



# Robert Vincent McMaugh Memorial American Legion Post 10 9950 Cockrell Road Manassas, Virginia 20110 703-369-4900

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**DEC 2023** 

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Newsletter Editor

**Gunny Lewis** 

### Commander's Column

Some may say I'm playing an old record this month. Maybe I am but my reasoning is this: We have had a spurt of "healthy discussions" (arguments if you will) among those trying to enjoy the Social Quarters and all that goes on in the SQs. These squabbles only serve to disrupt what is intended to be a place where we all can enjoy each other's company. Think of the Social Quarters as a sanctuary where

we can enjoy being with friends and the comradeship of others.

Bottom line: Be respectful of others and if you can't say something nice, keep your mouth shut. .We have a GREAT Post which I believe is the best in the District if not the state. Don't ruin it.

Thank you one and all!

Dave Quimby, Your American Legion Post 10 Commander

Rules of the Social Quarters are posted throughout the facility. It would behoove all to read and heed them. Violation of these rules which are promulgated to ensure a peaceful and friendly atmosphere will be dealt with appropriately; i.e., suspension of Social Quarters privileges. *Some* areas for your attention are: A Member is required to print legibly their name and each of their Guest(s)' name in the Register, Full legal names only—no nicknames. A Member shall be wholly responsible for the conduct of their Guest(s). A Member is limited to a total of 5 Guests per night. Guests who are eligible to join the American Legion, SONS, or Auxiliary are restricted to two (2) visits to the SQ in any calendar month. The sponsoring Member is responsible for determining membership eligibility...these restrictions do not apply to a Member's immediate family. Profanity and abusive/combative behavior will not be tolerated. The ABC Manager on duty shall enforce all rules and regulations. Members and Guest(s) will clean their immediate area and place trash in the proper receptacles. All Members and Guest(s) are required to comply with all Virginia ABC laws.

It is against Post 10 policy for any person to verbally or physically harass or discriminate against another person on the basis of an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, genetic information, gender, marital status, protected Veterans' status, citizenship status or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Anyone violating these provisions is subject to suspension and/or termination of membership.

Bottom line is we want a friendly cordial atmosphere at Post 10. If you are unable or unwilling to comply with these commonsense guidelines/policies then find another venue to visit.













### All Saints Catholic School Veterans Appreciation Day, 9 NOV 2023



This was the 17th year that All Saints Catholic School has honored Veterans. We thank Principal *David Conroy*, Special Programs Director *Janice DeVore*, and all staff and faculty for their dedication to honoring Veterans.

Article and photos by *Gunny* 



<u>Post 10 By-Laws Annual Review</u>: We are soliciting changes to the By-Laws. Please submit your recommended changes with the following information: **Article and Section, your change with JUSTIFICATION, your name, telephone number, and email address.**Submissions without the required information will not be considered. Write your submission (legible) and provide in a sealed envelope to the bartender on duty with 'By-Laws' written on outside of envelope. Deadline is 1700 hours on Sunday, 17 DEC 2023.

### Veterans Day Ceremony at the Harris Pavilion

Featured speakers included *Gunny Lewis* (USMC), *CPT T. Petty* (Manassas PD), *CSM Julio Santos* (110th Aviation BDE), *Rick Raskin* (PSC VFW VA) and Manassas *Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger*. Unity Reed HS AFJROTC presented all 50 state flags. OPHS band and the Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band provided music. Special thanks to *Greg Neiss* who organized the ceremony.

Article by Rick Raskin

Photos by Rick Goodman & Annette Lewis

































# MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CEREMONY, 10 NOV 2023

























Pipers: Chris Clemens, Jeff Maslona, Kevin Byrne
Photographers: Rick Goodman, Annette Lewis
Thanks to the Young Marines: Miguel Ramos, Lizabeth
Cruz-Vasquez, Alexa Ramos, Owen Jenkins.

