



American Legion Auxiliary
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CHRISTMAS DINNER and GIFT EXCHANGE We will have our traditional Christmas Dinner and give and take gift exchange, Wednesday, December 17th. The price limit for the gift is \$10.00. Dinner will be from 5:30-7:30 pm and the cost of dinner will be \$5.00. The menu is not set in stone yet, but Chef Patsy thinks it will be hamburger steak with onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, cole slaw, hot buttered rolls, and pineapple upside down cake. Gift exchange will follow kitchen cleanup. Come out and steal the gift you want. If you have any questions or ideas, please, call me at 540 751 0223.

Girls State Fundraising will start on January 10, 2015. We are going to start our fundraising activities at our annual January Girls State dinner and silent auction. Each girl we sponsor will cost the Auxiliary \$300.00 plus the cost of the bus. That's a lot of money that we must earn. Staci King is going to head the committee for selecting the young special ladies that will have a very worthwhile time at Girls State. We sent wonderful ladies last summer. Please, read their comments on the Auxiliary board at the Post to see how special they were. October 6th saw three of these delegates visit the Post. They were extremely appreciative of the opportunity given to them to attend Girls State.

BINGO If you have a car with a handicapped placard or license, remember, you have unlimited parking time on 21st Street. Please, join us for Bingo at the Post.

Bingo dates for December are:

Saturday, December 6th
Friday, December 12th
Saturday, December 20th

Bingo dates for January are:

Saturday, January 3rd
Friday, January 9th
Saturday, January 17th
Friday, January 23rd

We all thank Hank Varno for his skillful help with the Bingo audit. He spent 100 hours or more completing. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. COME PLAY BINGO.

President

Memorial honors disabled vets, living and deceased

On Oct. 5 the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.,

Inspired by philanthropist Lois Pope and authorized by Congress in 2000, the 2.4 acre triangular site is bounded on the west by 2nd Street and on the east by Washington Avenue. The memorial is adjacent to Bartholdi Park with a clear view of the Capitol.

The Disabled Veteran's Life Memorial Foundation coordinated the project, which honors the nation's permanently disabled veterans, both living and deceased. This required a special amendment to the strict standards of the U.S. Commemorative Works Act, which limits memorials honoring "individuals or groups of individuals... until after the 25th anniversary of the death of the last surviving member of the group."

The United States has more than 4 million living disabled veterans. While the memorial does not feature individual names, it is the first national memorial "designed to pay tribute to all disabled veterans, past, present and future, who have served or will serve in our nation's military forces," according to the memorial's website.

www.avdlm.org/dedication

Make a Difference Day We would like to thank Staci King for delivering 93 pounds of cleaning supplies from the Auxiliary members from Post 293 to the Loudoun Interfaith Relief. She was assisted by a member of the Boy and Girl Scouts when it came to unloading the supplies. These scouts received credit for Community Service for their efforts. We also thank Sarah Dorfman and Charlie King for their help in gathering the supplies. Also, thank you Helen Bettle for your donation.

Staci is also encouraging us to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19, 2015 a day of service by helping our veterans, service members and their families. **ALSO**, as Department Community Service Chairman, Staci is reminding us of the WRAPPED IN LOVE program. In the Veteran hospitals and homeless shelters throughout Virginia there are veterans this winter that wish for the comfort of a warm coat, hat, and gloves. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia would like to grant this wish by presenting these Veterans with a gift "Wrapped in Love".

You may bring to the Post a warm jacket (size M, L, XL, or XXL for male or female), hat, and gloves. New or very gently used and clean items will be accepted. Staci will collect and deliver.

Chaplain

Barbara Kelley

BOULDER CREST

Concludes Year One with 600 Warriors and Family Members Served
Log on to this email info@bouldercrestretreat.org to read about Boulder Crest Retreat. There are many pictures and highlights of numerous successful events. Post 293 Auxiliary has made a \$650.00 donation to Boulder Crest this month.

MARTINSBURG VETERAN HOSPITAL The Auxiliary is also making a \$300.00 donation for Canteen Bucks. These Canteen Bucks enable veterans to purchase needed items at the hospital stores at a reduced cost.

