

NEWSLETTER



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American Legion • Post 712 • Pleasant Hills



Commander's Call

LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017

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First, I am giving everyone a true Christmas present.....a short Commander's Call. While we have now entered the busiest time of the year, we must take the time to be thankful for everything we are enjoying. It is an even more critical time to remember the Legionnaires of Post 712 who are no longer with us. Our hearts are with the families of these Legionnaires who will be facing the holidays without their loved ones. While the end of the year for most folks is usually a time of reflection, we should not wait until the end of the year to make reflections. We should make it a goal to reflect often throughout the year.



Of the many things I want to express my thanks is for our volunteers who have given so much this year, through their skills, expertise and through their precious time. We have had record showings of Legionnaires when asked to perform at the funeral services of our Legionnaires and have received countless calls from family members who appreciated these Funeral Detail Honor Guard Legionnaires, I salute each and every one of you. Thank you for sending on our Legionnaires with the highest respect and dignity they so much deserve.

On a brighter side, I have "tip of the iceberg" news and many more details to come! With the lead of our Community Organizer, Mimi Haley, our Post was designated as the recipient of the West Jefferson School District Operation Helping Heroes, which kicked off on Veterans Day. This event lasted one week. Currently there are 247 veterans residing at the Southwestern Health Center who are in need of everyday articles. Veterans who enter the Southwestern Health Center will remain there for the rest of their lives. The articles they need are every day articles that we take for granted. That being said, the West Jefferson Hills Elementary School distributed flyers to every child in the school to take home to their parents in order to

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collect these much needed items. I had a few meetings, made phone calls, sent emails, and then Mini and the PTA took it from there! As of now, they are taking inventory of the hundreds of items that they have received. More details will follow as this new venture is in its infancy stage. In the next newsletter, I will credit the names of all those who have been involved as well as the names of our state and local politicians who are also veterans or who are members of a Post who were also involved.

I have a "major goal that I will lead and WILL achieve for our 247 veterans" in early part of next year. More details will be shared as they become finalized. We are receiving calls about donating to the Post – to our Veterans' Fund. We definitely appreciate your thoughtfulness and your generosity in giving back to the veterans in our community and to those in our Post as we honor our Vietnam Era Veterans at a dinner at the Post in June 2017. Please send your check made payable to American Legion Post 712 and at the bottom of the check say the money is for the Post 712 Veterans Fund.

In closing, I want to wish the best of holidays to each and every one of you and your loved ones. I also want extend our best wishes on behalf of the Post to Don Rottman, our past 2nd Vice Commander, who is currently recovering from major surgery. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and to all a Good Night!

As always, we support our troops.

Richard J. Wojnar

**RECRUITING FOR POST 712
COLOR GUARD MEMBERS**

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Post 712 Color Guard, please call the Post adjutant at 412-616-1834 so that she has your most recent contact information. A list is being compiled at this time for those members who would be available to participate at various events (i.e. parades, Memorial Day services, events at-the-Post, etc. Our next event is marching in the Pleasant Hills Halloween Parade on 10/25.16. This includes Legion, SAL and ALA (flag bearers or rifle team). John Dillon, President of the Legion Riders will be notified of these events as well.

**ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

From the Post 712 Adjutant

As a courtesy to our active duty members who belong to Post 712, we will pay your dues as long as you remain on active duty.

All we ask in return is for you to notify the Post adjutant in July or August each year that you remain on active duty to assure we pay your dues on time.

We have received several calls saying a family member has been on active duty and his or her dues have not been paid. If the adjutant has not received notification as described above, the dues will not be paid. ***There is no other way for us to find out a member remains on active duty unless the member or his or her family notifies us. The best way to assure she receives your notification is to call the adjutant (412-616-1834).***

We thank you for your service, want you to be safe, and would appreciate if you would let us know if you ever need any assistance. We are here for all of our active duty members and for our veterans. We thank you for your allegiance to the American Legion.

