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Note from the Commander
Lee Phillips
American Legion Post 712

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday!

The children's Christmas party was a huge success. Special thanks to Dave Harris for coming up with Santa Howard Sprool from Liberty Boro. We are hoping that Howard will consider becoming a member of our Post. Patty O'Toole was the perfect Mrs. Claus to complement Santa. Mary Ann Marunich, president of the Auxiliary, as usual was able to come up with enough presents for the kids. Thank you to the Auxiliary for wrapping the presents and coordinating the distribution of the bags of candy. Much thanks to Debbie, our manager, for arranging the pizza delivery which left all satisfied with a full belly.

The Post was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Eve Party. Thanks to all that contributed to the buffet as it was quite a spread.

On a more serious note, at the last Home Association Meeting, a fundraising committee was formed with Gary Hartman, Commander of the Sons, to chair the Committee. Committee members are Gary Hartman, John Dillon, Sue Dillon, Vickie Golden, Cindy Balchick and Mary Ann Marunich. All committee fundraising is to benefit Post 712 only.



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This is the last reminder to get your dues in. Door cards of those members who are not current on their dues will be de-activated on January 1st and they will also not be eligible to win the daily or weekly Blotto.

Well, 2019 is on the doorstep. 2018 was a rough year for our Post. We are actively looking for a new cook and also help at the bar. In a perfect world we would have enough capable volunteers to fill the void, but in today's world we are having problems finding qualified people to hire. If any members know of any qualified people looking for a cook's position or part time bartender, please ask them to contact our manager Debbie.

Let us end 2018 with peace and harmony and begin 2019 with the same. I know that I speak for all the officers and board members of American Legion Post 712 as we wish all of our veterans, Auxiliary, Riders, Sons, and social members a happy, safe, and productive New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Phillips
Commander



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Dates
to Remember

1/1

NY Day Closed

1/7

Post Mtg

1/8

Riders Mtg

1/10

Fund Raise Mtg

1/25

Karaoke

1/27

Chilli Cook off

1/28

ALA Mtg

1/31

Sons Mtg

The new
deadline for the
Newsletter
is the 27th of
the month!

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Sons of the Legion,

The sons would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year. We have no events planned for this month only a reminder if you haven't already paid your dues.

Thank You,
Gary C. Hartman
Commander of the Sons

Shake Rattle and Roll

Thursday Jan 10 and Jan 24 at 7:30 PM.

Fundraising organization meeting will meet on January 10 at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome come out and get involved in making the post your place.

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Auxiliary Corner,

Thank you all the Ladies who have given so much time to the Veterans, especially those who have gone out to Southwestern Veterans Center. Our Christmas party at the hospital was great thanks to Dee Mattes, Pat O'Toole, Gretchen Fuller, Donna McCrumb, Barb Terihay and the Post Manager Debbie and bartender Amanda. We always depend on them. Our Christmas Party went well and Vicky did a job in getting Gianna Via's for us. The children's Christmas party went well and I want to thank all those that helped. Please keep Anne Giovannitti in your prayers as she had had health problems lately.

God Bless and Protect our Troops!
Mary Ann Marunich
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Greetings Legionnaires:

On December 5th the Riders visited our friends at the **Kurt J. Lesker Company** in Jefferson Hills to thank the Lesker family and the entire Kurt J. Lesker Company for their decade-long partnership with the Riders to support Veterans. The Lesker Company led by Kurt J. Lesker IV is an international company in our own backyard that has proven time and again their commitment to helping those in need and their corporate philosophy of community mindedness in giving back to those less fortunate. The Riders thank the Lesker family and the entirety of the Kurt J. Lesker Company for their support and thank you **Chaplain Mark Smith** for planning and coordinating the visit. It was a great time.

The Riders held their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th. It was a wonderful holiday event. Everyone had a fun time and the Post was very accommodating. The Riders decorated the room for the festive event and it was amazing how colorful and inviting the conference room can be made to look. Let's send a BIG thank you out to the Party Committee of **Susan Dillon, Chris Bodner and Beverly Weikel** who have planned and conducted the best and biggest parties held at Post 712 during these past 4 years. You ladies Rock!

As we close out 2018, we say thank you to all the Riders for everything they do; with special thanks to those Riders who have garnered donations exceeding \$1,000 allowing the Riders to donate over \$22,000 in support of Veterans during 2018. The gold standard has been set by **John Caligiure** who arranged for over \$4,000 in donations. Rounding out the Top 5 "Donation Getters" are **John and Susan Dillon, Ed Very, Larry and Ann Jageman and Rob and Christie Mansberry**. Thank you for all you do!!! A huge thank you also goes out to those Riders who lead the pack in selling raffle tickets of which proceeds are used to support Veterans. Thank you, **Dan Oeler, Kevin Jackson, Tom Matthews, Rob Mansberry and John Caligiure**. Well Done!!!

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Who are the Riders? The Riders of Post 712 are a brotherhood and sisterhood of military and civilian Legionnaires. We are brought together by a few simple core beliefs: The Riders 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 our Country, in celebrating service to our Nation and in supporting our local community; and we believe in doing all of this from the back of a motorcycle. Our success stems from a philosophy common with most Veterans, of doing good for the benefit of the group. It's about the group, not the individual and it's about giving back and making the world a little bit better of a place.

This year, 2019, marks the 10 Year Anniversary of the Post 712 Riders. The Riders were started with 22 Charter Members, of which seven are still riding and living the two-wheeled lifestyle; **Bill Allan, Tom Bodner, John Caligiure, John Dillon, Ed Harmon, Tom Matthews and Mark Smith**. We remember our Past Presidents of Bill Allan (2009-2011); Mark Smith (2011-2012); Lloyd Ray (2012-2014); Nancy Schwartz (2014-2015) and John Dillon (2015 - Present) and thank them for their leadership and we welcome our four new Riders of **Bob Armitage, Erich Collins, Bill Figura and Christie Mansberry**. The team is going strong.

Here is to wishing everyone a very happy, prosperous and safe 2019. The Riders next meeting is February 5th. See you there.

Oscar-Mike,
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