



# American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### House Committee Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14 @ 5:00 p.m.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

### SAL Meeting

Tues., Jan. 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

### General Meeting (men & women)

Wed., Jan. 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

### SAL-sponsored Dinner

Fri., Jan. 30

Cocktails @ 6:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

### Commander

David Ballacchino

### Sr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

### Jr. Vice Commander

Harmon Grotsky

### Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

### Adjutant

David Ballacchino

### Interim

### House Committee

#### Chairman

Jon Huddle

### Executive Committee

#### Chairman

Bobby Wright

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope your Christmas was extra special this year. I know mine was! My wife JoAnn of 45 years is still with me after undergoing quadruple bypass surgery. Thank you all for your sincere prayers.

On January 20th, the day of the Swearing-In Ceremony, Barack Obama will be our new President. Let us all stand together, now and forever more one nation, for the entire world to see. Politics should be put aside and the rancid bitterness should not be allowed to surface.

Twenty-four members have died this past year and possibly more that have not been reported to the Post. If you know of a member that is ill or deceased, please inform one of the officers. Some of our members may live alone, the phones may be disconnected, the mail returned to us undeliverable, or the spouse may be so consumed with grief that we have no way of knowing we have lost another member. Please, we need your help in keeping informed about our aging members.

We had three speakers at the last meeting, Marvin Worthy, William Burton and James Walters who spoke about asbestosis and sarcoidosis. Many military members who built and served on ships and planes where asbestos was used have these terminal illnesses. I have Mr. Burton's books for sale at \$15.00 each.

At the general meeting, we elected Steve Carson and Gary Bush to two openings on the Executive Committee to complete the 2-year terms vacated by Jim Gallagher and Richard Fowler.

Harmon Grotsky and Jon Huddle purchased some indoor/outdoor sporting goods which are on their way to an army/airfield near Baghdad for a member of our Post and his fellow military buddies.

Come out and spend some time at the Post. Lynn and Amy are there waiting to cook and serve up a meal and beverages. This is your Post. Sit and read, play pool, meet with your friends. Discover something new about a member. Find out what you have in common with the other guys and gals. You might be surprised! Have a Happy New Year!

Thank you all, David Ballacchino, Commander

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S WIFE

I would like to thank all of you for the many cards and prayers you sent my way. They really helped me pull through my recovery. I am looking forward to a great New Year. God bless you all.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS!

### **Jon Huddle**

*House Committee Chairman*

**From:** Bristol, TN

**Military service:** A medic in the Navy in WWII between 1944-46. Boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois; based in San Diego, Long Beach and Terminal Island in California. During the Korean War, 1950-52, back with the Navy but attached to the Marines in Los Alamitos.

**Why did you join the Legion?** I became a member in Tennessee in 1946. I joined this Post in 1997 because I wanted to actively serve veterans.

**What have you done?** Lots and lots of maintenance for the Post — changing light bulbs and anything else needing to be done. I go to the U.S.O. and work Bingo. I was Service Officer for three years, have worked at the VA Christmas Gift Shop, was Legionnaire of the Year in 2000 and am a Gold Card holder.

**What do you aim to accomplish?** I want to encourage everyone to actively participate in the maintenance of this building, and would like to work on a healthier menu for the club.

**Interesting fact:** Was a super salesman employed by Bausch & Lomb Opticals for 10 years, based in Chattanooga. Then worked for Art Craft Opticals and covered the entire Southeast — GA, FL, SC, NC, and Eastern TN. Now he's retired and he says that he's "good at doing nothing and doesn't need any help". His motto — "keep breathing".



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

- Dec. 9 Pot roast (\$9) Trivia!
- Dec. 23 Lasagna and salad (\$6)
- Dec. 30 SAL-sponsored dinner — Chili and hotdogs, entertainment. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. (\$7)

*Please R.S.V.P. by each Wednesday night!*

## HOUSE NEWS

The Club will be open on New Year's Day from 11-4 and serving black-eyed peas, hamhocks, collards, cornbread, peach cobbler and homemade cakes. Come on by for some Southern cooking at only \$5.00 a plate!

