



American Legion Post 99

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Commander's Corner

Greetings to all Post, Unit and Squadron 99 Members. This year has been a very good one overall. I want to thank you for all the support!! The holiday season is upon us so look at the calendar for upcoming events. I would also like to thank our decorating team that made our Post home look wonderful for Thanksgiving! New Year's Eve is around the corner, we will have Castigame for your enjoyment and a roast beef dinner. Also, at midnight we will have posole! The tickets will be \$25.00 per person and can be purchased in the office.

I really hope everyone enjoys the changes and improvements we are doing around our Post home. I send a sincere thanks to all involved with making this happen! Remember we all need to do our part and recruit 1 new member for 2012, but don't stop there, more is better. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks again and God Bless.

For God and Country
Jack Jones, II

President's Place

It is hard to believe that 2011 is almost over and we are getting ready to begin a new year! As Auxiliary members we continue to have a lot of work to do as far as our commitment to our veterans, our children and our communities.

Our meeting this month (December 20th) will be our Christmas party with a pot luck. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. This Legion, the S.A.L. and the Legion riders will be our guests. We will also have a gift exchange. Those of you who wish to participate,

bring a gift with a value of at least \$10. In order to receive a gift, you must bring a gift! We will also be collecting comfort items for our veterans (socks, T-shirts, toiletries, hand held games with batteries, etc.). I am also asking you to bring in caps, scarves and gloves for the homeless children in our area. With approximately 6,000 homeless children in Albuquerque area alone, these items will be more than appreciated and even one item will make a difference!

The children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 17th. We will need cakes for the cake walk. The party will start at 1:00 p.m...if you can bring a cake please bring it to the Post before the party begins. There will be food, music, a cake walk, piñata's and of course the appearance of that "jolly ole elf himself"...Santa Clause!!!

We will continue to collect old cell phones for our military. The phones are recycled and the monies generated from the phones are used to purchase phone cards for our soldiers. This is just one small way we can show our appreciation to the many men and women who are serving to protect these United States and our freedom. We thank you for your help and support with this Auxiliary project.

I would like to that this opportunity on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to wish each of you a blessed and peaceful holiday. Please keep our military in your thoughts and in your prayers and remember the Veteran who made it possible for us to be able to enjoy the peace and freedom that we have here in America! Last but not least "Remember the Reason for the Season!" Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

"For God and Country"
Jo Ann Rodgers

First Vice Commander

Hello to all the members of the Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L., I hope you all are having a wonderful year. I thank all members who have renewed for 2011 and welcome all new members to our home. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible because we are coming down to the last month of the year. Congratulations to all of you for the Post making 110% membership for 2011. Once again, Post 99 was at the top of the list for membership.

For 2012, we are at 55% of meeting our goal of 1,000. We had a wonderful turnout for our Early Bird Dinner and I appreciate everyone who volunteered for this event. I hope everyone enjoyed the Veteran's Day Open House and Thanksgiving Dinner. In December we have our Christmas Dinner and New Year's Eve part coming up and I hope you all can join us for a great time of fellowship. By now, all of you have probably noticed our new flooring in the post and that is just one of our new renovations initiative we have started at the Post. There will be more to come!

Lastly, I want to wish a who hearted Happy Holidays to everyone and hope to see you at the Post. Without the dedication of our members we would not exist. Together we keep the American Legion the largest Veteran's Organization in the world.

For God and Country
Chris Lozano

Second Vice Commander

Ho! Ho! Ho! & Happy New Year!!!

To all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion members and friends. I would like to everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday. I would like to thank Martha, Parme and Executive Board Officer Dwayne on decorating the Post. To you all a outstanding job. Also, thanks goes out to Department Commander Ed Cheatham, Cruz and crew for their help in supporting the Early Bird

Dinner. Once again, thanks to Department Commander Ed Cheatham along with Mable, Sue and Sharon for their support in hosting the Open House on Veteran's Day. Thank all of you that came out and supported Veteran's Day here with us at Post 99. It was a great turn out and fun for all!! Again, thanks to all of your for your support on these events here at Post 99.

Upcoming events:

December ~ Post 99 will have it's Annual Christmas Dinner. Also, Post 99 will have it's Annual Christmas Party for members and friends.

