



# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

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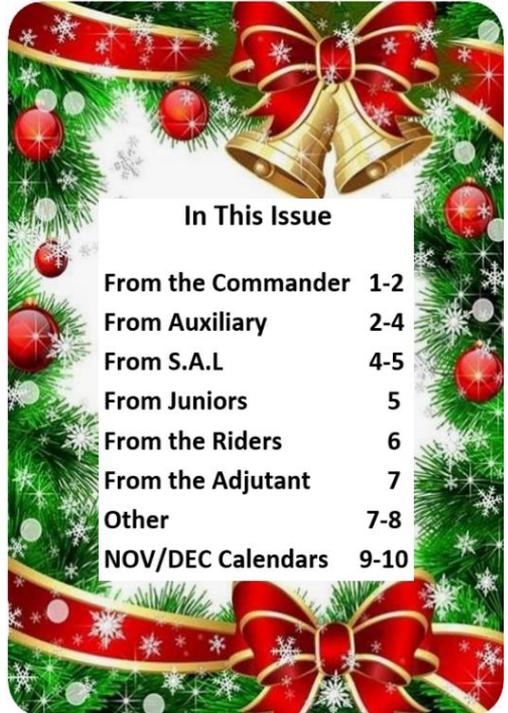
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### From the Commander:

Can't believe it is already November and the start of the holiday season. We already miss our summer visitors and our snowbirds. We definitely hope to see them next year.

It's November and all veterans should be proud of your service to this great country. We will be putting on our Veterans Day Parade starting at 11am by the blinking light Pioneer and Lake Street. We hope you will participate as this town says **THANK YOU** for your service. The American Legion Family, VFW, Elks, Emblem Club, 907 Vets and Christie Hill will be participating. You can participate by either walking in the parade or driving/passenger since we know the weather doesn't always cooperate. After the services at Islands and Ocean the Elks Lodge will be putting on a lunch feed for all veterans and there will also be



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Quilt of Valor presentations. **Honor** yourself and **Honor** other veterans. Hope to see you.

We thank all those that have volunteered for a variety of projects but we need your assistance with other projects around the Post Building and hope that you can also come to our meetings so you can see what we try to do to help veterans and other non-profit

activities within town. Your input is greatly needed and appreciated.



Do you have old glasses you don't use anymore? The SAL has a box at the Post to collect the glasses to give to the Lions. The glasses are then repaired and given to people who cannot afford the cost of new glasses.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends and here's to a Happy Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Spread the joy. Be safe.

For God and Country

Eileen J. Faulkner, Commander



**From the Auxiliary:**

I attended the Fall Conference in September

the National Auxiliary President had the opportunity to attend the conference

as well. Three days of learning.

Unit 16 received an award for 95% of membership (NICE JOB) Lets keep this going for 2021, if you have not paid dues yet please do so.

Sheryl Howe was nominated to be CO-chairman of girls State. She will be working with Lori Fruhwirth from Unit 11. Also, Lisa Williamson from Unit 11 is next in line for the National Auxiliary President for 2022-2023. This was announced during conference.

We will be doing Thanksgiving dinner in November, the Jrs will be helping with the set up. We have a some people that are willing to volunteer. If you are wanting to volunteer you can reach myself Megan Howe-Brown at 907-617-2809. I believe the Thanksgiving

dinner will be November 20. We will make sure the date is put on the white board and emailed out.

Share the spirit is fast approaching along with Veteran's stockings. This information will be updated as soon as we know dates and what we are allowed to do in regards to COVID. We will be calling on all our little elf's to help with this.

Gift wrapping as well is approaching please sign up for this we need all the volunteers that we can get.

If I have forgotten something we will make sure it gets posted on the white board or via email.

As some of you may know Lori Markwood had to resign from President and alternate gaming member in charge due to her doctors advice. We wish her only the best.

Colleen Wagner has taken her gaming test and has stepped to the plate. Thank you Colleen.