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL

The Ladies Auxiliary Units have just completed their annual Christmas Gift Shop at the VA Hospital with great success. Seven Legion Posts participated in buying gifts or donating money to buy gifts. All patients in the hospital, including some in the outpatient programs, were given the opportunity to select up to 3 gifts for their families, wrapping included. The entire hospital was covered by doing 2 floors a day, and, yes, it took all week. The following are some of the Unit and Post 66 members who participated: Tillie Davis, Ruth Zingarelli, Arlene Bishop, Celestia Wright, Denise White, Jean Carson, Doreen Henricks, Nick Zingarelli, Newton Hogg and Joe Rowland. Albeit a small amount of money, coupled with lots of volunteer hours made a Christmas merry for many hospitalized veterans.



Old and young alike enjoyed the Christmas party!

## **A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE**

*Harold Byrd Post #66 history (continued) -*

The original Post property at 30 Covington Rd consisted of 60 acres. It had a clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts and a 9-hole golf course. The clubhouse had two levels with approx. 18,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Part of the lower levels was a golf pro shop with Mr. Livingstone as the golf pro. It was called the Ingleside Country Club and listed many Jewish people in the area as members. Our hallway showcase exhibits a binder with stock certificates wherein their names appear. Should you desire to review these certificates, please contact the Commander or me. For many reasons, including the war and the lack of gasoline for traveling, this property lay dormant. Weeds and trees grew everywhere. Alas, the property went up for sale.

At the next member meeting on Wednesday, January 21, there will be a 15-minute presentation on how we acquired this property.

- N.L. Zingarelli



About 80 people enjoyed the fun, food and festivities at the Post Christmas party.

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

THANK YOU to all Legion and Auxiliary members who worked to host the Fourth District meeting in November. Although attendance was not as high as expected because of the extreme cold weather, the meeting went well. We received many compliments on the lunch provided by our members.

The Christmas gift shop was a HUGE success. Over 100 hospitalized Veterans were given three gifts each for themselves and their families. Unit 66 had the largest number of volunteers to assist with this project. We will be looking at ways to collect donations throughout the coming year for next year's gift shop. Look for special announcements in upcoming newsletters!

Arlene reported that November's VA Bingo was fun, with 29 Veterans participating. Our next VA bingo is on Wednesday, Dec. 24th.

The Post 66 Christmas party raised over \$800 to serve needy Veterans' families at Christmas. Tillie accompanied a female Veteran to help her shop for her 4 children's gifts. The mother bought lots of clothes and a toy for each child. Denise White will be assisting another family.

Jean Carson and Denise White are planning a big Christmas dinner for our active service members at the USO. This will be on December 23. Arlene and Jim Bishop donated \$50 towards the food this month. James McCullough and Henry Lightfoot donated \$25 each and Jon Huddle is paying for the hotdog buns. Thanks to each of them.

Margaret Lusk remains very ill. We miss her and continue to pray for her recovery.

We have obtained permission for the use of Avondale Pattillo UMC for the Four Chaplains' Memorial Service. It will be held on Feb. 1 at 2:00 pm. Come to the January meeting for more details. Please let me know if you are able to help.

- President Doreen Henricks

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900</b>	<b>CLUB HOURS</b> <b>LUNCH</b> <b>BINGO</b>	Monday through Friday, 12 - 9, closed Sat. and Sun. Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 2:00 p.m. at Café 66 Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. \$1,500 in prizes with a last game jackpot maximum \$900				
				1 Club open 11-4 Southern treats \$5 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	2	3 CLOSED
4 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	5 <i>No planned</i>	6 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	7	8 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	9 Friday Night Dinner Pot. roast & Trivial \$9.00 6:00 p.m.	10 CLOSED
11 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	12 <i>activities on Mondays,</i>	13 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	14 HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	15 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	16	17 CLOSED
18 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	19 <i>but the club is open,</i>	20 Potluck & Pool Playing 5:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	21 GENERAL & AUXILIARY MTGS. 7:00 p.m.	22 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	23 Friday Night Dinner Lasagna & salad \$6.00 6:00 p.m.	24 CLOSED
25 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	26 <i>so stop by!</i>	27 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	28 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	29 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	30 SAL-sponsored Dinner \$7.00 6:00 p.m.	31 CLOSED
<b>Your New Year's Resolutions: Volunteer! Participate in a Legion program! Come to meetings!</b>						

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