Young Marines Adult Volunteers: Josh Karson, Ingrid Malchak (XO), Deysi Vasquez (Adj) Oldest Marine: *Jerry Martin*Youngest Marine: *Dawson Grant*Guest of Honor: *Bill Barron* 

### Riders Thank You Card Pick Up at Manassas City Schools, 3 NOV 2023



You card from a student. >>>>>

Photos by Rick Goodman and Manassas City Schools personnel.

I will never forget what you done for me, for my family, and for America.

Obstan Boethmen

From the desk of the 2nd Vice Commander: Toys for Tots-Campaign has begun as of 1 October and ends 10 December. The Post is registered and has been approved as a drop off site. The collection boxes are in the lobby and in the Social Quarters. If you are able, please purchase a few new unwrapped toys and place in the boxes by Friday 8 December. The last day to drop off at the Post will be 8 December and the last day to drop off the toys we collect at the warehouse is 10 December.

The Son's will host The Soup Contest, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 pm. Flyers will be posted in the Social Quarters.



Post 10 is participating in the annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade on Saturday December 2nd. The parade starts at 10 am. All personnel and vehicles should meet at Post 10. We will leave for the staging area at 7:30 am to be in place by 8 am. Post 10's staging area is at the corner of

Mathis Avenue and Carriage Lane on the right side of the road (our usual spot for this parade). We will enter our staging area from Centerville Road via Reb Yank Drive.

<u>Wreaths Across</u> America is 16 December 2023, POC is *Carl Carey*. Following the General Membership Meeting, we will leave for the cemetery. A short ceremony will be conducted at the cemetery and then Wreath's will be distributed to the Veteran's grave sites.

28 December, Thursday 10:00 am x 3:00 pm is the Red Cross Blood Drive, POC Carl Carey

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT:** Veteran Claim Clinic will be held in the Hall on 20 January, 12:00-3:00 pm to assist Veterans with Disability Claims. Post 10 Service Officer, *Ginger Harvey* is the POC. Volunteers to help are welcomed.

Robyn Zweiban, 2nd Vice Commander

If you served in the U.S. military between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946, a new law makes you eligible for VA health care benefits, but <u>you have to apply</u> because VA cannot automatically enroll you. The Cleland-Dole Act was signed into law Dec. 29, 2022. Section 101 of this law expands eligibility for VA care for Veterans of World War II. Now is the time to apply even if you applied before and were not approved due to your income level.

Apply online at <a href="https://www.va.gov/health-care/howtoapply">www.va.gov/health-care/howtoapply</a>.

Call VA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411).

Visit your nearest VA medical center or clinic.

Call 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) to speak to a customer service representative, get answers to your questions and

• start the VA enrollment process.

Apply today, even if you applied before and your application was not approved. Income level and service length do not matter. WWII Veterans will be at minimum in <u>Priority Group 6</u>. You could be in a higher priority group if you have other eligibilities. Even if you were deferred before, please consider applying again. Please note, you

• must apply for VA health care if you are not currently enrolled. VA cannot automatically enroll you in VA care.

Source: VA Submitted by Vic Librizzi



A reminder when visiting the Social Quarters:

Treat all in a civil manner—rude or demeaning behavior will not be tolerated. The bartenders are in charge as per ABC regulations.

Gunny

### Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post Courtesy of Squadron 10 and Unit 10, 23 NOV 2023











Photos by **Donna** 

### **DECEMBER 7, 1941—A Date That Will Live in Infamy:**

On the morning of 7 December 1941, at 7:48 am local time, 177 aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked the United States Naval base at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Their intention was to destroy and damage as much of the US Pacific Fleet as possible, before it could respond to Japanese operations taking place on the same day against British, Dutch and US territories in southeast Asia.

This first attack wave began bombing the hangars and parked aircraft of the island's airfields while at the same time launching torpedoes against the US warships moored in the harbor. In the first five minutes of the attack, four battleships were hit, including the USS Oklahoma and the USS Arizona. Minutes later, the Arizona exploded after a bomb hit its gunpowder stores, sinking the ship and killing 1,177 of its crew.

