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## Commander Newsletter Input – December 2024

Happy Month!! As December winter weather and Christmas approaches, we all look forward to the holidays with our friends and families!! What a great time of year to reconnect with your children and grandchildren around the fireplace or Christmas tree. My spouse Lisa loves this time of year and puts up somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 trees around our home and each room has 1-3 trees in it. Our home is turned into a Christmas wonderland from Thanksgiving to New Years!!! It is tons of work but she loves every minute of it and how the kids light up when they enter our home! She is a Christmas blessing to us all!! December is also the month we remember Pearl Harbor and our Nation's entry into World War II. In President Roosevelt's speech to members of the Senate and House of Representatives, he stated, "Yesterday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." He stated many other things but closed with, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory." Many Americans these days don't think much about things like Pearl Harbor and many of our grandchildren were not around when we were attacked on 9/11. To them it is some piece of history from America's past no more significant than westward expansion or any other boring thing to them they learn in school about our history. That is where you as a Veteran can make a difference in the lives of our youth. You lived these events that shaped our Nation and stood the watch to protect our freedoms and way of life. Share your stories this Christmas with you family and friends. Tell them about your experiences in combat and peacekeeping operations and let them know what it means to be an American and serve the Nation! You have a great legacy of selfless service and devotion to our country and to the men and women you served with. Be The One to make a difference in the lives of your family, your friends, and your community!! May you have a wonderful and joyous Christmas and New Year! God Bless you all and may God continue to Bless the United States of America!!

John Seward  
Commander



## Auxiliary President Newsletter Input – December 2024

Winter seems to be upon us. Personally, I love wearing sweaters...and it is nothing like a Wisconsin winter so there is that!! Thank you Auxiliary for the wonderful November we had. It was amazing getting to know so many new members, while working side by side to benefit our Veterans and community. Our organization has so much to be proud of...the November Bazaar, Bake Sale, Taco Tuesdays, Veterans Day Breakfast, Newcomers Lunch, finishing up with the Post Thanksgiving Dinner. We are an amazing bunch of volunteers!! Starting off in December, we will be preparing for our Christmas dinner. A sign-up sheet is available now at the Patriots Bar. Tuesday, 3 December is our scheduled meeting night. Our meeting will be short this night and we will kick off the holiday season with our annual Christmas Party. Bring a \$25 wrapped gift to exchange. We will play "Dirty Santa" so that everyone can have a chance to steal any gift! This will be great fun for all who attend!! Also, please bring "Heavy Pupus" (hors d'oeuvres) to share. As we finish our party, we will invite the Legionnaires in to enjoy a plate of food as well. The evening is lots of fun and something I look forward to each year! The Post Christmas Dinner prep will be on Tuesday, 10 December at 2pm. The dinner will take place on Wednesday, 11 December from 5-6:30pm. The Auxiliary will only be serving meals on Fridays from December through February 2025. Christy could use help every Saturday as we have the kitchen open for the Turkey Shoot from 11am-2pm. We will be hosting a New Years Eve Party on 31 December from 5-8pm. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a champagne toast at 8pm to ring in the New Year! Kyle Lee Wiles and The Fender Benders will be playing for us that evening! Thanks to Christy Fischer and her crew for making such magic in the kitchen! We work hard and have a great time doing it! Come and join us!! Stay warm, be kind, compliment one person a day...it will change your life!!

Lisa Seward  
Auxiliary President



SAL Members,

Just a few reminders for this month.

Last Show Me The Money is November 21st

December 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting 630pm

Have a safe Holiday Season

SAL Commander  
Paul Henderson



Hi All,  
The Holidays are upon us, so let's remember the reason for The Season. Please love your neighbor as they may not get another holiday. The Riders have been asked to help out at The Great American Dive Bar with the Queen of Hearts on Thursday nights so stop by and say hello. We have also set our Christmas party for December 11th at the Legion following the Legion Dinner. Thanks for a great year

Love to All

Tiffany Fox


ALR Director



# DECEMBER 2024

*Guests are always welcome*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Game Day 130pm - 3pm Shuffle Board 3pm	3 E-Board Meeting 6PM General Meeting 7PM Auxiliary Meeting 7PM NO TACO TUESDAY	4 SAL Meeting 630pm No Wed Dinner until March 2025	5	6 AUX Dinner Shrimp PoBoys, Jambalaya or Fried Fish 5pm- 630pm Fender Benders 4- 7pm	7 Turkey Shoot 11 am Kitchen open 11 am-2pm Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8 Chiefs Game 720pm Kickoff Bring a Covered Dish	9 Mission Stables 9am Your once a month chance to Volunteer your time Kitchen/Calendar Meeting 11am Shuffle Board 3pm	10 Christmas Prep 2pm	11 Christmas Dinner 5pm-630 Christmas raffle	12	13 Aux Dinner Lasagne , Meatball Subs or Fried Fish 5pm-630pm	14 Wreaths across America 10am VFW Turkey Shoot 11 am Kitchen open 11 am-2pm Army / Navy Game 2pm bring a covered dish (Tailgate Potluck)
15 Chiefs Game 12pm Kickoff Bring a Covered Dish	16 Game day 130pm - 3pm Shuffle Board 3pm	17	18 Santa at Laurie Care Center 130pm	19	20 Dinner TBD 5-630pm Starla & Scotty 5-8pm	21 Turkey Shoot 11 am Kitchen closed today Chiefs Game 12pm Potluck bring a covered Dish
22 Newsletter printing	23 Shuffle Board 3pm	24 Christmas Eve Post closing at 6pm	25 Post closed 	26	27 Aux Dinner Chicken Fried Chicken or Fried Fish 5-630pm	28 Turkey Shoot 11 am Kitchen open 11 am-2pm
29	30	31 New Years Eve Part 5-8pm Champagne Toast at 8pm Fender Bender 5-8pm	1 New Years Black Eyed Peas & Ham, Cornbread 2pm	2	3	4 Turkey Shoot 11 am Kitchen open 11 am-2pm
5 Chiefs Game TBD	6	Notes December Menu for Friday Dinners to be determined , Update on Facebook and Street Sign 12/14 Wreaths Across America Ceremony 10 AM @ VFW Post 5923 in Camdenton followed by Wreaths laying at Blair Memorial Cemetery				

