

# NEWSLETTER



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*American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills*



## Note From the Commander Lee Phillips American Legion Post 712

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December is at our doorstep bringing with it the snow and ice that we all dread. Your officers and employees will be working behind the scenes planning events, decorating for the holidays, keeping the door open should you stop in for refreshment, a bite to eat, and in the holiday spirit fellowship with the other members of our family of Post 712. We are always looking for our membership to step up and lend a helping hand when needed.

Please check the newsletter calendar for information on events that are planned.

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Lee Phillips**  
**Commander**



## *From the Desk of the Adjutant*

Thad Weidmann

This will be my last article. I will be resigning from all my positions at the Legion to devote more time to my family. My duties as caregiver have increased, along with my duties at the Legion. However, my philosophy has always been 'Family Comes First'. Since I have multiple positions and duties at the Legion, I hope to gracefully document procedures and transfer those duties with the least amount of disruption as possible.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Manager and Adjutant at the Legion. I often said I was one of those idiots that loved my job. I also enjoyed the previous 8 years that I volunteered to be a Quartermaster and Adjutant at the Duquesne VFW. My focus has always been to help and support our Veterans. I hope that I was able to accomplish that along the way.



**Kids Christmas Party  
Saturday 12/8  
Sign up at the bar.**

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Dates  
to Remember

12/3  
Post Mtg  
12/4  
Riders Mtg  
12/8  
Kids Xmas  
Party  
12/10  
HA Mtg  
12/22  
Ugly  
Sweater  
Contest  
12/24  
ALA Mtg  
12/27  
SAL Mtg

The new  
deadline for the  
**Newsletter**  
is the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
the month!



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*Sons of the Legion,*

I would like to thank everyone that donated lots of food to the 'Feed Five Veterans Families' for Thanksgiving. Don't forget to bring the Christmas toys for Operation Troop Appreciation.

Thank You  
Gary C Hartman  
Commander of thge Sons

**SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL**

*Auxiliary Corner,*

As our year is drawing to an end, I want to thank all the ladies who helped make us a stronger unit. We had a few issues but I hope it's all over and we remain a top notch unit. Hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays. Our Christmas Party is Dec 6th at Gianni Vias. Please try to attend as we have a lot planned. We are going to need help on Friday wrapping gifts and preparing for the Children's Xmas Party on Dec 8th at the Post. We also need volunteers for that. We hope to have a lot of members going to Southwestern Veteran's Center Party to show we are always thinking of our veterans. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

God Bless and Protect our Troops  
Mary Ann Marunich  
ALA President



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Greetings Legionnaires:

Thank you to all the Riders and Veterans who supported Veteran's Day events throughout the community. On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Riders and Veterans visited Thomas Jefferson High School and participated in the annual Veteran's Day Events. Its important kids understand who real Veterans are and they not gain their impression from Hollywood movies. Thank you for giving back to the community **Bill Allan, Donna Allan, Bob Armitage, Tom Bodner, Mike Dudenas, Ed Harmon, Larry Jageman, Lee Phillips, Margie Phillips and Mark Smith.** And Thanks to **Debbie Michalski** for opening up Post 712 early and sending our Vet's off with donuts and hot coffee on what was a cold and rainy morning.

Congratulations to **Erich Collins** for winning the Warm and Cozy Raffle on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Erich, or as he is better known, "Roach," won a whopping \$410 in gift cards, plus a Wendell August Tray of Pittsburgh, a Wendell August Plate of Pittsburgh, a Waterford Crystal Clock, 4 tickets to the Duquesne Incline, a portable TV and just to top it off, a bottle of Crown Royal.

The Riders will again conduct our Annual Christmas Raffle. This year's raffle will be for a Henry Big Boy Lever Carbine and, a Ruger Bisley Vaquero Revolver; both chambered in .45 Long Colt; so Cowboy Up for this western-themed raffle. And just because we like you all so much, we are also throwing in a \$500 gift certificate for The Gun Rack. That's a retail value of about \$2,000. Tickets are only \$20 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. See **John Dillon, Susan Dillon or Beverly Weikel** for tickets.

The Riders annual Christmas Party will be held at Post 712 on Saturday, December 15th. Invitations have been mailed so get your RSVP's turned in fast. Plans are underway for a great party and very tasty selection of catered culinary delights. Thank you to our superb party committee of **Secretary Susan Dillon, Treasurer Beverly Weikel and Rider Chris Bodner.**

- The Riders are very happy to announce our cash donations for 2018 have eclipsed \$22,000 to date; which is the grandest amount of money we have ever donated in one calendar year. The largest benefactors of Riders donations during 2018 have been the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard receiving \$9,842; the Fisher House of Pittsburgh receiving \$5,000 and American Legion Post 712 receiving \$6,200.
- In addition, so far during calendar year 2018, the Riders have donated 1,792 hours to support Veterans and Veterans programs right here in our local community. The largest recipient of volunteer hours has been American Legion Post 712 with the Riders volunteering to support events such as the Lenten Fish Fry and repairs, cleanup and painting of the facility.
- Thank you Riders for all you do in support of Veterans and Post 712!!!

You can check us out on our Facebook page, *American Legion Riders Post 712* or [www.facebook.com/groups/516028081916303/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/516028081916303/). The Riders next two meetings are on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

Oscar-Mike,  
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