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# FEBRUARY 2014

### Greetings from the Commander

Our New Year's Eve party was a success. The disk jockey was entertaining. Thanks again to Lisa and her group of friends who helped her. It was one of the largest parties we have had in years.

I would like to thank everybody for coming to the Western District meeting. Our thanks go to Lisa Gail and Gregg for preparing and serving the food. I received a letter from District 36 Commander Ed Noch complimenting us on having a good meeting and luncheon.

On February 15th we will have our Valentine's Day party. The seating times for dinner are 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. The menu is prime rib for \$16.95, shrimp or shrimp shish kabob for \$13.95. Come and have a good time but get your reservations in early. The entertainment is Majestic II.

The annual corporation meeting is being held at our legion on February 16th. Please check the box below for the time.

For God and Country, I am Carl L. Anderson, Commander

> Look at Page 6 to see what our Post 712 Chaplain has been up to!



#### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2014 AT 2:30 PM AT THE POST HOME

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### EVENTS

| Post 712 Meeting               | Feb 3   | $7 \mathrm{~pm}$         |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| American Legion Riders Meeting | Feb 4   | $7 \mathrm{~pm}$         |
| Entertainment Meeting          | Feb 6   | 6 pm                     |
| Valentine's Dinner, Dance      | Feb 15  | $5~\mathrm{pm}$          |
| Corporation Annual Meeting     | Feb 16  | 2:30 pm                  |
| SAL Wing Night                 | Feb 20  | $5\text{-}8~\mathrm{pm}$ |
| ALA Meeting                    | Feb 24  | $7 \mathrm{~pm}$         |
| SAL Meeting                    | Feb 27  | $7 \mathrm{pm}$          |
| DJ Tim                         | March 1 | 8 - 12                   |

FEBRUARY 2014

We need more BINGO players on Wednesday nítes!!!

### FEBRUARY DINNER SPECIALS

FEB 7 ... REUBENS FEB 14... LIVER AND ONIONS FEB 21 ... LASAGNA FEB 28 ... BEEF STROGANOFF

Valentines Day Celebration Saturday February 15 Dinner 5:00 until 8:00





#### ALA OFFICERS

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Sgt -At-Arms KAREN BAUER

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## FEBRUARY 2014

Make plans to join us for

Ham & Cabbage

March 15 . . . plus a D.J.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

TICKETS

See any ALA member for tickets. Two numbers on each \$3.00 ticket

St. Patrick's Day

Dinner

#### **Auxiliary Corner**

Thanks to all who participated in our soup cook off. We hope everyone enjoyed it and are looking forward to the next one. We will be having the St. Patrick's day ham and cabbage dinner on March 15th and we will have a D.J. So mark that day on your calendar and more information will follow. We were lucky enough to receive 3 tickets to a penguin hockey game. The ALA will be selling the tickets. There are 2 numbers on a ticket and will sell for \$3.00 A ticket. They are good tickets in Section Two Row A by a blue line. See any ALA member for your ticket. The homeless veterans dinner was a good experience and was well attended. \$140,000 Was raised for the vet's and more is coming in for such a good cause. Take care with this awful winter. God bless and protect our troops

Mary Ann Marunich **ALA** President

Valentínes Dav Celebration Look for details



## FEBRUARY 2014



SAL OFFICERS

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> Chaplain AL DANKO

Sgt-At-Arms AL FENCIK

#### Sons of the Legion

This year started out slow for the SAL, but we do have a few things coming up in the next few months.

We are having All You Can Eat Wing Night on February 20th from 5pm to 8pm. French Fries will be served with the wings. Price for all you can eat is \$7.00. Take out will be 10 wings and fries for \$8.00. Of course no sharing for all you can eat dinners!

Coming up events:

Poker Run to other American Legions

Bus trip to Nemacolin Casino



### DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Thank You, Commander of the SAL Gary C. Hartman

Make your

## Valentines Day Celebration Saturday February 15

All dinners come with soup, twice baked potato, salad, dinner rolls and desert.

Make your reservations by Monday





## FEBRUARY 2014

### The Legion Riders

The Riders are ramping up for the New Year. Plans for many rides this year are in the making. Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 4th. Riders, bring \$35 if you are interested in purchasing a beret. If you have a bike come to the meeting, you will enjoy our group. You

> The American Legion Riders

at 7 p.m.

will be WELCOME.

Nancy Schwartz

Secretary



## Valentines Day Celebration Saturday February 15

Dinner 5:00 until 8:00

| Prime Rib                                       | 16.95 |  |
|---|-------|--|
| Filet Kabob (2)                                 | 13.95 |  |
| Shrimp (5)                                      | 13.95 |  |
| Filet Kabob (1) & Shrimp (3)                    | 13.95 |  |
| All dinners come with soup, twice baked potato, |       |  |
| salad, dinner rolls and desert.                 |       |  |

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# **THE CHAPAINS DESK** by Neal E. Smith, Chaplain

#### POST CHAPLIN OF THE YEAR ROBERT BLEICHNER

As every veteran knows, the real work gets done, down in the trenches, and as I have quickly discovered the same thing is true with our Legion Posts. This past year was our first time at selecting a Post Chaplain of the Year. Congratulations to every nominee! As part of the recognition, I along with others, had the privilege of reading over the nominations and it wasn't easy, believe me, in selecting just one winner.

I was amazed just how hard our Post chaplains are working and what a great job they are doing. These men are in the trenches! They are visiting the vets in nursing homes, private homes, and hospitals, putting in countless miles on their own pocketbook. They read, pray and offer literature to those who desire it, and as Bob Bleichner put it "Listening with your ear and your heart, every vet has a story".

Of course, we expect them to say our prayers at meetings and ceremonies and that please us, but I discovered that these men are operating on a deeper, more spiritual level. Chaplain Bleichner put it this way" The spiritual award is that what I am doing lets me be His servant. My award is on a daily basis, working to help veterans". Chaplain Bleichner has been in the American Legion for 47 years and has served as Historian and Service Officer in his Post 712 as well.

I have not scratched the surface of what Chaplain Bleichner has done and it pleases me to say what the other nominees have been doing. I wish I could mention the other nominations more specifically but it is my hope to see their nominations sent in agsin for the year to come. These men are in the trenches putting a face to Legion goodness, care and kindness. Let me close by saying: Post Chaplains I salute you! Even if you weren't selected it wasn't because you didn't deserve it, we made a really tough choice please come back again! I was truly inspired by your stories. I will finish with these words from Bob Bleichner. "Never forget to be proud you are a veteran, we are brothers... united for God and country."

# FEBRUARY 2014

Valentínes Day Celebratíon Saturday, February 15

> Dinner 5:00 until 8:00 Prime Rib. . .16.95 Filet Kabob (2). . .13.95 Shrimp (5). . .13.95 Filet Kabob (1) & Shrimp (3). . . 13.95

All dinners come with soup, twice baked potato, salad, dinner rolls and desert

Please make reservations for dinner only by Monday February 10th.

This years game will be announced that night.

Music to dance by Majestic II

