank or working with the Salvation Army charities. Better yet, do random acts of kindness for others. Examples are as simple as buying coffee for a homeless person, buying a meal for an elderly couple in a restaurant. It is these types of acts of kindness the world needs more of. Let us not forget our active duty military who are right now guarding our freedoms and home and overseas because we all know that freedom is not free, and pray for their safety. And most important of all, let us thank God that allows us to live in this wonderful country of ours. This is a small Christmas prayer that I remember learning as a child:

Land and Giver of all good things, the wise men travelled for miles to bring Christ the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself. Amen

May you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

George Tweedy

Adjutants Two Cents

Since our refurbishment, the comments we have received from various visitors around the State have made our Post the envy of many others. A conscious decision was made to eliminate all the old corkboards with the exception of the one mounted on the air handler case beside the jukebox. We installed a second TV by the office as a repeater from the TV above the kitchen entrance. The whole purpose of this was to eliminate all the paper clutter that used to hang in various spots around the post. I think we can all agree it looks far less cluttered and far more presentable in the canteen than it used to look. I like to say that we are finally in the 21st century...haha. Please pay attention to the announcement TV's. Each slide runs for 20 seconds, on a continual loop containing approximately 25-35 slides at any given time. If you have trouble reading the slides or have any suggestions on how it can be better, by all means please let me know.

If anyone has suggestions for the newsletter, I'm all ears! We have gotten a lot of good feedback and I think it's a great way to keep people informed about Post events and what not. The newsletter goes out by the last day of the month, at the very latest), so everyone gets it in time for the next month. Let's not forget about Facebook. We try to keep it as updated as possible so we can keep everyone in the loop. Keep an eye out because that is usually the first place an update or event is created. Thank you all and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shawn Necaise

Auxiliary Tuesday Night Dinners

There is a sign-up sheet in the Post. Signing up ahead of time lets us figure out how much to buy. If you signed up and won't make it, please let us know so that we can sell to someone waiting.

Dec 1st

Lisa Taylor's yummy Chicken n Dumplings w/ rice mixed veggies, & dessert. Cost is \$ 8.00

Dec 8th

Will & Dawn Calderwood scrumptious Philly Cheesesteak Sub w/ French Fries, baked Beans, Coleslaw & Dessert. Cost is \$ 9.00

Dec 15th

Lois DeLeo famous Lasagna w/ salad and Garlic Bread along with Florries banana Split Cake for dessert. This dinner is limited, and cost is \$ 10.

****All menus and dates are subject to change****

Kat's Café

Kat Carnes is working hard making up delicious lunch menus for the Post. The Café serves lunch Mon – Fri w/ a lunch special every Wednesday.

Lumpia	\$ 4.00
Corn Dog	\$ 2.00
Jalapeno Poppers	\$ 3.50
Fries Small or Large	\$ 1.50 or \$ 2.50
Onion Rings	\$ 3.50
Mozzarella Sticks	\$ 4.00
Burgers & Sandwiches	
Hamburger w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Cheeseburger w/ chips	\$ 5.50
Grilled Cheese w/ chips	\$ 3.00
Beef Hot Dog	\$ 2.00 or 2 for \$ 3.50
Homemade Chicken Salad w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Chicken Tender Plate w/ fries	\$ 5.00

Wednesday Lunch Specials

Dec 2nd

Cuban Sandwich w/ French Fries (\$ 8)

Dec 9th

Chicken Quesadillas w/ Spanish Rice and Apple
Frosted Desert Quesadillas (\$ 8)

Dec 16th

Patty Melt w/ French Fries

Dec 23rd

Homemade Chili w/ Cornbread

Dec 30th

Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato Soup

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December Important Dates

1st – Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary)
Birthday

7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

10th – 18th - Hanukkah

13th – U.S. National Guard Birthday

14th – National Wreaths Across America

25th – Christmas Day

Post Dates

9th – House Committee Meeting

12th – Children's Christmas Party

17th – Post/Auxiliary Meeting

19th – Riders Group Meeting

25th – Christmas Day

VFW Riders Group



Merry Christmas! It is with great pleasure that I report our donations to our charities have been made. In November, after our Veterans Day parade, we presented one donation to the Camden House Executive Director, Marcie Costello and Shelter Advocate Jennifer Mann in the amount of \$ 1,000. We also presented a \$ 500 donation to Camden Community Family Center Executive Director Liz Rieling. Checks have also gone out to the National Home for Children (GA House), We Care Fund with Dept of GA VFW, and the GA Down Biker Fund. It is an awesome feeling when we can assist those most in need and, right here in Camden County. I can't say it enough that this years' Circle the Swamp was the best we have ever had and I know that each one of our fallen riders would have been proud of what we have done.

