

NEWSLETTER

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Commander's Call

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the faith, trust, and support everyone has placed in me to be your new Commander. Having big shoes to fill, following Commander Carl Anderson, there is one thing I will have in my favor. All of our Post officers, who have done an outstanding job, will remain serving us for another year. Their unwavering dedication to service and expertise in the knowledge and execution of their official duties can be plainly seen through their actions. I will rely on them heavily as I will need their support and guidance as we move forward taking on future tasks. Introducing myself to ALL members is one of my goals as I attend various post-related functions.

My past military experience consists of four years in the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam era as a high speed Morse Code Interceptor. After a large break in service, I joined the Army 128th Military Intelligence Battalion in Allison Park. Due to a base closure, I then joined the 911th Airlift Wing, 32nd Aerial Port Squadron Air Force Reserve. My main occupational skill was a Special Handling Section NCOIC dealing with explosives, vaccines, blood, and human remains. I also held the position of Act-



ing Aerial Port Superintendent as well as a squadron rigger and a C-130 Aerial Team Member. I retired from the 911th 17 years later in 2006 as a Master Sergeant.

Last year, I retired from the Port Authority of Allegheny County after 25 years of service. I was the Director of Road Operations for both bus and rail and served as the Director of Operator Training which included the entire instruction department. I held numerous union/management negotiations between the Port Authority and Local 85 Amalgamated Transit Union. I served as the ADA Compliance Officer as the direct liaison between the City of Pittsburgh, surrounding communities, and the Port Authority. Another one of my responsibilities was being in charge of the Port Authority Commercial Driver License Testing Program in association with the Pennsylvania CDL Third Party Examiner Testing Department located in Harrisburg. Those who have worked with me know of my strong work ethics and that I am no stranger to understanding and welcoming challenges. To me, challenges are only opportunities to show you can make a difference.

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JULY EVENTS

Post Meeting July 6 7 pm

Riders Meeting July 7 7 pm

Corporation Meeting July 13 7 pm

SAL Meeting July 28 7 pm

No Entertainment or ALA Meeting this Month

**There will be NO
Kitchen Specials
for JULY.
Our kitchen
will be open for
FISH SANDWICHES
and Bar Food on Fridays.**

A special thank you to the RIDERS, SAL and ALA for all your help when Slim Forsythe and the Park Lane Drifters were here to perform at Post 712.

Picnic,
picnic, picnic
August 15
picnic, picnic
More information
to follow...



BUCKETS OF BEER
Thursdays,
Saturdays & Sundays
from 4 - 8

FREE POOL

4:00 - 8:00

Saturdays & Sundays.



... New E-mail Address for American Legion Post 712 ...

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Auxiliary Corner

We would like to thank Ron King for giving us permission to distribute poppies in front of the Dollar Tree Store that he manages at Century Square. That was a big help to us and I'm sure he would appreciate our business. Also thanks to the Post for their support. Rich and Linda Wojnar, Don Smoley, Stan Tumas, Jim Bach and Al De Lembo. Our ALA was represented by Anne Giovannitti, and Barb Terihay. We will be at Sam's Club on July 5th.

The carnival at Southwestern Veterans Center was an experience. A lot of people came who were not involved so there will be a lot of changes next year. Our trip on June 25th went well although we were poorly represented. Hope our next visit can bring a few more people out.

There is no July meeting so we hope to see you at the installation on August 4th and the picnic on August 15th.

God bless and protect our troops

Mary Ann Marunich

ALA President

No Meeting in July!

**Important Dates
to Remember...**

- August 4 - Installation
- August 15 - Picnic

Hope to see you there!

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Sons of the Legion,

Thanks to all that attended Father's Day Breakfast. We had a good turnout and if you liked the sausage and biscuits, you can thank Larry. He suggested us adding sausage and biscuits to our buffet.

We like to get feedback. So if there is something we can do to improve or add to any of our functions, please let us know.

We have nothing scheduled for July, but hope to see all the SAL members at the yearly membership picnic on August 15th.

Thank you,
Commander of the SONS,
Gary Hartman

Membership Picnic on August 15th



Look for details in next months newsletter. . .

