

American Legion Post 751
Most Active Post in the High Desert
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November & December 2011 Newsletter



From the Commander of the American Legion

The Commander would like to remind everyone of the Veteran's Day Services at the Barstow Cemetery on November 11th starting at 11:00 A.M.

Please read your calendars as there are numerous events coming up in the next two months. He would like to see as many supporters enjoying the holiday season as possible.

Season's Greetings, have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

From the Adjutant of the American Legion

It's been a great month. The weather has become moderate and we're having lot's of fun.

We had a great time at the Annual Post Picnic, thanks to all those generous volunteers and especially to Norm Park for providing a very comfy location for the festivities.

Thank you all for electing me to the Adjutant's job. I will try my best to keep everything on an even keel. For those who don't know me, I've been a member of the Post for well over thirty years now. I was inactive for quite a few years, but hope that I will now be able to contribute something positive to the effort.

I have built a web site for the Post at www.legionpost751.org and although I've put a lot of interesting stuff up there, I need more input from Post members. It would be great if all the officers of all our organizations could provide their own web page, with information related to post activities, Veteran's issues, and so on, not that all the individual members couldn't do the same. If you care to participate, please provide your input in electronic format via email if possible. With your help we could have a site that is the envy of the Department.

Best regards

Bob Vasseur

From the American Legion 2nd Vice

Hi Everyone:

What a whirlwind of activities our small post has been having and a lot more coming up. We are having Karaoke competition on the 1st and 3rd Friday nights of each month and Semi-Finals on December 2nd.

The Annual Legion Picnic turned out to be one of the best ever. Thank you to Norm Park for hosting this year's event. Thank you also to Garry Lukas, Wayne Hartel, Roxanne Purizicky & Scott Coleman for the great music and everyone who helped at this year's wonderful get together.

The Annual Turkey Shoot will be behind the Legion from 10 A.M. till 1 P.M. on November 19th. We will have several different shotguns to use and ammo will be provided at \$5.00 per shot & instructions will be available for novice & young shooters limited to 12 years old and above with parent in attendance. Also on the 19th will be the Early Bird Steak Dinner from 4:00 to 6:00; Free dinner to Early Bird members of the Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L.; all others will pay \$8.00.

Since the resignation of Linda Harper as 1st Vice, I will be trying to fill in with membership duties. Please be patient, I'm getting a little rusty and slower.

In December, we will be hosting the Women's Karaoke High Desert Finals competition on the 10th at 8:00 P.M.. The Men's final will be held at Molly's Pub on Friday December 9th at 8:00 P.M.; this event is a fund raiser for the Boys & Girls' Club. The Semi-Finals for our Club's entries into the competition will be held on December 2nd. Please come out for these two major events and support our singers during these fun evenings.

An Adult Christmas Pot Luck will be held on December 17th at 3 P.M. at the Post. The Annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on December 18th at 1 P.M., next door at the Community Center building. A lot of children will be excited to see Santa & Mrs. Clause and receive a gift. Thank you to everyone who helps to sponsor this worthwhile event.

The Legion will be closed Christmas Day.

We will have a New Year's Eve Party on December 31st. Help bring in the New Year by supporting our Legion and having fun. A Prime Rib Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for \$13.00 per plate, with the party following. Be sure to make your reservations.

Have a Happy & Safe Season, think often of our comrades who are serving our country for our comforts and Keeping America Strong.

Roger Watson

I need help with information regarding the history of the Post. If you have any photos, articles or other information, please call me at 1-760-257-1264

Ramon V. Salisbury

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For those behind the scenes: Congratulations to those who were involved in receiving "Sweepstakes" on our Post 751 float at the Calico Days Parade. Those involved were: Rex Baker, Judy Crowell, Ronel and Marie Lachica, Ernie and Sandy Rathbun. What a proud and dedicated group.



From the Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Well summer is over and here comes fall. We all had a great summer and we are looking forward to upcoming events.

The poker runs are back and better than ever. The S.A.L. is planning to have poker run T-shirts made up and for sale in the near future; long sleeves and short sleeves. Please let me know your sizes.

