



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Newsletter November - December 2017

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 Commander

The Post is moving right along with activities Galore! We have a lot of events planned for the near future. We recently had a womanless review to raise money for needy Veterans causes. November 8th, we have a Veterans program at Ocean Springs High School, in the cafeteria starting at 8:45 AM. November 9th we have a Veterans Program at Vancleave High School starting at 9:30 AM. November 10th we have a Veterans Program at Gautier High School starting at 7:30 AM. November 11th at 11:11 AM we will have our Celebration at the Veterans Tribute Tower, followed by lunch at the American Legion Post 1992. Also on November 11th at 1:00 PM there will be celebration at Indian Point, complete with a live band (Razoo) honoring Mr. Pat Hackett, a WW2 Vet. We all know and love as simply "Mr. Pat". We will have several Hospitalized Vets Coming for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post on November 15th. And we have a canned food drive going on for the homeless vet's food bank. Please bring your donations to the Post on or before November 15th and we'll see they get to the right people. Last, but not least, for November, we will have a Thanksgiving Dinner at the post on Thanksgiving Day, Covered dishes are welcome!

I have been informed that any Vet can get their Flu shots for free at Walgreens by showing their V.A. ID cards. Starting in December the American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a Spaghetti dinner for all the vets, starting at 6:00 PM, on Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7th. We will have our Post Christmas party on December 16th complete with "Dirty Santa". Dave and Dee will play in the lounge. Finger foods are welcome. The Post will be open for business on Dec. 25th and we will have a meal for anyone who wants to eat or needs to eat. Covered dishes are welcome.

For God and Country

David Pugh

Post 1992 1st Vice Commander

Great start to an EPIC upcoming year!! Thanks to all for supporting our Post! The recent events we have had have all turned out to be a huge success! The Post is making strides toward having more of these events and keep us all involved. I have recently sent out an email communication to all Post members to see about what kind of interest we may have in youth programs—I have not gotten much response yet but think that we likely have a lot of families out there that could benefit from these types of programs. I am considering the possibility of sponsoring a baseball team in the spring and will let y'all know if we are able to make that happen. It would be great to see our kids getting involved! If you have any ideas for youth programs and want to get involved – or just have an Idea that I can run with let me know!!

Need to push our membership as well. Dues are due, and we need to make sure we hit our mark.

For God and Country

Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 Adjutant

"IT'S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY TO BELONG, BUT THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BELONG"

2018 dues were payable by October 20th, 2017 IAW Post By-Laws. The easiest and fastest way to renew is on-line at www.legion.org/renew (using your member ID and a credit card,) you also: mail your dues or drop them off at the Post.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible to help the Post meet its 2018 membership goal by mid-December and for you to protect your continuous years of membership.

The Post's Legion membership total membership for 2017/2018 membership year is 367 members. There are 275 members who have paid their 2018 dues and 85 members who still owe their 2018 dues, keeping us from being 100%.

Please join me in welcoming our new and transfer-in and returning members in **September:** Christopher N. Gray, Craig Shearon Frank Smith, Jr. and Robert Tokarek. In **October:** Rankin Bell, Bobby Cearley, Chandler Kurth, and Thomas McCool. We thank each of you for your service to our great Country and now you have made a commitment to continue to serve other veterans; their families, the community; and the nation. I'd also like to thank the recruiters of the above members: Robert Boman, Herb Edmonds, Tim Honeycutt and David Pugh for their support of The American Legion and for growing our membership rolls. We need all members to actively recruit at least one new members to get our membership numbers up to make up for normal attrition of Post members.

Please keep the Post informed of changes to your mail address, phone number and eMail addresses so that you will continue to receive our communications. Also, The American Legion National has sent a request for email addresses to be filled out on the back of the dues reminder sent to each member. The Adjutant will update The American Legion national database records and Department address lists (for Legion and SAL members) insuring you'll continue to receive your membership renewal notices, Legionnaire, and the Legion magazine. Also, if you provide me with your e-mail address, if you haven't already, you will receive any significant updates to the Calendar of Events and Newsletter.

Our bi-monthly Post Newsletter and Calendar of Events are only distributed electronically by e-mail and posted on the Post's web site: <http://www.alpost1992.org>. A limited number of hard copies will be printed as needed, at the Post for pick up in the lounge. To be added to electronic distribution by email deveaujr@bellsouth.net directly, call me at 228-471-5042, or dropping a note with your name and e-mail address in the membership dues box in the lounge, requesting to be placed on the Newsletter eMail distribution list. Our electronic distribution currently reaches ONLY 61% of Legion Family members.

It is required that our Legion membership records contain evidence of discharge or release under honorable conditions during one of the recognized war eras. The most recognized evidence is: your latest DD214; Certificate of Discharge/Release or for Reserves or Guard components, evidence of being deployed under Federal Orders. The American Legion National requires Date of Birth be provided and requests that Phone Nos., eMail address be provided.

For God and Country

John Deveau.

Post 1992 2nd Vice Commander

Nothing to report.

For God and Country

Gordon Gollott

Post 1992 3rd Vice Commander

The holiday season has arrived, and the Post will have several events. The annual Veterans Day ceremony will be on November 11th at 11:00 AM at the Veterans Tribute Tower in front of city hall. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at the Post following.

The Post Thanksgiving meal will be on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 AM. We will serve a dinner.

The Post Christmas party & Dirty Santa will be December 16th at 7:00 PM.

Toys for Tots collection will start November 1st. I hope we can get maximum participation.

