

THE AMERICAN LEGION



"STILL SERVING"

"...to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan..."

Abraham Lincoln; March 4, 1865

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Antigua Guatemala

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Meetings **1st Tuesday of the Month**

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Next post meeting to be held January 5, 2016

A Very Merry Christmas to the Village of El Porvenir

For the past several months the post has held a toy drive with collection locations in and around Antigua with a total of 70 toys being collected. This result is understandable as most of our membership is beyond the child rearing age. However this did not stop our members and friends from coming through. Our friends and members have contributed in excess of \$1,100.00 allowing us to purchase over 450 new gifts for the children of El Porvenir.

Why El Porvenir ? This village is located just past the PGA golf course located on the skirts of Fuego Volcano. The residents of the town are for the most part agriculture workers and have little ability to provide for their children let alone a Christmas gift.

In attendance were post members Bruce Bouford, Milo Vuckovich, Roy Johnson, Joy Capper, Jeannie Shepherd, John Dillon and wife, Robert Prescott and wife, myself and Marleny and a National Policeman the disguise of Santa Claus. The Community Relations branch of the National Police brought this village to our attention and WOW did our friends and members come through.



Thank you for all that you do!!!!

Jeannie Shepherd fellow legionnaire and friend of the post has already made a very generous donation for the children of Guatemala!

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The most rapid method to pay your 2016 dues is to go to the web page at Americanlegion.org and click on renewal.

Extra Large Post Shirts have arrived finally; contact Bill if you wish to have one.

Dr. George H. Boyce Memorial Scholarship Program SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The scholarship program has graduated over 13 children and currently has 8 in elementary school and three in University. Contributions for this project come from as far away as Berlin, Germany and as close as the bench in the park. School will be opening this week and we are ready.

Steve Dingledine an educator in Washington D.C. and one the newer members of our post is raising funds in his class for a new scholarship in our program.

Don and Linda Buzzingham who are friends of the post are providing \$2600.00 for a complete scholarship to educate a student who otherwise may well not attend school at all.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Anyone wishing to visit the school should contact americanlegion2@gmail.com to schedule a visit. We travel to the school every three weeks to provide the breakfast food and would love to have you come along. This project provides a high quality breakfast to over 250 children on a daily basis during the school year. We will be delivering the breakfast food this week.

The Steve Skelton Memorial Library of the American Legion

Membership at the library is growing and the volunteers are assisting with helping library members find, check in and check out books. Come give us a visit we have over 30,000 books on just about any subject you can think of. We now have a large selection in Spanish, French, German and a smaller selection in other languages. Q100.00 for membership makes this quite a bargain.

Socials and Community Bulletin Board

We hold our Thursday Morning Breakfast at the Café Condessa at 8:30 and this event is well attended by regulars and new visitors to Antigua each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next post meeting will be Tuesday February 2, 2016

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