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### December 2017

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**Commander's Comments:** December is the most emotional month of the year. Holiday sentiments abound, especially for those who have lost loved ones during the year, those without families, for our servicemen and women who are deployed overseas, and especially one group who are very close to our hearts... our veterans who are homeless and those on the verge of committing suicide (22 a day) and that number rises during the Holiday's. I was fortunate to have found the American Legion where I could feel part of a family. In 2008 when the economy crashed, Shirley and I lost just about everything, we were forced to close our business, our house went into foreclosure we were forced to move back to Cleveland. Thanks to my brother we have a home to live in, except for him our American Legion family is the only family we have in Ohio. Having been a Legion member in Las Vegas, we started looking for a post we would feel comfortable. We walked into 572 and it was settled, that was our post. We were welcomed and made feel right at home. Since that time we have embraced our new found family and have vowed to do whatever we can to share the experience and benefits of the American Legion by devoting a fulltime effort to help fulfill the American Legion mission of helping our Veterans. I challenge each and every one of you to reach out this holiday season to just one veteran and introduce them to our family...you just might be saving a vet from homelessness or even suicide.....Have a Very Merry Christmas !

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** I would like to thank all the members that supported the Post in our ambitious membership drive that enabled us to meet our goal off 100% paid membership by November 11, 2017.

Please welcome the following new members to Post 572, **Robert Barnes, Terry Batdorf, Thomas Connor, Jeffery Krasuna, Ryan Nanadal, Brendan Roslan, Donald Rygielski, Ronald Sabatula, Dennis Smolen.**

If you know someone qualified to join the American legion I would appreciate the opportunity to explain all that the American Legion has to offer.

**Chaplains Corner:** This month we celebrate two important religious holidays; Hanukkah and Christmas. Hanukkah (also known as the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication) is an eight day festival remembering the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. Christmas recalls the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe is the promised Messiah. We believe that His birth, death and resurrection was all part of God's plan to reconcile fallen mankind to a perfect loving God. What a privilege to live in a country where we can worship God (or not) no matter what our beliefs are. When I ask my grandson Seth how he is doing, he always answers "Blessed and highly favored". What a great response! Let us all remember that we are truly favored and greatly blessed by our Loving Father in Heaven. God's blessings to all this holiday season and God bless America!

**TAPS:** The Adjutant reports that Legionnaire **James Sledz**, Navy Veteran, Vietnam, 34 year member has transferred to the Post Everlasting and now reports to the Commander of us all. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:** Happy Holidays!!! Now is the time of year to reflect on what we are thankful for. On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion we are all thankful for our active duty soldiers as well as our veterans. Bless them and their families during this holiday season. The SAL & ALR Clambake was a big hit and enjoyed by all. Keep a look out for this annual event so you don't miss it next year.

Now is the time to renew you SAL membership! Remember why you joined the SAL Squadron and became a member of Post 572. Be an active member and honor the service and sacrifice of our fathers and grandfathers and join in on the post events. Dues can be paid in the Canteen by dropping an envelope into the SAL mailbox with your name, membership number, Phone number, email and your payment by cash or check. Your dues can also be mailed with the same information to American Legion Post 572, 6483 State Rd. Parma Ohio 44134. Dues are \$20 Regular Member, \$15 Jr. and Dual Membership. This year I would like to further promote the Units of post 572 working together on all events and activities that the post has to offer. Be a part, volunteer when you can to help make each event as successful and fun as possible!

Come to the meetings! The third Monday of every month @7:30 and learn more and be a part of the group! If you ever need to contact me please don't hesitate to call! Thank you, Dan Carter; SAL Commander (440)773-0863.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:** Next meeting is Wednesday December 20,2017 at 7:30 in the Hall. Voting for 2018 Officers will take place. Nominations were held at November's meeting. To become a patched Rider or Supporter, visit our website at [www.alr572parma.org](http://www.alr572parma.org) or speak to a Rider.

Cleveland Cavaliers Raffle Basket tickets are on sale in the canteen...\$2 each or 6/\$10.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

**Canteen News:** (1) The canteen will once again be hosting the Army-Navy Game on December 9th. Potluck begins at 2pm and the Game starts at 3pm. There will be 50/50s, Football Squares, and a new Potluck Champion. (2) The canteen hours have been changed. We now open at 3pm Monday-Thursday. 11am on Friday and Saturday and Sunday is at 12pm. Closing times remain the same. (3) Beginning in December we will be having special lunches on Friday and Saturday. These will be reasonably priced and not from the regular menu. Keep an eye on Facebook for what meals will be served.

We are accepting "Stocking stuffer items for our Christmas visits to nursing homes." Donation box is located in the Canteen.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Open to children and grandchildren age 12 and under of members of the Post in good standing. (dues paid for 2018) Must be signed up in the Canteen by December 2<sup>th</sup>. Children's activities and a visit from Ole Saint Nick. Lunch Special for Children from Noon to 2:00 PM, Hot Dog, chips and a small drink for \$1.50

### MEETINGS

**December 4th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.**  
(Meetings are held the first Monday of every month except holidays.)

**December 11th (Monday) – Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM**  
(Wear your Legion Cover at the meeting; refreshments will be served after the meeting)

**December 18th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM**

**December 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday – A.L.R. Regular Meeting (Election of Officers) – 7:30 PM**

### EVENTS

**SATURDAY – DEC 9<sup>TH</sup> – \*ARMY-NAVY GAME & POTLUCK – STARTING AT 2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – DEC 10<sup>TH</sup> – CHILDREN'S LUNCH SPECIAL – NOON TO 2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – DEC 10<sup>TH</sup> – POST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – 2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

**FRIDAY – DEC 15<sup>TH</sup> - \*UGLY SWEATER CONTEST & POTLUCK – STARTING AT 7:30 PM**

(\* Denotes Canteen Event)

### **VISIT US ON FACEBOOK**

*(facebook.com/AmericanLegionOhioPost572)*

*Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.*

**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING**

### **CANTEEN & LOG CABIN GRILL HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday – 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**Friday – 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM**

**Saturday – 11:00 AM – Midnight**

**Sunday – Noon – 6:00 PM**

**EVERY TUESDAY IS SANDY'S TACO NIGHT IN THE CANTEEN**

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