This devastating attack was followed an hour later by a second wave of 163 Japanese aircraft. Within two hours, 21 US warships had been sunk or damaged, 188 aircraft destroyed, and 2,403 American servicemen and women killed. Many of these ships were repaired and fought in later battles, luckily all three of the Pacific Fleet's aircraft carriers were not at Pearl Harbor during the attack and so escaped damage. They were to prove vital in the coming Pacific Campaign.









Submitted by

George Moschatos

# **Chaplain's Column**

"Christmas ....

Christmas comes every year on December 25<sup>th</sup>. It is a Christian holiday that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ who is known as the Son of God. While many celebrate the holiday to honor Jesus's birth, it has also become a worldwide cultural holiday and is often celebrated by non-Christians alike.

On this day I ask each of you to please share the concept of love, hope and sharing with everyone you know. The future of our lives has yet to be discovered and with 2024 and many many more years to come for us all, for your children and your grandchildren please experience the good and the love with your friends and family as it should be.

If you may need to speak on any of this please call/email me anytime at: 1-703-853-1869. (24/7) or steven.botello@gmail.com

Respectfully, Steve Botello/Chaplain/Post 10"



# Sons of the American legion, Squadron 10

No report received.

Dan Frye, Squadron 10 Commander

# **Legionnaire Membership Report**

Current membership processed stands at 66.94% as of 11 Nov.

# Welcome Aboard to our newest members of the American Legion and Post 10:

Gary J BaileyArmyOtherAlfred OandasanNavyVietnamJohn C Turner IINavyVietnam

Carla S Roe Army Global War on Terrorism

Benjamin D RoeArmyGulf WarSteve CampbellUSMCOtherRichard E Jones, Jr.ArmyOther

# Welcome Aboard to American Legion Members transferring to Post 10:

Frederick B Kane Navy Gulf War from VA 0116

There are several ways to renew your American Legion Membership:

Online at <u>www.mylegion.org</u> with your credit card. You can renew manually each year or set-up automatic yearly renewal. You can also update your profile information, address, email and phone number.

**By mail:** If you received your renewal request from National headquarter, mail it, along with your dues, to Post 10 at 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 attn: :Legion Membership. If you haven't received a renewal notice. Send a check along with your name, membership ID number, address, email and phone number to the same Post address.

**In Person**: Stop by Post 10 and ask the bartender for a membership envelope, fill out the envelope, include your name, member ID number and dues. If you want a receipt, ask the bartender.

Legion dues are \$35.00, and your 2024 membership card will be mailed to you.

If you have an email account, you can sign up to receive the newsletter electronically on the Post 10 website <a href="https://www.post10manassas.org">https://www.post10manassas.org</a> on the "Subscriptions" page.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or to request an appointment for assistance.

For God and Country,

Linda M Myers, 1st Vice Commander myers11@verizon.net

Commander, I'd like to share my personal thanks to the Post and specifically to those members whose vision, hard work, and 'stick-to-it-ness' provided a fitting expression of the values of the American military men and women and the communities supporting our veterans.

I have some personal insight concerning the effort required to orchestrate such a production. During one of my military tours in Europe I was charged with planning and chairing, for 3 years, an annual and sizable (180-200 attendees) conference of multi-service enlisted communications technicians. The coordination, scheduling, and flexibility needed to work with groups not under your direct control can be soul-destroying. What I saw this past Saturday was an outstanding production. We should be proud to be members of Post 10.

Clearly Gunny's on stage management, presence, and his sharing of Admiral Denton's memorable words, Carl's flexibility, on-the-spot adjustments, and rapport with the youth groups, Steve's calming and unifying invocation, and, most of all, Greg's vision, his tireless effort, and hours of behind the scene coordination was the key, the backbone, the light under the bushel that brought this gift to the public eye. We cannot thank him too much. It was outstanding.

