



American Legion Post 72

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Hello everyone! It's hard to believe a brand new year is upon us. We will be making some changes this year. We hope you can all bear with us to make this a great year.

Legionnaires

Due to the increase in the minimum wage, we must raise prices to reflect the rising costs. As you all know, a minimum wage increase also means a cost of goods increase. Remember, it is not the bartender's fault that prices must increase.

Some of you may be unaware of the difficulties your Post is facing. The income we rely on from the Lounge has been stretched to the max. We need to replace the compressor for the coolers. The front door needs some attention, the cooler doors are reaching beyond fixing stages; (They are at least 40 years old); The mens room could use some new vinyl, as could the kitchen. We have an old building, and it is in need of some TLC. (We won't even talk about the roof in the Bingo Hall) Contributions made to the Post's general fund would be greatly appreciated, and would qualify as a charitable donation for tax purposes.

If we can all work together we should be able to keep things going. We will start with an increase in prices. That should help some. But it isn't the only or best solution.

We can always use fresh ideas about how to increase participation and revenues, bring in more and new members. Suggestions are always welcome. Working together would be a huge plus.

Some of you have suggested Raffles. Right now we have a 50/50 Raffle going. 50 cents a chance. Drawing will be held during the Super Bowl Pot Luck. Is anyone willing to donate something for a raffle? We need some input.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the Thanksgiving and Holiday Pot Lucks. We had lots of great food and a great turnout. The next one will be New Years Day to kick off the New Year. Then of course on February 5th, for the Super Bowl.

On a lighter side, Turkey Bingo was a great success. We also had a wonderful turnout for the Veterans Dinner that the Ladies of the Auxiliary hosted. Wonderful job ladies! Thank you for all your work.

Ladies Auxiliary

Congratulations to Mary (Boots) Davis. Mary is the 2017 Ladies Auxiliary National President. Good Luck!

The Auxiliary took on a new project. They offered shirts, sweatshirts, vests and hats with the American Legion Logo. They had a successful trial run of this sale in December, and they are hoping to offer this buying opportunity again towards spring. Look for more info in a future newsletter! Until then, watch for members proudly wearing their "cool" items around town!

We lost a member of the Auxiliary. Our condolences to the family of Jacqueline Daniels.

Sons of the American Legion

The Sons annual Christmas Party for kids was a great success. Over 40 kids came in to see Santa, have dinner and do some crafts. Every child received a Christmas gift from Santa. Thank you everyone that helped to make it successful.

Upcoming Events

Bingo in the Bar continues on Tuesdays at 5:30. It's free with prizes, come on in and join the fun!

On January 22nd we will hold another Chili Cook Off. Make up your favorite batch of Chili to be judged and shared by everyone. We supply the onions, cheese and corn bread. You don't have to enter to enjoy the results. We always need judges, too. Please contact DD through the bar if you want to be a judge. We do three categories, best taste, best original and best hot.

On Saturday, February 11th we will have Sweetheart Bingo starting at 2:00pm. Not all the details have been worked out yet, but it should be fun!