

NEWSLETTER



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American Legion • A Post 712 • Pleasant Hills



Commander's Call

As this year is winding up we need to focus and prepare for 2017, since it is never too early to begin planning for future challenges. We have made a great impact in many areas this past year and 2017 will be no different.

I attended a District 36 Meeting on Sunday, October 2, and to my surprise we were singled out in four areas:



- 1) For attaining 100% membership in 2016, which is extremely hard to attain regarding the size of our Post.
- 2) For being an "Early Bird" Achiever. We have not only met, but we have exceeded our national goals so far for 2017.
- 3) Our post received a letter of recognition from past district commanders for our historic WWII/Korean War Era function on September 3, 2016. I say "historic" because it was the largest and one of the most successful events ever held at Post 712.
- 4) Post 712 received a framed Letter of Appreciation for carrying on the National Legion's Values and Programs for the Advancement of the American Legion as a result of our WWII/Korean War Era function.

As Commander, although I accepted these awards on behalf of Post 712, I briefly spoke to members present at the district meeting giving all the thanks to the engines who run our Post -- our Volunteers. I also explained to them all the membership accolades go to our Adjutant, Linda Wojnar, and to our Finance Officer, Bill Martinis. Paying attention to details and deadlines are the key attributes of their jobs. I also stated that we had 49 volunteers involved in the WWII/Korean War Era event, which was planned a year in advance. Hats off to all of our volunteers as we salute you! Each event where we plan to recognize our own members for their service is an honor that deserves thoughtful planning and foresight in order to individualize each event to members who served in these specific war

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eras. Not to be outdone with our September 3 event, at our last Legion meeting our members approved a dinner tribute to honor our own Vietnam Era Veterans in June, 2017. The date will be announced in future newsletters.

There is not "a whole lot of shaking going on" in November and December as far as Legion functions, but on our newsletter calendar you will find many new ideas and events that have been planned for the Post. Hats off again to our Home Association Managers, Lisa and Thad, and their crews for their dedication and energy.

Shifting gears, I met with a few organizers regarding future community activities. I didn't attend the last Home Association Meeting; however, a few of our Post officers kept me informed as to the information that was discussed at the meeting. One really exciting function that will take place is the auction of a firearm sale by our Riders. I say exciting as the Riders plan to donate \$1000 of the firearm sale to the Legion. This is outstanding! We really need funding. The Riders will post the details of the sale. The Riders will be looking for members to sell tickets for the event. If you have the ability to help the Riders, please contact John Dillion or one of the Riders to make this happen.

Another thanks goes out to Mary Ann and the ALA for yet another contribution they made to the Legion to help replenish funds to the Veterans' Fund for our September 3 dinner.

Stay tuned to the newsletter for November when Gary Hartman, SAL Commander, posts his "standing room only" dinner menu for the Steeler Games that are played on Sundays. Don't forget to come early. His dinners sell out very quickly, but also don't forget take-outs are also available. On a personal note, I'd like to express congratulations to Gary on behalf of Post 712 on the wedding of his daughter in October. We know this was a very special family event. Share some photos with us when you return, Gary!!!

Mark your calendars for December 17th - our next Legion Children's Christmas Party. The ALA has been collecting

various items throughout the year in preparation for this event.

In closing, I again want to thank everyone that devoted his or her precious time in order to better your Legion. I also want to pass along it is very important for everyone to read our newsletters. If you know of members who do not read the newsletter, please share some of the information with them. Hopefully, in the future, all members will come to value the newsletter. There is a wealth of information to pass along to all of you each month. This is our primary means of communication.

Last, but not least, there are two unsung volunteers, Donna Rottman and Home Association Manager, Thad Weidmann, who spend enormous amounts of time preparing this information in order to keep all of our Post members informed as to what is going on at your Legion.

As always we support our troops.
Richard J. Wojnar

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Service Officer:

DON SMOLEY 412-655-1668

- Contact for information about the rights, benefits, and programs veterans and their families.
- Assistance with claims - forms or other questions concerning our members
- Members who are in need of VA Services who are having difficulty getting appointments, etc.
- Notification of death of members – Requests for Funeral Details/ Services

Adjutant:

LINDA WOJNAR 412-616-1834

- ALL LEGION CORRESPONDENCE (parade requests, community day events, mail regarding ALL Legion business, community requests, etc.)
- Membership – New and Transfers – Verification of DD214's for Post 712
- Requests for Color Guard/ Requests to be on the Color Guard

Home Association Manager:

THAD WEIDMANN 412-512-1301

- Social Membership – New and Renewals
- Key Cards for access to Post 712

Home Assoc. Kitchen & Bar Mgr.