Of course, Unity Reed and Osborne High Schools, the Young Marines, the Scouts, and the Post volunteers all stood up and contributed to the glory of the memorial. As a Post we owe them our great appreciation and thanks. Undoubtedly, I've forgotten & therefore omitted other Key Players, please excuse me.

Respectfully Roger G. Nicol



Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service.

VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

Veteran Tickets Foundation's Tickets for Troops Program is dedicated to giving back to those who gave us so much. We team up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free tickets to currently serving and veterans of all branches of the US military.

The Veteran Tickets Foundation is proud to announce that to date 19,180,422 event tickets have been given out in all 50 States and Washington, DC to our Military, Veterans and their families. Vet Tix is a 99% back to program charity (Independently audited past 13 years).

Submitted by John Shaw

**NOTICES:** When playing the 'game' machines *you must turn in your cash receipts within 48 hours of printing them.* After that they become <u>null and void</u>. The Post has 48 hours to pay on winning tickets. Playing of machines during Social Quarters' hours <u>ONLY!</u> <u>Thank you for your cooperation.</u>

## **COLOR GUARD REPORT**

Red Cross Blood Drive Location: AL Post 10, Hall Date/Time: Dec 28th 10am-3pm



Manassas Park Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony Location: Manassas Park City Hall

Color Guard: David Fisk, Roger Nicol, John Shaw, Carl Carey

Assisted: David Quimby, Wayne Moore

Manassas Veterans Day Parade

Color Guard: Heidi BruMar, John Show, Carl Carey

Assisted: Boy Scout Troop 884

Manassas Veterans Day Ceremony Location: Manassas Harris Pavilion
Color Guard: *Roger Nocol, Rich Rosene, John Show, Steve Olson, Stan Moore*Assisted: Manassas Young Marines, Boy Scout Troop 884, Unity Reed AFJROTC

Veterans Day Ceremony Christion Life Church Location: Christion Life Church, Manassas

Color Guard: Dave Quimby, Carl Carey

It's important to maintain a Veteran present in our community. This is accomplished by the Color Guard of American Legion Post 10. With each performance, the Color Guard members honor those who serve currently and veterans who helped keep the United States and its people free and protected.

We welcome all Post 10 Members who would like to join us. To uphold America's traditions to honor All Veterans.

Thank You <u>careypmp@gmail.com</u> Sgt-at-Arms *Carl Carey* 



Post 10 was well represented at the Veterans Flag raising ceremony at Manassas Park City Hall on November 2nd at 1300. Post10 members stood with services flags during the ceremony. Various dignitaries attended and spoke including Post 10 Commander *Dave Quimby*.

(lft to rt) David Quimby, David Fisk, Wayne Moore, Carl Carey, Roger Nicol, John Shaw.

Article and photo submitted by John Shaw

# Enjoy New Years Eve, 31 DEC 2023, at Post 10

Dinner: 5 pm x 7:30 pm, NY Strip Steak, Shrimp Kabob, Baked Potato, Salad, and Dessert.

Party Favors supplied.

Live Band: **Something Country**, 8 pm x 1 am.

Champagne Toast at Midnight. Breakfast from Midnight to 1 am.

All above for \$50.00/person. Make reservations with the bartender on duty.

Welcome in the New Year in Style at Post 10 with the **SOMETHING COUNTRY BAND** and your friends. <a href="https://somethingcountryband.us">https://somethingcountryband.us</a>





# **Toys for Tots is a Top-Rated Charity**

**MISSION:** The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

**GOAL:** The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

**OVERVIEW:** In order to better execute the Program, in 1991 the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at the behest of the Marine Corps. **FOUNDATION OVERVIEW:** The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity.



## **AUXILIARY UNIT 10 REPORT**

No report received. **Peggy Pignone**, Unit 10 President







# **Post 10 Service Officer Report**

Happy Holidays to all of our Veterans and their families, active duty, and to all those who are serving! We will be having a Veterans Claims Clinic next year on January 20, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist Veterans with filing claims for disability compensation. Please bring a copy of your DD-214. The Veterans Claims Clinic will be held at the Rental Hall here at Post 10. For more information, contact me at ginger.c.harvey@gmail.com.