Megan Howe-Brown is the new president. All other officers are still the same.

This has been the only change to our Unit 16.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Wonderful Holiday season.

For God and Country

Megan Howe-Brown, President



At the time of writing this, we are planning to go ahead with holiday gift wrapping at Ulmer's as they've invited us back. Of course, during this very challenging year, this all could change. The bartenders will be advised and we'll send out an Auxiliary email if the event gets canceled or major changes occur.

We will shorten this fundraiser to 9 days, opening daily from 12-5 beginning Tuesday the 15th, running daily through the 23rd, and from 10-3:30 on Thursday, Christmas Eve. There will still be two shifts, with two persons per shift. Please consider signing up for multiple shifts and invite a family

member, pal, neighbor to work with you, they don't have to be a member. And if you've made Christmas goodies, bring a plate to share with our customers.

I'm currently in Phoenix but will be back by Thanksgiving and will be reaching out to members to try to fill the shifts. A signup sheet will be available at the November 19 meeting, and will then be given to the bartenders to work on filling shifts until I return and take it over. Please stop by and sign up for several shifts as it was incredibly hard filling the schedule the last few years.

Jackie Norvell, Gift Wrap Chair

## **Auxiliary Unit 16 Membership Information**

Thank you to all who have paid their 2021 dues already – Now just keep up sending those in and we will have 100 % before you know it! If you as a member, decide to move out of Homer, we still want you to keep your membership in Homer - we want you!!

Letters are going out to those who have not paid 2020 dues as of yet – We really want to get 100% for 2020.

Events to keep in mind –

Thanksgiving Supper – Christmas Wrap at Ulmers – Needy Veterans Christmas Gifts and Veteran Stockings. We need all the help we can find to accomplish these projects – Leave your name and phone number at the Post Bar or get ahold of Jackie Norvell – Megan Brown – Darlene Sheldon. Bring a friend to help.

Scholarships will be coming out again soon – We need people to help with these also. Those eligible are High School Seniors – and several are for those who have been out of school for several years and want to go back and get more education to fulfill a job. Some of those Scholarships are DUE March 1-2021. Get ahold of Megan Brown or Darlene Sheldon if you are interested.

Darlene-Membership Chairman



## **From S A L:**

First, I would like to remind everybody about membership. We have been doing a real good job this year about getting our membership

in. Thank You and keep sending them in. If you are having any problems with your membership please get in touch with Normie or myself.

Tuesday November 3rd is get out and vote day if you haven't voted yet. Don't forget that Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, is coming up real fast. The Elks are doing lunch after the parade. I was told that the Elks are going all out this year! We will be having our Veterans Day raffle at 6:00.P M at the post. That will give us enough time after we eat all the fine food at the. Elks.

Something new that the S.A.L is doing; we are collecting old eye glasses to donate to the Lions club. We put a box next to the sign in sheet at the bar. I know that a lot of us have old eye glasses and what a way to recycle them and help people that can't afford to get new ones. Thank You in advance!

Some of us went to Wasilla for the Fall Conference. One thing that we did there was go to the Mat Su Honor Wall. That was a very humbling experience. The memorial honors any veteran who has served or is honorably serving in the US Armed Services. We met a wonderful woman named Hazel. She told us the history of the Wall and how it came about. If you are

ever in Wasilla it is worth seeing. Of course, they were taking collections and Squadron 16 challenged all the posts and squadrons to match our \$1000.00 donation.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Commander - Chip Duggan



### From the JR's:

As the holidays are approaching fast it seems, The Jrs will be helping with the Thanksgiving dinner. And decorating the post for Christmas as they did last year.

With all the COVID 19 going on. The Jrs have been dark. We are hoping to be able to bake items to sell during the holiday season. At this time dates are not set in place.

For God and Country

Sheryl Howe- Jr Chairman



\$5.00 a spot! And we have a nice ham for Christmas time in December. Those members interested in participating in the Veteran's Day Parade please contact Mike Morawitz for details. Thank you and may you have a safe and happy holiday season!