**AMERICAN LEGION
PAID UP FOR LIFEPROGRAM
(PUFL)**

- You may choose 12 monthly installments
- No more renewal notices
- Avoid future dues increases

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card National. For more information about the PUFL program, call customer service at (800)-433-3318.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Service Officer:

DON SMOLEY 412-655-1668

- Contact for information about the rights, benefits, and programs veterans and their families.
- Assistance with claims - forms or other questions concerning our members
- Members who are in need of VA Services who are having difficulty getting appointments, etc.
- Notification of death of members – Requests for Funeral Details/ Services

Adjutant:

LINDA WOJNAR 412-616-1834

- ALL LEGION CORRESPONDENCE (parade requests, community day events, mail regarding ALL Legion business, community requests, etc.)
- Membership – New and Transfers – Verification of DD214's for Post 712
- Requests for Color Guard/ Requests to be on the Color Guard

Home Association Manager:

THAD WEIDMANN 412-512-1301

- Social Membership – New and Renewals
- Key Cards for access to Post 712
- Key Cards are \$6.00

Home Assoc. Kitchen & Bar Mgr.

LISA DEILEY 412-758-9116

- Downstairs Room Rentals/Catering, Consider having your next event at

2017 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

From the Post 712 Adjutant

To avoid receiving late notices and reminders from National, you can pay your 2017 dues early by mail to Post 712, online at <http://www.myLegion.org>, or you can pay your dues at the bar.

Please record your phone number on your dues renewal slip or on your check when you pay your dues. It is vital for us to have your most current information on file.

To date, 642 Legion members have paid their 2017 dues. This takes us to 76% of our Legion members who have paid their 2017 dues so far. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so that we reach the target dates National has set for our post.

Dues are \$30.00. Please make your check payable to: American Legion Post 712.

Thank you in advance!

RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

- Submit payment of your annual membership dues;
- Eliminate paper renewal notices by setting your account to have your notices delivered via email;
- If you are already paid for the current year, you can set your account for automatic future renewals using your credit/debit card;
- Have your Legion membership card readily available when you login online;
- The Post receives reimbursement in a timely manner—within 30 days and receives credit immediately toward our membership goals;
- Excellent way to avoid numerous PAST DUE Notices;
- Access the following website to renew your membership online:

<http://www.legion.org/renew>

POST 712 HOME ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2016-2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 3 RidersParty
- Dec 8 ALA Party
- Dec 17 Children's Christmas Party
- Jan 14 CHUCK CORBY
- Jan. 21 JUSTIN KUNZELMAN

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SAL OFFICERS
2016-2017

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DON J. GOULDER

Adjutant
RICHARD J. WOJNAR

Finance Officer
RICHARD HARTMAN

Chaplin
AL DANKO

Sons of the Legion,

SAL is hosting the Army Navy game at the legion on December 10th. All you can eat beef, pork, ham, wings, sides and sweets. Domestic draft beer is also included for the price of \$10.00. We will start serving the food at 2:30pm – game starts at 3:00pm. We are hoping for a great turn out so come, enjoy and wear your colors.

STEELERS SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 4th – food served at 3:30pm

Eye of round, mashed potatoes, and dessert

Sunday, December 11th – food served at half time

Seafood Surprise!



HOAGIE SALE- **January 15th.**

Price is \$8.00 a piece or 3 for \$23.00.

Please see bartender for envelopes and after completing your order, please put your envelope in the bucket that will be by the front door. There is a **GIFT TREE** for children in need. Please participate in putting a smile on a child face. As a group effort, the SAL took four tags off the tree and will purchase the gifts of their dreams.

Reminder that membership fees are due. Price to renew is \$30.00.