LISA DEILEY 412-758-9116

- Downstairs Room Rentals/Catering, Consider having your next event at Post 712.

2017 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

From the Post 712 Adjutant

To avoid receiving late notices and reminders from National, you can pay your 2017 dues early by mail to Post 712, online at <http://www.myLegion.org>, or you can pay your dues at the bar.

Please record your phone number on your dues renewal slip or on your check when you pay your dues. It is vital for us to have your most current information on file.

To date, 596 Legion members have paid their 2017 dues. This takes us to 71% of our members who have paid their 2017 dues so far. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so that we reach the target dates National has set for our post.

Thank you in advance!

RENEW YOUR

LEGION MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

- Submit payment of your annual membership dues;
- Eliminate paper renewal notices by setting your account to have your notices delivered via email;
- If you are already paid for the current year, you can set your account for automatic future renewals using your credit/debit card;
- Have your Legion membership card readily available when you login online;
- The Post receives reimbursement in a timely manner—within 30 days and receives credit immediately toward our membership goals;
- Excellent way to avoid numerous PAST DUE Notices;
- Access the following website to renew your membership online:

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BOB STOODT

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 12 - Vets Day Celebration
- Nov 19 Fisher House Fund Raiser
- Nov 24 CLOSED Thanksgiving
- Nov 25 Kitchen CLOSED
- Dec 3 Riders Party
- Dec 8 ALA Party
- Dec 17 Children's Christmas Party

RECRUITING FOR POST 712 COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Post 712 Color Guard, please call the Post adjutant at 412-616-1834 ASAP. She is composing a list of members who would be available to participate in various events (i.e. parades, events-at-the-Post, etc.). Our next event is the Pleasant Hills Halloween Parade on 10/25/16. This includes Legion, SAL and ALA (flag bearers or rifle team). John Dillon, President of the Legion Riders will be notified of these events as well.

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AL DANKO

Sons of the Legion,

SAL is back and ready to cook you our favorite dishes for the Steelers games in November. *Here is our schedule and menu:*

November 6th - (1:00pm game)

Serving dinner at half time

Pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert



November 13th - (4:25pm game)

Serving dinner at 3:30pm (before game)

Stuffed shells, salad and dessert

November 20th - (1:00pm game)

Serving dinner at half time

Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert

We hope to see our regulars and some new faces!

Gary Hartman,
Commander of the SAL



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Auxiliary Corner,

Welcome to all our new members. We have one of the best units in Allegheny County. Our meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm and we hope to see you there. Legion College is being held on November 5th. If you are interested in learning more about the ALA, this is a good place to start. The county Christmas party is on November 13th at the Dravoesburg Post. All are welcome, please tell Anne Giovannitti if you would like to come. More information on anything we plan is always discussed at our meetings. The information on the essay contest is now available so see me if your grandchildren are interested. I am going to be out for a couple of weeks but you will still be able to get in touch with me. If you can't reach me, please call Donna McCrumb. Don't forget to sign up for the Children's Christmas Party on December 17th. We do need more volunteers for the bingo on Wednesday nights. Just show up and we always have something you can do.

God bless and protect our troops

Mary Ann Marunich
ALA President



American Legion Riders,

Greetings American Legion Family: Please join the Riders in welcoming **Margie Phillips** of the ALA as the newest member of the Riders family. Welcome Margie!

Congratulations to **Adjutant Lloyd Ray** who competed in and finished the Pittsburgh Great Race on Sunday, September 25th. Lloyd is in fighting shape and could jump right back on Active Duty without missing a beat. Hooah!

Also on September 25th the Riders had a Fun Ride to Deep Creek, MD for lunch. About 25 bikes participated in the Fun Ride. The weather was perfect, the roads were open and the scenery was great. Thanks to **Vice President Bill Allan, Senior Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Bodner and Senior Road Captain Dan Oeler** for scouting the route and keeping everybody safe.

The Riders have introduced awarding of the Unit Coin to those deserving. Historically, a Senior Officer or Senior NCO in a command position could award a Challenge, or Unit coin to a soldier for a job well done. Any recipient caught without his coin during a, “coin check” had to face the music; such as doing pushups or buying a round of drinks. Now we’re not taking the “coin check” that far, but the military history of the coin is fun to think about. **President John Dillon** awarded a Rider’s coin to all deserving Riders and to several members of the ALA and SAL for all the work they do to support Veterans and to help the Riders support Veterans.

