



American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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**Thanksgiving Day –
November 22nd**

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Commander's Message

Commander Puckett reports:

November brings another busy month for our Post. First of all Election Day is Tuesday the 6th. Please go to your polling station and exercise your right and privilege and vote. On Sunday November 11th we celebrate Veteran's Day at the Walkway of Freedom at 11:00 AM. Refreshments will be served after our program back at the Post Home. As the year comes to a close in December, I remind those who have not renewed their membership to please do so before December 31st. Remember, you are considered delinquent as of January 1st according to the Constitution of the American Legion. At this time, Carol and I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! Also, please remember our Military Personal serving throughout the world. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our regular membership meeting on the 13th.

Sick Call & Relief

Chaplain Ken Herkey reports:

Say a prayer for our troops!

1st. Vice Commander PC

Ed Tyczka reports:

We are at 340 paid up members, keep 'em coming. I am in the process of setting up a Safe Driver course, for insurance purposes. The tentative date is Saturday, 12-8-10, at 8:30AM in the back room of the Post. The course will last 4 hours and the cost will be \$30.00 per person. The course will be limited to 40 people and there will be a sign up posted towards the middle of November. Completing the course should get to a discount on your insurance premium. Say a prayer for the Troops.

2nd Vice-Commander

Katie McCarthy reports:

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so I thought it would be an appropriate time to thank all the volunteers that support all of our activities and keep this Post running! Roll offs for chocolate cornucopias from Park Edge Candy will be available this month, take a chance while they last. The Children's Christmas party is scheduled for 2 December at noon. Parents/grandparents/sponsors are to bring in a wrapped gift for your child by 27 November. As always there will be food, crafts and Santa for the children to enjoy!

Auxiliary President

Mary Ann Kessler reports:

Please get your membership dues into **1st Vice Toni Kruger** for the new year 2018-2019. To date we have 150 members paid. Our Unit membership goal is 227. Congratulations to early bird Kathy Johnson who won her membership paid for next year 2019-20120! At our Nov. 7th meeting night our Unit will be deciding on meal options for our December 5th Christmas party. It would be appreciated if members planning on attending our Christmas party would call **2nd Vice, Sandi White** (716- 491-0930) with your reservation so we have an accurate count for food. Contact Sandi by November 18, 2018. Please bring a five dollar gift to the party if you would like to join in on some fun! Let's not forget our Holiday Basket raffle, tickets are available at our meeting and also behind the bar. Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated. Let's make this a great success. The drawing will be held Sunday Dec. 9, 2018. Thank you to everyone who donated for the basket gifts.

Our Unit is adopting two female Veteran families for Christmas. We will be looking for volunteers to help shop for the families. More details at our November meeting. Friday November 23, after 8:00 pm we are looking for volunteers to help decorate our Post home Christmas trees for the holidays. This is always a festive event! Join us for this fun evening! Our unit is collecting cans of Soup & Stew for the West Seneca food pantry. Bring in your donations to our November 7th meeting night. Our unit will continue to collect Box Tops for West Seneca Schools and travel size toiletries for the VA throughout the year. These items can be brought to our meetings.

Please contact **Chaplain Laura Little** 716-949-9815 if you know of a member who has taken ill.

Happy Thanksgiving to All of our Post 735 families!

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

S.A.L.

Commander Mike McCarthy reports:

Let's get your dues in; Early Bird party will be November 18th. Variety Spaghetti on October 14th was a great success, thanks to all who helped. Steak roast is November 3rd, Bob Saar is the event chair, we serve 3:00pm-6:00pm, there are a few guys out of town and we could use some help serving and cleaning tables. Music has returned on Saturdays at 8:00pm.

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

November 19th, 2018 is our next meeting at 7:35 pm.

Board of Directors

Dennis Kessler Reports:

We're getting ready for winter cleaning up outside the post. Our snow plowing is set up for our parking lot after looking over all the bids. We had the hood over the stove in our kitchen cleaned professionally and the extra filters were also cleaned. Are 1st Mini G I party was a big help and we did a lot to better our post. Old Flags were folded and boxed, Outside work was completed and all of our chairs and tables upstairs now have rubber feet on them. No more damaging our floors when tables or chairs are moved around. Doors were fixed and painted in the basement. We had 7 members that helped and it is greatly appreciated. I hope to see a few more people at November's mini G I party on the 3rd Wednesday of month. Coffee & hard rolls at 9:00am; start work at 9:30am till 11:30 am. Will have an adult beverage after we are done and debrief.

Thank You to everyone that Donates time to keep our Post the Best in Erie County.

God Bless America and our Troops.

Veterans Activities Chairman

Jerry Johnson reports:

Veterans Day Ceremony at West Seneca Senior High School on Friday, November 9th. We will assemble inside the school no later than 7:30am. All units will march into the gymnasium for the ceremony. Refreshments will follow in the library. All are welcome to attend! The kids are thrilled to have the veterans and the ceremony is very well done!

Color Guard Captain

Mark McMahon reports:

The next meeting of American Legion Post 735 Color Guard will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Meeting starts at 7:35PM. Refreshments to follow meeting.

Legion Riders

Ron Kelly Reports:

No Report This Month

Important November 2018 Dates:

- 6th** - Color Guard Meeting
- 7th** - Auxiliary Meeting
- 13th** - General Meeting
- 19th** - SAL Meeting
- 20th** - Board of Directors Meeting
- 27th** - Executive meeting