



## American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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**CHRISTMAS**  
**December 25th**

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*Commander:* Ronald Puckett

*Chaplain:* Ken Herkey 897-4578

*Service Officer:* Tony Drzyzga 697-9084

### *Commander's Message*

#### **Commander Puckett reports:**

Another year has come and gone. Where did it go? This is another busy month for our Post. The first event is the Color Guard Christmas Party on Tuesday December 5th. This will be our last meeting until May 3rd, 2018. Thursday, December 7th is our Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Program at our Post Home at 12 noon. I hope to see you there! Our regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday December 12th. Stay tuned to what events our **Second Vice Commander Katie** has planned for this month. Also for those who haven't paid their dues yet for 2018, please do so before January 1st. I want thank you for another successful year at the Post. At this time, Carol and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to your support again in the coming new year. Thank you.

### *Sick Call & Relief*

#### **Chaplain Ken Herkey reports:**

Say a prayer for our troops!

### *1st. Vice Commander PC*

#### **Ed Tyczka reports:**

We are at 420 paid up members to date; great job to everyone. Please remember that if you have a 2018 Membership card, you are paid up and can disregard any notices from National. I hope that everyone has seen the beautiful stained glass window at the Post. Many thanks to MICKEY EBERT, Auxiliary Member, for all her hard work in creating the window. Saturday night entertainment is going very well, come out and enjoy and support the Post. Say a prayer for the Troops.

### *2nd Vice-Commander*

#### **Katie McCarthy reports:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in the Thanksgiving dinner, it was wonderful! The Children's Christmas party is December 3rd, please have the gifts wrapped and in place at the post by 1 December. The post will be closing at 5PM on Christmas Eve so all can enjoy the Holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!!  
Thank you!!!

*S.A.L.*

**Commander Mike McCarthy reports:**

We have 136 paid members out of 222 to date. Steak roast was a Huge success thanks to all who helped. 50's Dance is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Frank Sandor** is the chair. He can answer any questions. We will need help with set up and at the door. Daytona Party is back for Feb 18th more info to follow, we need donations. For auction prizes and have a donation letter if you need one. We will have Pizza after our December meeting. Music has returned on Saturdays at 8:00 pm.

God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

December 18th, 2017 is our next meeting at 7:35 pm

***Auxiliary President***

**Mary Ann Kessler reports:**

Please donate new hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs for children and adults. Items can be hung on our Post Christmas tree. Donated items will be distributed to needy families in our community mid-December. Our Holiday Raffle of a Buffalo Bills Cooler filled with goodies, \$225. gift certificates, four Sabres game tickets, a hockey stick and photo photographed by Jack Eichel. We will also have a consolation 2nd raffle. Ticket donation of \$1.00. See any Auxiliary member or Bartender for tickets. Drawing is Sunday evening December 10, 2017 at our Post home. The winner does not need to be present.

Our membership goal is at 72% members paid. Please send dues to **1st Vice Toni Kruger**. If your dues are not paid by 12/31/17 you are not eligible to participate in American Legion functions.

A motion was made and 2nd at our October 4th, 2017 meeting to raise our Auxiliary Unit 735 dues to \$25. for the 2018-2019 year. The amount our Unit will pay to Department for next year will be \$20. per Auxiliary member. Our Auxiliary Unit will keep \$5. per member. The Jr. dues will increase next year to \$7.50 per Jr. member to Department. Our Unit will raise Junior dues to \$8.00 for the next year. A vote on the dues increase will be held at our January 3, 2018 meeting night.

ALA department scholarship applications / cover sheet are available on the Auxiliary Dept. of NY website. Completed scholarship application, cover sheet and required documentation must be turned into **Auxiliary President Mary Ann Kessler** by February 1, 2018, for our Unit review. Selected candidates applications will be forwarded to Erie County Department for their review.

If you know of a member who has taken ill please call or text **Chaplain Laura Little** at 716-949-9815.

Saturday February 3, our Post 735, SAL and Vigilant Fire Co. will hold a 50's dance at Vigilant Fire hall. Auxiliary Unit 735 and the Vigilant Ladies Auxiliary will have a basket raffle during the dance. We are looking for donations of gift baskets, gift cards or gift certificates. All proceeds are going to the Post 735 and Vigilant student scholarship funds.

1st meeting of 2018 for our Unit is Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm. God Bless Our Active and Returning Troops.

Merry Christmas to All of our Post 735 Families!

***Legion Riders***

**Ron Kelly Reports:**

Happy Holidays to the Legion Post 735 family! Just a reminder that the annual MC Run to benefit Veterans in Need will take place on Saturday, May 26, 2018 which is the weekend of Memorial Day next year. The first meeting concerning the MC run will be held February 6, 2018, and we will have follow-up meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the back room. We always are in need of volunteers from the entire Legion Family so that we may have a successful fundraiser again this year. Say a prayer for all our troops!

***Veterans Activities Chairman***

**Jerry Johnson reports:**

Thank you to all who participated in the West Seneca West Senior High School Veterans Day Ceremony that was held on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was strong and the students enjoyed talking to all of the veterans. God bless our troops!

***Board of Directors***

**Dennis Kessler Reports**

*No Report this month.*

***Guard Captain***

**Mark McMahon Reports**

*No report this Month.*

**Important December 2017 Dates:**

- 5<sup>th</sup>** - Color Guard Christmas Party
- 6<sup>th</sup>** - Auxiliary Christmas Party
- 12<sup>th</sup>** - General Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup>** - SAL Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup>** - Board of Directors Meeting