World War I, the war to end all wars, ended with the cessation of hostilities between the Allied Nations and Germany on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month during 1918. A year later President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day; a day of solemn pride to honor those killed in action during, The Great War. However, during 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, and at the urging of Veteran’s Organizations, Congress and President Eisenhower changed Armistice Day to **Veteran’s Day** as a day to recognize, celebrate and honor all Veterans of all wars.

Do something nice for a Veteran on Veteran’s Day!

Hooah,
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November 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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 Contact Lisa
 412-758-9116
 Consider having
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- Birthday
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THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH

NOTES: \$1.00 DRAFT SPECIAL DURING STEELER AND PENGUIN GAMES **SEE PAGE 4 FOR TIMES AND MENU FOR STEELER GAMES**		 <p>RIDERS MEETING 7:00</p>	1
 <p>6</p> <p>SEE PAGE 4</p> <p>GAME AT 1:00</p>	 <p>7</p> <p>POST MEETING 7:00</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p>	<p>PENS 7:00</p> <p>\$1.00 DRAFT SPECIALS</p>	8
 <p>13</p> <p>SEE PAGE 4</p> <p>GAME AT 4:25</p>	 <p>14</p> <p>HOME ASSOCIATION MEETING 7:00</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p>	 <p>BOWLING</p>	15
 <p>20</p> <p>SEE PAGE 4</p> <p>GAME AT 1:00</p>	 <p>21</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p> <p>PENS 7:00</p>	<p>KITCHEN GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE</p> 	22
 <p>27</p> <p>FREE POOL 4-8</p>	 <p>28</p> <p>ALA MEETING 7:00</p> <p>PENS 7:00</p>	 <p>BOWLING</p>	29

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Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

 <p>BINGO 7:00 PULLED PORK PENS 10:30</p>	<p>PENS 10:30</p>  <p>CORN HOLE 6:30 BUCKET SPECIAL</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>DINNER SPECIAL MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES GRAVY, SALAD AND ROLLS</p>	<p>PENS 10:30</p> <p>5</p> <p>LIP SYNC/KARAOKE D.J. RON 8:00 SEE BARTENDER IF INTERESTED IN DOING LIP SYNC</p>
 <p>9</p> <p>PENS 7:00 HOT SAUSAGE SANDWICH</p>	<p>PENS 7:00</p>  <p>10</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>DINNER SPECIAL CHICKEN ALFREDO SALAD AND ROLLS</p>	<p>PENS 7:00</p> <p>12</p> <p>VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH 1-3:00 VETERANS FREE ALL OTHERS \$5.00</p>
 <p>16</p> <p>MEATBALL HOAGIES</p>	 <p>17</p> <p>6:30 BUCKET SPECIALS</p>	 <p>18</p> <p>DINNER SPECIAL PORK AND SAUERKRAUT MASHED POTATOES AND ROLLS</p>	<p>PRIME RIB DINNER</p> <p>19</p> <p>5:00 - 9:00 GUEST BARTENDERS SUSAN & BEVERLY ALL TIPS GO TO THE FISHER HOUSE</p>
<p>PENS 7:00</p> <p>23</p> <p>NO BINGO BUCKET SPECIAL WE HAVE PIZZA & NACHOS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LEGION CLOSED</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>PENS 4:00</p> <p>25</p> <p>KITCHEN CLOSED WE HAVE PIZZA AND NACHOS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR</p>	<p>FREE POOL</p>  <p>26</p>  <p>FREE JUKE BOX 4:00 - CLOSE</p>
 <p>30</p> <p>PENS 8:00</p> <p>HAM SALAD or TUNA CROISSANTS w/ PASTA SALAD</p>	<p>You better watch out, you better not pout, you better not shout, because you know why ???</p> 		

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at
Post 712 for our
**LIP SYNC BATTLE
+ KARAOKE NIGHT**
with **D.J. RON**
NOVEMBER 5TH
from 8:00 - 12:00
Sign Up with Bartender
If Interested In Lip Sync Contest!

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December 3rd
between 4:00 - 6:00
(after that please see Lisa)

Price Is \$25.00 Per Person
Includes Buffet Dinner
At 8:30, 1 Free Drink Per
Person, Party Favors
and
Champagne Toast
At Midnight!
D.J. Ron 9:00 - 1:00

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November 19TH
6:00 - 10:00

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**SUSAN DILLON
and
BEVERLY WEIKEL!**

... also that evening
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PRIME RIB DINNER
from 5:00 - 9:00
for \$16.99.

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9/2016

CHARLES H. SNYDER
10/2016