

Post 11-11 Newsletter - December, 2008

Commander's Corner

Here it is the Holiday Season - it was just summer!! Everything is now moving faster as we try to cram as much shopping and visiting as possible before the end of the year, but please take time to appreciate yourself and all the good things that you were able to accomplish this past year.

Last month the Black Hawk Chow Down was a great success. We had dignitaries and a lot of young veterans and active duty and their families attend. I want to personally thank the many Post 11-11 members who made this event happen. It's what the American Legion is all about.

As always, during this time of the year please remember those who are not here or home for the holidays, especially those serving in foreign lands protecting our freedom during this wonderful season.

Happy Holidays!!!

Michael J. Carriveau

Commander

Legion Low Down

As everyone is aware, we will be moving forward without Annie and Rosie. These are big shoes to fill; the delicious meals that they have made up for us the past years will be Greatly Missed. Rosie has moved on to the Elks Club and Annie is taking a long deserved break, enjoying the beginning of her new life with Roger. We wish them the best of luck.

Black Hawk Chow Down was a Great Success! Everyone on this committee, our hats are off to you. Good food and plenty of it. What a great turn out.

This month we will be adding some new entertainment. Band Night - Friday 5th. 8:00- 12:00 pm. "Shades of Jade". Help us pack the house, Rock & Roll, Blues and Country. Jeff is a long time Post 11-11 member.

Saturday 6th. "Low Country Boil" Cooking this evening is Nick O'Donaghue.

This is a crab boil of sort. Drink special Pinot Grigio \$2.00 per glass. We will start serving at 6:00 pm; cost will be \$9.50 per person. Don't miss this new chef at Post 11-11.

Thanks to Mike Trisler, we now have a new Ping Pong Table.. We will start the Ping Pong Tournament on Wednesday the 3rd and Wednesday the 17th. Let's see who will hold the title. Come in and sign up.

Cribbage will be held on Saturday the 13th and Saturday the 20th. Call Debbie for the time.

Christmas Party and Karaoke night Friday the 19th. Christmas punch and snacks will be provided. Starts at 7:00 pm - when ever. Sign up for the white elephant gift exchange \$5.00 minimum, coed gift.

Bringing this month and year to the end, New Year Party December 31st from 8:00 - 1:00 am. Hopefully Shade of Jade will be back to help us bring in the

New Year.

Signing off for now, remember to keep our service men and women in our prayers.

Cindy

Auxiliary

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner. We just celebrated Halloween. The Post Halloween Party was a huge success. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Cindy for hosting the Dead Man's Game.

Thanks to all who made donations, shopped and helped assemble and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets. The recipients were are most appreciative. Your generosity will make their Thanksgiving Day a little brighter.

MERCHANDISE PICKLE - Remember Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM we will hold the Merchandise Pickle. We will be accepting donations of new gift items, gift cards, checks or cash through the afternoon of Thursday, December 4.

Watch for the Angel Tree to be set up in the Post. We will sponsor 20 children this year. Pick an Angel from the tree, buy a gift from their wish list, and deliver the wrapped gift to the Post.

We are still collecting old cell phones, but we are looking into providing them to a cause other than the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation. We would like to find an organization that uses the phones to support Veterans in some way. More information will be provided when we have researched other organizations.

As we approach the Holiday Season, remember to pray for our troops, and especially those who will be separated from their families.

Next Auxiliary meeting will be December 4 at 7:00 pm.

December newsletter will be assembled on Sunday, December 28 at 1:00 pm.

As always, help is appreciated.

Sherry Baker

President

Business Committee News

Operations at the Post continue to operate smoothly even with the Holidays in full swing. Make sure you check the Post's calendar of events for all the happenings going on this month. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact any of the Business Committee members or the Bar Manager.

BLACKHAWK CHOWDOWN

The 2nd annual Blackhawk Chowdown was held on November 15, 2008. It was a great success as approximately 150 people attended, which was about 3 times more than last year. Just as the Flag Retirement Ceremony began a flight of geese flew over in the place of the Colorado National Guard. Colorado State Representative Sara Gagliardi attended the event. Paul J. Murphy and his lovely wife Mary Lou attended, and Post 11-11 honored Paul's life long service and

dedication to our Country by unveiling a ceiling tile in his honor. Please take a look at the tile when you get a chance. The food was wonderful and there was little left over. Many members from other American Legion Posts in attendance joined us in the event.

Everyone raved at the food which was donated by Chris Flygare, Roger Gamble, Dennis Steinhagen, Mac McHenry, and Mike Trisler. Sherry Baker, Shirley Starley and Donna Flygare served the food. Thanks to Billy and Christina who did a great job of cooking the two pigs, and to Dan Lippencott who prepared them. Thanks to the Color Guard who looked really sharp in their new uniforms and to Mike Carriveau for providing the music. The Blackhawk Chowdown committee (Shirley, Donna, Chris, Ginger, Jim and Jennifer) deserve accolades for their hard work. Thanks to the Post 11-11 officers and the Executive Board for authorizing this event which is a start at presenting Post 11-11 to the community. Lastly, thanks to all, and there were many, who helped cleaning the hall, washing dishes and packaging food.

From the Editor

Articles for January's newsletter are due at the Post by Saturday night, December 13th.