Toys for Tots distribution will be on December 9th starting at 1:00 PM.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Post.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

For God and Country

Tim Honeycutt

Post 1992 Chaplain

Keep our American Legion Family in your prayers - health problems, financial problems, depression, loneliness, and troubles that we may not be aware of. This is the time of year when suicide numbers rise. Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while, it could save a life; it could make their day beautiful. Show; share how much you care.

November: Veterans Day

Though it began as Armistice Day in 1919 (celebrating the end of World War I), November 11 has been celebrated as Veterans Day in the United States since 1954. Many people observe the day with ceremonies and parades that honor the sacrifice and dedication of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States. There may be no better way to honor a veteran than in prayer.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You for our veterans and for all military personnel who gave their lives defending and upholding freedom.

We thank You for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety.

May they find the honor, recognition, and peace they deserve.

In the name of Your Divine Son, we pray that You will heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered.

Bring peace to family members and others who mourn the loss of their sons, daughters, and fallen or missing comrades.

Father, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well. Amen.

December

Our troops need our prayers for strength, endurance, and safety and as Christians it is our duty.

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Please place a hedge of protection around each one.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

As this year is coming to an end We have a lot to be thankful for with Thanksgiving just around the corner.

We must remember the price that our Veterans have paid for our Freedom and to be able to live in the greatest nation on earth.

Our national anthem and old Glory (OUR FLAG) should always be respected.

Remember November 4th Daylight Savings Time Ends.

November 11th Veterans Day will be (observed) at the MS Tribute Tower. Please attend!

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day (1941).

December 25th Christmas is the time of the year that The American Legion Post 1992 shows the community what the Legion is about helping the needy.

Reminder: if you're a member in good standing of The American Legion you are eligible for Legion Care, \$5,000 in Accidental Death insurance at NO COST TO YOU, if a covered accident occurs while traveling on official Legion business, or \$1,000 at NO COST TO YOU for all other covered accidents.

Effective January 1st, 2015 the above benefit is also available to The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of the American Legion (ages 18 and older). You can sign up for it on line at <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>. Or pick up an application from several locations within the Post.

The Post is still offering Memorial donor bricks for sale. A two-line brick is still \$40.00 and \$43.50 for three lines. Order forms can be obtained from the on-duty bartender or Bob Backel or Billy Simpson (note: there may be changes as we search for a new provider. The past provider went out of business)

For God and Country

Billy Simpson

President Unit 1992 American Legion

Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas, as we enter November and December we'll enjoy fellowship and service. We will soon have out memorial poppies at the Post and at the Veterans Day recognition at the Tribute tower on Nov 11th. Early Thanksgiving Dinner is being served here for Biloxi VA patients on November 15. Please come to visit and eat with them. On Thanksgiving Day, let someone else cook the turkey, just bring a dish and dine with your American Legion Family.

On December 9, we are working with Special Needs group to give a Christmas party for children and youth. We are looking forward to the SAL's Toys for Tots collection. Several Elves are assisting VA patients to select presents (at no cost to them) at the Christmas Gift Shop.

All ladies from all the American Legion Family are invited to see Christmas in Lights at the Bay Bears stadium. The drive to the stadium takes 30 - 45 minutes. See the flyer for more details. Hope to see y'all as well for Post Christmas Party and dinner as well.

We'd love to see more members involved. Come to our meetings, or leave a message for me in the Lounge on what sparks your interest. Thanks for your dues renewals so far, we are at 50% of goal; and hope for the other half in the remaining months of 2017.

For God and Country

Cindy Harper

American Legion Riders Chapter 1992

With November and December comes the holiday season. The ALR is looking forward to some toy runs, fund raisers and planning for the D-Day Poker Run in 2018. We have had a few loses to our membership and a few new members. We will continue to strive to support our Legion and our riders, as well as our community. Thank you to all who have helped and supported the ALR and we look forward to the holiday seasons. Please remember that not all motorcycles have obvious presence, just as not all people/veterans have obvious issues. Be aware of your surroundings and take care of each other.

For God and Country

David Belcher

President Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

Nothing to report.

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T. Lee Johnston

Post 1992 Bingo Supervisor

Upcoming events for Bingo:

- Oct 31st Halloween dress up BINGO with prize money given out
- November 19th Turkey and Ham given away for Thanksgiving bingo
- December 3rd toys for tots BINGO prize money given away for this
- December 16th Turkey and Ham given away for Christmas
- December 24th and December 31st will be open for Sunday BINGO

For God and Country

Bill McKee

Post 1992 SAL Commander

SAL will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots from November 1st through December 9th. The Toys for Tots distribution will be December 9th.

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Shane Helms



Christmas Nights of Lights

Nov. 10 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018

Ladies Night Out

Saturday, Dec 2, 5:30 - ?

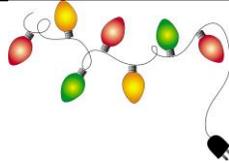
Carpool together to

Hank Aaron Stadium, Mobile

And dinner after at

BJ's Restaurant and Brewpub

Sign up in the Lounge bulletin board



Bring:

- \$6 for entry to light show.
- Money for dinner
- And drinks (adult or not)
 - Amazing locally brewed soft drinks available

www.bjsrestaurants.com/menu



“Christmas Nights of Lights is one of the most amazing drive-thru Christmas light shows you will ever experience! Over 1 million LED lights, driven by over 10,000 computer channels, synchronized to both traditional and new rocking Christmas music playing through your car radio. Pack your vehicle full of friends and family to enjoy the show as you begin a new Christmas tradition. Christmas Nights of Lights invites you to celebrate Christmas with us!” <https://www.christmasnightsoflights.com/>