FISHER HOUSE received a \$100.00 donation from the Auxiliary to honor our Past Commander Charlie Kalbaugh.

Family, Faith, Freedom 5k Run received \$250.00 from the Auxiliary Community Service fund.

OTHER NEWS:

\$500.00 for Wreaths Across America was again sent to Loudoun Valley High School to help with their expenses to send students to Arlington National Cemetery to participate in the laying of wreaths for the December Holidays.

Education Committee delivered 10 backpacks and extra supplies to two of our local schools. Thanks to all for contributing to this effort.

Benefit at the Post for Faye Broxson on October 11th was a success because of our American Legion family and friends. We were able to give Faye \$2000.00. This Money helped her move and setup housekeeping in West Virginia.

Our cooks and kitchen help were Patsy, Audrey, Geri Deane, and Helen Bettle. Adam Porter donated a beautiful cake. Awesome raffle sellers were Steve Curtis, Jim Rust, and Liz Miller. Thanks also to workers Kevin Pewtherer, Jean Kuhns, and Barbara Kelley. People donating to our event were: Carol Glascock and husband, along with Steve Curtis, Diane Eberhart, Lou Bettencourt, Audrey Rodriguez, Bertie and Randy Jones, Mary Baker, Barbara Kelley, Authur DeButts, Dawn Mabe and her mother, Becky Harwood. Also, we had wonderful donations from Don Douglas, Geri Deane, Bob Richie, Steve Drumheller, Tracy Gallagher, Richard Anderson, Carla Burlson, and Post 293 SAL. Thank you also to Brigid Gaine, Patsy Milbourne, and Ann Moran for all of their assistance with the silent auction and monies collected.

Auxiliary Early Bird Members enjoyed desserts and beverages on October 14th. It was make your own and go back as often as you liked. Some of us waddled out of the Post after the meeting. If you have not paid your 2015 dues (since July 2014) please do at this time.

If you have questions, you may feel free to call Ann Moran 540 338 2029 or email her at moran777@verizon.net . (This is a NEW email address)

Halloween at the Post Jim Rust and Audrey Rodriguez did a great job getting the Post ready for the many goblins coming out for the annual Purcellville Block Party. We thank Patsy Milbourn for cooking delicious sloppy Joe and hot dogs with help from Audrey along with Barbara Kelley for all of the candy she sent. Also, Brigid Gaine, Kevin Pewtherer, and Nancy Payne get a big thank you for helping at the bar and selling the food.

Everyone had a good time. The Legion made a good impression on all adults and kids for good food and a warm place to enjoy.

Open House was held at Post 293 on Saturday, November 22nd, from 5-7 pm. Jim Rust and Audrey Rodriguez headed-up this event. Along with Gordon Chace and other Legion Family members our visitors were welcomed.

SAL Squadron 293 collected over 50 pairs of Jeans from the Post and members. I didn't feel bad giving my worn comfy Jeans away if they were going to make quilts for our veterans. Good Job George Phillip and Kevin Pewtherer.

Veterans Day was Poppy Day on November 11th

November 11th was a gorgeous day in Purcellville. Our Poppy Day was more than a success. It was a great triumph because we had participation from members of the Auxiliary, the Legion, SAL, volunteers, and even a Legion member from Leesburg, and an Auxiliary member from another Post.

We were able to have tables setup at Giant and Food Lion. Thank you to Staci and Charlie King, Sarah Dorfman, Kevin Pewtherer, Barbara and Steve Drumheller, Joan Schneider, Karina and Gordon Chace. We also thank Audrey Rodriguez, Patsy Milbourne, Jim "Chizz" Csizmadia. Tim Strohmeier came by both stores. With help from all we were able to collect \$701.57 for our veterans.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE GIRLS STATE EVENT IN JANUARY. IT IS TIME TO CLEAN! CALL AND I CAN PICKUP FROM YOU. (540 751 0223 - CARROLL) OR DROP AT THE POST.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD YEAR AT THE POST.