It is important that you know that you must sign and complete a "Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative (also called "power of attorney" form). This authorizes The American Legion to assist Veterans and beneficiaries. Additionally, please send your full and complete contact information. You cannot have more than one POA!

I am available to assist Veterans and their families in completing and filing benefit claims. Contact *Ginger Harvey* at: ginger.c.harvey@gmail.com for VA claims assistance.

Post 10 Service Officer, Ginger Harvey

**REMINDER:** During ceremonies the Social Quarters is CLOSED. Post SQ Rules clearly states "During Post 10 ceremonies the Social Quarters will be closed. Occupants must either attend the Post 10 ceremony or *vacate Post 10 property*." Take the time and attend the ceremony, you may find it informative, educational, and interesting.

# On the Radar

### **DECEMBER 2023**

07 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day\*\*

07 Dec Hanukkah Begins

08 Dec War Declared on Japan (1941)

11 Dec Germany & Italy Declared War

on US (1941)

15 Dec Iraq War Ended (2011)

20 Dec Panama Campaign Began (1989)

20 Dec US Space Force Est. (2019)

22 Dec Winter Begins

25 Dec Christmas—POST CLOSED

26 Dec Kwanzaa

31 Dec Official end of WWII (1946)

31 Dec Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

31 Dec New Years Eve

\*\* Flag at Half staff until Sunset

### **JANUARY 2024**

01 Jan New Year's Day

15 Jan Martin Luther Jr. Day

17 Jan Persian Gulf War Began (1991)

27 Jan Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)

31 Jan Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

Sunday lunches begin 3 DEC 2023, between Noon and 4 p.m.



# **American Legion Riders Post 10**

No submission received.

Paul "Cheeks" Giovanni, Director Post 10 ALR

# Free COVID test kits are back: Here's how to get yours

You can order four free test kits per household through <u>COVIDtests.gov</u>. The tests will detect the currently circulating COVID-19 variants and are intended for use through the end of 2023. The kits will include instructions on how to verify extended expiration dates. Many kits have had their expiration dates extended beyond what may be printed on the packaging. You don't have to pay for shipping, and you'll never be asked for a credit card or bank account number. You only need to give a name and shipping address. If you'd like an email confirmation and delivery updates from the USPS, you can submit your email address. **Anyone who asks for more information than that is a scammer.** So, remember:

Only go to <a href="COVIDtests.gov">COVIDtests.gov</a> to order your free test kits from the federal government. When you click to order, you'll be redirected to <a href="special.usps.com/testkits">special.usps.com/testkits</a>. If you're following a link from a news story, double-check the URL that shows in your browser's address bar.

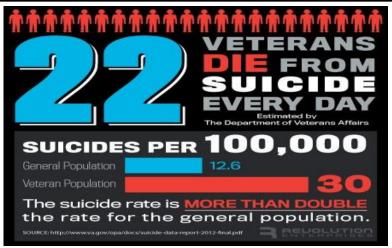
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one will call, text, or email you from the federal government to ask for your information to "help" you order free kits. Don't give out your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number. Do not respond. Instead, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Source: FTC









"To Those Who Died, Honor and Eternal Rest; To Those Still In Bondage, Remembrance and Hope; To Those Who Returned, Gratitude and Peace.



### LOCKER RENT DUE by Sunday, 31 DEC 2023:

\$20.00 per locker (floor level lockers \$10.00) by <u>Sunday, 31 DEC 2023</u>. Write your name and locker number on your check, place in envelope and give to bartender on duty. Unpaid lockers shall be emptied on Saturday, 14 JAN 2024, and rented to the next member on list. Contents will be held at Post for 30 days and if not claimed will be treated as abandoned property and becomes the property of Post 10.

