

# LIBERTY NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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This will be the final mailed out Newsletter. I encourage all members that want current information to visit [www.Post152.com](http://www.Post152.com) or stop into the Post for current calendars.

I want to thank Theresa for doing the Thanksgiving Dinner again and also heading up the Christmas Basket project. Plus covering for me when I am out of town. I also want to thank Bill Taylor and Erika Clayton for covering the Bar Poker. When you see Doug you should thank him for hanging the new "Exit" signs. A special thanks goes to Bob and Bonnie for putting on so many great events and Phyllis for covering my Commander dinners.

Christmas is right around the corner and we will be assembling and delivering 150-200 baskets to deserving families in our community. Please come in on 12-20-19 to help package the baskets. We will also need people to deliver these baskets on Saturday the 21st. Please tell Theresa if you are available to help.

Sorry to say but after almost 20 years as a member of Post 152 I am now very disappointed in the membership for lack of participation in Post events.

### In recent months we have:

1. Only collected about \$6000 from Smoke Out program. We need much more to make your Post truly smoke free. That's \$6 average per member. Terrible support.
2. Lost 2 Sweeps machines\due to low participation
3. Lost Queen of Hearts due to low participation
4. Bar Poker is hanging on by a thread
5. Steak shoots are also in jeopardy
6. **WHAT'S NEXT ????**

Members need to start supporting these functions, our Post and our Veterans if you want to keep the American Legion Post operating. Please consider attending these events and functions. Thanks much.

I have heard all kinds of yacking about smoking but I have NOT seen an increase in attendance from the Non-smokers. Where are you hiding?

### On a positive note:

- The Riders are growing very fast and scheduling many upcoming rides.
- Bob still doing exciting events
- Doug still covering my back
- Theresa also has my back
- Eboard is still the best one I have seen

Remember that our purpose is to support Veterans and the community. Please step up and participate so we may accomplish this mission. Please don't let the Veteran down, they didn't let you down when it counted.

*Yours in service,*  
**Armond LaFramboise**  
Commander Post 152

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## WE ARE FAMILY FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 152 LOUNGE HOURS Phone (813) 920-3282

SUN 11AM-9PM, MON-THURS 1PM-10PM, FRI 1PM-MIDNIGHT, SAT 11:30 AM-MIDNIGHT

\*EXCEPTIONS: HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (I.E. SUNDAY NITE FOOTBALL, ETC.)





## A.L.A President's Message

Hello again, much to report since our last newsletter.

VA bingo on October 8th, was sponsored by our auxiliary unit and was once again a hit. USF health major students were also in attendance handing out ice cream, much fun had by all and greatly appreciated by the veterans.

Our ALA dinners, bingo and steak shoots are moving along as usual and thanks go out to all who volunteer their time for these activities.

Kids Halloween party held October 26th, fun had by all.

The Auxiliary celebrates its 100th year anniversary and will participate in the Veterans Day parade on November 9th.

Kids Christmas party to be held December 14th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Post 152 hosted by Kathy Driggers and Joann Lathers, signup sheet for donations to be posted.

15th District Past Commander/President's dinner was hosted by our Post 152. Many throughout our district attended. Great opportunity for networking, great dinner hosted by Mary Kelly- Perkins, assisted by Manyna Fivehouse. The dinner, 50/50 and blind auction yielded a huge profit for Boys and Girls State transportation.

Oktoberfest was a blast hosted by Bob and Bonnie Lehmiller. Fun, great food and music.

In closing, going forward the auxiliary will no longer have a full newsletter; our events will be posted at our post and can be viewed on the post152.com website as always. Thank you once again to all who volunteer for all events.

*Yours in Service,*  
**Lisa Anseeuw, Unit #152 President**



*"That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's*

*glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!', he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord, has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find the baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.'*

*Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" Luke 2:8-14 NLT*

The Jews had a specific idea of how their Messiah would arrive. They imagined him coming with great fanfare and glory, arriving like a conquering general to free them from their Roman oppressors. But, when Jesus arrived it could not have been more different. He came not as a grand king or general, but as a humble baby, totally dependent on a young teenage girl for his survival. He didn't even have a nice room to stay in. He was born near a small, insignificant village in a cave that was acting as a barn - filled with all kinds of animals and, I'm sure, very unpleasant smells. He didn't even have a bed. He was laid in a feeding trough filled with hay. When he was born, God did not announce it to the great heads of state of the time. Instead, he chose to share the news that would change the world with shepherds, who were seen as the lowest of the low in society at the time.

We can get ideas in our head of how events should happen. But, the birth of Jesus shows us that sometimes the biggest blessings can come in the most unusual ways and from the most unexpected places. He did not come in grandeur as many expected. His life started in the same way it would eventually end - in total humility.

So often we can get caught up in the shopping, decorating and planning that we can lose sight of the simple blessings that can come during the holidays: The joyful laughter of little children, meals enjoyed with friends and family and just taking stock of all we have been blessed with (not just material things. We all have been blessed in many ways if we would stop long enough to see them).

May you and your family experience the joy this time of year brings and may your eyes be opened to the many blessings that come during this festive time of year...especially the simple ones.

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season!

