

NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Commander

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Thank you to all of our veterans at post 712. Thanks for your service. We currently have members that have served from WW II all the way up to the present day. At one time every one of us signed our enlistment papers not knowing what our time in the service would bring or where we would be sent. I know that the majority of you feel as I do, I would not trade a minuet of the time I served.

At the last Home Association meeting the question was raised from the floor regarding membership. The question was are we going to enforce the rule that . . . after a third visit by a guest must they join as a member?

After some discussion it was agreed that the rule should be enforced.

God bless our troops and God bless the USA

Frank Caputo

Commander



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From the Desk of the Adjutant

Thad Weidmann

Our membership grace period will end on 2/1. Keycards for members who haven't paid their dues will be deactivated. Dues must be current to win the daily Blotto drawing. If you forgot to pay your dues, no problem. Just leave your dues payment with the bartender.

We encourage guests to come to our Legion with members, however if guests visit during times when we are not open to the public, we are required by the LCB to sign them in as guests and expect them to join following their third visit. We are making every effort to keep our doors open because we can't help anyone if we are forced to shut down. We need everyone to contribute.

We have a lot going on at the Legion.

We would like to thank Dave Bilski, Rob Butelli and Bob Branchen for stepping up to join our Home Association Board of Directors to help revitalize our Post. Welcome Aboard! We would also like to thank John Dillon for volunteering to coordinate the upgrading of our surveillance and alarm systems.

Bob Stoodt and Debra Michalski completed changing vendors for our pool table, juke box and bowling machines. The new vendor also paid for some bar improvements like new soft drink guns.

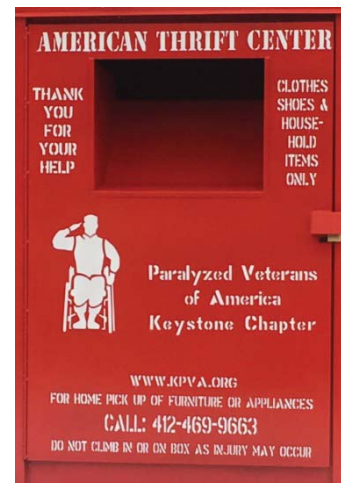
We are working on establishing steady income revenue streams like leasing our kitchen (with their own license and insurance) and Social Hall every Wednesday for a Dance Class. Also, with Bob Stoodt and Debbie Michalski continuing the transformation of our Social Hall from a meeting room to a banquet hall and the round tables that former Manager Lisa Deiley added to our rental options, we are getting more hall rentals.

Bob Stoodt and Debbie Michalski are also pursuing replacing our cash register system with a new lease-to-own system that would allow us to track our inventory and income in a way that our outdated hardware and software was unable to do, without having a large outlay of cash for start-up.

Dan Bilski gave us an estimate on what it would cost to build a glass partition between the bar and dining area to give us smoking and non-smoking areas with the ability to see any entertainment

from the non-smoking area. We will be evaluating and prioritizing it against the other projects we need to improve the Post.

Lastly, we joined with the Paralyzed Veterans of America to provide a way for people to donate items by letting them put a box in our parking lot. This is in addition to the ALA's collection box in our front lobby for our local VA Hospitals.



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SOLDIERS PLACE

We are excited to introduce *Dee and Joe*

and their new **'Soldiers Place' Restaurant at the Legion.**

They will be open for our members from 12-8 PM for lunch, dinner or a snack **Wednesday through Sunday** with their new menu including Wings, Cheeseburger, Mushroom Swiss Burger, Texas Burger, Reuben, Philly Steak and Fried Bologna with extras like fried egg & bacon and sides including Onion Rings, Mozzarella Sticks, Freedom Fries and Fried Raviolis. This will be in addition to their different weekly meal each Friday, that is open to the public with no smoking from 4-9 PM

This & That Around the Legion . . .

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* Wednesday is Bingo Night at 7 PM. Enjoy a hot dinner or snack from our 'Soldiers Place' Restaurant before activities begin. Join in the fun with our new Bingo Blower Machine and Digital Display. Members and their guests are welcome.

* Visit our website for info about renting our Social Hall for your next special event like Wedding and Baby Showers, Graduation, Birthday, Group or Work Parties, Craft Sales, Group Meetings and Wakes. You can choose between new banquet hall type round tables with white linen table

cloths or traditional long tables to create your special atmosphere for any type of event. Special Discount Prices for all Members. Contact Debbie Michalski (412-616-1834).

* We have pool, bowling, golf and corn hole leagues. In addition to bingo, we have an internet juke box (that you can program from your smart phone), Blotto daily number and other games like LRC (Left, Right, Center). If you are interested and would like to join any of these, let the bartender know and someone will contact you.

* View future events in our Monthly Newsletter on our Facebook Photo Album section or on our web site alpost712pa.org

* Browse through our Post pictures for your friends and family in our Facebook Photo section. We have loaded over 650 pictures so far.

* Contact Debbie Michalski (412-616-1834) or ask the bartender for details about hall rentals for your special occasion.