Submitted by **Donna & Bonnie** 



At Post 10 we believe in safety, dignity, and respect for ALL. Your words matter. Your behaviors matter. The safety and well being of our members, guests, and employees matters. There is NO place at the Post for unacceptable behavior such as: Aggression; Use of inappropriate language; Use of racist language and/or behavior; Bullying; Verbal abuse; Threats; Assaults; Property damage. Anyone exhibiting violent and aggressive behavior will be told to leave at once. Failure to obey the ABC manager on duty will result in suspension from Social Quarters privilege immediately. We ask for your cooperation. Thank you.

\*\*Gunny\*\*

The first ten Amendments (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution were ratified effective December 15, 1791.

### **Auxiliary Membership Report**



We currently have 162 mail-in renewals, 27 online renewals, and 15 new members for a total of 204. Welcome to our newest members: *Bonnie Brown, Judith Gagat, Marilyn Keys-Harrison, and Carol Oandasan*.

There are several ways to renew:

- 1) You may leave your payment of \$35 in a membership envelope, complete the information required on the label, and give it to the bartender on duty at Post 10; or
- 2) Mail your payment of \$35 to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10, 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 and include your current address, telephone number and email address; or
- 3) Renew online at <a href="www.ALAforVeterans.org">www.ALAforVeterans.org</a>. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, hard copy membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks. Cards have the authorized signature of an ALA National officer (instead of a unit officer).
- 4) Call ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 and pay by phone. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, hard copy membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks (same procedure as number 3).

Thank You! Diana L. Lake, ALA Unit 10 Membership Chair



# What's Cooking in the kitchen?

# Monday—Friday 11am-2pm

# **DECEMBER LUNCH SPECIALS**



FRI 1 Dec Crabcake Sand., Slaw, FF or OR.

MON 4 Dec Timmy's Hot Burger Plate, FF & Gravy.

TUE 5 Dec Chipolte Lime Chicken Skewer, Rice.

WED 6 Dec Soup & Grilled Sandwich.

THU 7 Dec BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger, FF or OR.

FRI 8 Dec Steak & Cheese Quessadilla, Salsa, Sour Cream..

MON 11 Dec Chicken Parm., Salad, Garlic Bread.

TUE 12 Dec Meatball & Cheese Sub., FF or OR.

WED 13 Dec Taco Salad, Salsa, Sour Cream.

THU 14 Dec Catfish & Chips, Slaw.

FRI 15 Dec NY Strip, Baked Pot., Veg or Salad.

MON 18 Dec French Dip Au Jus, FF or OR.

TUE 19 Dec It. Sausage, Peppers & Onions, FF.

WED 20 Dec Mushroom Swiss Burger, FF or OR.

THU 21 Dec Chessy Mexican Chicken, Rice.

FRI 22 Dec Butterfly Shrimp, Slaw, FF or OR.

MON 25 Dec CHRISTMAS — POST CLOSED.

TUE 26 Dec Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla.

WED 27 Dec Hot or Cold It. Sub., FF or OR.

THU 28 Dec Patty Melt w/Grilled Onions, FF or OR.

FRI 29 Dec NY Strip, Baked Pot., Salad or Veg.

Stop by for a delicious lunch Monday thru Fridays prepared by *Bruce*.

Stop by and welcome our newest staff member *Steven* to the Post.

### SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS 5:30 x 7:30 PM

2 Dec NY Strip or Rib Eye or Catalina Cranberry Chicken

9 Dec NY Strip or Rib Eye or Crab Stuffed Tilapia16 Dec Prime Rib, Au Jus, Baked Pot., Veg.23 Dec NY Strip or Rib Eye or Arroz Con Pollo

30 Dec NY Strip or Rib Eye or Raspberry Salmon

**SUNDAY LUNCHES** Noon x 4 PM

Starting 3 DEC we will be serving lunch.
Stop by to see what's on the menu.
Prepared especially for you by *Steven* 

Friday is Seafood Night—5:30 x 7:30 PM

Menu and Prices Subject to Change. Call Post on 703-369-4900 for Current Info.