On December 31st, we'll hold our New Year's Eve Gala and our Annual New Year's Eve Dance. So, get your tickets and party the New Year in. Happy New Years!!!

Post 99 Sports Nation:

It's here sports fans, you can watch your favorite College/University Men's or Women's Basketball and Volleyball games here at Post 99 Sport's Nation as well as Monday night, Thursday night and Sunday's football games. Oh Yeah, let's not forget we do have some sharks around the pool table, along with One Eyed Jack at the dart board. So come on out and bring the family and friends for some good ole fun and sports action here at Post 99 Sports Nation. Until Next time Sport's Fans!!

From Post 99 Sport's Nation and Staff: Please be safe over the Holidays and to ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!!!

For God and Country
Willie "Chill" Giles

Third Vice Commander

I know May would greet you all with "Aloha". We sure do miss seeing her beautiful smiling face!

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" ~ Author Unknown

In loving Memory ~
For God and Country,
May Lozano

Adjutant Report

Hello to all Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary members. Where did this year go? Thanks everyone for helping to keep our Post strong! On November 6th, we had the opportunity to serve you the member at the "Early Bird" Dinner. I personally had a wonderful time ~ thank you. To date, we've had 531 members renew who have renewed for 2012. Way to go!!! If you haven't already, I encourage you stop by and get your membership card. If I am not in the office, please leave it and I will have it sent to you promptly! Please remember our General Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

For anyone interested in learning more about the American Legion, please visit www.legion.org. It is helpful to get a better understanding of the Legion as a whole and how what we do at the Post has an impact on our community.

If you know of anyone who is eligible to become a member of our Legion family, please invite them to join us! Our dues are \$35.00 and the membership forms are located in the office. In doing so, you will get credit for them becoming a member of your Post. If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (505) 967-9157 or by e-mail at bradishsa@yahoo.com. Thanks again for this opportunity.

I pray for you all to have a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!!!** May God continue to bless us all in everything we do ~

"Physical Activity ~ Take a brisk walk or engage in the other physically demanding activities. This may reduce your stress. Regular physical activity is best!" (Health Trends Article) Dancing is a great way to get moving and wonderful exercise. We are blessed to have an opportunity to come to the Post and enjoy live bands while dancing. Enjoy!!!

For God and Country,
Tina Saenz-Saravia



Service Officer

Fellow Legionnaires and Post 99 family. This is Jean Ingram-Williams your Post Service Officer. I just wanted to remind veterans and others that veterans service record, medical record, DD214 etc. can be ordered from www.va.gov. Also, the main phone number for VA disability claims/appeals or other information is 1-800-827-1000. Call at 7:00 a.m. to get a customer service agent or expect a long wait if you call later.

Please feel free to leave me a note in the Post office if you have any further questions. Also, refer to the Post calendar of events and please support our Post.

For God and Country,
Jean Ingram-Williams

Game Room Manager

We're doing well and once again I'd like to thank everyone for participating in the Game Room. This is your place to relax and enjoy! Gaming is recreation and fun ~

We want to remind you that it is state law for anyone entering the gaming premises to show proof of membership whether they play or visit. You only have to show it once while you remain in the Post premises. Be pleasant to the cashiers as they are doing their jobs. We are a card carrying club and need to have your membership card with you at all times.

~ **Audi Miranda**

Sons of the American Legion Commander

Happy Winter, the first thing I would like to ask of all legionnaires and auxiliary members is...if you have a son, grandson, or stepson, please get them signed up with the S.A.L.

I would like all S.A.L. members to remember meeting night. We meet every 3rd Wednesday of

every month starting at 6:30 p.m. please try to be there for all meetings.

We would also like to remind you that the S.A.L. is keeping the holiday spirit alive by sponsoring an ongoing food drive. We have a 30 gallon barrel in the lobby for donations of food during the upcoming months. Please try to donate.

Now for the fun stuff...our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be December 17th, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will have prize bags, face painting, a cake walk, piñatas, a Christmas carol song-a-long and a surprise visit from you know who...**Santa Clause.**

Please try to get our children involved. If I don't see you before the end of the year, you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

For now as always,

For God and Country

Richard E. Tafoya, Jr.

American Legion Post 99 S.A.L. Commander



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