Who of you out there would like to have a Champagne Brunch? We are open for ideas so feel free to contact me or any of the S.A.L. members.

I am thinking about raffling off a free well from Clarks Well drilling, but Larry doesn't know yet, so we will surprise him.

Our Legion picnic was October 15th at my house and we all had a great time.

Thanks
Norm Park

From the Sons of the American Legion Finance Officer

On September 24, 2011 the Sons of the American Legion sponsored an off road poker run. We traveled from the American Legion to the entrance of the Alvord Mine and back to the American Legion. We had a Turkey Shoot with a 22 rifle and a target in the Mojave River Bluff area, this was a 50/50 contest where the winner won 50 percent of the pot. We decided not to have the second turkey shoot for a wild card for the poker run hand due to rocks at the final location, which presented an unsafe shooting condition. The 1st place winner of the poker hand was Judy Crowell and the 2nd place winner was Rex Baker. We had thirty-two (32) participants.

The kitchen crew took the lead heading back to the American Legion to get the burgers cooking, they were barely back when the hungry crowd came rolling in. One grill wasn't enough to keep up with the rush of orders. Good job guys, way to hustle.

Due to safety concerns on these poker runs, **NO** other shooting will be permitted, with the exceptions of the turkey shoots, where safety can be maintained and monitored by designated S.A.L. personnel. Be safe and have fun.

We are planning another poker run on November 5, 2011. Hope to see you all then.

Sincerely
Larry Clark



From the Auxiliary President

Greetings,

I can't believe that the year 2011 is coming to an end; they say the older you get the faster time goes by; I sure believe that now.

The next two months are busy ones for everyone, that is for sure, with family and friends getting together to celebrate the holidays, cooking, gift buying and just being together.

Thanksgiving week is proclaimed National Family Week. Make provisions for activities during this time to celebrate the family. We are serving Thanksgiving dinner at the American Legion from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. to anyone that doesn't have a place to go or just doesn't want to cook, come and join our family dinner, any donations received will go towards the Children's Christmas fund.

We will be making Christmas baskets for the ladies at the Barstow V.A. Hospital this year, as of right now there are twenty-one (21) ladies. We would love to have donations of items to put into these baskets, if you would like to help please bring donations of lotion, shampoos, note pads, puzzle books, soaps, anything you think the Lady Vets would like to receive. Bring your donations to the American Legion, there will be a box for the items. In December we will fill the baskets and take them to the V.A. Hospital and distribute them.

Remember this is what we are all about; supporting our Vets, troops, their families and our loved ones.

God Bless you all. Have a safe, loving and thankful holiday

Deenna Johnson

From the Auxiliary Second Vice President

HI!

We are now entering our Busy Time of the year.

November 8th, Taco Tuesday 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. Please call and reserve your order!

November 11th, Friday Nite Dinner-Catfish or Fried Chicken. Today is also Veteran's Day; don't forget the services at the Barstow Cemetery.

November 19th, Early Bird Dinner, pay your dues and get a free steak. All others \$8.00 4 to 6 P.M.

November 22nd Taco Tuesday

November 24th, Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings 2 to 4 P.M.

We will be cooking and serving dinner, no charge, any and all donations will go the Children's Christmas Fund. We could use some help with desserts, so if you are making one of your favorites for someone else, make one for those less fortunate.

December we will be taking gifts to the V.A. Hospital, the date is not set.

December 9th, Friday Nite Dinner Chicken Fried Steak or Fried Chicken

December 13th, Taco Tuesday 4 to 6 P.M.

December 27th, Taco Tuesday

December 31st. Prime Rib Dinner, baked potato, salad, Texas Toast. \$13.00 from 5 to 7 P.M. Please be sure to call for reservations. 760-257-3173

Remember our Vet's this time of year, old or new. They need to know we care, say Thank You and Hi.

Pat Vasseur

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER & PARTY

DECEMBER 31, 2011

Prime Rib Dinner

\$13.00

5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

HELP BRING IN "2012" AFTER THE DINNER

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**REMEMBER
KARAOKE
WILL BE HELD ON
DECEMBER 2ND
&
DECEMBER 10TH**