Be considerate and clean up after yourself. There are trash cans throughout the Social Quarters and Hall, use them! Thank you for your cooperation.

Management

Entertainment (Friday & Saturday evenings 8 x 11 P.M.)

> 1 & 2 DEC—Wild Bill Karaoke 8 & 9 DEC—Wild Bill Karaoke 15 & 16 DEC—Jute Box 22 & 23 DEC—Wild Bill Karaoke 29 & 30 DEC—TBA

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION: Please remember to submit your <u>articles to me in word document format by</u> COB [1700 hours] on the 25th day of each month. Photos should be 'jpeg' and separate from the body of the <u>article</u>. Please check and double check your spelling and grammar.

Articles should be submitted to gysgt mc@yahoo.com

Thank you, Gunny



# Robert V. McMaugh Memorial American Legion Post 10 DECEMBER 2023

The American Legion Family



NOTICE: Sunday Lunches start on 3 DEC 2023, between Noon and 4 p.m.—Stop In!

An Open Letter to the Post 10 Family:

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, the Post hosted a Sadie Hawkins dance with a live band in the Hall, which was free to all. This was the first dance the Post hosted and the lack of attendance was extremely disappointing. Bonnie and I prepared vegetable and cheese platters, chips with a Buffalo chicken dip, chips, etc. Peggy, our Auxiliary President, made meatballs. All this was free! Yet, only approximately 20 people showed. Bonnie and I are trying to build up membership and create events that will draw in members, old and new. However, it seems like even when events are free, there is a lack of participation.

We stopped Sunday breakfast because we have the same volunteers – no new members step up. We charge a nominal amount to cover the cost of the food and receive complaints when we have to raise prices. Have YOU shopped for food?

This is a Veterans' organization and we get little to no help from our Veterans. And when we do get Veteran volunteers, it is the same group of individuals. We need more Legionnaires to get involved.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the SONs, Riders and Auxiliary are the units that support the Legion on a continual basis. Legionnaires, where are YOU!?

Bonnie and I have spoken at the General Membership meetings asking for your help and ideas and still we have not received any response. What are we to do!?

Bonnie and I have decided to no longer hire bands, due to the lack of participation and the expense to the Post, not to mention the time and effort on our part to plan, host, and clean up after the event.

We will have dinner (surf & turf), a band (<u>Something Country</u>), a champagne toast at midnight, and breakfast afterward, on New Year's Eve, which will cost \$50.00 per person. Depending on the attendance, this may be the last band and event the Post will hold. It all depends on YOU – the members.

In 2024, let us all, including the Legionnaires, pitch in and resolve to get involved. Try it, you may like it, and find it very gratifying.

V/r Donna and Bonnie

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC



New number. Same support.

Dial 988 then Press 1



# Gunny saying:

"We have plenty of oxygen thieves at the Post." If you were wondering what the definition of an oxygen thief is here it is: A person so useless on this planet that the <u>mere</u> fact of them breathing is <u>a waste</u> of <u>oxygen</u>.

# GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS

- \* Get Fit and Healthy
- \* Lose Weight
- \* Drink More Water
- \* Quit Smoking
- \* Spend Less Money
- \* Be More Positive
- \* Pay Off Debts
- \* Get Organized
- \* Have more Patience
- \* Go on a Vacation

- \* Spend less time on the Phone
- \* Drink Less Soda
- \* Eat Less Fast Food
- \* Get More Sleep
- \*Volunteer More
- \* Get a Hobby
- \* Advance Career
- \* Quit Procrastinating
- \*Watch Less TV
- \* Keep New Year's Resolution

We wish our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coasties a Happy & Peaceful Holiday Season and a safe journey home to your loved ones.

Godspeed!

# **DECEMBER 2023 Newsletter**

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