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Commander's Comments: As 2017 comes to a close, we reflect on a year that saw us fall upon some hard times, but only to watch as our members rally to not only overcome, but to further strengthen our post. We sometimes lose sight of the fact that the American Legion is primarily an all-volunteer organization. Amongst the canteen parties, special events and activities, we must keep reminding ourselves that our main objective is to serve our community, country, veterans, military and their families. Albert Sweitzer once said: *"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."* We are so fortunate at Post 572 that we have so many members willing to step up and volunteer their time to help when needed. With members like you, we can overcome just about anything that arises. We saw a tremendous amount of unexpected expense this past year, replacing A/C units, repair damage to our foundation, a significant loss of money to a theft just to name a few, but thanks to the volunteer actions and donations of members of all our post units, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders, we not only overcame but progressed. We have the highest member totals that we have had in recent years, more successful events than in past years, more visibility and recognition throughout the community.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".....Here's wishing you a very prosperous, healthy and happy New Year.

(Watch for our year in review coming soon on our Facebook page...) www.facebook.com/americanlegionohiopost572

1st Vice Commander: I want to take this time to thank Christine Majewski (Was) and Barbara Benz for their generous contributions that were raffled off at the clam bake for the Hometown Heroes. We raised enough money to send our Hometown Heroes a Christmas package. Feedback from the field indicates they were greatly appreciated. The new year is coming up fast and we still have 60 members that need to pay their membership dues. You can pay online or at the canteen to make sure you stay in good standing.

Just a reminder that general meeting our held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 and all members are welcome.

Welcome to the newest members to our Post: **Dale Danczak, Larry Kukoleck, Thomas Thompson, Kimberly Whipkey**

2nd Vice Commander: I received a report from Santa that there were over 60 children in attendance at the Post Children's Christmas Party. He was really impressed. The Annual Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday 2/3/18 from 1-3pm (or until we run out of chili). Chili Contestants must be members of AL Post 572 (or spouse of a member of AL Post 572) and in good standing (2018 dues paid). Entrant's Chili must be on the table by 1245 - no exceptions, and ladles will be provided. Contestant signup sheet will be behind the bar. The sampling is open to all, and this year there will be 3 teasers for \$1 or a sample bowl for \$1. As always, I could use volunteers and the Volunteer signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Any questions, please contact me directly at 216-470-2579 after 7pm or email: secondvice_alpost572@yahoo.com Thank you, John Rader.

Chaplains Corner: "I ...witnessed the act of heroism on the part of the chaplains...Up to the very last minute they continued with their mission of helping and comforting the terror stricken.", Frank DiMeo, U.S. Army, USAT Dorchester survivor. On February 3, 1943 the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed and sunk by the bow in about 20 minutes, the worst single loss of American personnel of any American convoy during World War II. The frightened men ran to the life boats that day and many witnessed four chaplains calmly directing them to where they should go. As the boat was sinking, these brave chaplains gave up own life jackets and, with arms linked and praying, went down with the ship. On February 4, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. in the Post Hall, the 13th District will have a service to remember the actions of these courageous chaplains. This event is open to all and refreshments will be served after the service. Please try to attend to hear the full story, bring your family, wear your cover, and God's blessing to all!!!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: Happy New Year to all. If you have yet to renew your membership please do so as soon as possible. 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 your parent or grandparent 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! This year thanks to you and others the Squadron was able to donate \$1500,00 to Gifts to the Yanks, \$1500.00 to Post 572 and \$500.00 to Toys for Tots.

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: In support of dual memberships, the Riders meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month following the SAL meeting. This will begin January 15th in the Hall. January meeting will also include the 2018 Officers being sworn in as well as the planning of our 2018 Calendar with rides and events being planned, so please attend to stay informed! Your Post 572 Riders wish all of you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and remember, the road never ends. See you in the new year!

MEETINGS

January 2nd (Tuesday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
(Meetings are held the first Monday of every month except holidays.)

January 8th (Monday) – Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM
(Wear your Legion Cover at the meeting; refreshments will be served after the meeting)

January 15th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM

January 15th (Monday) – A.L.R. Regular Meeting (New Officers Obligated) – After SAL Meeting

EVENTS

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 3RD – CHILI COOK-OFF – 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 4TH – FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE – 1:00 PM

(* Denotes Canteen Event)

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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

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