*In Him and in your service,*  
**Cathy Cornish**  
**Chaplain**

# Entertainment

I want to thank everyone who came out and participated in the Oktoberfest and in the Halloween party, there was some really good costumes. Congratulations to those winners. We got the Christmas party coming up and Wreaths Across America ride.

Check the calendar or contact me for details.

*See ya at the Post,*

**Bob Lehmler**

*2nd Vice Commander*

**December 4 - Commander's Dinner** - Commander's dinner served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

**December 11 - ALA Dinner** - Concession Stand meal by Patty served at 6 PM.

**December 18 - ALR Dinner** - Stuffed Peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert by Robert and Tracey served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

**December 20 - Assemble Christmas Baskets** - Christmas baskets will be assembled starting at 7:00 PM

**December 21 - Scouts Carwash** - The Scouts will have a carwash from 8:30 - 12:30. Get your car cleaned up before Christmas.

**December 21 - Deliver Christmas Baskets** - Delivery starts at 9:00 AM. Help deliver Christmas baskets if you can. Trucks and vans needed to help.

**December 21 - Christmas Party** - Covered dishes welcome.

**December 22 - Kids Christmas Party** - Kids Christmas Party from 1-3 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the lounge.

**December 31 - New Year's Eve Party** - Live music by The Encore Band 9 PM - 12:30 AM. Finger food, covered dishes welcome.

**January 8 - ALA Dinner** - Soup and salad by Phyllis served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

**January 15 - ALR Dinner** - Adobo Chicken over rice, salad, roll and dessert by Earl and Jose served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

**January 22 - SAL Dinner** - Dinner by the SAL served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

**January 29 - ALA Dinner** - Dinner by the ALA served at 6 PM for \$8.00.

# December 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Updated 11/7 /2019	2 Free pool all day <b>SAL Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	3 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	4 Commander's Dinner <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	5	6 <b>Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</b>	7 Dec Birthday Party 8 PM SAL Steak shoot 1PM <b>Karaoke By Mike 8 PM - Midnight</b>
8	9 Free pool all day <b>ALR Mtg 6:30 PM</b>	10 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	11 ALA Dinner Concession Stand Meal by Patty <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	12 Ent Mtg 6:15 Legion E-Board Mtg 7:00 PM	13 <b>Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</b>	14 ALR Wreaths Across America Ride Day – Burgers, Dogs & Chips 4:30 Free for a Donation Legion Steak shoot 1PM <b>Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight</b>
15	16 Free pool all day Auxiliary E-Board MTG 6:30 PM <b>Auxiliary General MTG 7:15 PM ALA Xmas Party</b>	17 Scouts Meeting 7 PM	18 ALR Dinner Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll & Dessert by Robert & Tracy <b>Bingo 7:15 PM</b>	19 <b>Legion General MTG 7:00 PM</b>	20 <b>Assemble Xmas Baskets 7 PM Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</b>	21 Boy Scout Carwash 8:30AM – 12:30 PM Deliver Xmas Baskets 9 AM ALA Steak shoot 1 PM Christmas Party Covered Dishes Welcome <b>Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight</b>
22 Kids Xmas Party 1-3PM	23 Free pool all day	24 Lounge Hours 1-5 PM	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Lounge Hours TBA  Finger foods Provided	26 Shrimers Mtg 7 PM	27 <b>Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight</b>	28 ALR Steak shoot 1PM  <b>Karaoke By Kevin 8 PM - Midnight</b>
29	30 Free pool all day	31 <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> Live Music by The Encore Band 9-12:30, Finger Food, Covered Dishes Welcome				

# January 2020

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Updated 11/4/2019			<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY No dinner No bingo	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ms. T's Karaoke 8 PM - Midnight	<b>4</b> SAL Steak shoot 1PM <b>Karaoke By Mike</b> 8 PM - Midnight
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Just a quick update from the Post 152 American Legion Riders on what's happening.

It's riding season and we are beginning to Crank up the miles. ALR Chapters are judged within the District and the Department on the events

we participate in and number of miles we travel.

We continue to serve a dinner each month on the **third Wednesday** and we want to thank you for the great response. It makes us happy to see so many smiling faces at dinner.

We do the Steak Shoot on the fourth week of the month.

We do the Bingo when there are **five Wednesdays** in the month.

We try to make all our events a great experience and fun. Let me know when you see me what you think.

To date we have greeted the returning Honor Flight at St Pete Airport, represented Post 152 in ALR District Rides, Post 152 was represented (thank you Mike "Tank" Sherman) at the Unaccompanied Veterans funeral ride in Sarasota, we had fun supporting the Sons at the Honor Flight Golf outing, we will Ride in the Veterans Day Parade for the first time this year, We placed Flags on the graves of Veterans in Dade City Cemetery for Veterans Day, We represent Post 152 at the Bushnell Ceremony in December escorting the wreaths from Lakeland and placing them on veterans graves, we participated in Flag Dedication ceremonies.

To date (early November) we have traveled more than 7,000 miles and accumulated 837 volunteer hours representing Post 152 in the District.

**Mike "the Crank" Thorpe**  
**Director Post 152 American Legion Riders**

# 2019 Veterans Day Parade

Find more pictures at <http://post152.com/Photo.html>





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The TV in the Lounge,

Calendar in the lounge,

On the sign in the parking lot,

And fliers in the lounge.

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