



American Legion Harold Byrd Post 66

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January 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

House Committee Mtg.
Wed., Jan. 13 @ 5:00 p.m.

Post Work Day
Sat., Jan. 16 @ 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Mtg.
Wed., Jan. 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

SAL Meeting
Tues., Jan. 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting
(men & women)
Wed., Jan. 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supper provided for members attending General meeting.

SAL Chili/Hotdog Dinner
Fri., Jan. 29 @ 5:00 p.m.

Commander

David Ballacchino

Sr. Vice Commander

Jon Huddle

Jr. Vice Commander

Sam Guy

Finance Officer

Jim Bishop

Adjutant

Jim O'Brien

House Committee

Chairman

Jim O'Brien

Executive Committee

Chairman

Jim Bishop

COMMANDER'S CORNER

We pray that all had a safe and healthy Christmas. Happy New Year everyone! January looks to be a busy month, starting with a visit from our National Commander. Here is his schedule:

Date	Post and Location	Time and Cost per person
Jan 21	Post 205 Augusta	6:30 pm Dinner \$6.00
Jan 22	Post 017 Dublin	11:30 am Lunch no charge
Jan 22	Post 594 Warner Robins	6:30 pm Dinner no charge
Jan 23	Post 258 Jonesboro	11:30 am Lunch no charge
Jan 23	Post 127 Buford	6:30 pm Dinner \$7.00

If you wish to attend one of the locations, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We will be sponsoring a young girl From towers H.S. for the National High school oratorical Scholarship Program. The application form and guidelines for the National Law Enforcement Officer, and National Fire-fighter of the Year Award must be completed by Jan 28, 2010. The application form and guidelines for The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award must be completed by March 1, 2010.

We are nearing the end of our 2009 year and we are currently at 69.9% for paid up members for the 2010 year. The National American Legion H.Q does many good works for the veterans, the community, the State and the Nation, and we are the grease (\$) that keeps Capitol Hill on their toes, thru the voices of American Legion National Officers. Back in 1944, Georgia Representatives cast the vote to have the G.I bill placed into law for returning veterans from WWII. Thank you Rep. John Gibson of Georgia who placed the tie-breaking vote on the GI Bill 1944 AD.

The VA hospital and the GI bill; if you ever used the benefits, you know what a great accomplishment they achieved for the veterans. Renew your membership today, and help the veterans of today and tomorrow.

At the Fourth District meeting, which we hosted, Commander Pierson informed us that Past Dept. Commander Faye Casper has been in and out of hospitals with a staph infection after a operation, Department Commander Butch Adams is having surgery on his knee and Past District Commander Carmen Streit-Smith had a brand new grandbaby born with complications the day of our meeting and she left the meeting after receiving a call from the hospital. Let us all say a prayer for their speedy

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recovery, and a healthier time for all.

The luncheon, prepared by JoAnn Ballacchino with help from Jon Huddle and Lynn Kirkpatrick, was hearty and delicious. Post 147 Commander Sherry Davis made a large assortment of homemade cookies that were a hit with everyone.

The Christmas party held on 11 Dec-2009 was great. Thanks to our staff the food was tasty and plentiful. The proceeds will go to help a needy family thru the guidance of the Ladies Auxiliary. The only sour note I can think of is me trying to sing in my monotone voice. Honest folks, I will not submit you to my singing again!

JoAnn and I, along with all the officers of our post, wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and may God bless everyone with good health and a good life in the new year.

Commander David Ballacchino

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★★★ **USO REPORT** ★★★

Jon Huddle, Harmon Grotsky, Susan Proctor, Pam Dertz, Martha Mihalik and her son Marvin visited the USO on Tuesday, December 15th. Marvin brought Chick-Fil-A biscuits and sandwiches in abundance. Jon brought leftover BBQ from the Post. It was a very successful visit as they served over 200 military personnel.

CARE PACKAGE

Jon Huddle is assembling a care package to be sent to a member's relative who is serving in Iraq. What a great way to say thank you to our troops!

SAL NEWS

The SAL is sponsoring a Chili and Hotdog Dinner on Friday, January 29th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Post 66 USO effort. DJ Wyman Treadaway will provide Cajun music as a prelude to the Mardi Gras season. \$7.00 admission.

HOUSE NEWS

There will be a Post Work Day on Saturday, January 16th. Coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Please bring some small hand tools.



Tillie and Henrietta prepare snacks at the Department VA Bingo on Tuesday, December 8th after a hard day's work at the Christmas Gift Shop.



Doreen and Arlene and other elves, including Past Department Presidents Gloria Johnston and Betty Pollard at the VA Christmas Gift Shop.

HOLIDAY PHOTOS



AUXILIARY NEWS

Christmas is a time of giving and what better way than to help out at the VA Christmas Gift Shop? Tillie Davis flew into town to help out, Ruth Zingarelli assisted Betty Hanna with the logistics and Arlene Bishop, Celestia Wright, Doreen Henricks, Sarah Zingarelli and Legionnaire Nick Zingarelli helped patients select gifts, wrapped the gifts and delivered them to patients who could not come to the gift shop themselves.

If you missed the Christmas party on Friday, December 11th, you missed a golden opportunity to have fun and to help a veteran and his family also have a joyous Christmas this year. You missed participating in the Wacky Twelve Days of Christmas Gift Exchange and winning fabulous prizes! And the food...yummy!...Kim did a fabulous job! My favorites were the artichoke dip and the fruit skewers and the cream puffs!

But wait, if you didn't help out in December, you still have another opportunity next month. January's project is to donate items to the women and children at City of Refuge (I mentioned it at the last meeting). Please bring some of these items to the January meeting: boxes of Tylenol or Midol, prenatal vitamins, Maalox or Tums, diapers and tampons. Don't feel like going shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome. It can't hurt to help.

The first Sunday in February, the Four Chaplains Service will be held at Post 258.

Sarah Zingarelli, Unit 66 President
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Jean Carson holds the Department Third Place National Security Trophy named in her honor and sponsored by Unit 66.

2010		JANUARY					2010	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
BINGO JACKPOT (LAST GAME) IS MAXIMUM \$900	CLUB HOURS BINGO	Mon. & Wed.: 12 – 8, Tues, Thurs. & Fri.: 12 – 9; lunch served 12-2; closed Sat. and Sun. Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday Night at 7:00 p.m. \$1,500 in prizes with a last game jackpot maximum \$900						
					1	2 CLOSED		
					New Year's Day			
3 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	4 <i>No planned activities</i>	5 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	6	7 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	8	9 CLOSED		
10 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	11 <i>on Mondays but the</i>	12 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	13 HOUSE COMM. 5:00 p.m. EXEC. COMM. 6:00 p.m.	14 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Post Work Day 9-12:30 CLOSED		
17 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>club is open,</i> MLK Day	19 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m. S.A.L. MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20 GENERAL MEETING (Men & women) 6:00 p.m.	21 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	22	23 CLOSED		
24/31 CLOSED BINGO 7:00 p.m.	25 <i>so stop by!</i>	26 Potluck & Pool Playing 6:00 p.m.	27 V.A. Bingo 1:30 p.m.	28 BINGO 7:00 p.m.	29 SAL Chili & Hotdog Dinner 5-9:00 p.m. (\$7)	30 CLOSED		
A new year. A new decade. Resolve to make a difference. Volunteer for a program.								



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