

## Commander's Corner

Greetings everyone!

As we enter November we have a lot to be thankful for at Post 51. First and foremost, we are thankful for our fellow veterans and their service - be sure to thank a veteran on November 11th. We also invite you to join us that evening for our annual Veteran's Dinner. Everyone is welcome, and veterans eat free.

I personally am thankful for my Executive Board and Officers for all their hard work and input this year. I truly appreciate your dedication to Post 51 and more importantly, the American Legion's pillars.

I'd like to send a special shout out to 1st Vice Commander Larae Ludeking and the Membership Committee. They have done great job this year reaching out to members through Buddy Checks, sending out membership renewals, and continuously working towards our membership goals. That being said, Membership Renewals are due and the more that renew by December 31st the better. Membership Committee will continue to conduct Buddy Checks with members, so please watch for their calls.

As always we are looking for additional volunteers to help cover the busy holiday events we have coming up. Please take a look at the November calendar, and if you have a couple hours to spare please let me know. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

*-Ben VanHorn, Post Commander Post 51*

## Want to go paperless?

If you prefer to go paperless in the future, we have an email list! If you'd like to receive future newsletters via email please send an email to amlgn0051@gmail.com with your information.

We appreciate the consideration!

## President's Corner

Happy November!

I hope everyone is enjoying this extended warm weather we've been having. It almost doesn't feel like Christmas is right around the corner. We've been busy planning for the traditional events Fall brings for our post. There are still tickets available for the Designer Purse Bingo being held on Saturday, November 2nd. Get them now before it's too late! We also have our annual Feather Party (bingo with turkeys as the prize) happening Friday, November 8th followed by the Marine Corps birthday celebration on Saturday the 9th. All are welcome at both events, the more the merrier! Our Veteran's Thanksgiving meal will be the following Monday, the 11th, veterans eat free. Family and the public are welcome to attend, we accept cash, check and credit or debit cards. The Auxiliary breakfast buffet will be on the 17th this month. If you're not a hunter and want a change from attending craft shows, we are having a Bloodies and Bingo event starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 23rd. Delicious mimosa's will be served. This is a fundraiser to help pay for restoration of the Court of Honor in Village Park. My favorite event, the annual Old Fashioned Party, is the day before Thanksgiving, on the 27th. Join us for delicious Old Fashioneds and live music. This is a fantastic event to slow down and enjoy time with family and friends before the hustle and bustle of Christmas starts again. To accommodate the bigger events we have going on this month, our Fish, Shrimp and More dinners will be on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays this month. We appreciate everyone attending events as we cannot do what we do without your support! We also appreciate your patience as our volunteers work hard to prepare and serve food as quickly as possible. A great majority of us come straight from work and immediately jump in to get great tasting food out as soon as possible.

A friendly reminder, membership renewal is in full swing! Please be sure to update your address and phone numbers. If you did not receive a renewal notice from National, either your membership was not renewed last year, or we don't have a good address on file. Please reach out to Karen Schaller-Wolf or myself to submit updates or renewals.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who give their time and talent to the events we hold each month! It takes a village to keep everything going and Commander VanHorn and I are so grateful for all of you who take time out of your busy lives to help us support our veterans and their families.

Be well and take care of each other. Practice patience and kindness as we never know what someone else is going through. Your smile and hello may just make someone's day.

*-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President*

## SAL

Hello All and Happy November.

November 5th will mark the 80th Anniversary of the start of the bombardment of Singapore by the US Army Air Forces and Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II. 11 bombing missions would take place between 5 November 1944 and 24 May 1945. The initial raid on 5 November was the most effective as it was focused on the Graving Dock at the Singapore Naval Base. The success of the raid prevented the repair of several Japanese battleships that were damaged at the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Two B-29's were shot down and several others sustained damage during the first raid. Please take a moment and honor the sacrifice our Father's and Grandfather's made in November of 1944.

The SAL will be hosting a bowling fundraiser at Features on November 2nd. Proceeds from the fundraiser go to the Court of Honor restoration. Shift times are 11 and 1:30 and \$80 per four person teams. Call Features to sign up. (608)786-9000.

Our meetings are held at 7:00pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the Legion. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of our organization. If you are the male descendant of a Legionnaire or if your father or grandfather was in the service from December 7th, 1941 onward and died subsequent to their discharge, you are eligible for membership in the Son's Of The American Legion. Anyone interested can contact myself or Steve Craig or stop down at the Legion clubroom to get signed up.

Good luck to all hunters this year and Happy Thanksgiving.

*-James Jacobson, SAL Commander*

## New Event - BINGO & BLOODIES!

If you're not going to be in the woods on Saturday morning, November 23rd, join us for Bingo & Bloodies! This fun new event will be from 9:00am-noon and will support Quilts of Honor.

## Building Committee

We have our annual Old Fashion night scheduled for Wednesday, November 27th. Tom Carpenter will entertain from 6:30 to 9:30.

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th.

Bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 21st. If you wish to provide any baked goods for this sale, please contact Melody Schmitz. Quilt raffle drawing will be held the same day.

The loan for the first phase of our Legion Post remodeling has been paid in full. The 2nd phase will involve remodeling the kitchen. If any member of the Legion family wishes to be a member of the Building Committee to help raise funds for phase 2 remodeling, please contact Ben VanHorn or attend the next Building Committee meeting on November 20th at 6:30.

*-Mike Schaller*

## December Events

- 2 Bingo 6:30
- 4 Executive Board Meeting 6:30
- 6 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 7 Breakfast with Santa
- 8 Private Party
- 10 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30
- 11 Legion Meeting 6:30
- 14 Army/Navy Game
- 15 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11
- 17 SAL Meeting 7:00
- 18 Building Fund Meeting 6:30
- 21 Bake Sale
- 21 Ugly Sweater Party
- 28 Private Party
- 31 NYE Party

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**Old Fashioned Party  
 November 27th!**

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## November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	<b>2</b> Designer Purse Bingo
<b>3</b> Celebration of Life	<b>4</b> Bingo 6:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Feather Party	<b>9</b> Marine Corps Birthday Party
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Dinner	<b>12</b> Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Legion Meeting 6:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	<b>16</b> 40/8 Turkey & Pie Dinner
<b>17</b> Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> SAL Meeting 7:00pm	<b>20</b> Build Fund Mtg 6:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bloodies & Bingo
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Old Fashioned Party	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	<b>30</b>