We had a good turnout for our Veterans Day parade and festivities at the Post but with as many members as we have, I would like to have seen more. I want to thank those that attended and participated in our presentation to the charities.

The RG voted to refurbish the wall area with AGS Lawncare contracted and voted for each rider to provide a toy in support of the Camden Family Service Center.

With this being the last newsletter for 2020 (I'm sure we will be glad when it is over), I cannot tell everyone how proud I am of what we as a Riders Group have accomplished this year. It is, by far, one of the best years we have had, and I look forward to the beginning of 2021.

I, along with my officers, want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chuck Grigsby
RG President

Scouts Corner



The Troop camped out Etowah on Kings Bay and were accompanied by six local Cub Scouts who are ready for their transition into Scouting. The Cubs are learning the Patrol method of Scouting as opposed to Pack and Den procedures. This is one of the ways the Troop recruits new members.

Prospective Eagle Scout Sam Parks continues his Eagle project at the VFW Post. He is building new picnic tables and also repairing some of the older tables. In addition, he is re-staining some of the benches around the fire pit.

A final Court of Honor will take place at the Post on December 6th. Advancements and awards will be presented, and the Scouts will hold their annual Christmas Party. The award ceremony is open to all Post members and is due to start around 3:30 p.m.

The Troop will assist the Auxiliary with the kids Christmas Party on the 12th. Once complete, that will conclude activities for the rest of this year in anticipation of the approaching holiday season.

Winter Camp will occur from 27-31 December in Charleston, SC and Pork Butt sales will begin shortly after with delivery set for Super Bowl weekend. This year, like last, the butts will be cooked by volunteers from Willie Jewels BBQ. See Dennis Gagliardi, Bob Shepard, or Eagle Scout TJ Shepard. This is the Scouts biggest fundraiser of the year....so get out and buy those butts.

The Scouts want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Scout Oath

"On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Aux Dinner	2	3	4	5
6 Nachos w/ Danielle	7 Wing Night 1730-1900	8 Aux Dinner	9 House Comm Mtg 1800	10	11 Tender Xmas Party 1800-2100	12 Breakfast w/ Santa 1000
13	14 Wing Night 1730-1900	15 Aux Dinner	16	17 Post/Aux Mtg 1800	18	19 Riders Group Mtg 1000
20	21 Wing Night 1730-1900	22	23	24	25  Christmas	26
27 Nachos w/ Danielle	28 Wing Night 1730-1900	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party 1800-0100		



New Years Masquerade Party

Come out and help us get rid of 2020 once and for all!!!

Get dressed up, or not, and enjoy an awesome party with friends and family at the Post. Evening attire will be a black/white themed and can be formal or informal, whichever is your thing, but you will need a masquerade mask.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Canteen. Oh and by the way... it's **FREE** for members and their immediate families. That's right....**FREE!**

Non-members are \$15 per person or \$ 25 per couple

1800-1900 Happy Hour and the Scavenger Hunt will begin. Light hors d'oeuvres Oysters, Meat & Veggie Tray and a meat/Cheese Tray and Meatballs will be served throughout the night.

1900-2000 Dinner of Brisket w/ baked potato, veggie, and a salad.

1930-2030 Pictures

2000 DJ Jukebox Junkies (Herman Ging) will be throwing down your favorite tunes for the rest of the night.

2100 Dance Contest with the Cha-Cha Shuffle, Cupid Shuffle, and others.

2200 Game Challenge TBD

2330 Awards for best take on black/white costume, best masquerade mask, 50/50 winner, and scavenger hunt winner.

0000 Ball drop and Champagne Toast

1215 Breakfast casserole

If you are interested in helping put this shin dig together, Contact Buck Taylor