Next SAL meeting will be December 29th at 7:00pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Thank you,
Commander of the SONS,
Gary Hartman



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2016-2017

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Sgt-At-Arms
DONNA ROTTMAN

Sgt-At-Arms
PAT O'TOOLE

Auxiliary Corner,

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CALLED AND SENT CARDS DURING MY RECOVERY. PLEASE SEND A CARDS TO CARL ANDERSON IN THE HOSPITAL AND DON ROTTMAN WHO IS RECUPERATING FROM BY-PASS SURGERY. THE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS EARLY THIS YEAR. EVERYONE WAS HAPPY TO THERE. THE HOSPITAL TOUR AT SOUTHWESTERN HOSPITAL WILL BE ON DECEMBER 2ND. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND SEE HOW THE HOSPITAL OPERATES. WE WILL BE HAVING OUR PARTY WITH THE VETS ON DECEMBER 15TH. PLEASE TELL AN ALA MEMBER IF YOU CAN ATTEND. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. OUR NEXT MEETING IS THE MONDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

GOD BLESS AND PROTECT OUR TROOPS
MARY ANN MARUNICH
ALA PRESIDENT



American Legion Riders,

Please join the Riders in welcoming our newest Riders, **Chris Bodner** and **Melissa Stefanic**, both of the ALA; we're glad to have you on board. We also bid farewell to Rider **Ken Bell** who moved to Florida and transferred to the Post 252 Riders. Good luck Ken!

The Riders continue to support Veterans and do good things. On 10/22 we drove to Blairsville for a meeting with our friend, Nationally known Wounded Warrior Project spokesman **SGT Jeremy Feldbusch**, 75th Ranger Regiment (Retired). During 2003, Jeremy's unit was conducting operations in the vicinity of the Haditha Dam in Iraq when incoming artillery detonated near his position inflicting a multitude of injuries to Jeremy; including the loss of sight. Since that time, Jeremy's fight to recover and his commitment to help other Veterans through the WWP have become an inspiration to us all.

On Veteran's Day, the Riders participated in a short parade and celebration of Veterans at the West Jefferson High School. These Rider's represent what it means to serve our Country and the brotherhood of being a Vet and a Patriot. Thank you for supporting the next generation!

On 11/15 the Riders participated in a ceremony and tour of the **Pittsburgh Fisher House** (PFH) during which we donated \$5,130. The donation was raised during the August Benefit Ride. This amount exceeds our donation from 2015 and represents the largest donation the PFH received from a benefit ride. Not even torrential rains and tornado cells on the day of the ride could stop us from having a good time and doing great things for Veterans and their families.

On 11/19 our own **Secretary Susan Dillon** and **Treasurer Beverly Weikel** worked as guest bartenders for Post 712 with all tips going directly to the PFH. Susan and Beverly got a first-hand look at the hustle and bustle our bartenders go through every night to make Post 712 a warm and welcoming venue. Thanks to **Manager Lisa Deiley** and the entire staff for making this event possible and thanks to Susan and Beverly for stepping up and finding new ways to support Veterans and having a little fun in the process.

Hooah!
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

ROOM RENTAL
 Contact Lisa
 412-758-9116
 Consider having
 your next event at
 Post 712

- Wedding & Baby Showers
- Graduation
- Birthday
- Group or Work Parties
- Craft Sales
- Group Meetings
- Wakes

Special Discount Prices
 for all Members

COMING ATTRACTIONS
 JANUARY 14 - CHUCK CORBY
 JANUARY 21 - JUSTIN KUNZELMAN

Check us out . . .

See what is new
 everyday. . .

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The web site:

alpost712pa.org

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Facebook:

[AmericanLegion
 Postsevenonetwo](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPostsevenonetwo)



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**THE ABSOLUTE
 DEADLINE FOR
 ARTICLES IS THE
 20TH OF EACH
 MONTH**

