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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I want to offer my best wishes to all members of the American Legion Mulberry Memorial Post 72 Family for a *Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.*

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed your time and efforts to support our Post. Our Post could not operate without the dedication, hard work, and the hundreds of volunteer hours that are contributed by the members of our Post Family.

To the Ladies of the Auxiliary, Thank you.

To the Sons of the American Legion, Thank you.

To my fellow members of The American Legion, Thank you.

For God and Country,

Barry Hall

Post 72 Commander

From the Legion Adjutant's Desk:

Sports fans! Our December 2nd Goal was 75% of dues paid. Nearly 77% were sent in by that time. Our early January goal is 80% but only 79% have paid as of December 14. I've sent out letters to those who paid in 2009 but not yet for 2010, so we should reach this goal too.

Questions about dues or membership? Change of address or phone? Haven't received your card? Call me at 607-4289 between 10a and 10p. Or email fred_bunn@yahoo.com.

For god and Country,
Fred Bunn, Adjutant

New legion members: Paul Friend, Ronald Sievers, Max Uzelatz, Charles Divvens, Charlie Boothe, Brad Stege, Ryan Edrington, Michael Porter, Bob Waring, Richard Wolfe, James Sherrill

Post Everlasting: John Quinn, Don Overstreet

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REGULAR EVENTS

MEETINGS

1st Mon 7pm S.A.L. Meeting

1st & 3rd Tues 7pm Legion & Auxiliary Meeting

1st Monday of the Month Calendar Meeting @ 6pm

1st Tue 6pm - Exec- Committee Meeting

FRIDAY DINNERS

1ST FRI Auxiliary Dinner

2ND FRI Legion Dinner

3RD FRI S.A.L. Dinner

4TH FRI Legion Dinner

Please sign up for your dinners by 5:00 pm on Thursday and please pay for and pick up your take-out dinners before 7:30 pm on Friday.

RECREATION:

SUN—SHUFFLEBOARD MUST SIGN UP BY 3:30 PM

MON—LEGION BINGO 7PM. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

WED—DARTS 7PM

THU—BARNYARD BINGO (Martha's Market) 6:30PM

FRI—DINNERS (See above)

2ND SAT OF THE MONTH— AUXILIARY BINGO 6PM

CLUBROOM HOURS

MON-FRI 3P TO 9P OR LATER

SAT 11A TO 9P OR LATER

SUN NOON—8P OR LATER

AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010

From the President:

As we all know, all three organizations have been extremely busy this Holiday season. We helped 50 families this Thanksgiving. That is a huge undertaking for a small Post like ours. **Great job everyone!!!**

Please be sure to watch the board in the Clubroom for up-coming events. To name just a few...We will be having Bingo every 2nd Saturday of the month starting in January. There will be door prizes and cash payouts on the bingo. We will also have food available. The proceeds will go to the Nurses Scholarship Fund.

Don't forget the Auxiliary dinner nights on the 1st Friday of each month. Come on in and join us.

Thank you all for your support in 2009. I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to All.

For God and Country,

Bonnie Titus

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 President

Auxiliary Membership Corner

Ladies,

The Auxiliary Unit would like to thank everyone who has already paid her 2010 dues. Those who have not paid their dues are no longer members in good standing. Please check your card. If you have not paid for 2010, please send your dues to the Unit as soon as possible. Dues are \$21.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 for Juniors.

Department and National organizations have voted to raise the per capita assessment. Therefore, our Unit has voted to increase our annual dues beginning with the 2011 membership year. The new dues will be payable in July 2010. Our new dues will be \$25.00 for Seniors and \$5.00 for Juniors.

Laveda Vega, Membership Chair

Kim Harrell, Committee Member

S.A.L. COMMANDER

First off.. A big **Thanks!** to everyone who helped make the Chili Cook-off a success. We are looking ahead to our Wild Game Dinner on Saturday January 30th.

We have tickets for sale for a **rifle and scope raffle** and a couple of **Hunts** to be auctioned off. Dinner and the Turkey Shoot will begin at 2:00 pm. Entertainment starts at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for cooking, turkey shoot, serving and clean-up. Please contact John Jennings, Tim Bell, Wayne Stone, Steve Peddy, Alan Hall, Butch Jackson or myself.

We have our steak night on the 3rd Friday of each month, so come on out and enjoy some good food.

I'd just like to remind everyone that First Nominations are in March

Guy Harrell

SAL Commander

SAL ADJUTANT NEWS

Gentlemen:

I hope everyone had a good holiday.

The good news is: Membership is doing very well. As of December 15, 2009, our squadron stands at 76%, or 98 members paid.

The bad news is: Those of you who do not hold a 2010 card, but only a 2009 card, you are a delinquent member and do not have bar privileges...so you know what you have to do.

Membership cards go on sale again January 1, 2010. Renewal is \$20.00, dual membership and those under 21 years of age are \$10.00.

Serving those who served,

Tim Bell

Sons of The American Legion

Assistant Adjutant

Detachment of Florida

HIGHLITES OF POST ACTIVITIES**Jan thru Feb '10**

Don't miss the Auxiliary Bingo on the second Saturday of the month. Games begin at 6:00 PM. Snacks will be available.

The Legion will hold weekly Bingo on Monday nights beginning January 11. Doors open at 6PM and games start at 7PM. The games are open to the public, so tell your bingo-playing friends. Proceeds will go to Children and Youth Activities. Anyone who would like to volunteer as a caller or checker, please contact Bob Waring.

The SAL will have a Wild Game Dinner on January 23.

FROM THE EDITOR

This newsletter and the attached calendar are available online at post72fl.org. Check out our website for calendar updates as well as links to Florida Department and National American Legion websites.

All members of the Post family are invited to submit items to the newsletter. Anyone who wishes to submit an item for the Mar/Apr Newsletter should submit the items no later than February 15th. Any item submitted for publication in the newsletter, **MUST** include your name and telephone number. We will **NOT** publish items from an “anonymous” or unverifiable source. You can leave your articles with the bartender or you can e-mail them to: **72news@tampabay.rr.com.**

Please remember to renew your newsletter subscription. The fee is \$10 per year to cover printing and mailing costs. If you have not been receiving your newsletter, please let us know.

In service to the Mulberry Memorial Post 72 Family,
Dan Gramman
Editor

WE WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

WE HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING HEALTH, HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY TO EACH OF YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILIES.

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