* If you would like to become a member of our Post, just fill out an application at one of our Friday meals or call our main number (412-653-1555) and we will have someone contact you.

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Sons of the Legion,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new bar manager Debbie and our new restaurant **Soldiers Place**. I would like to encourage everyone to come out during the week and try the food to show your support.

Thank you,

Gary C. Hartman,

Comander of the Sons

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Auxiliary Corner,

Thank you to all the post and unit members who went to the Christmas party at Southwestern Veterans Center. A good time was had by all. They really appreciate time spent with us. They would like to see more Post members so they had a little more in common with them. A welcome to Dee and Joe who have taken over the kitchen. Please stop by and have something to eat and welcome them. We are discussing our next soup and salad fund raiser and would appreciate any new ideas. It was nice to see the new members who attended our Christmas party. A really big THANK YOU to Donna Rottman who has had a lot of patience with me. Don't forget our meetings are the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be February 26th.

GOD BLESS AND PROTECT OUR TROOPS

Mary Ann Marunich

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American Legion Riders,

Greetings Legionnaires:

You may remember me telling you that on December 16th the Riders participated in the Wreath's Across America volunteer effort. The annual event conducted at Veterans cemeteries across the Nation was held locally at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies; during which the Riders, and several hundred other volunteers, laid wreaths on the graves of our Veteran brother's and sister's in a show of honor and remembrance.

Well ... what goes down in honor and remembrance, must be picked up for the sake of military appearance and dress right dress precision. On Saturday, January 20th the Riders again volunteered at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies; only this time we had to pick-up and discard the wreaths to restore the cemetery to normal operations. This was a very worthwhile event and a great way to get the day going right. True to Riders fashion, after the clean-up we met at the local King's Restaurant to enjoy a huge breakfast. Thank you Riders **Sr. Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Bodner, Rider Chris Bodner, President John Dillon, Secretary Susan Dillon, Rider Dave Harris, Vice President Kevin Jackson, Jeff Jackson, Rider Lee Phillips, Rider Margie Phillips, Rider Ed Schmidt, Chaplain Mark Smith, Deputy Treasurer Bill Weikel and Treasurer Beverly Weikel.** And a special thank you to Debbie and Post 712 who opened the doors at 0630 hours to send us on our way with hot coffee and donuts. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Has everyone had a chance to try the new kitchen at Post 712? The kitchen is now called, Soldier's Place. You should give it a try, especially with the kitchen now being open several days a week. The food is good and Dee and Joe are friendly and, most importantly, they are good cooks. In fact, they're so good the Riders hired them to cater a party on February 6th. After the Riders meeting on February 6th the Riders are going to chow-down on a catered meal from Soldier's Place; just to have a little fun with an impromptu party and celebrate brotherhood and patriotism. During that same meeting, the Riders plan on donating \$5,000 to the Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House in support of the good work the Fisher House does for Veterans and their families. Good food and good causes, it's going to be a great day. The donation money was earned jointly by the Riders and our partners at, The Gun Rack in Belle Vernon; who donated one of the two guns the Riders raffled off to raise donations.

THE RIDERS: I receive allot of questions about the Riders. It's pretty simple. We are a brotherhood and sisterhood of military and civilian Legionnaires. We are Veterans and Patriots, who are brought together by a few simple core beliefs: The Rider are a family oriented group who believe in taking care of the families of the fallen, in providing aid to those injured in service to this Country, in celebrating service to our Nation and in supporting our local community; and we believe in doing all of this from the seat of a motorcycle. Member participation in support of these causes is expected. Our members are male and female, from their 20's to their 80's. And of course, we love to ride! To be a Rider you have to be a member in good standing of the Post, ALA or Sons. You must have a motorcycle license and a 250cc or

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larger motorcycle that is legally registered and insured. To be voted into the Riders of Post 712 you must have a Rider sponsor and receive a majority of the membership vote. If you want to make a difference in the lives of others, talk to a Rider or email **President John Dillon** at Post712Riders@comcast.net.

You can check us out on our Facebook page, *American Legion Riders Post 712*. The next Riders meeting is at 1900 hours, Tuesday, February 6th, 2018. See you there.

Top. Out.



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*With Honor and Gratitude
We Remember...*

JAMES MARSHALL
June 12, 1922 - May 25, 2017
Age 94

**Member of Post 712
Member of the Masonic Lodge**

May you Rest in Peace my Friend.

SOLDIERS PLACE

KITCHEN SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Chicken Ramana, Garlic Pasta Salad & Roll</i>	3
				KITCHEN OPEN 12-8		
4		6	7	8	9 <i>Lasagna Garlic Bread Salad</i>	10
KITCHEN OPEN 12 TO 8	CLOSED			KITCHEN OPEN 12-8		
	11	12	13	14 <i>Fish Fry</i>	15	16 <i>Fish Fry</i>
	CLOSED			KITCHEN OPEN 12-8		
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Fish Fry</i>	24
	CLOSED			KITCHEN OPEN 12-8		
25	26	27	28			
	CLOSED		KITCHEN OPEN 12-8			