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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Hard times have hit many of our members. To that end, our Post has taken great pains to provide activities for everyone. We hosted an early bird supper of roast beef on Friday, October 9th with a comedy show after. These are events that cost nothing but we had few attending. I sometimes think it is because members are not aware they can attend any and all events. At other times, I make excuses like the weather, that some of our seasoned citizens don't like to drive after dark, that we allow smoking (not during meals though!), children at home (all the more reason to take a couple of hours for an hour or so of laughter), it was a Friday night, people are working, and so forth.

We do have a Halloween dance and contest on yes! Halloween. We offer cash prizes and a lot of fun. So, when the trick or treaters have come and gone, consider coming to the Post.

Please note that at this time, the canteen will be closed for Christmas. It is the only day of the year we are closed and all our families deserve this special day.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for all those members (and non-member volunteers) who have done so much work around the post over the past few months. Many of you made huge donations of treasures for the yard sales. We have installed the internet, an ATM, new roofs, made driveway improvements, to mention a few. Thank-you everyone!

Mona Naragon
Commander/Adjutant

AUXILIARY NOTES

Hello Legion Family,

It is fall again and meetings have started. Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. It would be really nice to see more ladies at them. If you are interested but do not have transportation, just call me at 353-5434, and come join the decision making process.

There will be a crafts day once a week in October on the 15th at 6 PM, the 19th at 2 PM and the 29th at 6 PM. These crafts will be sold during the indoor yard and craft sale. The proceeds from this will assist in bringing joy into some of our

members' lives during the holidays.

We will also have breakfast available the day of the yard/craft sale on November 8th. Times of this event are 7 AM to 1 PM.

We are also working with our Girl and Boy Scout troops to provide caroling for our veterans in Togus Hospital.

We are selling chances on our Thanksgiving Raffle which will be drawn on November 20th.

Thank-you and God Bless,
Doreen Heath
President

SAL Monthly Breakfasts

Second Vice Commander Bennie Judd will be hosting breakfasts on the first Saturday of the month during the winter. So, start your weekend chores and fun with a hearty breakfast at the Post to benefit worthy charities.

MEMBERSHIP:

65.62%

We would very much appreciate it if everyone remembered to send in their



dues soon. The closer we get to the holidays, means finances are tighter. It is YOUR membership that keeps us strong to fight for veterans' rights and benefits.

INDOOR CRAFT AND YARD SALE

Get ready for Christmas by buying some homemade crafts! We are offering tables at \$5 if you want to bring in some of your own goodies or items for a yard sale. Great deal! Call Mona Naragon at 353-6104 or contact the canteen for your reservation.

ATTENTION MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES

We have been discovering that many retired veterans and/or their spouses are unaware of benefits available through Martin's Point. Basically, the insurance premium per individual is less than \$300 annually. Yes, less than \$300 and per year. We know of many people who retired with plans that still cost them more than this and they have switched. Also, it is a plan that if you are enrolled, once

you turn 65 years of age, you have a free membership. To that end, we will have a representative from Martin's Point here on Sunday, November 15th from 11 AM to 1 PM.

A representative from the Generations program will be here at the same time.

This is open to the public as well as members of the Legion family. Please pass the word.

Veterans' Day Chili Custom

To be served from opening to whenever it runs out. Stop by and have some!

Turkey and Ham Raffles

The Auxiliary will be holding a turkey raffle at its Friday night supper on November 20th. The SAL will be holding a ham raffle at its Friday night supper on December 18th. Other bonuses are thrown in and these nights are a lot of fun. Come join us for supper and go home a winner.

Annual Children's Christmas Party

To be held on Saturday, December 12th. Santa

arrives by fire truck at 10 AM. Entertainment for the children will be at 9 AM. Remember to sign them up **no later than** Wednesday, December 9th.

The Post provides a goodie bag of munchies and Santa brings a present. Pictures are taken of the child sitting on Santa's lap, laughing or crying and made available to the parents, at no charge. There has been great attendance in recent years, ranging from 58 to 112. So, come one, come all. It is a lot of fun. **Guidance:** age – 10 years of age and younger. And, when you sign up, be sure to tell us whether the child is a girl or boy.

Embroidered Legion/Auxiliary Clothing

The Post is taking orders for polo shirts (short-sleeved, white, black, forest, lt blue, maroon, navy, red, and royal up to six 4X at \$19), sweatshirts (black, forest, true navy, maroon, up to 3X at \$29, denim shirts in either lt blue or dark blue (at \$20), and fleece vests (red, black, blue, green, up to 3X at \$30). Stop by the canteen and place your order. They are available with either the Legion or Auxiliary logo.