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American Legion Riders

The Riders would like to thank everyone who came out to see Slim Forsythe and his band on June 6th. It looked like everyone had a great time and it greatly benefits the post. We are looking for more bands to play in the future.

Together the Riders and the SAL have made a donation to have the damaged bar stools repaired to help make our post look nicer when we welcome guests.

Member Lloyd Ray ran in the I've Got Your 6 race and came in 2nd place carrying his 35lb. rucksack. Congratulations Lloyd. This organization helps homeless Veterans.

Quite a few members went to the SW Veterans home to volunteer to work at the carnival for the resident's there. Seeing them outside enjoying themselves was priceless.

Every year the SAL has a Father's Day breakfast. It was great to see our Commander Carl there. For such a small crew they do a fantastic job, thank you for all you do, the food was delicious.

We would like to thank the Harmon family for the donation of a new Wii game box to the post.

We want to congratulate Rich Wojnar that will be our new Commander; we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

The Riders election results for this coming year; John Dillon-President, Kevin Jackson-Vice President, Bill Allan-Jr. Vice President, Nancy Schwartz-Secretary, Mike Dudenus-Treasurer, Dan Oeler- 1st Road Captain, Dave Peterson-2nd Road Captain, Steve Horvath-3rd Road Captain, Tom Bodner-1st Sgt-At-Arms, Ed Harmon-2nd Sgt-At-Arms, Mark Smith-Chaplain, Lloyd Ray-Adjutant, and Gary Schwartz-Historian. Congratulations to everyone.

Only 7 weeks until our Pittsburgh Fisher House Run. Pre registration forms can be found in the lobby.

President Nancy Schwartz

Our next
meeting will be
Tuesday, July 7th
at 7 p.m.

*COUNTDOWN to our . . .
Pittsburgh
Fisher House Run
. . . AUGUST 16 . . .*



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Commander's Call

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I reside in Jefferson Hills. I have been married for 45 years to my wife, Dr. Linda Wojnar, who served in the Naval Reserves for 15 years as a Navy nurse and as a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR). We have two children, Bunni who lives in Hollywood, California and Richard Alscott who is a member of our Post. I have the full support of my family who knows how proud I was to serve in the military and how much I would like to be a part of making a difference at Post 712.

I recently attended the 36th District meeting along with the commanders from numerous other American Legion Posts. Our post is very highly regarded at both the District and National levels as we are the largest Post in District 36. I am extremely proud to be your new commander. I promise to devote countless hours and untiring energy throughout my tenure. I will personally meet with all of our board members and officers in the Legion (SAL, ALA, Legion Riders, and the Corporation) in order that we all share the same goals and ideals. I need YOUR help! This is YOUR post. Your individual input is extremely important to me so that we will ALL be successful. I know you are as proud of your military career and dedication to the military occupational skills that you performed while serving as much as I am of mine. Nothing has changed! We all need to hold our heads up high with pride when American Legion Post 712 is mentioned!

As always we support our troops.
Commander-elect Richard J. Wojnar

Veteran Information . . .

I would like to talk to you and your family in the event of a death of you or your spouse. The undertaker is the first line of contact for your family. Your spouse should provide him a DD-214 Form. This very important. It will allow the undertaker access to the information needed to provide him with the flag and make arrangements for the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. There are forms that are needed to provide the widow with some monies from the County they live in as well as from the VA for Dependent Income & Compensation (DIC) VA Form 21-688c. Also to request a flag from VA form VA Form 21-2008. To request information you must fill out VA Form 3288 Request for Release of Information.

When requesting a form substantiate a claim a claim for DIC, Death Pension and/or Accrued Benefits use VA Form 21-534E. To file a claim for Intent to File for Compensation and/or Survivors Pension and /or DIC a VA Form 21-0966 is required. If you choose to file an appeal you will need Form 4107VHA.

Finally, there is a form needed to obtain a Presidential Certificate. You will need to use VA Form VA40-0247. From the County Form 12 for a Wartime Veterans Marker.

Submitted by Don Rottman



Let's GO **PIRATES**