<p>Steelers 4</p> <p>GAME at 4:25 FOOD BEFORE GAME</p> <p>FREE POOL 4-8</p>	<p>5</p> <p>POST MEETING 7:00</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>RIDERS MEETING 7:00</p> <p>WE HAVE PIZZA and NACHOS try our CHLI</p>
<p>Steelers 11</p> <p>GAME AT 1:00 FOOD AT HALFTIME</p> <p>FREE POOL 4-8</p>	<p>12</p> <p>HOME ASSOCIATION MEETING 7:00</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 FREE</p>
<p>STEELER GAME 8:30 18</p> <p>FREE POOL 4-8</p>	<p>7:00 19</p> <p>POOL LEAGUE</p>	<p>NO BOWLING 20</p> <p>PENS GAME 7:00</p> <p>Nachos \$ 1.00 DRAFT 1/2 OFF NACHOS</p>
<p>STEELER GAME 4:00 25</p> <p>CLOSED for HOLIDAY</p> <p>Have a Holly Jolly Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>ALA MEETING 7:00</p> <p>NO POOL</p>	<p>NO BOWLING 27</p> <p>PENS GAME \$1.00 DRAFT SPECIAL</p> <p>\$1.00 HOT DOG</p>

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NO SMOKING
during the Friday
Dinners 4-8:00 pm

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Legion Kids' Christmas Party December 17, 2016</p>	<p>PENS GAME 7:00 1</p>  <p>CORN HOLE 6:30 BUCKET SPECIAL and WINGS 5 UNTIL 8:00</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL 2</p> <p>SHRIMP STUFFED W/CRABMEAT BAKED POTATOES, SALAD & ROLLS GIFT CERT. AVAILABLE</p>	<p>RIDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY 3</p> <p>TAKING NEW YEARS EVE RESERVATIONS FROM 4-6. AFTER THAT CONTACT LISA</p>
<p>BINGO 7</p>  <p>7:00 HOT SAUSAGE SANDWICHES</p>	<p>PENS 7:30 WINGS 5:00 - 8:00 8</p> <p>BUCKET SPECIAL 5-8</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL 9</p> <p>STUFFED PORK LOIN MASHED POTATOES, SALAD & ROLLS</p>	<p>ARMY/NAVY GAME 10</p> <p>2:30 COST \$10.00 INCLUDES FOOD AND DRAFT BEER</p>
<p>BINGO 14</p>  <p>PENS 7:30 SLOPPY JOES</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>CORNHOLE 6:30 WINGS & BUCKET SPECIAL 5-8 SOUTHWEST VETTRANS TRIP</p>	<p>DINNER SPECIAL 16</p> <p>CHICKEN PARM OVER ANGEL HAIR PASTA, SALAD AND ROLLS</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 11:00 FREE POOL & JUKE BOX</p>
<p>NO BINGO 21</p> <p>\$1.00 HOT DOGS</p>	<p>PENS 7:00 22</p>  <p>\$1.00 DRAFT SPECIAL 1/2 OFF NACHOS</p>	<p>REGULAR MENU ONLY 23</p> <p>PENS 7:00 \$1.00 DRAFT SPECIAL</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH 1 - 3 CLOSED AT 4:00</p> 
<p>NO BINGO 28</p>  <p>PENS GAME 1.00 DRAFT SPECIAL 1/2 OFF NACHOS</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>CORNHOLE 6:30</p>	<p>30</p> <p>REGULAR MENU ONLY</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 8:00 UNTIL 1:00 COST \$25.00 RESERVATIONS ONLY</p> 

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Legion Kids' Christmas Party
December 17, 2016
(Saturday)

Dining Room Area
(upstairs)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Special appearances:
Santa and Mrs. Claus
Come and have a
really great time.
Light meal provided.
Prior sign up required.

Make Your
New Year's Eve Reservations
December 3rd
between 4:00 - 6:00
(after that please see Lisa)

Price is \$25.00 Per Person
Includes Buffet Dinner
At 8:30, 1 Free Drink Per
Person, Party Favors
and
Champagne Toast
At Midnight!
D.J. Rou 9:00 - 1:00



Craig Kern, 2nd Vice Commander and David Park.
Both are members from Post 712.

TAPS



WILLIAM K. OGILVIER
10/2016

HOWARD BERNSTEIN
11/2016