# January 2025

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29	30 Shuffle Board 3pm	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 Black Eyed Peas No SAL Meeting until March	2	3 AUX Dinner 5-630pm	4 Turkey Shoot 11am Kitchen open 11am-2pm
5	6 Game day 130pm - 3pm Shuffle Board 3pm	7 E-Board Meeting 6PM TAL&AUX General Meeting 7PM Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	8 No ALR Meeting until March	9	10 AUX Dinner 5-630pm	11 Turkey Shoot 11am Kitchen open 11am-2pm
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## American Legion Post 624 - GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Activity/Event	Date(s)	Who We Need	What <u>YOU</u> will be doing	Special Skills Needed	Point(s) of Contact
<b>Mission Stables Monday</b>	Monthly on the Monday following the Legion General Meeting  9 AM	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	This is a monthly team workday for our entire Legion. Officers and committee members from all units are available. The <u>calendar meeting</u> happens on this day as well as Buddy Checks, House Committee and Bar Committee.	Schedule your special event and committee meetings on Mission Stables Mondays to take advantage of access to unit officers and Legion members.	Legion Officers, Committee Chairs
<b>New!</b> <b>Wreaths Across America</b>	14 December 0900-1200	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Laying wreaths on veteran graves at <b>Dale Blair Memorial Cemetery</b> in Camdenon	Warm clothing and shoes.	<b>Karen Wendell</b> (904) 364-8863 TAL Historian
<b>Local Veteran Visits</b> They are <u>NOT</u> forgotten	Monthly Check calendar for day and time.  Meet at the <b>Laurie Care Center</b>	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Making in-person visits to our Veterans in the Laurie Care Center. 2-hour visit each month.	Time and Compassion.	<b>Jamie Slinkard</b> (573) 578-6481
<b>Buddy Checks</b> <b>Be The ONE</b> A veteran is 50 percent more likely to take his or her life than a person who has never served in the military. <b>This must stop.</b>	Mission Stables Mondays  Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Checking on fellow Legionaires with a phone call in-person at the post. A contact information list and a discussion topic card will be provided.  A simple call can make a difference.	Communication Skills, Listening, Answering Questions. (Bring your charged phone).	<b>Rich Fischer</b> (573) 505-3055
<b>Honor Guard</b>	Every time we get the call.	TAL	Honoring fallen veterans at funerals and celebration of life ceremonies. Performing patriotic ceremonies at the post and other venues.	A calling to honor our fallen Veterans and the military manual of arms (Don't worry, it will come back to you)	<b>Keith Moss</b> (816) 809-6789 <b>Brian Smith</b> (816) 392-8788 <b>Elyse Smith</b> (816) 392-1828
<b>Post 624 House &amp; Grounds Committee</b>	Every Monday 9 AM  Just show up. No pre-arrangement needed.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Maintaining our awesome American Legion post as a member of the House & Grounds Committee. Fixing, maintaining, upgrading, constructing, improving.	All skill levels in Carpentry, Electrical, Electronics, Plumbing, HVAC, Painting, Landscaping, Organizing, Cleaning	<b>Rich Fischer</b> (573) 505-3055



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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND







*Zack Wheat*

*Christmas Dinner 2024*

*Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5- 630*

*Sign-up sheet for Food Donations posted  
at Patriots Bar*



December 31<sup>st</sup>

New Years Eve Party

5-8pm

Champagne Toast at 8pm

Music by

The Fender Benders

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We have started a new event at the Post. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday immediately following the week of our monthly membership meeting, we are hosting "Mission Stables". Much like the motor stables you remember as a Soldier, it is a time for everyone to show up and help your Post. Instead of several different days of the month with work events, this is your one day a month to come out and help the Post and its mission. The House Committee will be working in the morning starting at 9am with the monthly Kitchen/Calendar Meeting at 11am. Following this meeting, we will be conducting Buddy Checks on our Post membership from 1-2pm. Every member and every entity at the Post can support these missions...anything you can do will be value added!

Please come out and help. Thank You

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We need help on Saturdays running the Kitchen for Turkey Shoot. If You want a chance to get some funds for Your Entity, please get with Christy Fischer at 913-708-1760. She is currently running the Show but needs the occasional break. We all know what Burnout feels like and we do not want that to happen to her. Thank You so very much.