## From the Riders



ALR news~ Well the rider off-season is upon us and the bikes are all tucked away for winter. The ALR fall conference was held in Wasilla at Post 35. During that meeting, three recipients were chosen to receive donations due to their battling of cancer. Our very own Sweet Cheeks was one. She is extremely grateful, as she will be undergoing a second surgery Dec 4th. Continued well wishes go out to her on her healing journey. Ron and Debbie Brahm will be turning up the heat in the kitchen November 6th with the famous Cincinnati Chili meal! Come on down and get a delicious bowl made your way! (5 options!) We will also have the Spin-to-Win Wheel going for a 20 pound turkey at

Brad Phelps, Director



## From the Adjutant:



We had a good turnout for Early Bird Steak Nite. Served 54 steaks. 44 of those were Early Bird Members. The Legion had 17 members, Auxiliary 16, and SAL about the same. I want to emphasize that the Kitchen Help are Volunteers!! They try their best to serve your food in a timely manner. The night of steak nite we had a larger crowd than normal. It does no good for you to come to the kitchen and yell at them that “I want my food NOW”. Have another soda or drink and be Patient – OR go to McDonalds.... If you think you can do it better “THEN VOLUNTEER”.

There are some nights they only get \$8 in tips -

The Post had a sewer problem and that is taken care of – and now the furnace has a problem. We are doing several upgrades including the furnace which will be more cost effective and a much better system.

Bill Sheldon

## From the Kitchen

Watch the board in the bar for the weekly Friday meal. Dinner is served on Fridays from 5-7pm. You can always order your meal to go!

Here’s the menu for the next 2 months:

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Riders Fundraiser  
Cincinnati Chili
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Steak Night
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary  
Thanksgiving Meal
- [Nov 26 CLOSED Thanksgiving](#)
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Burger Night
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Steak Night
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Burger Night
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Post Christmas  
Meal
- [Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> CLOSED](#)



## Homers Veterans clinic moved!

It's new location is 4141 Pennock Street off East End Road in Homer. The new clinic hours will be Monday to Wednesday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. It's services include primary care, behavioral health, foot and nail care visits. They will be continuing appointments out in the community. To schedule an appointment, Veterans can call 907-395-4100 and press 0.



Happy Hanukkah



## 2020-2021 Post 16 Executive Board

- **Commander** – Eileen Faulkner
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice** – Ron Brahm
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**- Fred Crane
- **Finance**- John Chappell III
- **Adjunct**- Bill Sheldon
- **Service Officer** – Craig Forrest
- **Chaplain** – Ralph Crane
- **Historian** – Bill Sheldon
- **Sargent - At Arms** – Mike DeSanno
- **Judge** – Aron Hanson

### Executive Committee

- Mike Morawitz
- Fred Crane
- Aron Hanson



# The American Legion Family

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> Daylight Saving 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> S.A.L. MEETING 6PM 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> RIDERS FUNDRAISER CINNATI CHILI	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Marine Corps Birthday 	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 	<b>12</b> POST E BOARD 6PM	<b>13</b> FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6PM	<b>19</b> AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM	<b>20</b> AUXILIARY HOSTED THANKSGIVING DINNER	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving **POST CLOSED** 	<b>27</b> FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>						
		Notes					

# DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Civil Air Patrol Day S.A. L. MEETING 6PM 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pearl Harbor  PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Hanukkah begins POST E BOARD 6PM	<b>11</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Natl Guard Birthday 	<b>14</b> Natl Wreaths Day  WREATHS across AMERICA EVERYONE PLAYS A PART	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6PM	<b>17</b> AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM	<b>18</b> POST CHRISTMAS DINNER	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Dec. Solstice (GMT)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Christmas Day **POST CLOSED** 	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa begins Boxing Day (UK)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 	<b>1</b> **POST CLOSED**	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Notes				