



POST 90 GAZETTE

Edited by Amy Ostler

Post 90 St George Christmas Party

December 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM

THE FALLS

American Legion Post will furnish the meat (Pork Loin)

A-G Desert H-M Salads
N-S Vegetables T-Z bread/butter

Please RSVP

BRING A FOOD ITEM/ITEMS THAT CAN BE USED AT THE SOUP KITCHEN

Have you been
Naughty or **Nice?**

Don't answer that Bodie!



Santa will be there!

PEARL HARBOR COMMEMORATE

December 7, 2018

Tonaquint Cemetery St George at 10:48 AM. Anyone planning on attending should be there no later than 10:15 AM.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1** - Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band Concert 7:30 PM
- Dec 1** - Hurricane Valley Choir Annual Christmas Concert 7:00 PM
- Dec 7** - Pearl Harbor Commemorate
- Dec 12** - Post 90 Christmas Party
- Dec 15** - Wreaths Across America
- Dec 25** - CHRISTMAS!



Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Membership renewals are still needed December 12th and if not paid by December 31st they will expire then have to be reinstated. You can go on line at mylegion.org or mail to the PO Box 910931, St George Utah 84791. If you know of a Veteran in your neighborhood ask them' to join the American Legion and become part of the Family within the American Legion (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and American Legion Riders).



Thanks to all who participated with Veterans Day Events at the schools, Assisted Living homes, Walked/rode the Parade route, attended other Posts activities/Events, Concerts. It was a very nice day for all the events.

Everyone is invited to the Pearl Harbor Commemorate at Tonaquint Cemetery on December 7th. Plan to be there by 10:15 am but not later than 10:30 am as the Silent program will start right at 10:48 am (our time for the bombing of Pearl Harbor).

There are Christmas Concerts on December 1st in Hurricane and St George. Plan on attending your Post's Christmas Party. Please RSVP so that an accurate count and food is available. Santa will be present at all Post's Christmas Parties so bring the children/grandchildren.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and everyone.

District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to all the Post Adjutants/Commanders/Members for renewing your American Legion membership by December 1st. We still have until December 31st to get membership dues to Department as they will expire on December 31st and then will have to be reinstated for continuous membership.

Several Post's have 100% paid memberships and Certificates will be given out at the District 7 meeting on April 20th in Sun River. I will be calling on the Posts to see if I can be of help in getting 100% paid membership so that District 7 can again be 100% paid for all Posts.

Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to everyone who helped make the November 15th 65% Goal for total paid membership. By December 12th we need to be at 75% paid membership. NEED everyone's help to obtain this goal (especially with the holidays coming). I would like to welcome the new Post 111 Eagle Mountain in District 4. Good Job Alex. Remember any dues not paid by 12-31-18 will expire and have to be reinstated when paid.

Veteran Spotlight

American Legion Posts of Washington County, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans Foreign War, American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, Marine Corps League to commemorate December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor in a ceremony in St George.

To commemorate the valor and remember the losses at Pearl Harbor in 1941, the Veteran Service Organizations for Washington County will host a ceremony at Tonaquint Cemetery on December 7th at 10:48 a.m.

The program will begin at the exact time of the attack on Pearl Harbor 77 years earlier (7:48 a.m. Hawaii time).

“It is imperative for us to remember the events of December 7th, 1941, and how our response to the attack defined American and changed the course of world history”. “The incredible resilience and valor for those fought back at Pearl Harbor is a legacy that benefited not just the Veterans Service Organizations, but the entire free world”.

It was 77 years ago in the otherwise calm island paradise of Honolulu, Hawaii, that the United States was suddenly attacked by Axis power Japan. That morning’s actions, which President Franklin D Roosevelt’s words characterized as “a day which will live in infamy,” plunged American into World War II. The losses suffered at Pearl Harbor were catastrophic. There were 2,403 killed and 1,178 wounded, along with four American battleships sunk and nearly 350 aircraft damaged or destroyed.

Those who did not die were not merely veterans of battle. They were survivors who foreshadowed the grit and character that embodied U.S. service members of the Greatest Generation. Service and sacrifice were demonstrated over the next 44 months of war as the fate of the free world hung in balance.

Bravery was in abundance that morning of December 7th. Fifteen Medals of Honor were awarded, as well as 51 Navy Crosses and 53 Silver Stars. And the Americans managed to destroy 29 enemy aircraft, damaged 29 others as well as sunk or beached five mini-sub.

We will always be grateful for those heroes of 77 years ago. So many of the Pearl Harbor survivors have passed away over the years. It is up to us to keep their legacy alive.

There will be four Veterans representing four branches of military service who will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony. Four of the oldest Legionnaires from the Four Posts will be seated on sides of the Pearl Harbor Memorial at Tonaquint Cemetery.

The public is welcome and invited to this event. Plan to arrive not later than 10:30 a.m. as the Commemorate is very short.

About the American Legion: The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic Veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the World’s largest wartime Veterans Service Organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong Nation Security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and Veterans.

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Items of Interest

Legion to testify on denied PTSD claims, disability benefits and more

Mackenzie Wolf NOV 26, 2018

American Legion Deputy Director of Claims Services Greg Nembhard will testify Thursday, Nov. 29, at 10:30 a.m. EST before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. Nembhard's testimony will focus on reports published by Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General on unwarranted medical examination for disability benefits, processing inaccuracies involving intent to file submissions for benefits and trauma, and denied post-traumatic stress disorder claims related to military sexual trauma.

The hearing will be available to watch at <https://www.youtube.com/user/HouseVetsAffairs>

Giving more than thanks at Thanksgiving

By Brett Reistad, National Commander
NOV 20, 2018

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

We have so much to be thankful for at this time of the year.

Many of us will spend time with family members, friends and other loved ones celebrating Thanksgiving. We'll enjoy hearty feasts, relish fond memories, and give thanks and prayers for all of our blessings.

As veterans, we know all too well how important it is to be with loved ones on special holidays. I don't have to remind you to keep our servicemembers - especially those on deployment - in our thoughts during this holiday time.

Fortunately, there are American Legion posts that welcome servicemembers into their homes for a Thanksgiving meal and camaraderie. It's a great way to introduce these troops to our American Legion Family.

At the same time, American Legion posts are providing food, fun and fellowship throughout their communities. Take, for example:

- American Legion Post 38 in Fountain, Colo., which has amassed 100 turkeys and all the trimmings. The food is part of an annual giveaway to help needy families in the neighborhood. Post 38 partners with Fountain police to identify needy families and distribute the food to them.
- In Illinois, American Legion posts in Palatine (Post 690) and Morton Grove (Post 134) host sailors from Great Lakes Naval Station for a Thanksgiving meal and provide the opportunity for their guests to call or email home free of charge.
- American Legion Post 31 in Salinas, Calif., will be serving around 600 meals at its 20th annual Thanksgiving celebration. The post also is hosting a drive to collect jackets, which will be distributed to those in need during the meal.
- In Polk City, Iowa, American Legion Riders deliver Thanksgiving meals through their Holiday for Heroes program. More than 80 area veterans will get a complete Thanksgiving meal that they can prepare in their own homes for family and friends.

These are just a few of the countless examples of how American Legion Family members are serving their communities during this time of the year. Share how your post, squadron, chapter and/or unit is demonstrating its commitment to community service on Legiontown.

There are many reasons why I love The American Legion. Among the top reasons is the way we support our local communities, especially during holiday seasons.

Thank you for what you do throughout the year, and especially during this special time.

Happy Thanksgiving to you, your families and the communities you so proudly serve.

Celebrating Our Legacy.

Brett Reistad, National Commander